



### Principal's Message

We have two short weeks coming up, but they are nevertheless important learning weeks, and parents should be encouraged to send their children to school every day. I'm afraid there are too many children who are already getting into bad habits and having too many days off school. These days add up very quickly, and have a serious impact on your child's learning. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school for any reason, please seek help.

Please be aware that whooping cough still appears to be in the community at large, although we have had no more cases at school recently.

One of our goals this year is to increase parent participation in and understanding of their children's learning. This is why we focused on reading at the parent meetings earlier this year, and why we are sending home pre and post maths assessments to you. Please take some time to talk to your child about their learning. The more involved you are, so research tells us, the better your children will do at school. We do not expect you to be the teachers, that is our role. What we need you to do is to show an interest, ask your child to explain to you what they are learning, and encourage them. If they are having difficulty explaining something, ask them questions. If you do not understand something that they are having difficulty with, please ask the teacher to explain it to you. Together, we can all have the best year ever!

Do you know someone who cannot read this newsletter because they speak another language? Ask them if they have seen the podcasts on our website. They can be found under the parent tab, you might like to show them if they have not found them yet.

We are getting ourselves organized for the new look newsletter. Have you sent in your email address yet?

Enjoy the Easter long weekend, spend some quality family time away from screens large and small!

Anthea Donaldson  
Principal

### Easter Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets and money need to be returned by Wednesday as the raffle will be drawn on Thursday. Good luck everyone.

### Class Awards

KA	Kayley	KH	Issac
KK	Hayun	KL	Ayhan
KN	Musa	KR	Kartheeka
KS	Parth	1F	Leen
1G	Nancy	1H	Sydra
1J	Sri Ram	1L	Panav
1/2A	Buse	2B	Akilesh
2H	Moksh	2L	Muzhda
2N	Saida		

### Uniform Shop

Parents, the Sports Uniform will not be available until after the school holidays. Sorry for the delay however the company need another few weeks for delivery. Thank you to those parents who have ordered and for being so patient.

Any question or enquiries please come into the shop.

Thank,  
Uniform Shop and P & C

### SRC News

Thank you to all who donated money for the Teddy Bear's Picnic Fruit Break! As a school we raised \$444.40 for the Westmead Children's Hospital, which will help fund vital equipment for the hospital.



## Stage News

### Kindergarten

Yesterday at Holroyd park we had a small number of families come to meet up and enjoy a 'play date' with some of their Kindy friends on a Sunday. I am sure they enjoyed this time together and we will organise another time in Term 2, hopefully with better weather!

Last week we started having 'Crunch'n'Sip every day in our classes at 10am, after our very successful Teddy bear's fruit break. The children are enjoying the opportunity to take a quick break and gain some valuable energy. Fruit break is not instead of recess, therefore the students have three opportunities to eat.

Please pack the following things everyday for you children:

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| 1. CRUNCH'N'SIP | A small piece of fresh fruit or vegetables. |
| 2. RECESS       | Small snack such as yoghurt or muesli bar   |
| 3. LUNCH        | Sandwich or rice or pasta                   |

### Mathematics

Last week in Mathematics we continued to learn about 'positional language'. So please ask your children if they can show you the 'left' or the 'right' directions. It has been a tricky topic for some of them! This week we are really focusing on numbers 1 -5. How to match them, recognise them, write them and also to know what comes before or after a number.

Keep up the good learning!  
Miss Richards

### Year 1 and Year 2

It's a short week at PWPS with the Easter long weekend. Don't forget there is no school on Friday or Monday (Wk 10). Our Teddy Bears Crunch 'n' Sip Picnic was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who bought their teddy along and donated to a very worthy cause.

On Wednesday year 2 and 1/2A will be attending our Mini Beast incursion. We can't wait to get our hands on some bugs and make connections to what we've learnt so far this term! If you haven't already paid for the incursion it must be sent to the office by tomorrow (Tuesday). We have received a note and some money from someone in Year 2 without a name on it, if this was you could you please let Mrs Negi know. Year 1 students need to have their note and payment handed in by Friday this week.

