

## Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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### Principal's Message

This is our first newsletter using the new software. We have also given our newsletter a new name to celebrate - we thought that newsletter was a bit boring, so it is now called "**The West Weekly**". We hope that it is easier to read on mobile devices. We will continue to let you know when it is available on our website through the school tiqbiz app, but it will be easier to read through your email. If you have not yet given us your email address, please do so asap. There will also be an online way to register - we think! Please let us know what you think.

### Maths Meetings

I encourage all parents to attend the maths meetings this week. Please do not be confused by the calendar times that were sent out earlier in the term. All meetings start at 6.00pm. We decided that the information is similar from K-2 as there is a range in every year, and similarly from 3-6. In this way parents only need to attend one meeting if they have children in multiple years K-2 or 3-6. You will need to attend both nights if you have children in both areas. There are also meetings for parents speaking Arabic, Farsi and Chinese languages.

K-2 Parents - Monday 16th from 6.00pm

3-6 Parents (including 2/3S) - Wednesday 18th from 6.00pm

MC Parents - Monday 16th at 5.30pm.

Why are we holding these meetings? We know that when parents are involved in their children's learning, the children do better at school. We want parents to understand how we teach maths at school, and how you can assist your children at home. We want to give you the tools to have conversations with your children about their learning. I encourage you all to come.

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Evaluations from last year told us that parents wanted interviews after the school reports, so this is what we are doing this year. The school reports will go out in week 10 this term, and the interviews will be at the start of next term. This will give you time to read and discuss the report with your child, and then have the meeting with the teacher. We are also working on making the report easier to understand for parents, and look forward to your feedback. There will be a short survey when you come up for your interview.

Please remember, that although we do organize an official time for parent / teacher interviews, this is so that we can get as many parents up to school as possible. However parents can ask for an interview at any time during the year if they have concerns or want information. Many parents take up this option, so please don't feel that you are imposing. Good communication between teachers and parents is important.

## Class Parents.

We had a great group of parents come along to our meeting last week, and now have class parents for the following classes :

MCT, KA, KN, KR, KS, 1F, 1G, 1H, 1J, 1L, 1/2A, 2L, 2N, 2/3S and 5M

Children in those classes will receive a note for parents, inviting them to "join up". The class parent will set up a "whatsapp" group. We look forward to this being a success, and more parents joining in. Stay tuned for more news about this new idea.

## Stage 2 Park Meet Up

I hope that stage 2 parents and children enjoyed the sunshine at the park yesterday. It was a perfect day for it. Next Sunday, May 22nd it is Stage 3s turn, then we will be back to Kindergarten on May 29th.

## Hang Out With Kids

This new program is happening at Parramatta West on June 2nd (years 2-4) and June 3rd (years 4-6), from 3.30-7.00 each day. There will be games and activities and finish with a pizza party. The sessions are for a child and a parent. There are only 25 places (50 people) for each session, so we selected a group from across the school to invite. Some of those children were not available, so we invited some more. I am now opening it up to anyone from years 2-6. If you are interested in spending a few hours with your child, having fun and learning about each other, then please see me for more information. If your child has already received an invitation but has not returned it, then do so quickly or your place will go to someone else!

## ***Anthea Donaldson***

### ***Principal***

#### **Class Awards**

KA	Dakksh	2L	Muzhda
KH	Anandita	2N	Saida
KK	Parmuir	2/3S	Maya
KL	Muhammad	3B	Milena
KN	Rehan	3K	Karandeep
KR	Rafah	3/4A	Taiba
KS	Taike	4H	Teleah
1F	Irfan	4S	Owen
1G	Tabasum	4/5C	Ayesha
1H	Taha	5M	Jamahl
1J	Ayush	5/6J	Mia
1L	Isabel	6M	Kriday
1/2A	Ojas	6R	Prem
2B	Sonny	MCG	Shreya
2H	Arham	MCS	Damon

# Stage News

## Kindergarten

Last Tuesday we had a fantastic trip to the farm where all students respectfully represented PWPS. The teachers and the students got to experience something different to everyday school and city life. Please talk about this experience with your children, it is a great talking point!

We hope to see parents tonight at 6pm to learn about Maths in a Kindergarten classroom. In class, we are continuing to talk about comparing objects. Such as comparing the height, volume and mass.

It is really good to see the students bringing in a healthy snack for fruit break everyday. I encourage you to think about the lunches that you are providing your children as well. As teachers we have been seeing some students bringing cakes and chips as "lunch" everyday.

Have a great week!

Miss Richards

## Year 1 and Year 2

We hope to see lots of familiar faces at tonight's Maths Parent Meeting. It starts at 6pm. Don't forget that if you have children in other K-2 classes you can attend any of the K-2 meetings as we are covering the same information.

This week all stage 1 students will be starting their intensive dance unit during fitness times. On Wednesday afternoon we had numerous students not able to participate in sport because they did not have a hat. This is a big disappointment as they are missing out on learning and practising fundamental movement skills and playing at recess/lunch time. We know that things can go missing but students are ultimately responsible for their belongings. We hope to see everyone with their hat this Wednesday afternoon!

