

Parramatta West A NSW Public School



The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

Last Thursday and Friday we had some fabulous children and their parents/ carers attend our first "hang outs" - and what fun we had! Check out the website to see more photos. We may be able to hold some more later in the year, and I am sure that there will be lots of people wanting to attend now we all know how much fun it is.





Parent online portal

From June 10th parents will have the ability to pay enrichment fees or excursion money via an online payment portal. Please see the information contained in this newsletter. Parents who still owe enrichment fees will be sent a note stating how much is owed and providing a response slip so that if you pay it online you can provide the receipt number. We hope that this facility makes life easier for you. Please ask at the office if you are unsure how this works. Years 3-6 have taken part in their coding workshops this term, and K-2 will be doing theirs next term, so please keep your payments up if you are paying in instalments. Thank you.

Staffing

Mr Ta convened a selection panel which has appointed Mrs Jaspreet Singh as a new permanent teacher to Parramatta West from the start of Term 3. She is an experienced teacher who will bring many skills to add to our team. Mrs Singh will be taking the new year 3 class for the rest of the year. Ms Newton will be taking maternity leave from the start of term 3, and Ms Hudson will be taking KN for the rest of the year. We wish Ms Newton all the best and look forward to her happy news when the baby arrives. Mrs Heifitz will be returning to school part time from Term 3, and will be working as a learning support teacher.

Social media platform

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the permission notes allowing their children's name, work and photos to be placed on our school platforms. Please return the notes even if you do not give permission as we need a response one way or the other. We hope to have these up and running this week and will give you all the information as soon as we have it. If you have questions or concerns, please ask.

Debating

Congratulations to our school debating teams. Parramatta West has not had a debating team for many years. This year we have two teams, and they are learning fast. Last week one of our teams won their first debate, which was very exciting. They are working very hard and learning lots.

Make Mums Day

We know that Mother's Day has come and gone, but a mother's job is never over, and having the opportunity to spend special time with mums is always a good thing. Due to all the events that are happening at school this term, we don't have any day of the week except Fridays on which to do a whole school event, and this has to be over by 12pm due to PSSA sport. As a result, we will be holding an event on Friday June 17th from 9.00-11.00am, followed by mums having morning tea with their children, and a cake stall fund raiser held by Kindergarten.

ALL mums (or grandmothers/ female carers) are invited to spend the morning with us, it will be fun, and there will be more information to come, so put the date on your calendar.

School reports

These will be going home on June 27th. Parent teacher interviews will be in week 2 next term. The bookings will be online as in previous years. The booking code will be sent out before the end of term. We look forward to all parents having the opportunity to meet with the class teachers and discuss their children's progress.

Whatsapp groups

I would be interested to know how these are going. If you have any advice or feedback for me I would like to hear it. Thank you to the parents who are coordinating them.

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Class Awards

KA Fadel	2/3S Didar
KH Muhammed	3B Jefferson
KK Angel	3K Daanish
KL Marcus	3 Nelly
KN Zoe	4A Shamake

KR Laura-Lya

4H Rebekah

KS Ainesh

4S Shrey

1F Abbas

5C Enver

1G Aarav

5M Mahdi

1H Ruhan

5/6J Nima

1J Fiona

6M Dhruti

1L Emily

6R Dour

1/2A Angel

MCG Talal

2B Aarohon

MCS Megan

2H Sameer

MCT Stephen

2L Sharo

2N Matt

Stage News

Kindergarten

I hope you all survived the windy and rainy weekend. Now that the weather is much colder please make sure that your children are appropriately dressed. It is really important that their jumpers and jackets are labelled with their name and class. The students also need to continue to bring their hats everyday, if they do not have a hat they can not play at recess and lunch.

This week's topic talk is "My favourite farm animal". The students should be prepared to describe what the animal looks like, where it lives, and what it eats.

