

# Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to week 3. I hope you enjoyed the opening ceremony of the 2016 PWPS Olympics. It was a fun way for us to welcome you all to Education Week. This year's theme for education Week 2016 is 'Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities'.

At PWPS we are always looking at ways to strengthen the learning community. We believe that the best way to do this in 2016 is to continually ask for community feedback and then do something with the feedback we are given. Parents you have requested for more open communication and to have easy access to this communication.

We have listened!

Did you know that we have a PWPS Facebook Page? We would love you to join us!

If you are already a facebook user click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/ParramattaWestPS/>. We would love you to like us!

Don't have a facebook account? No Worries!

This week - a staff member will be available every morning (9.00am) and afternoon (2.55pm) in the office foyer to help you create an account! If you don't have facebook we can help you set it up! So throughout this week our challenge is to get as many parents on to facebook as possible. Here is a timetable for you to get help for facebook.

Monday - Kindergarten Parents

Tuesday - Year 1 Parents

Wednesday - Year 2 Parents

Thursday - Year 3 & 4 Parents

Friday - Year 5-6 Parents

Remember Our target audience is you..Parents. Not your children. We don't advocate children being a facebook user.

## Education Week

happening throughout the week. I do hope you can find sometime to visit your child in the classroom! The smiles

on their faces when you show up in the classroom will be worth it! Check us out on the school's facebook page! Event notification and photos will be posted regularly.

*Mr Thanh Ta*

*Relieving Principal*

## Class Awards

KA Saanvi	1H Yussif
KH Soha	1J Salam
KK Anushka	1L Mahrosh
KL Karanjot	1/2A Manikka
KN Anaya	2B Elanur
KR Mahnoor	2H Carl
KS Me;isa	2L Kaiden
1F Delali	2N Youssef
1G Siddhant	

## Stage News

### Kindergarten

It is education week! All the teachers and students have been looking forward to a busy and fun week starting today with the PWPS Olympics. We have been getting ready for the day and it is finally here! If you couldn't come to the opening ceremony today, we hope that you can come another time to see your child in class. Your classroom teacher would have sent home a note stating what times are available for visits. Please contact your classroom teacher for more information.

This week's topic talk is telling the class about your favourite **story book**. Students should be ready to tell the class what is their favourite story book and why. They could also give a quick summary about what happens in the book and the characters within the book.

Home readers went home last Friday, so please make sure your child is reading their book every night and you sign the form so they can receive a new book each day. The home reading program is run by the wonderful parent volunteers. They are always looking for help to ensure every child can get a new book. If you have time to help please go to the home reading room (uniform shop) at 9:00am and offer to help. All the students will appreciate it!

Have a great week and we hope to see lots of parents attending visiting sessions this education week!

Miss Richards

## Year 1 and Year 2

This week is Education Week. We're off to a great start with our PWPS Opening Ceremony and games today. Thank you to the teachers for organising such a special event! If you haven't already returned your Education Week note, please do so as soon as possible as we have space restrictions in classrooms.

Congratulations to Havya (2N), Celio (2N), Mafua (2H), Kavya (2H) and Mateen (2L) for reaching their 40 book target! They had a great time sharing their love of books with Mr Ta on Friday.

Have you joined our Facebook page yet? Click on the link below and press 'Like'. If you haven't given the office your email address yet, please do so. Then you will be invited to join our Year 1 or Year 2 group. We also need many parents to sign the 'Permission to Publish' notes for social media as we would love to share some great photos on our Facebook account.

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

Have a fantastic week!

Miss Langhans

## Year 3

It was great to see so many parents up at school to discuss your child's learning last week. We look forward to seeing parents up at school this week, celebrating Education Week with us.

Today we kicked off Education Week with our fantastic Olympic Games! What a great day we had. Make sure you speak to your child this afternoon about all the fun they got up to today.

Education Week this week includes:

- Tuesday - Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday – Gymnastics
- Open Classroom visits throughout the week

Make sure you return your slip, so we know what session you will be attending. Open Classroom visits vary throughout the week, if you are unsure of the time for your child's class, check with your child's teacher.

Don't forget to return your Taronga Zoo note and pay your money towards the excursion. Money can be paid in the office or online. We can't wait until our zoo trip in September!

### **Maths focus for this week:**

- *2D shapes and 3D objects* – comparing properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects

Have a wonderful week, it will definitely be full of exciting events! I look forward to seeing parents and caregivers seeing learning in action this week for Education Week!

