



Passfield Park School

The newsletter for our school community

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Valuing and respecting student and staff learning in a safe 21st century learning environment



Our charity, Passfield Park Kids Inc., was set up in 2013 to support the therapy needs of our students. The committee meet once each term. If you would like to find out more or be a part of this wonderful charity, please call Cheryl (in the office).

From the principal.....

The start to the 2020 school year has been busy but rewarding.

Meet and Greet

Thank you to parents who came to Meet and Greet which was an informal get together with parents and carers where we all chattered over a lovely afternoon tea. Families had the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and have a general introduction to planned programs.

School Leaders

The 2020 executive team remains the same as 2019 with Sandi Sutherland, as a non-teaching Assistant Principal, Holly Auld, and Amanda Lagerlow who remain our relieving Assistant Principal whilst Sarah Clissold is continuing her role at another SSP.

PLSP Meetings

Parents and carers are continuing to meet with their child's teacher to plan priority educational goals for 2020. These meetings are very important in collaboratively planning best outcomes.

NDIS Therapy

NDIS therapists are commencing in mainly occupational and speech therapy. While our school is an educational facility and we understand that therapy develops students' skills, the impact external therapists have on daily class programs and student learning is significant. As a school, we make accommodations for some of your child's therapy sessions on the school site, with an expectation that the first priority is out of school sessions. If this is definitely not possible then alternate school and centre based session should occur.

Reminder

It is extremely important for families to return documentation such as emergency contact forms, PLSP forms, permission forms and volunteer contributions as soon as possible so our records can be correct and up to date.

Diary Dates.....

Wednesday 3rd March	International Women's Day
Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day
Thursday 9th April	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 28th April	First Day of Term 2

External Validation

Each year, a group of schools are identified to complete an external validation process. This year, our school has been nominated to participate in this process which provide an opportunity for us to discuss judgements about our practice – and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers and regional leaders. Embedding effective self-assessment practices will mean that we are well positioned to identify and annotate the most significant pieces of evidence for submission to the validation panel in June

International Women's Day

Please come along and celebrate International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in our meeting room between 9:30 and 10:30am. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day is all about unity, celebration, reflection and advocacy.

Remediation

Air testing continues monthly and remediation is undertaken when necessary.

Lift

As you may have noticed, a lift has been installed in the main playground.

New School

As you are all aware. A total rebuild of Passfield Park School has been approved and is now well underway. A number of planning meetings have already occurred. An update from the Department of Education Communications Team is attached.

I hope you have managed to adjust back into a school routine and I enjoy catching up with many of you either over the phone or as you pop into school. We have a great year ahead!

Kind regards
Wendy Low

Fraser Class

Welcome to Fraser Class. This year all high school classes have been named after famous Australian athletes. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year working on further developing our independent living skills, communication skills and socialisation. This term we are working on a range of units of work under the theme *This is Me*. We are learning about our body during Science, developing positive relationships in Personal Development and Health, landscapes in Geography, number and time in Mathematics and focusing on the text *'The Lorax'* during English lessons. The students in Fraser Class are also participating in food technology and swimming, both of which they thoroughly enjoy.

Holly and Michele



Goolagong Class

What a busy start to the year it has been. We have been working hard in all our subjects! We have been learning all about colours, how germs are passed, where to stand when taking customer orders, ways our skeleton helps us move and protects our vital organs, and all about cliff erosion plus many other things too. We have been having loads of fun in the new playground called *The Oval*, we recently had new shade sails and tables put in, it is a super fun and awesome place to hang out with our friends each day, listening to music, playing air guitar and playing with the giant balls and many more activities.

Karen and Nicole



NEW PLAYGROUND NAMES

Games area is now near the Red Gate and is called *The Zen Den*.

The Old Bike Track is called *The Strand*.

The High School Playground is called *The Oval*.

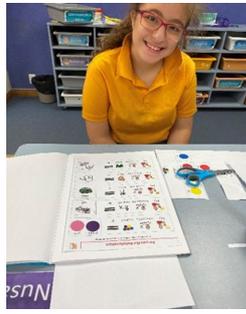


Freeman Class

Welcome to Freeman Class, we are very lucky to have a large classroom which has ample space for our high school students to enjoy. This semester we are focusing on 'Who am I?' whilst exploring respectful relationships. We have so far been able to focus on what makes us unique which has helped the students, and also getting to know each other through guided activities.

