

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

I hope that all the year 5 and 6 campers had a restful weekend! I'm sure they slept well on Friday night. A very BIG thank you to the teachers who attended and looked after the children so well - 24 hours a day!

The Big Night Out - in fact the TWO big nights out, are on next week. I know that the tickets are selling fast, so don't miss out. The children are very talented and have been working hard to prepare for this, as have the teachers.

Swim school

There are still some places available. If your child cannot swim then they should be attending.

Tell Them From Me survey

Each year we ask parents to give us feedback about the things that we do and how well we are doing them. The department has provided us with a survey tool to make this easier. We have tried this year to improve our communication with you, to introduce a simpler report, and to provide parent meetings about reading and mathematics so that parents can assist their children and understand what they are doing at school. We need to know how successful these things have been so that we can make decisions about next year. This week the computer room will be open before

school each day for parents to complete the survey. We also have our bilingual learning support officers available to assist you with this if needed. You can also complete the survey yourself by following this link.

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Kindergarten Orientation

Our last transition day is this week on Thursday. These days have been well attended by many of our new children. Some of our children who currently attend preschool have not attended the transition days, but we encourage them to now attend the orientation days as these will help them to get to know us, and for us to get to know them. There are three orientation days, starting on November 2nd. We look forward to seeing you then. If you know anyone who is yet to enrol, please ask them to do so as soon as possible.

Overseas holidays

It is coming to that time of year when families are planning holidays over the Christmas break. It is vitally important that we know if your child is, or is not, returning to school for 2017. If your children are going to be late returning to school in February 2017, please apply for leave and let us know so that we can keep a place for your children in class. As we are so full, it is important that we know exactly how many children we can expect to have at school next year. If you are living out of the school boundary area and you do not return at the start of the school year without our knowledge, your child could lose their place.

Selective high school placement test

For children currently in year 5 who wish to sit the selective high school test next year for high school in 2018, the application is now available online. If you are unsure about anything to do with this, please discuss it with your child's teacher, or I am happy to discuss it with you.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Manga High

Does your child go on Manga High to do additional maths or maths homework? The games are a lot of fun as well as providing important practice for your child. Please let us know by clicking this link as we need to make decisions about next year. Thank you.

<https://goo.gl/forms/d72HEymHKWrRxars1>

Have a great week,

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Class Awards

2/3S Crissy

3B Isaac

3K Shabana

3J Ravneet

4A Karthik

4H Ramalingam

4S Leila

5C Meerab

5M Morteza

5/6J Naba

6M Timoci

6R Neha

MCG Talal

MCS Shivansh

Stage News

Kindergarten

We had a great first week back to school ending with a fun athletics carnival. Congratulations to all the students for participating and trying their best and thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for a wonderful day. The students really enjoyed having lots of people cheering them on!

Today was the first morning we lined up on the top playground altogether as a whole school. We will do this every Monday and on the other days we will continue to line up on the bottom playground before school. Students should not be there before 8:30am, which is when there is a teacher supervising.

Term 4 Sport days:

KA: Tuesday and Friday

KH: Tuesday and Friday

KK: Tuesday and Wednesday

KL: Tuesday and Friday

KN: Monday and Wednesday

KR: Tuesday and Wednesday

KS: Monday and Wednesday

Library:

All of Kindergarten continue to have library on Mondays.

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Wow! What a way to start off the term! Congratulations to everyone for a successful Athletics Carnival. We had a great day and we are so proud of all the students who tried their best. Well done to the students who received a ribbon at our presentation assembly.

This week our topic talks and homework begin. Homework is due on Thursday. Congratulations to Pratyushi and Sumaya from 2L and Jayla and Prisha from 2N for reaching their 40 book reading target. Congratulations to Sharo and Shervin from 2L for reaching 80 books! Keep on reading! We still have over 7 weeks to go to reach our targets!

Next week we have our Big Night Out performances which many of our students are involved in. Please see organising teachers for more information. Even if you do not have any children involved in the events, both nights will still be great to attend and we encourage everyone to see the talent we have on show at PWPS!

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

What a great start to the term we had last week! All of our students were ready and excited for another term's learning which was great to see! Congratulations to our Year 2 students in 2/3S who put in a fantastic effort at the K-2 Carnival last Friday. Good luck to our Year 3 students in the Stage 2 Dance Sport Team – Crissy, Deia, Suprabha, Shreeyukta, Ajila, Frank, Jayden, Liam, Gautham and D.J. - who will be representing our school and competing in the Sydney Dance Sport Championships tomorrow.

