

# Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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## Principal's Message

Welcome to term 4. Yes, we have reached that time of year when everyone is busy, there are lots of exciting things coming up and the children are settled and working hard - most of the time! I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the term ahead. Please keep reading this newsletter as it is important that you stay in touch with everything that is happening. Please also join / check Facebook and encourage your friends to do so as well.

### Morning lines

Last term the school stopped gathering for morning lines due to the installation of the new demountable. This was necessary for safety reasons. However, some additional benefits were noticed - the children were able to get to class much quicker - indeed some classes gained 10 minutes learning time each day - that's nearly an hour a week. Morning announcements continued to be given, but over the speakers when the children were in class - and they were able to hear them clearly - something that did not happen outside with all the noise around them. But it was not all good news. Some parents have expressed disappointment over the split between the top and bottom playground, and we know that many of you like to hear announcements too. I also believe that it is important as we grow, that we do try to do some things altogether - we are a K-6 school, and we don't want to lose touch as a whole school.

The teachers have discussed the alternatives, and we have come up with a plan to trial this term. From next Monday we will line up altogether on Monday mornings only. The lines will go across the area, (like school hall assembly lines) with kindergarten at the front. The order will be chalked on the ground. We think this way we can fit more classes in the area - next year we will grow again. There will be some major announcements made. The rest of the week we will continue as we were last term.

I ask that parents remain at the back of the lines, not at the sides, to enable the children to hear announcements and then move off quickly. Thank you.

### Kindergarten 2017

Our highly successful transition program continues this term. If you have, or know of, any children who turn 5 before the end of July 2017, please encourage the parents to enrol them as soon as possible. We are making plans for next year and need to have as accurate numbers as possible.

### School growth

Our current predictions are that the school will grow an additional two classes in 2017. We are rapidly running out of room on the school site. There will be demountable classrooms placed in the school car park during this term. The "pool fence" will be moved to ensure that these classrooms are safe from the car park itself.

### School camp

Stage three students will be at camp from Wednesday to Friday this week. I look forward to hearing their stories when they return. I know they will sleep well on Friday night! Thank you to the teachers for giving the children their time and energy over the three days. Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Jameson, Mr Ta and Mrs George will be attending.

### Swim school

Many parents have enrolled their children for swim school, but there are still vacancies. Please don't be put off by the cost. We really want all children to learn to swim. If you would like your child to attend and need assistance paying the full cost, please see me or Mrs Mercadal as soon as possible.

### The BIG NIGHT out - times two!

These are coming up soon and will be two wonderful occasions you will not want to miss. Make sure that you book your tickets quickly, invite your relatives and prepare to be amazed at the talent of your children! Details included in this newsletter.

Looking forward to an exciting term,

*Anthea Donaldson*

*Principal*

### Class Awards

		1/2A	Maseeha
KA	Dakksh	2B	Nikitha
KH	Samara	2H	Aksel
KK	Mobin	2L	Eshaan
KL	Luka	2N	Kayla
KN	Saim		
KR	Moosa		
KS	Ishan		

### Stage News

#### Kindergarten

Welcome back to our last term of Kindergarten! I hope all the students are well rested and ready for a big term of learning! We have an exciting and busy term ahead of us.

**K-2 Athletics carnival:** This Friday is the K-2 athletics carnival (weather permitting). Please make sure that students have their sports uniform on and a hat. You are welcome to come, watch and cheer. It starts at 11am on the field. There may also be a parent race so wear your runners! You may also want to stay and have lunch with your child, as the day will finish with a short presentation in the hall after lunch.

**Maths:** This week we are beginning a new topic about data and graphs. Key terms we are using are "how many", "more than", "less than", "most" and "least". Please talk to your child about what they are learning in maths.

**Literacy:** This term we will be looking closely at how we communicate. This will include studying specific punctuation, grammar and the differences between questions, commands and exclamations. We will also be doing an author study of Eric Carle.

**Library:** All Kindergarten classes will continue to have library lessons on Mondays.

**Sport days:** Teachers will let you know their class sports days next week once we have had the athletics carnival.

**Topic Talks:** We are beginning topics talks this week with a "Holiday recount".

Miss Richards

## Year 1 and Year 2

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and every student is ready to continue learning this term! There are still some spaces for swim school left. Please see the office if you would like to attend and require assistance as swimming is an important skill for our students to have.

Our first week back is busy with our back up K-2 Athletics Carnival this Friday at 11am (weather permitting). We also have a special drama performance happening this Thursday for some of our Year 1 and 2 students.

