

# Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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## Principal's Message

It's week 6! Half the term has passed and it has been a term filled with lots of fun and engaging learning opportunities. Today, year 3 & 5 students and parents should receive their NAPLAN results. Our school results indicate that our students are continuing to demonstrate excellent growth and parents can be sure that quality teaching and learning is delivered by all teachers at Parramatta West. I encourage parents of year 3 and 5 students to spend some time with their children and discuss the results of NAPLAN. In your discussion it is really important that you discuss the effort and the process that your child took to help them achieve their results. The results you see on the report is based on an assessment completed in early May. The results you see today does not take into account what students have learnt from May till now. I would encourage you to view this video before you begin your NAPLAN discussion. <https://youtu.be/NWv1VdDeoRY>

Our school is hosting the Positive Parenting Program ran by the Community Migrant Resource Centre in the Hall. If you enrolled for this program, it will take place in the hall between 11.30am - 1.30pm. It will start this Friday 26th and every consecutive Friday for the next four weeks. Child Care will be provided in the Library.

As you can see in the Upper Playground, we have lost a small section of it due to the construction work for the new demountable. Students will need to continue to line up in their waiting areas like they were last week. That means Kindergarten will need to line up under the cola in the lower playground. There will be teacher supervision in that area from 8.30 onwards. I apologise for the inconvenience, but rest assure it is a necessary inconvenience.

Congratulations to Shruti and Chinson for achieving 2nd and 3rd place (respectively) in the NSW Crystal Growing competition. Also, Highly commended were the following students Aarya, Sandrah, Lily, Carina, Priscilla, Nazim and Robert. Well done to all these budding scientists!

Parents and students in Year 1 should be aware that there has been a diagnosed case of whooping cough in the grade. We are continuing to monitor the situation and will keep you all informed.

It has been fantastic to see lots of parents engaging in lots of posts on Facebook. It is really encouraging to see that our community is becoming more and more involved in the fantastic learning that is happening. Just an interesting fact for you... 78% of our Facebook users are Mums the other 28% are dads. Lets make it a challenge this week. Mums please encourage dads to get on facebook and engage in the posts we are putting up. Get them to Like Us! Lets see more dads on board! Find us by clicking here <https://www.facebook.com/ParramattaWestPS/>.

Don't forget if you want to give us permission to share your child's photo on this social media platform send us a private message stating:

- Your name, your child's name, class and write "I give permission for Parramatta West Public School to Share my child's photos/videos on Facebook"

We would love to share photos off all children to the school community as we are proud of our students!

*Mr Thanh Ta*

*Relieving Principal*

## Class Awards

KA Saanvi

KH Omar

KK Illia

KL Mujtabah

KN Tamim

KR Aliyana

KS Mustafa

1F Aarav

1G Nishtha

1H Shulamit

1J William

1L Rahaf

1/2A Claire

2B Aala

2H Isaak

2L Dorsa

2N Tyrell

2/3S Nisreen

3B Aaliyah

3K Eliezer

3J Anna

4A Ali Asghar

4H Ameina

4S Kush

5C Meerab

5M Fathia

6M Amir

6R Brock

MCG Buvi

MCS Tyler

MCT Mustafa

## Stage News

### Kindergarten

We had a wonderful time with all the science activities last week and meeting a real life amazing scientist on Friday. Please talk to your children about all the things they learnt about light on Friday!

As the weather has been warming up, the students have been getting very hot on the playground because some of them have too many layers of clothing on. Please think about if your child will be too hot at school during the day before putting them in lots of clothing in the morning.

Please keep bringing the permission notes for our excursion coming up during week 8.

As you would have noticed there has been some construction in the top playground. Next week we will continue to line up in the bottom playground before school. Thank you for understanding.

Have a great week!

Miss Richards

### Year 1 and Year 2

Our excursion to the NSW Art Gallery is fast approaching. Year 2 (including 1/2A) will be heading to the gallery on Tuesday 6th September (Week 8) and Year 1 will be going on Friday 23rd of September (Week 10). Thank you to everyone who has already paid and brought in their permission note.

Dad's Day Out is happening on August 30th. There will be invitations and information coming out soon!

Good luck to Ojas (1/2A) who will be representing PWPS at the Zone Athletics Track event today. Congratulations to Muzdha (2L) and Vishishth (1/2A) for reaching their 40 book target! There are many students who are very close to reaching their target. Keep on reading!

Have you liked our Facebook page yet? We would love to have you join our private year 1 and year 2 groups so that you can receive information about upcoming events and see photos of our student's learning in action!

