

Parramatta West A NSW Public School



The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Week 2. We had a very smooth start to the term and having walked around the school, our students are happy and engaged in learning. Are you staying connected by joining us on Facebook? Frequent reminders and sharing of events that are happening at the school is happening on Facebook. If you haven't joined and are interested in being part of our school's Facebook let the office know and we can assist you.

School Interviews

Today is the last day to make a booking to see your Child's teacher. Bookings will close at 4.00 today. Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and type in this event code **uvgc7**. If you don't have access to the internet or are having difficulties making bookings please ring the office and we can assist you.

Education Week

Week 3 - we will have lots of events happening at the school. We have taken a new approach this year. That is, Open Classroom is happening all week with different events happening. You will receive a note inviting you to visit your child's classrooms during these events. So, be sure to RSVP as places are limited to certain events due to classroom capacity.

School Traffic

I have been walking around the school boundary after school as a result of reports from the community that our parents are not obeying road rules. I urge all parents to observe the legal road rules so that our children are safe. Behaviours such as crossing double lines, stopping at the crossing to set passengers down, speeding in a school zone and double parking so that you can talk to a friend are some of the illegal driving behaviour I personally observed. Parents if you have a friend who is involved in such unsafe behaviour please tell them to stop. I am hoping that as it is coming from friend to friend the message will be more effective.

I look forward to meeting lots of parents on Wednesday night. Enjoy the week and stay safe.

Mr Thanh Ta

Relieving Principal

Class Awards

KA Bethany	2/3S Liam
KH Lya	3B Samira
KK Riyana	3K Iris
KL Megan	3J Hasnain
KN Brooklyn	4A Pious
KR Moosa	4H Vidhyaba
KS Aarna	4S Seeyar
1F Samyuktha	5C Noble
1G Saif	5M Brian
1H Ahmed	5/6J Sami
1J Ryan	6M Abdul Baset
1L Seshani	6R Jai
1/2A Ceren	MCG Fateh
2B Shaurya	MCS Reyaz
2H Mohmed Musa	
2L Eshaan	

Stage News

Kindergarten

Welcome back to an exciting and busy Term 3. This term we have started going to weekly coding lessons in the Tech Hub to improve our technology skills. We have also begun to attend fantastic gymnastics lessons. These activities will be running all term and are paid for by your child's enrichment fund. Please make sure that your child's enrichment money has been paid at the office. They are really valuable lessons which your children thoroughly enjoy!

This week our topic talks begin in class. Your child would have received a note telling them which day they need to be prepared to present their talk. This week our topic is: "**My holiday recount**". In mathematics the students are learning about "time". This includes the days of the week, sequencing events and reading clocks to the hour.

This Thursday is NAIDOC day. This year we will be having a mufti day, where the children should dress in either **Red, Black** or **Yellow** to represent the Aboriginal flag. Please bring a gold coin donation as well.

I hope that you have all booked in for a parent teacher interview this Wednesday afternoon. All the teachers are really looking forward to discussing your child's progress so far this year. If you have not booked a time please see the office or your child's teacher to find a time.

Week 3 is education week and you will be receiving a note soon from your class teacher about when you can come and visit the classes during this week. There will be different times available to visit the school and we hope you can attend.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Richards.

Year 1 and Year 2

Next week is Education Week. You will be receiving a timetable this week to book times that you're available to attend over the week. There will be many different and exciting opportunities to see what happens at PWPS!

As part of our Olympic Ceremony next week, students have been asked to bring a clean bottle that can be filled with rice, dried beans or small rocks to make a shaker. Please send them in by Friday.

Congratulations to Jash (2H), Ahalya (2N), Sana (1/2A), Gilbert (1/2A), Tirth (2B), Bernice (2L), Yashri (2B) who have reached their 40 book target! Congratulations to Wilfred (1/2A) for reading over 50 books in the holidays! Wow!

This Wednesday we have our Parent - Teacher – Student interviews. We are looking forward to discussing students' progress and ways to support their learning. Please be aware that interview times are for 10 minutes only. On Thursday students will be participating in NAIDOC Day with more information to come.

Have a great week!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

Welcome back to Term 3! It was great to see so many smiling faces last week when students returned to school. This term we welcome Mrs Singh, who will be teaching 3J for the rest of the year.

Lots of exciting things are happening this term and there have been some changes to our weekly timetable as we have started gymnastics:

- 3K & 3J have gymnastics on Tuesdays
- 3B & 2/3S have gymnastics on Wednesdays

It is important that students are dressed appropriately for gymnastics and wear their sports shoes.

This Wednesday we are holding our Three-Way Interviews. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report and their learning. I encourage all parents to book a time to see their child's teacher, using the online booking website: www.schoolinterviews.com . You can also make a booking at the office. Bookings will close at 4pm today!

On Thursday we will be celebrating NAIDOC Day at Parramatta West. Students will take part in a range of activities where they will learn about Aboriginal culture and Dreaming stories. Students are encouraged to wear mufti in the colours of the Aboriginal flag – red, yellow and black. To wear mufti, students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go towards the Fred Hollows Foundation.

There are quite a few notes which have gone home or are going home this week:

- **Athletics Carnival note** – all students will be attending our Athletics Carnival next Tuesday. Please return your permission slip ASAP!
- **Education Week** – next week is Education Week. This week your child's teacher will send home a note inviting you to come up to the school to attend our special events (Olympics and Athletics Carnival) and see learning in action! Please return the slip ASAP to let us know if you are able to attend.
- **Taronga Zoo excursion** – all students received information about our excursion which is coming up later on in the term. Money can be paid to the office or online. Please return signed permission slips to your class teacher.

