

Parramatta West A NSW Public School



The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

I hope that everyone had a lovely long weekend. If you haven't yet made it into Sydney for the Vivid Festival, I encourage you to do so. It finishes on June 18th and is quite spectacular.

Make Mum's Day

Next Friday is a special day for all our mums (or female carers, grandmothers, aunties...). We hope that as many of you as possible will come along to spend a special morning at Parramatta West. The morning will start with a session in the hall with some of our teacher mums. We will share our ideas, our challenges and the joys of motherhood, make some new friends and celebrate what we all do 24/7. After this you will visit your child's class to spend some time with them in a fun activity. If you have more than one child, you collect the younger ones and take them to the class of the eldest child. At recess time we invite you to stay for morning tea, and the kindergarten classes will be holding a cake stall fundraiser. The school will be back to normal lessons after recess.

This is a slight change to our previous routine due to our growing numbers, but we hope that you enjoy the morning. The hall and classrooms will be very crowded, so we encourage you to find alternative arrangements for pre-schoolers for the morning. However, we don't want you to miss out, so bring them if you have to!

Social Media Notes

Please return these as soon as possible, with either a yes or a no box ticked. When we have special events at school it is nice to record these with photographs and share them with our school community. Without these notes we cannot put your children's photos in our newsletter, and it makes it very difficult to separate the ones with permission from those without.

Multicultural Week

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the notes indicating interest in being involved in our multicultural celebrations. We have 13 countries represented so far! I encourage you to come along on June 21st from 9.00am to share ideas and learn more about what we are thinking. If you have not yet returned your note and are interested, please do so. (Copy of the note is at the end of this newsletter.)

Parent Online Payment Portal

This is now available on our school website: <https://quickweb.westpac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet>

and should make paying for school activities much easier for parents, especially for large amounts.

Please note that you only need to fill in the sections with a green star, you don't need to worry about the student registration number or the invoice number. Make sure that you put the child's name, not your name, in the name box. If you are paying enrichment money, you can tick the box that says "other". After you have entered your card details, you will be given a receipt number. This is what needs to be sent back to school so that we know you have paid the amount. Please let us know if there are any difficulties.

Parents who are still owing enrichment money have been sent a note indicating how much they owe. You could try out this new system for your next payment. Please make payments for each child separately rather than making a family payment. Thank you.

Holroyd Gardens Park gathering

Next Sunday it is Stage 3s turn to get together in the gardens and have some fun. Talk to your friends and try to get a group together.

Peer Support

Last Friday I had the great pleasure of wandering around the school observing the peer support lessons taking place. What a fabulous team of senior students we have, and what great students the rest of the school make! The children were learning all about how their brains work and the importance of challenging themselves. Congratulations to the senior students and their teachers. I hope that parents take the time to ask their children to explain what they have learnt about their brains. Parents may learn something too.

Stay warm and read a good book!

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Class Awards

KA Kayley	1H Kumail
KH Maleah	1J Aashman
KK Raabia	1L Nizzar
KL Eric	1/2A Chloe
KN Nadia	2B Nikitha
KR Otis	2H Brendan
KS Media	2L Damon
1F Aaliyah	2N Aimen
1G Rohan	MCT Zac

Stage News

Kindergarten

We are looking forward to seeing lots of mums attending the "Make mum's day" this Friday morning. The students will enjoy having you come along and see them at school.

Also this Friday the Kindergarten team are running "**The Kindy cake stall**" at recess and lunch time. We would love you to help us raise money for the Year 6 students by bringing in something for us to sell at the cake stall. A note went home last Friday providing more information. It would be great if your children have some money so they can buy some yummy cakes too!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Wow! Another student in stage 1 has reached their 40 book target. Congratulations Aksel!

This week students are presenting their 'Recycled Homes' for their topic talk. We can't wait to see how creative they have been with recycled materials and the type of home they choose. Those students that have their topic talk on Monday will be able to do their talks during the week.

Unfortunately there were about 10 students who weren't able to participate in sport last week due to them not having a hat. A hat is part of the school uniform and needs to be worn every day. Let's hope that everyone has their hat for sport this week!

This Friday is Make Mum's Day. We're looking forward to seeing all our mums at school!

Have a great week,

Miss Langhans

Year 3

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend!

At the end of last week your child brought home information on their speaking and listening task for this term. We are looking forward to hearing these speeches in Weeks 9 and 10. We have been focusing on persuading people and forming arguments about an issue in English this term. Students will be planning their speeches for homework and are encouraged to ask questions to help them refine their talk before presenting it to the class. We are not only looking at their public speaking skills but the process that they go through when practising, how they challenge themselves, ask questions and give and take on feedback.

On Friday we will be holding our annual '*Make Mum's Day*'. This will be held on Friday 17th May. We hope to see as many mums as possible for what is sure to be an exciting day of activities.

Maths focus for this week:

We are finishing off our measurement unit, focusing on calculating perimeter.

Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to those students who have already read 40 books and are now on their way to 80! How many

books has your child read? Ask them to tell you about what they are reading this week.

- 5% of students have achieved their reading target of 40 books.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

Year 4 are going on an excursion to Old Government House in Parramatta Park on Tuesday, 28th June 2016. We need four parents to accompany us and help supervise the students while they are in Old Government House and doing other activities during the day. If you are able to attend please let Mrs Abraham know, either in person or via the office. There will be no cost to the accompanying parents.