This semester, in Creative Arts, Freeman students are learning about primary and secondary colours. We have created different art pieces which look really great! Throughout this semester, Freeman Class will be participating in social interaction activities which will help build social skills and further build on their friendships in class.

Caitlin and Julie

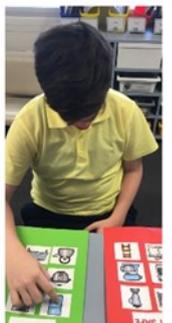


Bradman Class

Welcome to Bradman Class, we are so fortunate to be in one of the new classrooms. This term we are exploring the topic *Who am I*. We are focusing on the body parts, bone structures and organs as well as what makes us unique.

This semester we are completing a food technology unit. Students are participating in theory lessons looking at keeping safe in the kitchen, where food comes from, and identifying items that are found in the kitchen. Our practical lesson each Friday focuses on cooking simple foods that students enjoy - pancakes, toasted sandwiches and tacos are on the menu.

Sarah, Jeanette and Mandy



Pink Class

Pink Class have had a great start to the year! We have settled into our daily routine, enjoying being back with our friends, teachers and SLSO's. This term, our theme is *Move and Change*. We began the beginning of term looking at the changes in our classrooms and around the school. We have also been making our bodies move in sport during basketball sessions and in music where we have been dancing to some country music.

Louisa, Marlene and Nicole



Silver Class

Welcome to Silver Class. This term we are focussing on helping students to follow instructions, join morning circle, sit properly on chairs, make choices and remain seated for the duration of the meal time. We are also focussing on teaching students to unpack and pack their bags with support. Students wash their hands with support and pick their lunchboxes from the class basket, then sit at the table to eat. I will be posting every week's focus on Dojo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for dedicating time to come to school to discuss the students' PLSP goals. A big welcome to Kathleen who joined Silver Class this week.

We look forward to a great time ahead, filled with exciting activities and learning experiences.

Tapiwa and Kris



White Class

Welcome to White Class! We have had a busy start to the year. We are participating in Special Olympics each Monday and this term we are learning to play basketball. We are swimming at Beverly Park School each Friday and are learning to be safe in the water. This term, White Class is focusing on the topic *Move and Change*. We are learning how we can move our bodies to complete challenging tasks. In Science we are learning how objects move and in History we are learning how transport has changed over time.

Cameron and Rob



 **World
Down
Syndrome
Day**
21 March 2019
www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

Green Class

A big welcome to the students and families of Green Class 2020! A big welcome to Mubeen who started this week.

Green Class has had a fantastic start to the year. Students have settled into their upper primary school routines and also adjusted to a change in playground tremendously well! We have already discovered our favourite subjects, Creative Arts and Physical Education. Students' engagement with all learning activities continues to grow day by day. We are all very excited to see what we can achieve throughout the year!

Amanda, Lucinda and Di B



Yellow Class

Welcome to Yellow Class. The students have made a great start to academic year 2020 and are keen to work on further developing our functional and social skills.

This term we are working on a range of units of work under the theme *All about Me*. We are learning about force and motion during Science, movement and change in History, being safe in Personal Development and Health; number, time and money in Mathematics and focusing on the text *Room on the Broom* during English lessons. The students in Yellow Class are also participating in Breakfast Club and Country Music and dance. Students are working on developing basketball skills during Special Olympics sessions on Mondays. Yellow Class will soon start shopping excursions on Fridays.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2020!



Sukhraj and Sharon

CLASS NEWS

Purple Class

The students of Purple Class has settled back into the school year. The staff on purple class in 2020 are Alana and Rami We have had lots of fun getting to know each other over the past few weeks and are looking forward to what is install for us this year. Students have quickly picked up class routines and are actively contributing to group programs such as morning circle and Special Olympics. Here are a few photos of what we have been up to so far.

Alana and Rami



COMMUNITY NEWS

Passfield Park School celebrating
Woman in our Community!



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S
DAY | MARCH 3RD
2020**

YOU ARE INVITED TO
Celebrate International Women's Day
Morning Tea – 9.30am to 10.30

International Women's Day is a special day, dedicated to women around the world, is a celebration of the great success of women across all spheres of life as well as shaping the future. To express gratitude towards women's' contribution to our lives and society. Please you are welcomed to **bring a plate of food to share.**

