

# Parramatta West A NSW Public School

## The West Weekly



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## Principal's Message

This newsletter brings us to the end of the first half of 2016 - how time flies! The children will be taking their reports home today, so I hope that parents will take the time to sit down with their children and discuss the report together. All reports give suggestions about what the child is working towards in English and maths.

## Parent teacher interviews

The portal is open from today enabling parents to book interview times. There will be a computer available in the front office for parents to book in if they are not able to access it elsewhere. Please pass this information on to your friends if they need assistance.

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

School Code    uvgc7

Full instruction on how to book an interview are at the end of this newsletter.

## Homework

Your children all have special homework today - we are asking them to complete a survey on Internet access. Please respond to this straight away - there are prizes for the classes with 100% return rates!

## Life skills parent session

After the success of the last parent session, we have put on another one, this Friday from 9am in the school hall. Our children have all loved this program, and teachers have noticed how beneficial it has been. I encourage parents to attend the session if they can. This link will take you to their website so that you can learn more about them.

<http://www.lifeskillsgroup.com.au/>

## Facebook

Our public Facebook page is up and running. We have discovered that there is another parramatta west Facebook page that someone else has created in the past - this is not us! Our Facebook page has our

logo, so it is clear that it is the real one, and it also has some pictures from Make Mums Day. I encourage you to like our page and we will start posting more things there to keep you informed.

Please return your emails so that we can invite you to join the closed Facebook year groups as we will be using these next term.

## Office Computer

There will be a computer set up in our school admin area for parent use. You can use this for access to our Facebook site, the newsletter, parent interview bookings.

## How are we spending our Gonski money?

For the last couple of years Parramatta West has been receiving additional money to support your children. This has enabled us to employ our speech therapist who works with each year group for a term, as well as providing support and advice to teachers and parents. Our children have all benefited from this service, with clear evidence of improving sentence structure and vocabulary in the children, and improved NAPLAN writing results.

The money has also enabled us to employ bilingual school learning support officers, who work in our school daily supporting parents and students. The Gonski money has been supplemented by additional funds for our refugee students.

Next term we will be employing Mrs Herring to provide increased learning and support time for students who are struggling academically.

All our Aboriginal students receive some additional learning support officer time to assist them with their personal development goals.

Parents who are struggling financially are able to apply for assistance with school costs for uniforms, excursions and school activities. This enables all our children to participate in all aspects of the school.

Without the additional Gonski money, none of the above would be possible.

## Multicultural Week

We had lots of wonderful parents show an interest in the multicultural week, although not all could attend the meeting last week. We are collecting the names of a single contact person for each country, who can then negotiate with the others. Mr Ta will be setting up a closed Facebook page for the group to connect with each other through and share ideas. We also would like an Australian group!

## Staffing

Next term I will be taking leave to attend my daughter's wedding, my grandson's first birthday (in Scotland) and visit my other daughter in Germany. In my absence Mr Ta will be acting principal and Mr Clarke will be acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Marie Doueihy will be taking 5C. I have every confidence in the executive team to continue the good work, and look forward to seeing you all again at the end of term 3.

Have a wonderful school holidays, don't forget to get out and about, visit the library and the park, and stay warm!

**Anthea Donaldson**

## ***Principal***

### Class Awards

KA Adhiraj	2N Yaseen
KH Aysha	3S Muna
KK Parmuir	3B Pun
KL Krishwin	3K Rishi
KN Alisha	3J Murtaza H
KR Kunjal	4A Taraksh
KS Media	4H Tamim
1F Ceylin	4S Sereen
1G Morteza	5C Jessica
1H Yussif	5M Ahmad
1J Montadhar	5/6J Baris
1L Arush	6M Katherine
1/2A Zainab	6R Mani
2B Dikshita	MCG Ronakh
2H Damion	MCS Shivansh
2L Dorsa	

### Stage News

#### Kindergarten

What a busy term we have had! The students have really grown up and learnt so much in their first semester of school. You will be receiving the first semester reports today. Please read them and if you need help understanding them, please see your child's teacher.

In week 2 of next term we will be having parent - teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning and behaviour in class. Please book a time online and let us know if you require a translator.

This is the last week that Ms Newtown will be on her class KN, from next term Miss Hong will be teaching KN. We wish Ms Newtown all the best as she goes on maternity leave to have her first child. Good luck and we can't wait to meet the new baby.

Have a really safe holidays!

Miss Richards

## Year 1 and Year 2

Wow! We've made it to the end of the term! It has been a wonderful term full of learning and all the teachers are very proud of the work students have done this term. Today semester 1 reports go home and this is a great opportunity to talk about your child's learning as teachers have spent a lot of time putting reports together. The new format will hopefully be easy to read and understand and we welcome your feedback! Remember that a 'C' grade shows that they have a sound knowledge of the content being taught at their grade level. It is important to look at the effort your child has put into their learning and this is rated from 1-5. Next term we will be having interviews and your child's learning can be discussed further.

I hope that over the holidays students will have an opportunity to get outside, borrow from their local library and spend some quality family time with you all.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Miss Langhans

## Year 3

What a fantastic term we have had! Year 3 students have come so far over the last two terms and have grown in confidence and independence as learners. We can't wait to see what the next two terms hold for us!

Reports will go home with your child this afternoon. These reports have been written carefully by your child's teacher to provide you with information about your child's strengths, as well as the next steps for your child so that they can further improve. Please make sure you sit down and read the report with your child and discuss their learning with them.

Parent-teacher interviews will be held next term on Wednesday of Week 2. I encourage you to book a time to speak to your child's teacher. During the interviews you will be able to talk about your child's learning, their progress and your child's teacher can answer any questions regarding the report.

