

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

What beautiful weather we are having now that spring is truly here. Earlier in the year we had some "park meet ups" in Holroyd gardens. The idea was for parents of a grade or stage to meet up on Sunday afternoon so that the children can play together and parents can meet each other.

With this beautiful weather we thought we would do this again, so next Sunday it will be Kindergarten's turn. Parents of Kindergarten children, we encourage you to get your friends together and go along to the gardens from 2.00pm on Sunday November 13th and have some fun. If you go along on your own, you should meet up with others there. We will get someone to take the school banner along so that you know where to meet. Don't forget to introduce yourself to people that you don't yet know! Post some pictures on facebook to share the fun.

The next week - November 20th will be year 1 and year 2's turn, so put that date in your diary.

Staffing Changes

As our school is growing, from 2017 the school is entitled to two deputy principal positions. This second position was recently advertised and filled through interview. Mrs Rhodes was the successful applicant and has been confirmed in the position from

the start on next year. She is, however, acting in Mr Ta's position this year while he is on leave.

Miss Giles has also recently applied for and been successful in obtaining a new position, as Assistant Principal at Guildford West Public School from the start of 2017. She has been acting in this position at PWPS this year while Ms Grammat has been on maternity leave, and will be missed by us all next year.

We are yet to be told how the two vacant positions will be filled, but hope to be able to advertise them. We currently have two interview panels filling classroom teacher positions for the start of next year. Thank you to the various parents who are assisting with these panels.

Congratulations to two wonderful educators, your promotions are well deserved.

School buildings

From Tuesday this week there will be work in our school car park siting two new demountable buildings. This will reduce the car park spaces for teachers, and therefore the street parking for parents. In this beautiful weather why not park a bit further from school, or walk from home. It is a good healthy practice to walk more each day anyway, and is a safer option than double parking and adding to the general chaos around the school in the afternoon. Thank you.

Overseas holidays

Thank you to the parents who are completing paperwork to inform us when they are traveling. This is important information for the school to have, especially regarding the start of 2017. When parents take children out of school for a holiday - even if it is to visit relatives overseas, this is not considered an exemption from school. The idea being that holidays should take place during school holidays. In this case the exemption will not be granted, and the children will be marked as on leave from school. If the parents need to travel for a reason where they are not in charge of the dates - for a religious ceremony or an illness in the family for example - then the exemption will be granted. In any instance that your child is absent from school during term time, we encourage you to make sure that they continue to do school work while away from

school so that they do not fall too far behind.

Brain Training - number 3

Todd Sampson's third access point is **attention control**. Lots of people think that women can multi task and men can't ... sorry ladies, no one can! We can only do one thing at a time, and trying to do more only reduces the efficiency of each one as we flit from one to the other. We need to work on 20 minute blocks of time, and then take a brief break, to be most efficient. We also need to draw attention to focusing on things. When someone is talking, actively listen, and pause before speaking ourselves. A way to train your brain to focus is to learn to juggle, and then do it for a few minutes each day. There are plenty of YouTube clips that will teach you. Meditation is another good practice. There will be a prize for any child who learns to juggle and posts a clip of them doing so on Facebook!

Have a great week,

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Class Awards

Class Awards		2L	Yousef
KA	Coco	2N	Isabella
KH	Sarim	2/3S	Jason, Muttahira
KK	Arie	3B	Deinara, Rehanna
KL	Aizah	3K	Salina, Jacob
KN	Alisha	3J	Lara, Neha
KR	Drashti	4A	Khoshi, Letitia

KS Christopher

4H Elisha

1F Ayaan

4S Brendan, Sodya

1G Tirth

5C Siraj, Shivi

1H Taha

5M Krishh, Adam

1J Mannogna

5/6J Parth, Aditya

1L Emily

6M Evan, Asmit

1/2A Shuab

6R Elham, Prem

2B Akshunya

MCT Mustafa

2H Shriya

MCG Buvi

MCS Damon

Stage News

Kindergarten

Mini Fete

Tomorrow is the whole school mini fete which is run by the senior students. It is a very fun event where the children have lots of opportunities to try different games and activities such as jumping castles, a haunted house and maybe get their nails painted. It is a fund raiser for the Year 6 graduation, so the children will need to bring some money with them to participate.

Topic talk

This week the students are asked to discuss an animal and what it needs to stay alive. This may include types of food, shelter and care. The students have been learning about Hermit crabs in science and what they need to stay alive too.

Holroyd Park meet up on Sunday at 2pm

This Sunday I encourage you to take your child down to Holroyd Park and meet up with other parents and children for a "play date". It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and for your children to have fun with their classmates. You can look for the school banner and enjoy an afternoon in the sun!

Enjoy your week!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

It's another exciting week at PWPS!

Mini Fete: Students need to wear mufti clothes tomorrow (Tuesday) as they will be joining in on a lot of fun games and exciting activities. Please remember students need to wear closed shoes and bring a hat. Students are encouraged to bring their money in a labelled zip lock bag or small wallet.

Don't forget that our Speaking and Listening Task is coming up in Week 7. Have you chosen your topic yet? Remember to use the success criteria when you're getting prepared!

Have you checked out our Year 1 and Year 2 Facebook page? We have some great ideas up there for our topic talks this week!

Our Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be completed by next week. Has your child brought something in for their class box already? If you have any questions about

what needs to be donated, please speak to your class teacher. Remember that it has to fit inside a shoebox.