This morning we lined up for the first time in our new positions for a Monday morning

assembly. We will be lining up as a whole school for assembly on Mondays, while Tuesday – Friday we will be lining up in our class lines near the hall / targets.

Reading Target update:

It is fantastic that so many students kept up their reading in the holidays and are now even closer to reaching their reading targets, with 7 students achieving their 40 book target during the holidays! Congratulations! All children should be reading each night as part of their homework.

- ***40 students – 38% = achieved 40 Book Target***
- *63 students – 60% = on track for success*
- *36 students – 34% = working towards 80 / 120 / 160 Book Targets*

Russ The Bus:

Today your child will be taking home a note about an exciting event happening for students in 2/3S, 3B, 3K and 3J on November 1st - Russ The Bus is visiting Parramatta West! Russ The Bus is a book exchange where students listen to an Australian author / illustrator and swap a pre-loved book from home for a brand new book! Start looking for a book at home that your child would like to swap (it can be a picture book or a novel) and return the permission forms as soon as possible.

Click on the following website for more information about Russ The Bus!

<http://www.swf.org.au/blog/2015/06/lets-get-russ-the-bus-rolling/>

Maths focus for this week: Time

Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Reading timetables
- Converting units of time

- Calculating elapsed time

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018 Government primary schools

Applications for entry into 2018 selective high schools is now open until 14 November 2016. All applications must be completed online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. An intention to apply letter will be sent home to all students and information booklets are available from the front office. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or you may speak with Mrs Donaldson regarding the application process.

Facebook

Last week students from year 5 attended an excursion to the Cumberland Council Environmental EXPO, while others attended the school camp. Photos have been posted onto the school Facebook page and also into the Year 5 closed group. If you require any assistance joining these Facebook pages please contact the school office.

Year 5 Student Leadership Program

Year 5 students will be participating in a leadership program over the next four weeks. This is aimed at supporting and assisting students as they prepare to apply to become a student leader at Parramatta West PS. The program will involve all students completing activities in-class and completing online activities using Google Classroom. Students will be shown how to join the Google Classroom group at school; however they will need internet access to complete these activities at home.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

What a fantastic time we had at '**The Great Aussie Bush Camp**' last week. The kids had a great time participating in activities that took them out of their comfort zone. There are plenty of photos to see on Facebook. The students that did not attend camp learnt a great deal about sustainability at the Expo last Thursday. It was an exciting week for everyone.

This week all Year 6 students will nominate a stall that they would like to run for the **Mini Fete**. The students will receive a note for parents to inform you of their allocated stall and some of the requirements needed for the stall to be successful.

The **Dance Sport Championships** are happening on **Tuesday 18th October**. We have been working with a group of dedicated dancers who will compete in this competition. We wish them all the best!

Changes to homework have been implemented as part of the transition program into high school. All students have been provided with a 'Student Planner' to assist with the new homework style. Homework assignments will be allocated on different days with various due dates. Students must adhere to the due dates and ensure assignments are completed and submitted on time.

Year 6 students will complete the '**Tell Them From Me Survey**' this week at school.

Year 6 Reading Target Results

- Successfully Achieved 40 or more novels = 29 students
- 33% of the grade have achieved their target
- 62% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

Mathematics Focus Areas

- Equivalent Fractions
- Writing Fractions in Simplest Form

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Last day for Book club is Tuesday 25th October.

Please use the order form on the catalogue.

If you would like your order to be a gift I can call you when the order arrives. Just make sure you attach a note with your number and tell me not to give the order to your child.

If you order through the loop at the Scholastic site there are Bonus Books on offer so check it out.

Please remember that ALL children need a library bag to borrow. This is for the protection of the library books in the school bag.

Mrs Sell



Student Support Officer

Last term our school was appointed a Student Support Officer (SSO) - working Wednesdays. I have briefly introduced Mr Dennis Laris to the community at morning lines last term but would like to inform you of his role. Dennis's role is to work closely with the schools Learning Support Team to support student's emotional and social wellbeing. Dennis will be working with small groups of students on programs that the learning support team identifies. Dennis is also employed at Dulwich High School and Robert Townson High School on the other days. Thanh Ta

P & C Meeting rescheduled

The P & C meeting has been cancelled for tomorrow (18th October) and rescheduled for 25th October. All welcome, hope to see you there.

Operation Christmas Child

The SRC will be running a program called Operation Christmas Child again this year. It is where each class will collect items and send a shoebox filled with Christmas gifts to a child living in poverty, to give them hope at Christmas time. Students will be asked to make donations to their classes' shoebox. These items are to be new and not used, so that they meet customs regulations. Donations need to be received by the Wednesday 16th November, so that they can be shipped.

