

# PARA HILLS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Respect Integrity Belonging Achievement*

Term 1 Week 3

## WESTIES WORLD

### DATES to REMEMBER

Thursday 20th February  
Pupil Free Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Adelaide Cup Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Sports Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Harmony Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Year 6 & 7 Aquatics  
Program  
&  
NAPLAN Practice Test

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
SAPSASA Athletics

ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAYS Even Weeks  
2pm

### NAPLAN Online 2020

We are currently preparing ourselves to conduct NAPLAN this year via the online portal again for years 3, 5, and 7. As you have been aware, last year we participated in the second year of NAPLAN Online. This year our students will practice in a **nationwide practice test on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 11:30am**. This is the final test to be performed on the actual testing platform. This will not be all the students, but a selected group participating.

The dates for the **actual NAPLAN Online test** this year are **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**, with a catch up week for any students who have been absent during this time. We are asking (as it is so important) for your child in year 3, 5 or 7 to be at school on time during this week as testing begins at 9:15am each day. The only aspect of the test which is not done online will be the year 3 Writing test.

If you **do not wish** to have your child complete the NAPLAN Online test this year, please contact the school to **complete and sign an exemption form** for your child.

You are able to also see the NAPLAN online environment and samples of the tests the students will be sitting via the NAPLAN online website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au). Please feel free to explore the site as there is a public demonstration site where you can also access the sample test. This would be a great opportunity for you to work with your child to explore the features of the test in the comfort of your own home.

We are again excited to be using the NAPLAN online as one of the benefits in this system will provide us with speedier results which teachers will be able to use to individualise learning programs for your child.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the school.

The logo for Scholastic Book Clubs. It features the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters on a red rectangular background. Below this, the words "Book Clubs" are written in a large, light blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is centered between two horizontal blue bars.

Dear Parents,

Para Hills West PS is offering Scholastic Book Club in 2020. You can access book club using LOOP, linked online ordering and payment, where parents using credit card pay and place their order online. This service will save school staff time in facilitating book club, enabling us to spend more time working with students. We encourage all parents to use LOOP but we will still accept cash payments for book club items as we have in the past. Please be reminded there is **no obligation to purchase**; book club is an optional service.

If you would like to participate, now with LOOP, ordering is easier than ever before! For further details on how to use LOOP, please refer too he back of this letter.

Just look over the catalogue with your child and select the items you like.

You can place an order 1 of 2 ways

1. **ONLINE ORDERS -Place and pay** for your order online with your credit card using **LOOP**, linked ordering and online payment, new to Scholastic Book Club. For instructions on how to use **LOOP**, please refer to the directions on the back of this letter. **If you are paying using LOOP there is no need to return your paper order form to school, our staff can track your orders online**
2. **CASH ORDERS-** To pay with cash, simply complete the order form on the back of your catalogue and return with your cash payment in a secure zip lock bag or sealed envelope to your class teacher.

**ORDERS MUST ARRIVE BACK TO SCHOOL AS PER THE DUE DATE advertised by signage posted around the school.**

The books will arrive around two weeks after close of ordering and will be sent home with your child. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom. If you have any questions regarding Scholastic Book Club please contact your Book Club Organiser.

**Just over three-quarters of parents (78%) agree they wish their child would read more books for fun; a similar number of kids (76%), across ages, say they know they should read more books for fun.**

Reference -Kids and Family Reading Report - Scholastic 2016

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/ReadingLeaders/KFRR/kidsreading.asp>



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## Tracey's Care Column

Hi, my name is Tracey Cooper and I am the new Pastoral Care Worker providing a Chaplaincy Service to this great school.

The staff and students have been very friendly and have made me feel very welcome for which I am grateful.

A little about me, I am a mum to three adult sons, each special in their own way. I enjoy reading, playing table tennis and walking in nature especially along the beach.



I love my work and have a genuine care and compassion for all people no matter their beliefs, background or situation.

I will be available to listen to you, support you and encourage you in a safe, confidential environment.

Some ways that I will be supporting the school community are:

### **Role Modelling & Mentoring**

Assisting students to develop healthy relationships with other students and adults.

### **Social & Emotional Support**

Nurturing emotional wellbeing and assisting to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to support learning, positive behaviour and positive relationships.

### **Spiritual Support**

At the specific request and permission of parents, providing care and guidance with your child's quest for meaning, purpose and hope in life.

### **School Engagement**

Providing personal and group support for those students at risk of disengaging from school i.e. social skills programs, grief & loss programs.

### **Community Engagement**

Develop links between our school and the community including youth organisations, Churches, agencies and services.

### **Extra-Curricular Contribution**

Participate in school activities i.e. excursions, sports day, SRC & choir etc.

**My usual working days at school are**

**Monday 8.30am-11.30am,**

**Wednesday 8.30am-4.00pm**

**Thursday 12.00pm-4.00pm**

I can be contacted by students through my front office message box or in the yard.