This week your child would have received a toothbrush and toothpaste kit. This has been provided by Colgate for all students in K-2 to encourage them to develop healthy habits at home in brushing their teeth. I encourage you to talk to your child about this and remind them of the importance of brushing their teeth every day.

Have a great week and stay warm!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

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teeth. I encourage you to talk to your child about this and remind them of the importance of brushing their teeth every day.

Wow! Congratulations to Ojas, Johnny and Wilfred for completing the 40 book challenge! Now they can challenge themselves further and see if they can read another 40 books.

Topic talks this week are free choice. This means that students can present *anything* they would like. Maybe it's a special toy, a special event or even a mystery bag! We're looking forward to seeing what they present.

Have a fantastic week!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

After a very wet weekend, let's hope the sunshine will come out for us this week! As the weather has definitely gotten colder, please make sure all school jumpers are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If they become lost they will then return to you!

This Friday students will be participating in a peer support session, led by our Year 6 and Year 5 students. This is a fantastic leadership opportunity for our senior students, and is a wonderful way for students to work with students in other grades and classes. Make sure you ask your child about what they learnt during this session and what activities they did with their peer support group.

Next week we will be holding our annual '*Make Mum's Day*'. This will be held on Friday 17th June. Put the date in your diary! More information to come home soon.

Maths focus for this week:

We are continuing work within the area of measurement.

* Estimating and calculating capacity using millilitres and litres

* Estimating and calculating mass using grams and kilograms

Have a fantastic week everyone!

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 on 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 write a note to Mrs Marks or myself with any ideas that they have.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

This week our Year 6 students will teach their first Peer Support lesson. They have been working hard to organise their lessons and develop their leadership skills. We wish them well for Friday morning.

Payment for the **Year 6 T-shirt** is due on the **Thursday 23rd June**. This will be a treasured keepsake of their friendships and years at primary school. We have spare order forms if you need a new one. The cost is \$30.

Next Friday 17th June is '**Make Mum's Day**' at school. Please come along if you are able to. The kids are looking forward to spending some quality time with their mums, grandma's, aunties or carers.

The visit to Parramatta High School for the '**PHS Enrichment Program**' is on Tuesday June 14th. These students are looking forward to experiencing what high school life is like.

Most students have now received notification of your acceptance/non acceptance into your first choice high school. If your application was denied it will have been forwarded onto your second choice school.

Mathematics Focus Area

- Multiplying Decimals ☐
- Dividing Decimals by 10, 100 and 1000

Year 6 Reading Target Results ☐

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 8 students
- 9% of the grade have achieved their target

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

There are a lot of children who are forgetting their library bags. Please make sure your child is bringing a library bag.

The library bag is to protect the books in their school bags.

Bookclub is due back on Tuesday 7th June. Please use the order form supplied.

If you want books to be a gift simply put a note and contact number on the order form and I will ring you when the order arrives.

Mrs Sell

Teacher/Librarian

P & C News

A big thank you to all the parents that donated money towards the air-cons for I Block.

A special thank you to Mr & Mrs Li for donating a generous amount of \$97-00. All the extra donations are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget Hot Dog Day is 15th June for those students who have pre-ordered their hot dog.

The simplest way

...to seek shade from the sun.

Did you know?

Shade can reduce ultraviolet (UV) exposure by up to 75 per cent. Used in combination with other sun protective measures - such as sun-smart clothing, sunglasses, hats and sunscreen - shade can help provide maximum protection against UV radiation. It is important to seek shade when UV levels are above 3 to help protect your skin from sun damage.

What is shade?

Shade can be either natural, constructed or a combination of both. Natural shade includes trees, shrubs, hedges or shadows from nearby structures. Constructed shade can consist of awnings, shade sails, pergolas and other man-made structures.

Promote the use of shade

Plan outdoor activities in shaded areas. Set up portable shading if natural shade is not available. And remember, shade moves with the sun, so make sure to follow the shade.



Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by

selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields. If these are unknown, please leave blank.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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