A reminder an invitation went home to students in 5C & 5M inviting the students and their parents to a meeting this Wednesday 15 June at 3pm in 5C (Mr Clarke's room). At this meeting we will be planning our teaching & learning activities for term 3. This is a new initiative and it is hoped that by engaging parents and students in the planning stage of learning we will improve our teaching and student performance. Any parents or caregivers who are unable to attend the meeting may like to write a note to Mrs Marks or myself with any ideas that they may have.

Finally good luck to the students who will be representing our school at the Sydney West Cross-Country Carnival on Wednesday, I'm sure you'll be fantastic.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

We are very proud of the Year 6 students for their excellent leadership shown in Peer Support last Friday. Teaching a group of younger students can be very challenging. Our students impressed everyone! Don't forget to ask your child all about it.

We had a group of Year 6 students attend Parramatta High School for the '**PHS Enrichment Program**' today. It is great to have these opportunities for our students to experience high school and begin the transition into this next phase in their lives.

Notifications will continue to arrive for parents with regards to high school placements. If you have not received notification yet, don't be concerned as the process does take a long time.

Please ensure money orders for the 'Year 6 T-Shirt' are handed into the office. The students have had input into the design of the shirt and it is a great memory of their time at PWPS.

Mathematics Focus Area

- Dividing Decimals by 10, 100 or 1000
- Using number lines to add and subtract decimals

Year 6 Reading Target Results

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 10 students
- 11% of the grade have achieved their target

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

* Bookclub has been ordered and is expected some time this week

* This is our last week to borrow. Next week everything will need to be returned so the library can be organised for term 3.

* Please do not repair books at home simply return them with a note if necessary and I will repair them properly.

Mrs Sell

Teacher/Librarian

SRC News

The Bucket Challenge has started this week and will run through to the end of term. We are asking for students to find any loose change and add to their classes bucket. Remember it's not the most money that wins the challenge, it's the most coins. So start looking for those 5c, 10c and 20c pieces caught in the couch.

This money will be split between World Vision and Camp Quality, who recently came to our school and shared knowledge about cancer.

SRC Team

ICAS Writing Competition

The University of NSW Writing competition is on this week on Thursday 16th June for those student who have paid.

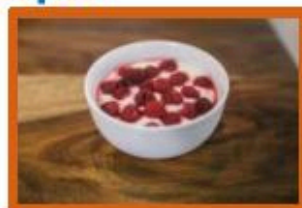
Playgroup

Unfortunately there **will not** be playgroup here at school on Friday 17th and 24th June.

The simplest way

...to create healthy food swaps.

Make snacks healthy with an added fruit and veg boost! Try these simple swaps:



SWAP THIS:	FOR THIS:
Fruit juice – has very little fibre.	Smoothie – using a whole piece of fruit and keeping all the fibre.
Flavoured yoghurt – can be high in sugar.	Reduced-fat natural yoghurt with fruit – reduces sugar and fat, boosts fruit.
Packaged potato chips – high in fat and salt.	Homemade potato chips – thinly slice potato (or sweet potato), grill on lightly-greased tray until golden.
Muesli bar – can be high in fat and sugar.	Poppletana – unsalted popcorn + dried apple + sultana = nibble mix.

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
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Kindergarten Cake Stall

On Friday 17th June Kindergarten children have been asked to bring in something suitable to sell at the cake stall. Prices range from 50c to \$2-00 so please remember to bring in some change so you can purchase a yummy treat! This is a fundraiser for the Year 6 farewell.

Peer Support

Congratulations to the students in Year 5 and 6 for their Peer Support lessons held last Friday. All the senior students were required to teach a group of younger students a lesson about the brain and how it can grow. There were many elements to the lesson and for it to be successful they had to be organised, engaging and manage their time well.

We were most impressed with all of the students and have had many comments about their leadership skills and excellent teaching. I think we have some budding young teachers in the group. All of the students will reflect on their lesson and receive feedback from a teacher in order to improve for the next session in Term 3.

Here are some pictures and quotes from students who were involved in the lessons.



I learnt about growing my brain. We made stuff out of playdough, straws and pipe cleaners.

It's a brain cell. The straw shows all the thinking going across to the cell.

Ahad and Eshaan 2L

We learnt about what's in our brain. The cells and neurons. We made things to show the neurons sending messages, They are very chatty.

Srihaa and Mehak 4S

Multicultural Note

Dear Parents,

Our Community Action Team (CAT) is planning a wonderful multicultural event for Week 7 of Term 4 this year. We want to celebrate our school community and learn from each other.

The idea is for us to fill our school hall with displays from as many countries represented in our school community as possible, so we need your help!

We would like groups of parents from our community to work together, with support from a contact teacher and some senior students, to set up these displays.

During the actual week, the idea is for each class to have some time to spend in the hall, learning from all the displays. There might be a quiz or scavenger hunt for children to get answers to as they go around the hall or stamps on a passport.

At this stage we are looking for volunteers to get together, and to get an idea of how many different countries and cultures we can celebrate at this event.

We will be having an information morning on **Tuesday June 21st from 9.00am** in the staffroom to discuss the ideas and see who is interested.

Please return the slip below if you think that you might be available to join in with this venture. Returning the slip and attending the meeting are not a commitment to being involved.

Looking forward to seeing lots of people on the 21st.

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

I _____ parent of _____ in class _____

- Will be attending the meeting on June 21st about the multicultural week.
- Cannot attend the meeting, but would like to be involved.

My country of origin is _____.

Signed _____



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