Miss Stuart

## Year 4 and Year 5

We started Education Week with our opening ceremony for the 'PWPS Olympics'. It was great see so many members of our community staying back to watch. Parents & caregivers you are invited to watch a number of activities during school hours. These include gymnastics, the athletics carnival and open classroom visits.

A reminder that annual athletics carnival will be held tomorrow Tuesday 2nd August, weather permitting. All classes in years 3 to 6 will be attending Holroyd Sportsground. We will be leaving at 9am and returning to school by 2.45pm.

If you use Facebook, our school Facebook account is now operational and is updated regularly. There will be lots of photos from Education Week posted onto the Facebook by Friday.

### **Book Fair**

Mrs Sell is running the book fair in the library this week. I would encourage you to visit the library and see all the great books that are on sale.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

## Year 6

Thank you to parents for your continued payments of Enrichment fees, excursion fees and camp fees. The students are now participating in the gymnastics program, with the excursion coming up on Monday 19th September. More information will come home soon regarding camp.

We are constantly talking to our students about the reading challenge and the need for students to strive towards their goals, even when it is hard. Please talk to your child about their progress. We are tracking their progress over time, focusing on consistent growth and looking for any students who are not moving or below where they should be at this point in time. Our main goal is to strengthen reading stamina and build life-long readers. The book fair is on at this moment in the library. What a perfect opportunity to purchase books at a great price.

This week is Education Week. Please come along to one of the events listed on the note that went home last week. We look forward to seeing you at school this week.

Have you joined Facebook yet? This is the best way for parents to keep updated on what is going on at the school and also in Year 6.

Year 6 T-Shirts have arrived. The students can wear them between Monday and Thursday.

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

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 18 students
- 20% of the grade have achieved their target
- 70% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

### **Mathematics Focus Area**

- Rotational Symmetry

- Triangles

Happy Education Week! Please come along for a visit if you can!

Mrs Rhodes

## Library News

BookFair is now on Sale!!!!

This week bookfair will be selling books all week

The library will be open for sales at

8.30am - 8.55am

1.10pm - 1.30pm      Each day - Monday to Friday

2.55pm - 3.30pm

Come along to the library and buy a book or lots of books.

If you are in the school just drop by and have a look.

Each person who purchases a book will receive a raffle ticket to go in the draw for some book prizes.

Mrs Sell

Teacher/Librarian

## SRC & Vegie Patch



Last Wednesday the SRC and Vegie Patch teams visited Lizard Log Park in Abbotsbury.

As part of the Western Sydney Parkland Initiative, we were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to plant 200 Australian native plants! The students thoroughly enjoyed this amazing experience! The park ranger was impressed with our school as we completed the planting in record time! Well done everyone.

## Helpers needed for Home Readers

Helpers are needed each morning to change the home readers for the students. If you can help out from 9am - 9.30am, come to the uniform shop. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## Athletics Carnival

The 3-6 Athletics carnival is on Tuesday. Students will leave school at 9am and walk to Holroyd Sports Ground. Please make sure you bring a drink bottle, warm clothes, hat and running shoes.

Athletics Carnival lunch orders will be delivered to the sportsground. Parents, if you wish to order your lunch, please order before school and your order will also be delivered to the carnival.

## Homeless Persons Week

Donations for Homeless Persons Week close this THURSDAY. If you would still like to donate we are accepting non-perishable food, blankets and towels until then. Thank you to those who have supported this initiative!

## Write a Book in a Day – Drawing Competition

A team of Year 5/6 students are entering a competition to "Write a Book in a Day" this term. To help them raise money for their entry they are running a drawing competition.

Students can paint or draw their own, original cartoon character or fantasy creature on A4 size paper and pay a **gold coin** to enter.

The Write a Book in a Day team will be collecting entries before school under the COLA each morning. Last day for entries will be Friday 12th August. Prizes will be awarded for the best original entries in K-2 and 3-6.

All money raised goes to the Kids Cancer Project!

Happy drawing!

# The simplest way

...to have a fruity breakfast on the go.

Smoothies are a great way to add a fruit or veg boost to your morning and are a great breakfast on the go.

## Banana Smoothie

Serves 2.

### Ingredients:

2 cups reduced fat milk  
1 ripe banana  
1 tsp cinnamon  
½ cup natural yoghurt  
1 tsp honey (optional)



### Method:

Mix in a blender until smooth.

### Top tips:

- Store chunks of over-ripe banana in zip-lock bags in the freezer, ready to use when needed in a smoothie.
- Smoothies can be frozen to keep cold and fresh in the lunch box.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
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