

# Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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## Principal's Message

### **Community Forums - are you coming?**

Tomorrow we have our community forums - one at 9.00am and one at 6.00pm. The agenda will be the same for both, and will be held in the school library. We will be informing parents about the things that we have done this year as well as our results, and then discussing a variety of questions to get your feedback and suggestions on directions for 2017. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. There will be food, so we would like to know if you are coming so that we can cater for you, so please respond on Facebook, or let the school office know. Thank you.

We have nearly arrived at the end of the year. I have been spending much of my time reading children's reports, and I am impressed by the learning and growth that is represented in this reports. They will be sent out next week, and I encourage parents to read them with their children. Discuss their successes and the areas that they are still developing. In their English and maths reports all children have listed some significant things that they have achieved, and some areas to work on next. We would like parents to celebrate with their children the successes, and assist them to work on the areas to develop. Please also remember that a C grade is the expected achievement. If your child receives a C, they are doing alright. If they received a C in the half yearly report, and a C again now, this means that they have continued to learn at the expected rate, and have learnt all the new things in the second half of the year. This is progress.

There will be an opportunity for non English speaking parents to have a meeting with one of our support staff to translate the report. If you are reading this and know of

parents who need this support, please invite them to see our school office. Thank you.

### **Swim school**

Thank you to the parents who have enabled their children to attend the swim school. I know that there have been some children who were quite fearful at first. It is so important for children in Australia to learn to swim. Every year we hear of tragedies on the news. I encourage all parents to follow up with their children over the holidays, to give them opportunities to practice the skills learnt and become more confident. Please make sure, however, that all children are appropriately supervised when around water.

Congratulations to our winning PSSA cricket and girls softball teams. I was able to watch some of each match, and was impressed by the children's skills and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all PSSA teams this year - it is not just about winning - and thank you to all the coaches who put in so much extra time to support the children's growing skills.

### **Teacher's Federation Stop Work Action**

The NSW Teacher's Federation has called for all teachers to attend a stop work meeting for one hour on Thursday December 8th. As Parramatta West Public School has swim school at this time, the teachers have received an exemption from being a part of this action, and will attend school as normal. There will be two teachers attending the meeting to report back to the staff.

All children should attend school as normal on Thursday, there will be full supervision and swim school will continue as normal.

### **Presentation Day**

Next Monday is presentation day. Parents with children receiving awards will have received invitations to attend, so we look forward to seeing you there. I know that teachers have a very difficult time selecting children to receive these awards. All children have worked hard in their own way and have made progress.

## End of year events to remember

November 28- December 9 - swim school

November 29 - captains 2017 elections

December 6 - Community Forums at 9.00am and 6.00pm

December 12 - Presentation Day - 9.10am - K - Y2 (including MCT and Year 2 from 2/3S),

- 11.30 - Y3 - Y6 (including MCG, MCS & Year 3 from 2/3S)

December 12 - student reports sent home

December 13 - Sports Presentation

December 14 - Party Day and Year 6 Farewell

December 16 - Talent Quest and last day of school.

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the forums,

*Anthea Donaldson*

*Principal*

## Class Awards

KA Akshuz

KH Lya

2L Alberto

2N Nedal

2/3S Gautham

KK	Yanni	3B	Hasan
KL	Ansh	3K	Bilal
KN	Saim	3J	Maisam
KR	Ahmed	4A	Aboli
KS	Nasrin	4H	Faiza
1F	Ceylin	4S	Emosi
1G	Alisha	5C	Fizza
1H	Shan	5M	Angelina
1J	Fiona	5/6J	Nicole
1L	Abdel	6M	Priya
1/2A	Ignacy	6R	Mustafa
2B	Sonny	MCG	Edric
2H	Moksh	MCS	Megan
		MCT	Gani

## Stage News

### Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that there is only two weeks left of your child's first year at school. They have all come so far both socially and academically. In the last few

weeks we will be spending time reflecting on what we have learnt this year and how much hard work it has taken to improve.

We will also be spending time learning about some very basic ideas of child protection, such as feeling safe, people who help us and stranger danger. It might be a valuable time to discuss these topics with your child as well.

Please note there is no topic talk this week.

Have a lovely week

Miss Richards

## Year 1 and Year 2

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

1L: Jiya    2N: Shloka

There are still 2 weeks to go for students to reach their 40 book target. Let's keep going!

Swim School: Don't forget to rinse your swimmers each night and dry your towel over night. Only 1 week to go!

Party Day: Students will be starting to plan their Party Day Picnic in class this week. Party Day is next Wednesday, 14th December. Students will be allowed to wear mufti clothes and will be asked to bring in something for their small group to share for their picnic. It's a special time to celebrate a wonderful year together!

Do you still have library books at home? Try to return them this week please before the holidays start.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Miss Langhans

## Year 3

We are nearly at the end of the year! It's hard to believe that a whole year has gone past, but what a fantastic year of learning we have had! There are lots of celebrations coming up to finish off our year, so please make a note of the following dates next week:

- ***Monday 12th December – Presentation Day*** (Parents will have received invitations last week if your child is receiving an award.)
- ***Tuesday 13th December – Sports Presentation Day & Russ the Bus***
- ***Wednesday 14th December – Party Day***
- ***Friday 16th December – Talent Quest & last day of term!***

A note will be going home this week about Party Day. Your child will be sharing a picnic with a group of friends and will nominate something to share. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

I have confirmation that Russ the Bus will be coming to Parramatta West next Tuesday! Please make sure your child has their books ready for the book swap. I know that they have been patiently waiting and are very excited that Russ is finally coming to visit!

