

# Paradise Primary School

Respect Innovation Courage Excellence Responsibility



## Diary Dates - August

Monday 9th- G5 to Thorndon Park Estate

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th- Crazy Sock Stall

Friday 13th- 9:00am Assembly B5 Mr Alex/Crazy Sock and Hair Day

Week 6- Book Week- Thursday 26th Geocaching Incursion- Friday 27th Dress Up Day

## From the Principal

Dear Paradise Families,

What a challenging time it has been for everyone over the last few weeks. However, when we reflect on us as a community we are so proud. In true Paradise style we showed support for each other and absolute resilience. A huge thank you to all Paradise staff for getting online student work and school matters organised so quickly. Congratulations to all parents, carers and students that took on learning from home like ducks to water. Allowing all of our year 3-7 students to take home their Chromebooks certainly enabled to better support learning from home. We were so grateful that we had made the decision to purchase Chromebooks at the end of last year.

Our children are bringing home a very special teaser for our Showcase Event on the 16th of September. Enjoy sharing this with your children tonight and

look out for further teasers coming home soon.

Unfortunately the COVID lockdown interrupted our Swimming Week. We know the children were disappointed but we are endeavouring to reschedule this for another date.

Crazy Hair and Sock day is on Friday the 13th of August, our fundraising committee will be selling Socks on the 11th and 12th before and after school.

The department have sent parents an invite to complete The Parent Survey which we encourage you to participate in. For further information please visit [www.education.sa.gov.au/parentsurvey](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/parentsurvey)

Have a great weekend and keep safe.

Kind regards,  
The leadership team

### Friendly Reminder to Families / Caregivers

Please do not send through reply consent slips without the appropriate payments.

These will not be processed and will be returned to you.

Please remember that payments can be made online (BPoint) through the school website, by phone or in person (payment envelopes available from the front office).

Lee Taylor - Finance Officer

## Introduction

I would like to thank all the students, staff and families for the warm welcome I have received during my first few weeks at Paradise PS. My focus at Paradise while in the Deputy Principal position is to further develop my skills in leadership towards becoming a Principal in the future which involves working closely with Karyn and the staff. I have been particularly impressed already by the community of students and families and how everyone has worked through the challenges that have been presented already this term.

Away from school, my wife and I, who both grew up in the North East, have three children aged 3, 10 and 11. I'm passionate about technology and sport and I follow the AFL and NBA very closely. I have been enjoying watching the Olympics over the past few weeks especially the basketball and the swimming.

I am looking forward to getting to know more families over the course of the term as we work towards an exciting event later this term.

## Positive News

Recently schools received information back from the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection the students in Yr 4-7 completed earlier this year. The feedback clearly shows Paradise is heading in the right direction with very positive results in almost every area. The figures on the graphic represent some of our results we are most pleased about.

**Daniel Botten—Deputy Principal**

# LOOK AT THESE FIGURES!

**% COMPARED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS (7)**

**+31% IMPORTANT ADULT AT SCHOOL**

82% of Yr 4-7 students responded that they could identify at least one important adult at school they are connected to



**+28% SCHOOL CLIMATE**



58% of Yr 4-7 students responded the overall tone of the school environment, including the way teachers and students interact and how students treat each other is excellent

**+27% COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT**

65% of Yr 4-7 students responded they have a high level of persistence with classroom tasks, generating ideas and attitudes related to holding a growth mindset



**+16% PEER BELONGING**



64% of Yr 4-7 students responded that they feel that they belong to a social group

**25/26 AREAS PARADISE PRIMARY RATED HIGHER COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE OF OUR 7 LOCAL SCHOOLS.**



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