



## Principal's Message

Multicultural week is here! If you are reading this during the day on Monday, don't forget you can come up this afternoon and see the displays in the hall between 3.00-4.00pm.

The children will be visiting the hall with their class either on Monday or Tuesday. A BIG thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who are involved. All children are encouraged to wear their national costume on Tuesday, or they can wear the colours of their flag. They should wear sensible shoes, no thongs. I encourage parents to talk to their children about what they have learnt about the different countries represented.

Look out for pictures on Facebook!

On Wednesday we have our annual Christmas Pageant. All children will be attending, K-2 at 9am and 3-6 at 10am. We no longer all fit in the hall together! We believe that it is important that all children learn about the Christmas story as a cultural thing. If any parents do not wish their children to attend, please let us know and we will arrange for them to be supervised elsewhere.

Parent helpers morning tea. This is on Wednesday from 11.00 am in the library. Hopefully many of you have received invitations, but if you have been a helper and have not received one, please come along! Parents are very important to us, you make our school a better place.

## PWPS Community Forum

Do you know what our school focus areas are? Do you know how successful we are at educating your children? Do you understand how we are educating your children? Do you know what skills your children are going to need for the future? Do you want to know more? Are there things you would like us to be doing next year? Can you give us an hour or two to let us know your opinions? We would love you to join us at one of our community forums.

There will be two meetings, one at 9.00am and one in the evening at 6.00 pm so that working parents can attend. Both meetings will be on Tuesday December 6th. There will be a note with a reply slip sent home to everyone. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater for you. There will be interpreters attending both meetings.

Swim school starts next week - please make sure that your child has everything that they need and is not late for school.

### **Parking around the school**

This is an ongoing problem, and I request that all parents do their best to make sure that all children are safe and that all members of the community treat each other with respect when moving around the school. It can be stressful finding a parking spot, so the best idea is to park a little way away from the school and walk. If you do find a spot, please park sensibly to make the most of all spaces, and do not park in people's driveways. Thank you.

### **Collecting children after school**

School finishes at 2.55. This is the time when parents should be arranging for their children to be collected unless they are catching the bus or are old enough to walk home alone or with friends. Some children assume their parents will be late and go straight to the office. This should not happen. Please arrange a place for your children to be collected, either near their classroom or at an agreed point inside the school gates but close to a gate if you have more than one child. If you are going to be late on a day, please ring the school to explain why and we will look after your child. We should not be the ones ringing you to ask where you are. Thank you.

Have a great week,

*Anthea Donaldson*

*Principal*

Class Awards

KA Dina

KH Marjan

KK Mayon

KL Mujtabah

KN Rehan

KR Rylan

KS Karthik

1F Aaliyah

1H Shulamit

1J Florence

1L Ahmad

1/2A Wilfred

2B Bhakti

2H Abeeda

2L Mohammad

2N Aimen

2/3S Sameer

3B Eshal

3K Hanbara

3J Rithwik

4A Farhat

4H Bhumi

4S Asra

5C Manraj

5M Siena

5/6J Borno

6M Victoria

## Stage News

### Kindergarten

We are so excited to be celebrating all the different cultures of our school this week. All students will have the opportunity to learn something about other people's backgrounds and countries and I encourage you to talk to your child about what they have seen this week during multicultural week.

As part of the celebration students are asked to wear traditional clothes of their country on Tuesday, or alternatively the colours of their flag. It will look spectacular!

### Topic Talks

This week students have to give clues about an animal. They can describe the main features of its appearance, what it eats, what it sounds like etc.

### Swim school

Swim school starts next week for those students who booked a place. A note will be coming home with information about what is required. It should be a fun few weeks!

Have a fabulous multicultural week!

Miss Richards

### Year 1 and Year 2

Reading target: Congratulations to the following students for reaching their 40 book target!

2L: Alberto, Mohammad      2N: Sajaad, Nedal      2H: Sameer, Harsh, Salwa

Congratulations to Kavya, Moksh, Jash (2H) and Yashri (2B) for reaching 80 books and Shervin (2L) and Ahalya (2N) for reaching 120 books! Wow!

Speaking and Listening Task: We're looking forward to hearing students present their speeches this week. Students will present on their normal topic talk day.

Multicultural Week: Tomorrow (Tuesday) students are encouraged to wear cultural costumes or colours of their flag to help celebrate the many different cultures we have here at PWPS. Students will be participating in activities throughout the week.