Parents and Caregivers can contact me through the school front office phone 8258 2216 or email me at [tracey.cooper464@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:tracey.cooper464@schools.sa.edu.au)

**Journeying with you,**

**Tracey ☺**

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## VALUES AWARDS 2020



### Term 1 Week 2

Liam P	4	Respect	Josh B	15	Belonging
Emily S	10	Respect	Logan K	15	Belonging
Ameer M	2	Integrity	Loyce I	15	Belonging
Tyler W	2	Integrity	Luke P	15	Belonging
Isabella B	10	Integrity	Nelofar N	15	Belonging
Emily Violet H	13	Integrity	Olive S	15	Belonging
Apajok G	1A	Belonging	Robyn W	15	Belonging
Emile D	2	Belonging	Andre J	10	Achievement
Malika W	4	Belonging	Saleh Z	13	Achievement
Jade K	8	Belonging	Toby S	13	Achievement
Zafar Z	8	Belonging	Lauren B	1A	Belonging
Emily J	10	Belonging	Ali B	1A	Belonging
Aisha S	15	Belonging	Ali H	1A	Belonging
Andrijana J	15	Belonging	Dylan W	1A	Achievement
Jackson S T	15	Belonging			

**Congratulations to each of these students for demonstrating the School's RIBA values!**

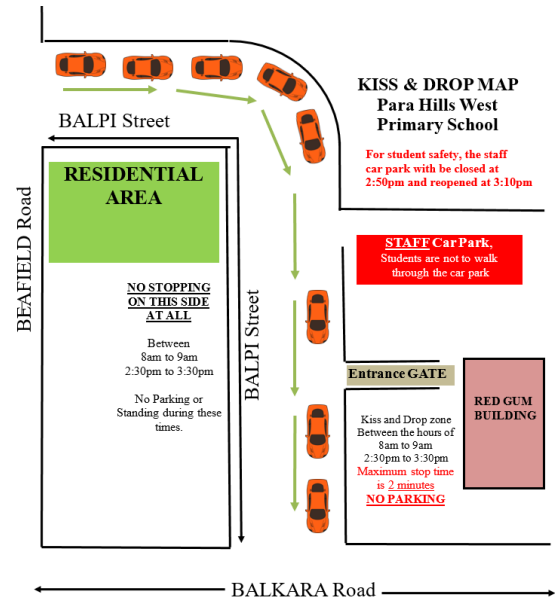
## TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

With the new school year just started we thought it would be a timely reminder about traffic safety around our school both in the morning drop offs and afternoon pick-ups.

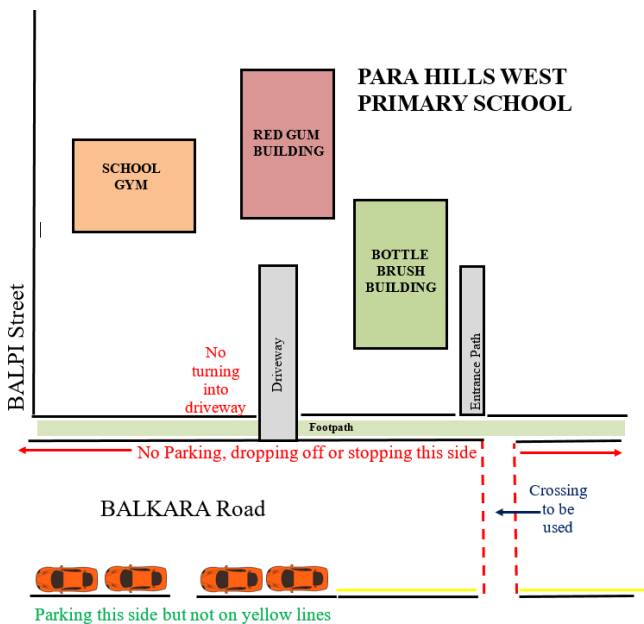


Firstly the designated speed around school zones when students are present is 25kmh. This must be observed to ensure the safety of all children and their parents as they walk to school.

Secondly we have only one street as a designated drop off and pick up area. This is along Balpi Street (only the school side of this road). You must remain with your car and are not permitted to stop and park your car and leave it unattended during these times 8:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm. If you wish to stop and park and walk into school with your child, you must then park your car along Balkara Road and park on the opposite side to the school. *The entire length of Balkara Road (school side) is a no stopping and no dropping off area – school buses exempted.*



Thirdly, making U-turns along Balkara Road, especially during afternoon pick up time can be quite dangerous and can cause traffic flow issues. We request that you do not conduct U-Turns at this time as it causes many issues for the flow of traffic. We would ask that you continue to drive in the same direction and find another street to turn around on.



Fourthly, if you do park on Balkara Road we ask that you walk with your child/ren and cross at the designated crossing area to also help ensure that safety of pedestrians is met and prevents unexpected incidents / accidents involving pedestrians crossing anywhere along Balkara Road.

If we could all obey these rules then the safety of our children will be maintained.

# APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



## All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.  
*Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.  
*Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



[sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)



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