For topic talks this week year 1 students are bringing in their 'family quilt' and year 2 students (including 1/2A) are bringing in their 'Australian quilt'. These will make a beautiful display in all of our classrooms!

Have a fabulous week!

Miss Langhans

## Year 3

This week we have a new Year 3 class formed! We welcome Miss Hong to the Year 3 team as we wait for the appointment of the new teacher for this class. All students have settled in to their new class today and are ready for another great week of learning.

This Wednesday at 6pm we are holding a Parent Meeting in the Library to talk all about maths! Come along to hear about what maths looks like in our Year 3 classrooms (2/3S, 3B, 3K and 3New) as well as tips and tools to help you when working with your children at home. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend. There

will also be meetings in Arabic, Farsi / Dari and Mandarin / Cantonese for those families who require the meeting to be translated.

It's great to see so many Year 3 students excited about our reading challenge and making terrific progress towards their targets. Congratulations to those students who have already read 40 books! We have 3% of students already having achieved their target, with 32% of students on track towards their targets. How many books has your child read so far? Are they reading every night at home? Reading is part of Year 3's daily homework.

Just a friendly reminder: Please remember to send in a note or a doctor's certificate explaining your child's absence if they are away from school. This is a legal requirement.

I look forward to seeing our Year 3 parents on Wednesday evening, at 6pm in the Library!

Miss Stuart

## Year 4 and Year 5

Well done to all the students who sat the NAPLAN assessments last week. It was a long week and completing challenging assessments three days in a row can be tiring. It is now back to normal routines and we can expect to receive the NAPLAN results early in Term 4.

Last week a note went home to all the students who qualified for the zone cross-country. The note must be returned as soon as possible and I would encourage all of our representatives to continue with their training in preparation for the zone carnival.

Finally, how many books has your child read towards the 40 book reading challenge? Now is a great time to check-in, and each child needs to have read about 15 books to be on track to complete the challenge by the end of the year.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

## Year 6

**IMPORTANT!!!!**

### **Parent Maths Meeting**

**Topic: Mathematics at PWPS and how to help at home.**

**When:** Wednesday 18th May

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Where:** Mrs Rhodes' classroom in F Block

Translated versions of this presentation will be available in Farsi/Dari, Arabic and Mandarin/Cantonese.

This week our Year 6 students will be involved in their first Peer Support Training session. Being a peer support leader requires leadership, confidence and organisation. We know they will do a great job when teaching their fellow students in a few weeks' time.

This coming Sunday is an opportunity for our Year 6 families to come together at Holroyd Gardens It is a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality time together outside of the school grounds and also for parents to meet each other. Take a picnic lunch and enjoy the great weather.

#### ***Mathematics Focus Area***

- The Order of Operations
- Using the Order of Operations to solve problems

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

Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 6 students

Keep encouraging your kids to read! We can see a difference already in their engagement with novels and motivation to read.

Mrs Rhodes

## **Library News**

We would love for you to join us on a Monday afternoon at 2.15 for the parent workshop.

A great time to talk about books and reading and to read to your child.

Thank you for your patience while we moved to our new library system. The children will now be able to log into their portal and see what they have borrowed and search for books. We will be learning this over the next few weeks.

Parents if your child is not borrowing you need to send a library bag as soon as possible. All children need to be borrowing on a regular basis.

Mrs Sell



**Have you taken care of your WILL?**

For \$50, we can help.

Tuesday 21st June 2016

Parramatta Salvation Army

34 Smith Street, Parramatta

## Stewart House Clothing Appeal

The last day to bring in to school any unwanted, clean clothing for The Stewart House appeal is **27th May 2016**.

## Call for nominations - 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA)

ASG NEiTA is proud to be associated with creating opportunities to recognise and reward inspirational teachers, directors and principals who are responsible for teaching our young people and ensuring they are equipped with the necessary skill-sets to meet their future goals.

Nomination close 31 July 2016.

If you need assistance please call **1800 624 487** or visit [www.asg.com.au/neita](http://www.asg.com.au/neita)

## Home Readers

Parents, please take care of home readers as there are too many home readers not being read and signed, coming back damaged and wet or not coming back at all!

Thanks for your co-operations,

The Home Reading Parent Volunteers

# The simplest way

...to eat extra veg every day.

Think a daily dose of five veg sounds like a lot? It's not, with these quick and easy ways to eat extra veg every day!



**Baked beans** on toast for breakfast (legumes count as veg).

**Veg snacks:** carrot and celery sticks; corn on the cob (hot or cold); leftover baked pumpkin or sweet potato (great on sandwiches too).

Spread **avocado** on toast or sandwiches.



**Vegie sandwich:** cucumber slices sandwiched together with reduced-fat cream cheese.



**Salad on sandwiches:** grated carrot, lettuce, tomato and cucumber; or tabbouleh.

**Veg-oodles:** long thin strands of grated zucchini, carrot, sweet potato or parsnip mixed with wheat-based pasta or noodles.

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