Maths focus for this week:

- *Lines and angles* – examining angles in 2D shapes; comparing 2D shapes and 3D objects

Reading Target Update:

Congratulations to those students who have achieved their 40 book reading target during the holidays!

- 11% of students have achieved the 40 book reading target.
- 2% of students have achieved their 120 book reading target.
- 66% of students are on track for achieving their 40 book reading target by the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing parents and caregivers during Three-Way Interviews on Wednesday and next week during Education Week!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

3-Way Interviews

We are looking forward to meeting with parents/ caregivers and children this Wednesday. The interviews are only for ten minutes and it is important that each interview begins at the scheduled time. If you will be delayed, unable to attend or require another appointment please contact your child's teacher.

Education Week

Next week is Education Week and to assist with planning we have sent home a note outlining times and activities when parents / caregivers can visit the school. We have tried to provide opportunities throughout week; however, we ask for the note sent home to be completed and returned to school, to assist with our planning.

3-6 Athletics

A reminder that the Athletics Carnival will be held next Tuesday 2nd August. All classes in years 3 to 6 will be attending. We will be leaving at 9am and returning to school by 2.45pm.

Facebook

If you use Facebook, our school Facebook account is now operational and is updated regularly. Thank you to all the parents who have already asked questions and given feedback.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

Welcome back to Term 3! The year is flying by so quickly, it's hard to believe we are half way already.

Please book in for a **Parent Teacher Interview** this coming Wednesday. The year 6 teachers hope to see all parents to discuss your child's progress.

Homework begins this week. Our Year 6 students are proving to be committed and disciplined with their homework. Please continue to support them through encouragement and interest in their work. Some students require new scrap-books as their books are full. These can be purchased at Big W, Coles, Office Works or K-Mart.

Permission notes went home last week for our **Year 6 Excursion to IMAX and The National Maritime Museum**. This will take place on Monday 19th September and costs \$35. It is expected that all students attend the excursion as it connects with classroom learning. Money can be paid to the front office.

Please continue to make camp payments if your child is attending **The Great Aussie Bush Camp in term 4**.

This term our focus topics are:

Author Study –Character Study

Geography – The connection between Asia and Australia

Individual Novel Study on the following themes (6R: Fantasy, 5/6J: Memoir, 6M: Diversity),

Main Maths Topics: Decimals, Angles, Fractions

STEM: Earthquake Explorers and Engineering Design

CAPA: Music

PDHPE: Friendly Schools Plus Unit/ Gymnastics

The students are on their way to achieving their 40 book target. They should be at 20 or more novels by now. Please support your child in reaching this goal. The more they read, the better they can write, think and respond!!!!

High schools are continuing the process of accepting students or passing on application forms to alternative choices. Selective High School results have now been received. Congratulations to the successful applicants.

Year 6 T-shirts arrived today and will be handed out to students. They are able to wear on any day except Friday.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

It's Here, It's Here - this week we will be previewing the bookfair.

- We will be bring home a wish list and a flyer for the bookfair
 - No books will be for sale next week but
 - In week 3 I would love to see everyone come to the library and buy some books
 - I will be selling 8.30 - 9.00, 1.10 - 1.30 and 3.00 - 3.30 each day in the Library
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- Last Day for Issue 5 bookclub will be 28 July
 - This week please remember your library bag as plastic bags are no longer available

Mrs Sell

Teacher/Librarian

Homeless Person's Week - Blanket and Food Drive

The SRC will be collecting blankets and cans of food to support the Parramatta Street Youth Project. They are committed to promoting and meeting the needs of homeless young people in Western Sydney. We will be taking donations of both cans of food and blankets until Thursday 4th August.

NAIDOC

This Thursday 28th July we will be celebrating NAIDOC - a time where we recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This will be a mufti day and we invite everyone to wear red, black or yellow clothing. On this day, we will be raising money for the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Foundation so please bring along your gold coin donation.

Thank you.

Story Time at Dundas Library - Wednesday 27th July

Parents wishing to go to Dundas Library are to meet Norma (Playgroup Co-ordinator 0419 015 788) at the bus station in front of Parramatta Train Station at 9.30am on Wednesday. They will be travelling on Bus 545. Story Time with "Redsee the Readersaurus includes a small gift for each child. Limited spaces are available.

The simplest way

...to DIY dumplings.

Easy to make, fun to eat! Kids will love this do-it-yourself cooking task.

Serves 4.



- Prepare your favourite combination of vegetables for the filling: grated carrot, corn kernels, and finely chopped spinach works well; finely chopped mushrooms, cabbage and capsicum is tasty too.
- Place 16 wonton wrappers (available in packs in supermarkets) on a dry work surface.
- Place a few teaspoons of vegetable filling inside.
- Drizzle with salt-reduced soy sauce.
- Brush the edge of each wonton with water.
- Pull edges together and pinch to secure.
- Steam for about 10 minutes or until cooked.

**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
Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Community Art Project at Parramatta West Public School

In term 3 a visiting Sydney **artist** named Abbas Mukrab will be working at our school to create a **mural**. Community members including parents, carers, grandparents, extended family, brothers and sisters are invited to take part in this exciting project. You do not need any particular skills to join in, just bring your imagination and help us make a beautiful art work that will brighten up the school. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

When: Tuesday afternoons **2pm – 3pm** starting on Tuesday 2nd August.

Where: We will be meeting under the **COLA** in the upper playground.

Bring: Yourself and your imagination, expect to learn new art skills and forge new friendships.

Join in, have fun, connect and make art!



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