Thank you for those that are able to make donations to this cause!

Miss McSpadden

Canteen News

We are now on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM. Please search Kids Snack Shack and Like Us to see items and specials. Also see all the wonderful food that is available, fresh.

We have Halal and Vegetarian items.

Thank you for all your support.

Renee and the Team.

K - 2 Athletics Results

Kindy Girls

1st Fadhilat KA	2nd Myarkah KH	3rd Alisha KN
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Kindy Boys

1st Joshua KS	2nd Chernor KN	3rd Karthik KS
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Year 1 Girls

1st Rahaf 1L	2nd Tahlai 1G	3rd Samyoktha 1F
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Year 1 Boys

1st Delali 1F	2nd Youssuf 1G	3rd Angus 1L
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Year 2 Girls

1st Amy 2L

2nd Makadee 2B

3rd Asma 2H

Year 2 Boys

1st Sameer 2/3S

2nd Sameer 2H

3rd Isaac 2H

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).

UNIFORM PRICES AND ORDER FORM

	PRICE	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	TOTAL
Girls Polo	\$14.00									
Boys Polo	\$20.00									
Longsleeve	\$22.00									
Sports Polo	\$26.00									
Jacket	\$26.00									
Jumper	\$20.00									
Girls Pants	\$22.00									
Boys Pants	\$25.00									
Boys Shorts	\$20.00									
Sport Shorts	\$20.00									
Sports Skirt	\$25.00									
Trackpants	\$22.00									
Dress	\$37.00									
Hat	\$14.00	S/M			M/L			L/XL		
Drink Bottle	\$10.00									
Cup	\$10.00									
Pen	\$4.50									

All prices are correct from the 17th October 2016. Subject to change at any time.

NAME _____ CLASS _____

Size 3 and 16 only ordered by special request. We do have some stock. Please allow 10 working days.

We have eftpos available. From July 2014 all eftpos transactions will incur a \$1.00 fee. Amex not accepted.

Any enquiries please email pwps.parents@exemail.com.au

We also sell second hand uniforms, for sale for \$4.00 each. Please if you have any unwanted uniforms drop them in. We cannot accept hats due to health issues.

GET IN EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH AND AVOID WAITING FOR STOCK TO GET DELIVERED

Updated Uniform Prices

Unfortunately due to an increase in prices from our suppliers our uniform prices have increased on some items as from 17th October 2016.

The simplest way

...to eat your teeth clean.

Poor snack choices affect your child's weight, teeth and overall health. Try this activity to see what different foods do to teeth.

Eat the following foods, in order, in front of a mirror to see:

Oreo biscuit – a “sticky sweet” food that will fall in to all the grooves of the teeth;

Carrot – a firm textured, unprocessed food that increases saliva flow and will remove the Oreo particles;

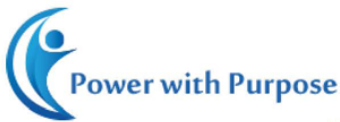
Cheese cube – a powerful protector of teeth that neutralises m acid and remineralises the enamel coating of your teeth.



So stick with “firm favourites” (e.g. fruit and veg) and “powerful protectors” (e.g. cheese, milk, water) and avoid “sticky sweet” f (e.g. biscuits, cakes, muesli bars, lollies). “Sweet acidic” juice, cc sport and soft drinks can attack teeth too.

Courtesy of: Hunter New England Health, Oral Health Promotion “Healthy Tums Healthy Gums” program.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



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Taekwondo Classes

Want your child to learn to defend themselves?

Could your child do with a self-confidence boost so they can avoid the bullies at school?

We work with our students on a physical and cognitive level to get results.

Classes run for a 1hr period. In this time students will undertake a variety of form techniques, stretches, punching and kicking techniques.

Classes are conducted in a pleasant and positive atmosphere

Catering for children through to adults. Family's welcome.

Monday & Thursdays: Parramatta West Public School Corner Franklin & Young St Pa

Time 5:30pm - 6:30pm or 6:45pm - 7:45pm

Visit our website www.powerwithpurpose.com.au

For more details, contact Sa-Beom-Nim Michael on 0409 928 534 Email info@powerwithpurpose.com.au

*5th Dan WTF Australian Tae Kwon Do Academy Certified. * 5th Dan WTF Korean Kukkiwon

*Certificate IV in Fitness. *Senior First Aid Certified. * Diploma of Counselling

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