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

Last Monday we had a visit from Aunty Julie and Uncle Lex, who gave us a great learning experience, teaching us about Aboriginal culture. Have you seen some of the photos on our Facebook page?

Unfortunately, Russ the Bus had to visit the mechanic last week and was unable to visit us on Tuesday. We were very disappointed but I am speaking with the organisers to make sure Russ comes and visits us in December. When we have a confirmed date, we will let you know!

Tomorrow is the Mini Fete! I hope everyone has been saving up their money to spend at the stalls our Year 5 and 6 students have put together. It is sure to be a great day and is a great fundraiser for our Year 6 students. Students can wear mufti to school.

Operation Christmas Child is well underway in our classrooms and students have already started bringing in items to put their class boxes together. They are due next week so keep your donations coming! If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher.

Maths focus for this week: Fractions

Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Finding equivalent fractions
- Finding a fraction of a group

- Explaining fractions

Reading Target Update

- 40% of Year 3 students (43 students) = achieved 40 Book Target
- 56% of Year 3 students (60 students) = on track for success

How many books has your child read? All students should be reading each night as part of their homework. Check in with your child and see how close they are to completing their 40 Book Target. We're almost there!

Have an amazing week everyone!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

The **mini-fete** will be held this Tuesday. It's a great fun event that raises money for the Year 6 farewell at the end of the term. I would encourage all children to bring some money (we recommend a plastic zip lock bag) to spend at the stalls. Most of the activities and games will cost \$1 or less. The Year 5 students have been busy organising their stall; they do require some support from their parents / caregivers to ensure that it's a success.

2016 School Leaders applications are due next Monday. All year 5 students have been participating in learning about leadership. This week they will be writing their leadership applications.

A reminder that applications for entry into 2018 selective high schools is now open until 14 November 2016, applications can only be made online. For further information parents may go online to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement or see Mrs Donaldson.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

This week is all about the **Mini Fete!!!** All students should be busy preparing their equipment for the fete. We have been meeting with the students at school and discussing strategies to make their stalls effective and successful. Thanks to all the parents for your assistance and contribution. It's going to be a great day on Tuesday.

Most classes have almost completed **Topic 5** in their mathematics studies – **Fractions**. Assessment pre and post tests will come home soon for discussion with parents. Please take the time to discuss the strengths and weaknesses shown within these assessments. Students can strengthen the weaker areas by using Mangahigh and other online resources at home.

All students should now be accepted into a high school. Orientation Day for NSW Public Secondary Schools is **on Tuesday 6th December**. Students attending a non-government high school will have an alternative date.

It is an exciting time for our Year 6 students as the year starts to come to a close. It is important however that they remain on task and focused at all times and complete all set tasks with commitment.

Year 6 Reading Target Results

- Successfully Achieved 40 or more novels = 32 students
- 36% of the grade have achieved their target
- 61% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

TOPIC 7 Mathematics Focus Area – Adding and Subtracting Fractions

- Adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators
- Adding fractions with related denominators

It's going to be another exciting week.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

There are still a large number of books overdue. Books are borrowed for two weeks and need to be returned as soon as possible after the two weeks. If you have a book overdue please return it as soon as possible.

Book club has arrived and will be given out today

Next book club is the last one for the year.

Mrs Sell

MINI FETE

The Mini Fete will be held on **Tuesday 8th November** from 11.15am to 1.00pm.

There will be loads of fantastic stalls including:

- Lolly stalls
- Face Paint
- Haunted House
- Jumping Castle
- Cupcakes
- Internet Café
- Basketball Shootout
- Soccer Shootout
- Drink stalls
- Nail Polish
- Obstacle courses
- Tattoos
- Paper Toss Games
- Sponge throw
- Race Car Mania
- Can Toss Games



Start saving your money for this exciting event!

Uniform Sale - THIS WEEK ONLY

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Sale on Second Hand Uniforms - \$2-00 per piece - NO refund or exchanges.

Upper Playground before school.

Operation Christmas Child

The SRC are currently supporting a program called Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for those who have already made generous donations to this cause!

Your children may have come home asking for a donation from one of the areas:

- Something to love (teddy, doll, car)
- Something to wear (t-shirt, socks, hat)
- Something to play with (ball)
- Something for school (pencils, pencil case, ruler)
- Something for personal hygiene (soap, comb, tooth brush)
- Something special (bag, sun glasses, torch)

Please remember that these product need to be unused due to customs restrictions. Donations need to be received by the Wednesday 16th November, so that they can be shipped to a child living in poverty by Christmas time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss McSpadden

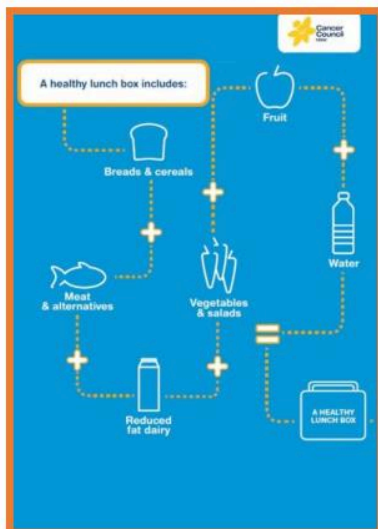
The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Packing a healthy lunch box is as simple as including each of these food groups. And you can combine several in a single item.

Try a pita pocket (bread) with lamb kofta (meat) and tabbouleh (salad).

Or go for a tub of whole or puréed berries with natural yoghurt for a fruit and dairy combo.



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

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