Congratulations to those students who have already presented their speeches to their class. We have been impressed by the effort students have put in, and by the arguments they have presented. Very convincing! We look forward to hearing the rest of their speeches this week. Students are receiving feedback from their teacher and peers in class. Formal marking sheets and feedback will be sent home once all students have completed this task.

**Maths focus for this week:**

**Multiplication concepts – using arrays, solving multiplication problems and using number patterns.**

**Reading Target Update:**

- 7% of students have achieved the 40 book reading target.
- Don't forget to keep reading over the holidays! Write down any novels you read so that you can add them to your target when you return to school after the holidays.

3New have become 3J and next term will have their new teacher, Ms Singh. A big thank you to Miss Hong who has set this new class up so well this term!

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday. I can't wait to hear about all the exciting adventures you get up to and the fabulous books you will read!

Miss Stuart

## Year 4 and Year 5

Student reports were sent home today. Please take the time to discuss your child's achievement, progress and effort with them. The report will give you insights into not only what is happening in the classroom, but also the next steps in your child's learning. As a follow-up to the student reports, we will be holding parent teacher interviews after the school holidays. Parents and caregivers will need to book online. An information note outlining the online booking process will be sent home to all families.

An important piece of homework was also sent home today. Your child will need to undertake a survey with you, by asking some questions about technology use at home. The first class that returns all of the surveys will win a prize.

I would like to congratulate all the year 4 and 5 students who have made a big effort in completing the reading challenge, and using Manga High in recent weeks. There has been a huge improvement in the number of books and activities completed each week. During the holidays is a great opportunity to read a few books and complete some online activities.

Enjoy the week and have a safe holiday,

Mr Clarke

## Year 6

This week all students will be completing their Author Study critical assessment. This assessment task will be completed individually and will require students to analyse a Gary Crew text in relation to various aspects of his work that we have been studying.

Reports will go home today. Please find time to sit together with your child and discuss the grades and comments. All students should be aware of their focus areas and can provide you with more details about these goals. We would like to see ALL parents book in for the parent teacher interviews coming up early next term. The booking system will also open today.

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.

Thank you to the parents who have been providing students with silver coins for the 'Bucket Challenge.' Our bucket is getting very heavy. All proceeds go towards Camp Quality and World Vision.

All students will receive a 'Holiday Reading Card' to track their novels during the two week break. This is a great opportunity for students to catch up or move ahead in their 'Reading Challenge.' The results are as follows:

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

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 14 students
- 16% of the grade have achieved their target
- 68% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

#### **Mathematics Focus Area**

- Using number lines and models to add and subtract decimals

We have had a wonderful term. The students are learning so much and have shown enthusiasm throughout the term. Have a safe and relaxing holiday! We encourage the children to stay in touch with each other via Edmodo.

See you in Term 3!

**Mrs Rhodes**

### **Library News**

\*Bookclub has closed for the term but I still have a book ordered for a no named child. Please see me if this is you.

\*Week 3 Term 3 I will be having a Book Fair in the Library. So save your pocket money and come and buy a book.

\* All books should have been returned if your child still has a book please send it back as soon as possible. Thankyou

\*Make sure your library bag is in your schoolbag for the beginning of term 3 because we will be borrowing then.home simply return them with a note if necessary and I will repair them properly.

Mrs Sell

Teacher/Librarian



# The simplest way

...to use leftovers in lunch boxes.

Cooking extra for dinner and using leftovers for lunches is a great way to save time, money and add extra veg to the midday meal.



Here are some great lunch box-ready meals:

- Noodles, pasta, stir fry or fried rice.
- Homemade pizza.
- Cottage pie or spaghetti bolognaise (added to a bread roll).
- Frittata or veggie slice.
- Baked veg (roast pumpkin or sweet potato on wraps and sandwiches), corn on the cob.
- Homemade potato salad or coleslaw (on a sandwich with home-cooked meat, chicken or tinned tuna).

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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



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Western Sydney - NAIDOC celebration events 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Blacktown City Council's NAIDOC event 11.00 am – 4:00 pm Blacktown Showground 9839 6167	3
4 Aboriginal Catholic Services- NAIDOC Day Celebrations Holy family-252 Luxford Rd Emerton 10:00am to 3:00 pm	5 Butucarbin NAIDOC Cultural Day event on Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 3pm, at the Mt Druitt Community Hall, 87 Mount Druitt	6 NAIDOC celebrations Emerton Leisure centre 11:00 am to 3:00 pm 25 Jersey Road Emerton Ph-88226000	7 BAABAYN Aboriginal Corporation 2016 NAIDOC Celebration Thursday 7 July 10:00 -3.00	8 Penrith NAIDOC 9:30 to 3:00 pm Jamison Park Penrith Council Ph 4732 7837	9 NAIDOC Community Day in the Gully – 11.00 am - 2.30pm. The Heritage centre 23 Gates Avenue, Ph- 02 4780 5560	10 Burramatta NAIDOC 2015 – 11:00am to 3:00pm Parramatta River Foreshore between Barry Wilde Bridge &



Ph-9628-0084	Road, Mt Druitt. Ph-9832-7263	Riverstone NAIDOC 11.00 am– 3:00 pm Sam Lane Complex Park St Riverstone 9627 3622	Rutherglen Community Centre (24A Anderson Ave, Blackett Ph- 9837 4989			Elizabeth Street Ph- 9806-5050
11	12	13	14	15	16 Western Sydney NAIDOC Dinner Dance Saturday 16 July 2016 St Mary's Band Club Tickets \$45 each 6:30pm – 11:30pm (Doors open 6:00pm) 0296231211	17
18	19	20	21	23	24	25
26	27	28	39	30	31	



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## SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

### Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings must be finalised before the Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at Reception from today onwards, for parents to make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9635 9347. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

 

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

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USE YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm.



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