Homework and topic talks will begin in Week 2 so students have time to get back into the school routine. Topic talk notes will go home this week as well as a formal Speaking and Listening Task for students to present later in the term.

Have a great first week back!

Miss Langhans

## Year 3

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope that all of our families had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We are ready for a fantastic final term of Year 3 – it's hard to believe that we are already at this point of the year! This term will be another wonderful term of learning, and holds lots of exciting events to see us to the end of the year.

Next week, we will be lining up in our new positions in the top playground on Monday morning. Class teachers will show your child where their new position is on Friday, and class names will be written on the top playground.

I hope that everyone has been reading over the holidays and working towards their 40 Book Target. Please encourage your child to remember to bring in their 'holiday reading card' to then update their target card at school. Some recommended kids' books are up on our Facebook page – take a look!

### ***Maths focus for this week: Time***

Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Telling time to the nearest minute or five minutes
- Reading timetables

There are still some spots left for Swim School. It is important that all children learn how to swim. If you would still like to send your child to Swim School, please see the Office.

Have a fabulous first week back everyone!

Miss Stuart

## Year 6

Welcome back to Term 4! This will be a special term for all of our wonderful Year 6 students as they come to the end of their primary school days. There will be many exciting and memorable moments coming up, however it is also a busy term of learning and study.

Many students will be attending camp this Wednesday – Friday. Student need to arrive at school on **Wednesday morning at 6.45am** ready to **depart school on the bus at 7.30am**. We will arrive home on **Friday afternoon at approximately 4.00pm**. It will be a wonderful experience for those lucky students.

Students not attending camp must remember to return their permission note for the Sustainability Expo this coming Thursday. Notes are to be returned to Miss McSpadden.

**The Mini Fete** is fast approaching and will be held on **Tuesday 8th November**. The students will begin the planning process next week by selecting their group members and nominating a stall that they would like to run. A note will be coming home to parents to inform you of some of the things they will require to get their stalls up and running. All proceeds go towards their Year 6 farewell.

### Major focus for Term 4

1. Persuasive Media Unit Study
2. Novel study – Personal Choice Novel
3. Adding and Subtracting Fractions, Percentages and Location
4. Music and Impressionism Art
5. Science – ‘Light Shows’
6. Geography – The connection between Australia and Asia

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to presenting many more students with their **‘40 Book Reading Challenge’** awards this term. Please promote the importance of a challenge with your child and support them in achieving this to the best of their ability.

Mrs Rhodes

## Library News

Borrowing starts this week so please remember to bring your library bags

Mrs Sell



## Swim School

Due to popular demand in previous years we have increased the number of students who can participate in Swim School this year.

Final date for payments has been extended to Week 1 Term 4 (14th October).

This is a wonderful program held during school time and conducted by qualified swim instructors.

## Parent Tutor Reading Program

Parents we urgently need your help on Monday afternoons from 1.50pm - 2.55pm. Please contact the office if you are able to help us with this wonderful program.

## Stewart House Clothing Appeal

If you have any clean unwanted clothing, now is the time to donate to them to Stewart House, a wonderful cause. Last day for dropping off your bags to your child's classroom is this Friday 14th October, 2016. Thank you

# The simplest way

...to protect your eyes.

## Did you know?

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause both short- and long-term eye issues. Long periods of UV radiation exposure can cause serious eye damage, including cataracts and various cancers.



## Choosing the right sunglasses

Sunglasses (even cheap ones!) can protect you if they fulfil these requirements:

- ✓ They are wrap-around, close fitting, with large lenses.
- ✓ They meet the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067:2003. The standard has five categories of sun protection, from 0 (the lowest UV protection) to 4 (the highest). Choose sunglasses of category 2 or higher, as these absorb 95% of UV radiation.
- ✓ They have an Eye Protection Factor (EPF) of 9 or 10, which blocks out almost all UV radiation.

Don't forget your sun-safe hat to further protect your eyes.

## Eye protection at the snow

Snow reflects sunlight so wear goggles or sunglasses which meet the Australian standard AS/NZS 1067:2003. This will avoid 'snow blindness' (sunburn on the eyes' surface) which is painful and can contribute to long-term damage, such as cataracts.



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check your schools SunSmart  
status by heading to  
[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



## Parramatta West "Big Night Out"

Just a reminder to students and their families who are involved in the Big Night Out performance. Tickets go on sale today from at 8.30am until 8.50am in the upper playground. Tickets are \$5 each or \$7 for a double ticket (for the Wednesday (Dance and Music) and Thursday (Drama) night performance).

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