We have had a fantastic week at Swim School and are looking forward to another great week. Please continue to make sure your child is ready for swimming each day and has all of their belongings clearly labeled in a plastic bag. Remember to rinse and dry out your swimmers and towel each afternoon so it is ready for the next day!

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

Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Using models to subtract 2-digit numbers
- Using written methods to subtract 2-digit numbers
- Using other mental maths strategies
- Using addition to check subtraction

### ***Reading Target Update***

Just two more weeks until the end of term – how close is your child to reaching their target?

Have a fabulous week everyone!

Miss Stuart

## **Year 4 and Year 5**

Last week we held a vote for our 2017 school leader. The votes have been counted and the leaders will be announced at Presentation Day next Monday.

Next week is a huge week of assemblies and performances. The presentation day is next Monday and the sports presentation is on Tuesday. There will be a number of rehearsals taking place throughout the week. We would really like to see as many parents and family members as possible at these events to celebrate a wonderful year.

Don't forget that all home reading and library books need to be returned as soon as possible for the annual stock take.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

## Year 6

Please continue to send permission notes and money for the **Year 6 Farewell Rehearsal on Wednesday 14th December**. Please be reminded that students can leave school early that day if they are signed out of school by a parent. Students cannot walk home from school if they wish to leave after the rehearsal.

We look forward to seeing parents attending the Year 6 Farewell at 8.30pm for the presentation of graduation certificates and the farewell song.

This week students will participate in their second week of the **High School Transition Program**. The students have enjoyed moving around to different classes and having choice over subject selection.

**The DEC High School Orientation Day is this Tuesday 6th December**. All students attending a public high school will attend the orientation day organised by the high school they will be attending in 2016.

Invitations for the **PWPS Presentation Day** went home last week. We hope you come along and congratulate this year's award winners on Monday 12th December at 11.30am in the school hall.

School reports will be sent home on **Monday 12th December**. Please read the comments carefully to find out your child's strengths and where to next for further growth.

Another busy week in Year 6!

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

- Successfully Achieved 40 or more novels = 41 students
- 47% of the grade have achieved their target
- 62% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

### ***TOPIC 8 Mathematics Focus Area – Percentages***

- Finding the percentage of a number.
- Estimating percentages



Will you be attending the PWPS Community Forum on Tuesday 6th December?  
Please RSVP via Facebook or at the office. We need as many parents as possible!

See you there,

**Mrs Rhodes**

## Library News

Keep returning those overdue books if they cannot be found they need to be paid for.

I still have a book club order with no name on it just go to the office if you ordered book club and did not receive your order.

If Possible please wash library bags or buy new ones for the new year.

All children will need a library bag to be able to borrow.

Mrs Sell

# The simplest way

...to plan the week's lunches.

The year is almost over  
- that's a lot of lunches  
you've had to pack!



Finding the time and  
inspiration to create a  
healthy lunch box five  
days a week can be a chore. Planning ahead can ease the pain.

Make it even simpler and head to the "for parents" section of  
**[eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au)** for ideas for five healthy lunch boxes.

Make them all, or pick and choose the items your child will  
love to eat.

Just remember to include a combination of breads and cereals,  
meat and alternatives, veg and salads, fruit, dairy and a drink  
of water.

**For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
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The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney  
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# Cumberland Council

## Out of School Hours Education and Care



Council's Out of School Hours (OOSH) Education and Care Centres cater for children aged 5-13 years who attend primary school in the Cumberland Local Government area and surrounding areas.

Services operate Monday to Friday:  
 Before School Care from 6.30am - 9.30am  
 (Permitway OOSH 6.00am - 9.00am)  
 After School Care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
 School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm  
 (Permitway OOSH 6.00am - 6.00pm)  
 All activities and excursions are included.  
 Services are closed public holidays.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with an internet based program aligned with the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place.

Experienced and qualified educators develop stimulating and educational programs to meet the children's interests and needs. Homework is supported through the homework club.

Environmentally friendly initiatives are promoted within all services. Services promote child well-being and development through our safety program.

Families are welcome to visit [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au) to view programs and complete enrolment forms.

### Council's OOSH Centre contact details:

Guildford West OOSH:	9721 2257	0419 120 575
Perimeter West OOSH:	9633 8246	0408 242 913
Perimeter OOSH:	9896 6129	0427 058 227
Pendle Hill OOSH:	9631 8063	0410 553 264
Ringside OOSH:	9636 6586	0419 442 153
Greenwood Grange OOSH:	9892 4207	0419 632 885
Widmore OOSH:	9757 1904	0417 647 310

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Transport  
for NSW

## School travel 2017

### Application information Nov 2016

### Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

### Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.



## Canteen News

Only 2 more weeks of school left until the Christmas holidays. We are still trading as usual until the last day.

Please make sure to pay your account if it is still outstanding.

Like us on Facebook at Kids Snack Shack for all updates about dates and specials for next year.

Thank you for everyone support in 2016.

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