Swim School: Our Swim School program starts next week. Students who are not attending Swim School will be staying at school with teachers participating in regular programs. Notes about swimming will be going home today. Many of the students will be in the first groups attending in the morning which means students need to be at school on time and organised. If you have any questions please speak to your classroom teacher.

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

## Year 3

This week is Multicultural Week! The hall has been transformed into a fantastic cultural expo for us to enjoy and learn more about other cultures. All classes will be visiting the hall either today or tomorrow – ask your child something that they discovered! Tomorrow, all students are encouraged to wear either their national dress or the colours of their country's flag. If you have a chance, make sure you come up and have a look too!

On Wednesday we will be treated to a performance by 3B during the Christmas Pageant. I know that 3B and Mrs Doueihy have been hard at work and we are looking forward to seeing their work on Wednesday. After the Christmas Pageant, we are inviting all parents who have helped out at PWPS this year to the Parent Helpers Morning Tea. Hopefully any parents who have been helpers this year (home reading,

excursions, parent reading) have received an invitation, if not, please come along!

Swim School starts next week! If your child is attending Swim School, please make sure that you are getting your swimming bag ready this week!

***Maths focus for this week: Fractions and Subtraction Concepts***

Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Mental math strategies for subtraction
- Using a number line and models to subtract two-digit numbers

Have a wonderful week everyone! I hope to see you at the Multicultural Week expo this week!

Miss Stuart

## Year 4 and Year 5

At this morning our school held a special assembly to celebrate multicultural week. It was a wonderful reminder of the many and diverse cultures in our school. Parents and caregivers are also invited to visit our school hall to see the wonderful displays of cultures in our school.

I would like thank all the students who submitted 2017 School Leaders applications. There was a lot of effort and thought put into them. We have carefully read the applications and will now invite selected students to an interview with Mrs Donaldson and myself to select the candidates for the school leaders' election later in the term.

A reminder for those students attending the swimming scheme that it will start next Monday.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

## Year 6

The **Multicultural Day Celebrations** are coming up today and tomorrow. It is a time for us to value and appreciate the diversity and difference within our school. We invite all students to wear their national costumes or colours on Tuesday. Many of the parents in our school community have set up stalls in the hall for the children to see. This will be open for parents to look at this afternoon at 3pm – 4pm.

During week 8 and 9 our senior students will be involved in their ***‘transition program’*** in preparation for high school. This involves students moving from class to class throughout the day for various lesson and electives. They will be provided with a timetable for the two week period. The aim is to provide a sense of high school life and transition with ease. Students will select their electives this week.

A reminder to all parents that the NSW Public Schools Orientation Day for high school is Tuesday 6th December. Parents need to arrange transport to their chosen high school. Students attending private or catholic high schools will have alternative days.

Please return ‘Year 6 Farewell Permission Notes’ to classroom teachers or the office.

Information for parents will come home this week regarding the Year 6 Farewell.

### ***Year 6 Reading Target Results***

- Successfully Achieved 40 or more novels = 36 students
- 44% of the grade have achieved their target
- 60% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

### ***TOPIC 7 Mathematics Focus Area – Adding and Subtracting Fractions***

- Understanding mixed numerals
- Addition and subtraction of mixed numerals

**Mrs Rhodes**

## Library News

Book club orders are due on Tuesday please be prompt as no late orders can be processed for this issue.

I have been given a book club order in a small snap lock bag. There is no name on the order form. If this is yours please come and see me.

All books are due back this week so please make sure you return your books. Any overdue books need to be found and returned or paid for.

A new year means new borrowing but old over due books stay under your child's name if they are not returned.

Over due notices will continue to go out over the next few weeks. If there are any issues please come and see me.

Mrs Sell

## Operation Christmas Child

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported Operation Christmas Child. We managed to create 48 boxes. These are sure to bring joy to children living in need throughout Asia.

Miss McSpadden & Miss Aoun





# The simplest way

...to reduce your cancer risk.

Latest evidence shows that 1 in 3 cancer cases are preventable through a number of lifestyle changes.

Cancer Council NSW has launched a new campaign which is addressing for the first time all the ways in which people can reduce their cancer risk through healthy lifestyle choices – which will directly help to reduce the number of cancer cases diagnosed in the future.



There are clear things that people can do to stack the odds of preventing cancer in their favour:

- don't smoke;
- protect themselves from the sun;
- achieve a healthy weight;
- cut down on alcohol;
- cut down on red and processed meats;
- eat more fruit and vegetables;
- be physically active.

For more information visit: [www.1in3cancers.com.au](http://www.1in3cancers.com.au).

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