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

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Langhans

### Year 3

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 athletes who have competed in the Zone Athletics Carnivals for track and field events over the past few days. You have been great representatives for our school and should be very proud of your achievements!

Our excursion to Taronga Zoo is next Thursday 1st September! We are very excited and looking forward to a fantastic day. Please return your permission slip and finalise your payments this week!

Thank you to those families who have been making payments towards our Enrichment Program. The cost of this yearly program includes gymnastics, coding and Life Skills, which the students have all participated in this year.

Please make sure that you are continuing to make payments towards this. Payments can be made in the Office or online.

Over the past week we have finished off our most recent unit of *Location and Transformation*. Student assessments will be coming home this week. Discuss your child's results with them and celebrate their successes! See our Facebook page for some questions you could use when talking to your child about their learning.

***Maths focus for this week: Division concepts***

- Division as sharing; solving and writing division stories and word problems
- Relating division to multiplication
- Representing money values using division

This week's homework challenge is planning and preparing a speech, which they will deliver during Week 8. The topics students can choose from all center around an Olympic theme. See our Facebook page for the topics and some helpful tips. Another new feature of our weekly maths homework is our Manga High challenges – make sure you are logging in! We are also competing in the Manga High Trans-Tasman Games; help Parramatta West win medals!

Have you joined our Parramatta West Facebook page and Year 3 group? We are pleased to see many more parents joining us online. Follow the Facebook links in the newsletter to 'like' our page and see photos, get school updates and see other helpful tips.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Stuart

## Year 4 and Year 5

### **Facebook**

Have you visited our school Facebook page? We put regular updates on to our Facebook page and we have many parents viewing each week. We also have separate closed group pages for Year 4 and Year 5. To gain access to these pages you will need to supply your email account to the school. This enable us to invite you into these groups.

If you require any assistance accessing these Facebook pages, Mr Ta or myself are available after morning lines each morning to provide assistance.

### **Zone Athletics Carnival**

I would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the zone athletics carnival. Any students who qualified for the area will be notified next week.

### **Excursions**

Year and Year 5 have upcoming excursions. The cost of these excursions is not included in our school enrichment program and need to be paid for separately by the due date.

Enjoy the week, Mr Clarke

## Year 6

We encourage all parents to join our Year 6 Facebook page to keep updated on our learning schedules and also events concerning the students. Please provide the school with your email address that is linked to your Facebook and an invitation will be sent to join the page.

This week will be talking to the students about the importance of remaining focused at this point in the year. It is an exciting time for the Year 6 students as they transition from primary school to high school, however there is still much learning to do and focus is required at all times. Please support this message by talking to your child about high expectations and the need to maintain high levels of dedication towards all learning tasks.

We wish all our students the best of luck in the zone track events today.

Do you know how many novels your child has read so far this year? It is really important to keep asking this question. Many students have either reached their 40 book target already or are almost there. Keep pushing your children to reach this goal and strive to build reading stamina!

### ***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***

- Properties of Quadrilaterals
- Angles within quadrilaterals

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

**Mrs Rhodes**

## Library News

Congratulations to the Bookfair raffle winners.

Last day for Bookclub Issue 6 is Tuesday 30th August.

Please use the order form in the catalogue and remember to write your name.

When choosing books for your child remember that there are great books aimed at their reading and maturity levels.

If you have any questions about the suitability of certain books or would like some ideas I would be happy to help.

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.

## Manga High

### Trans-Tasman Games

Begin on Monday 22nd August until 4th September 2016

We encourage all students to log on as often as possible and go to the recommendations. You may earn medals and a chance of \$30,000 JB Hi Fi voucher for our school.



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## Zone Athletics - Field

Congratulations to those students who competed in the field events at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Thursday at Barton Park. All of our athletes showed great sportsmanship and were excellent representatives for our school. They should all be very proud of their achievements, with many students placing in the final six of their events.

Congratulations to the following students who came in the top six places for their events:

- Luisa – 3rd in the Junior Girls Shot Put
- Hasan – 3rd in the Junior Boys Long Jump
- Abdul Baset – 4th in the Senior Boys Shot Put
- Iljaz – 5th in the Senior Boys Shot Put
- Sasha – 6th in the Senior Girls Shot Put
- Vaaimalae – 6th in the Junior Boys Shot Put

Today our Track Team competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. We look forward to hearing of their achievements!

Congratulations to all of our Athletics Team!

Miss McSpadden & Miss Stuart



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