For topic talks this week students are presenting an insect model made out of recycled materials. We're excited to see all the creativity students have put into their models. If you have a topic talk on Friday or Monday, these will be caught up in class

on either the day before or day after.

Did you know that we have been focusing on number work in year 1 and 2? We've been learning about the value of numbers through sorting, ordering and comparing. Next we are focusing on addition concepts and building on the knowledge we have so far.

Have a great week!  
Miss Langhans

### Year 3

School photo day is today and tomorrow. 2/3S, 3B and 3K have all had their class and individual photos taken today. All students will be involved in the whole school photo tomorrow morning. If you haven't already returned your photo money, it's not too late! Photo orders will still be collected tomorrow.

On Thursday we are looking forward to our Easter celebration. Students in the Easter Club have been working hard in preparing our special assembly on Thursday morning.

As the weather has become a bit cooler this week, its time to check that all items are labelled - jumpers and jackets, hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes! Jumpers often get taken off during the day, we don't want them to get lost! Please write your child's name and class on all items so that they can be returned to you if they go missing.

Wishing everyone a relaxing long weekend. Happy Easter to all our families celebrating Easter! We will see you all back at school on Tuesday!

Miss Stuart

### Year 4 and Year 5

It seems summer has come to an end and with the cooler weather it's important that parents / caregivers ensure all jumpers, jackets and hats are labelled clearly, so that we can return any lost items. We continue to have a lot of unlabelled lunch boxes and drink bottles being left in the playground. Please write your child's name and class on these as well.

### 40 Book Reading Challenge

The Easter long weekend will be great opportunity for all students to have some additional dedicated reading time to assist with completing the reading challenge. Congratulations to all the students who have read 10 books and are on target!

Have a great week!

Mr Clarke

## Stage News cont.....

### Year 6

High School Expression of Interest forms have been collected. They will now be passed on to Mrs Donaldson for signing and then sent on to the nominated schools. You will receive information regarding placement later in the year.

A reminder that the School Photos are taking place this week. Year 6 students will have their class photo taken on Tuesday. Family photos will also take place on Tuesday.

All places for 'The Great Aussie Bush Camp' are now full. There are a few students on the reserve list if a place becomes available.

Each week I will inform parents of the mathematics focus for the week so that you can assist at home in this area.

### Mathematics Focus Area


- The Distributive property of multiplication
- Applying knowledge of the Commutative, Associative and Identity property of multiplication.

Don't forget to keep updated with your child's progress towards their reading goal. We are impressed with their reading so far! Find out what genre your child is reading at the moment.

Mrs Rhodes


### SRC News

Due to weather conditions Clean Up Australia Day was postponed for Years 3-6. It will aim for it to take place this Thursday 24th March.



**How to reduce daily screen time!**

It's recommended that children aged 6–12 years, have a maximum of 2 hours screen time every day (excluding homework).


Screens include: 

How can you minimise screen time?

- Encourage outdoor or active play
- Make meals and snacks 'screen free times'
- Make bedrooms 'screen free zones'
- Make time periods throughout the day 'screen free'

Try to keep these habits even during holidays!

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## "Street Art" Excursion

On Thursday 17th of March a group of students from Parramatta West went to Centenary Square in Parramatta. We went to visit the LIVE WALLS art event and see an awesome street artist named Anthony Lister. He talked to us and then we had a go with the spray cans. It was different to paint with spray cans instead of paint brushes. Our art work started off neat, and then we added on to each other's work and it looked really messy, but it looked great. After that we had some photos with the art works that were made by Anthony Lister. They were amazing. We walked back to school via Parramatta Park and had some time to play.

Hopefully we will have a chance to learn about street art again.

Baris and Cooper





## Harmony Day

We had a great day last Thursday for Harmony Day and raised \$538-85 for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Thank you everybody.



## Community and Road Education Scheme

