

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Week 5. This week is Science week and Mrs Batac and Mrs Knedl have organised a fun filled week of science projects, experiments and competition. All parents are welcome to visit our first Science Expo in the hall on Friday afternoon. It would be fantastic to see lots of parents join in the science fun!

This week I would like to ask all parents for your permission to publish your child's photo on our school's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ParramattaWestPS/>.

The idea behind sharing photos on our school's Facebook page is so that you (parents) get a glimpse of the fantastic learning that is happening at school.

Take for example the NSW Swifts visiting the school (photo below). If we don't have permission of students involved in this activity and we wish to publish this photo, then faces will have to be blocked. We would love to be able to share photos showing all the beautiful faces...so help us!

If you haven't already completed a permission to publish on facebook form please click on the link below and let us know that you want to give us permission. <https://goo.gl/forms/3hARn4jb8mvkyx952>

Initial preparation for the installation of our new demountable has begun. As you can see the fencing has been erected and a little section of seating and playground has been blocked off. I apologise for the inconvenience but its is a necessary process.

I hope you have a wonderful week!

Mr Thanh Ta

Relieving Principal



Class Awards

KA Afnan

KH Serena

KK Ali

KL Abdulrahman

KN Ghadir

KR Daniyal

KS Josh

1F Pranusha

1G Rudraa

1H Shulagna

1L Abdel

1/2A Sajad

2N Matt

2/3S Kaedon

3B Jasmeet

3K Karen

3J Jiya

4A Raydon

4H Laura

4S Jerrell

5C Therese

5M Chris

5/6J Lily

2B Makadee

6M Muhammad

2H Harsj

6R Robert

2L Omar S

MCG Ronakh

MCS Choong

Stage News

Kindergarten

This week students will receive a note about our upcoming excursion to Blaxland Park in week 8. It will be a wonderful excursion for all the students. Please make sure that you bring your child's note back with the payment. It is also important to make sure that all other enrichment payments are up to date.

Topic talks: This week students are asked to create a poster that tells people why they should read their favourite book. You may want to include a picture of the main characters or write a summary about it.

Maths: In maths this week students are continuing to work on different types of patterns. They are also focusing on the 'teen' numbers (11-20).

Playground: The kindergarten students have been enjoying going to the field and running around at lunch time. We have been talking about crossing the street safely and with an adult.

Upcoming events: This week is science week with a **science fair** being held in the hall this Friday afternoon at 3pm, come along and have a look at what is happening! Then "**dad's day**" will be held on Tuesday the 30th of August.

Have a great week!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Last week students received a note for our Art Gallery excursion. Many students have already returned their note and have paid which is great to see. This excursion cost is separate to the enrichment payment. There is an option to pay online but please include payment details on the note to return.

Students will also be receiving notes this week about the Year 1 and Year 2 Hangout sessions. Places are limited so return your note as soon as possible.

Topic talks: Family Interview - to clarify, this topic talk can be used for the homework given by Mrs Aye who is teaching our History unit on family. She has given two options for her homework task however, what is presented for the topic talk can also be used for this homework task. Our apologies for any confusion.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the qualifying event for the Paper Plane competition. Students will be notified this week if they have made it to the next step.

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

Last week was a sad one for Year 3 as we farewelled Mr Budden who was successful at obtaining a permanent position at another school. This week we welcome Mrs Doueihy who will be 3B's class teacher until the end of the year.

Our Taronga Zoo excursion is coming up at the beginning of September. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their money and returned their permission slip. Keep on returning those notes!

Many parents came and watched our fantastic gymnastics classes last week. Gymnastics is part of our Enrichment Program, which also covers school supplies and programs such as coding and Life Skills, which we did earlier in the year. Please make sure you are continuing to make payments towards this. Payments can be made in the Office or online. For a sneak peek at Gymnastics, have a look on our Facebook page!

Maths focus for this week:

- *Location and transformation* – identifying lines of symmetry; creating and using tangrams
- *Division concepts* – division as sharing

Reading Target update:

- 18% of students have successfully achieved the 40 Book Reading Target.
- 51% of students are currently on track for reaching the target by the end of the year.

This week is Science Week! At Parramatta West, we will be celebrating Science Week with a host of events during the week, along with some special activities and visitors on Friday. We are looking forward to the STEM challenges at lunch on Tuesday for Year 3 and seeing the Science Club projects during the Expo on Friday.

Have a fantastic week everybody!

Miss Stuart

Year 6

This week is Science Week at school. There are many students in Year 6 that are a part of the science club at school. Please come and see the projects that they have been working on. There will be a showcase on Friday afternoon at 3pm as well as some family STEM challenges.

Have you joined Facebook yet? This is the quickest and most convenient way to see what is happening in Year 6 and to keep in touch with the teachers. Please see the school's front office if you need help joining Facebook.

Medical, dietary and activity release forms will be sent home this week to all students attending camp. Please fill in and return as soon as possible.

Peer support training will begin today for the student's second lesson in a few weeks time. Please support your child by asking questions about the lesson and assisting with ideas. The focus for this lesson will be sport skills and healthy lifestyles.

Year 6 Reading Target Results

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 23 students
- 24% of the grade have achieved their target
- 66% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

Mathematics Focus Area

- Classifying Triangles
- Properties of Quadrilaterals

((Please see the Year 6 Facebook page for learning links))

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Just a reminder to check out World book online

<http://www.worldbookonline.com>

Username: parrawest

Password: student

This is a great place to begin when looking for information.

Have a look you may be pleasantly surprised.

Mrs Sell

Teacher/Librarian

Home Readers

All home reading is volunteer based and changed daily by them. So due to a lack of volunteers, there will be occasions where books may not get changed, In regards to that, if any parents would like to volunteer their time between 9 - 9.30am, your help would greatly assist us in continuing to deliver home readers daily.

Swim School

Notes will be going home soon about Swim School which will be held towards the end on November this year for 10 days.

Total cost is \$100-00 and is limited to the first 450 students with a \$50-00 deposit, so start saving your deposit so you can reserve your child's spot.

The simplest way

...to make mid-week dinner easy.

Serve a quick and easy veg-filled dinner your family will love, in just 15 minutes!

Pizza: spread wholemeal Lebanese bread with salt-reduced tomato paste. Top with sliced veg (e.g. tomato, capsicum, mushroom, artichoke, onion, olives) and reduced-fat grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven until cheese is lightly browned.



Find more 15-minute meal ideas at eatittobeatit.com.au. Recipes include:

- Tuna couscous salad.
- Asian noodle soup.
- Potato frittata.
- Spaghetti bolognaise.
- Savoury toasties.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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