

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

Welcome to week 7. I hope you all had a fantastic weekend and had a chance to enjoy the outdoors with your children in this beautiful Sydney weather.

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Festival of Instrumental concert at the Opera House with Mrs Aye and a group of our students who performed in the recorders and violin ensemble. A big thank you to Mrs Aye, Jenny Wang and Nancy Vukovic who have been teaching our students the recorders and violin. They also spent the whole day looking after our students as they rehearsed. It was also fantastic to see lots of our parents watching the performers and supporting them all the way. I am sure the parents who came to watch the concert were proud and agree that it was an amazing concert!

I've also posted some photos on Face Book to share with you. Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/ParramattaWestPS/> and Like us.

By the way, have you given us permission to post photos of your child on face book? If you haven't, please click on this link and grant us your permission..it's really really easy <https://newsfeed.tiqbiz.com/848/general-permission-to-publish/>

Demountable installation update:

I apologise for the inconveniences this may cause and I hope that you will continue to support us in this matter. I have spoken to the builders and expressed my concerns about the noise level and the fact that they are taking far too long to give us back our cola for morning lines. The builders have told me that by the end of this week we should have our cola back. The delay has been due to the waiting process for the removal of the big tree. Please don't hesitate to call me should you have any concerns. I thank you for your patience.

Life Skills - Yoga Parent workshop:

Last term lots of parents had the opportunity to enjoy Lifeskills' workshops on wellbeing and yoga. Due to popular demand and as promised, Nikki Bonus - Director of Lifeskills has offered to run another free workshop for all parents. I encourage you to come along and participate in this fantastic free workshop. This is 1 hour of wellbeing for you. Your children will be in class learning and you have time for yourself! Nikki would love to have the whole hall filled with parents (dads included)! Details are below:

Date: Monday, September 5th 2016

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Where: School Hall.

What: Wear comfortable clothes.

Please let us know if you would like to participate in this workshop by clicking on this link <https://goo.gl/forms/GpPdolgsm2BDePmj2> and complete the information required. It will take you 30 seconds.

Dads Day Out - Postponed to Thursday 8th September.

Invitations will be sent home inviting all dads/male figures in the family to join us for Dads Day Out. We have fun activities organised and run by student leaders. Please

put this date in your diary! Check out Face book and Tiqbiz for event updates!

Mr Thanh Ta

Relieving Principal

Class Awards

KA Fadel

KH Jahymn

KK Raabia

KL Marwa

KN Kooper

KR Kartheeka

KS Sanaa

1F Dhruv

1G Sumaya

1H Aura

1J Memphis

2N Nedal

2/3S Obaid

3B Jayden

3K Aya

3J Murtaza

4A Hiru

4H Bjorn

4S Elizabeth

5C Manav

5M Abhinav

1L Naivedh

5/6J William and Cooper

1/2A Queenie

6M Nahry

2B Arozo

6R Alayna

2H Abeeda

MCG Ronakh

2L Amelia

MCS Damon

Stage News

Kindergarten

Last Friday KL did a fantastic job running the K-2 assembly and presenting a very catchy song. Wonderful job! This week it is KH's turn to present assembly. If you would like to attend and watch your child, the assembly is on at 2:00pm in the school hall.

Maths: This week the students are continuing to revise the 'teen' numbers and applying these facts when completing addition and subtraction problems. Soon we will begin the topic of grouping and sharing, which is the foundation for learning multiplication and division.

Enrichment fees: Please make sure that your enrichment fees are up to date. You can pay at the office or online. Enrichment fees need to be up to date before paying for excursions or swim school.

Excursion: Just a reminder to please bring in the notes & payments for our excursion which is Friday the 9th of September.

Swim school: Swim school notes went home last week. There are limited places so it is the first people who sign up with a deposit at the office.

Have a great week!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Another busy week has flown by! Year 2 and 1/2A are getting excited for our excursion next week to the NSW Art Gallery. There are still some students who have not returned their notes or payments. Reminders will be going home tomorrow for the excursion and enrichment payments.

Wow! There's a big group of students who have reached their reading challenge target this week! Well done to Sarah (2N), Yazad (1/2A), Evan (1/2A), Arif (1/2A) and Moksh (2H). Mr Clarke is looking forward to having a reading interview you with you all this week!

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

This week is an exciting one for us as we are eagerly looking forward to our excursion to Taronga Zoo on Thursday! All permission slips should have been returned and final payments were due today. All students will need to be on time for school on Thursday, as we are leaving on the bus at 9am! Students will need to wear full school uniform and hat, and pack fruit break, recess, lunch, water bottle and a clipboard and pencil.

As you are aware, students received their NAPLAN results last week. We are very proud of our students' achievements, particularly in reading, writing, and in number patterns and algebra. Take time to discuss these results with your child and celebrate their achievements. Remember that this test was taken in May and talk with your child about what they now know and have learnt since then – they have all grown greatly as learners since then!

Over the past week we have finished off our most recent unit on *Division Concepts*. 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 tips and

questions you may wish to use when discussing your child's results with them.

Maths focus for this week: Patterns and Algebra

- Continuing and finding a rule for a pattern
- Using tables to identify and extend patterns

Reading Target update: *Ask your child where they are up to and what they are reading this week!*

- Congratulations to the 20 students who have successfully achieved our target of 40 books!
- 20 students achieved 40 Book Target = 19% of Year 3
- 15% of students are now working towards targets of 80 or 120 books.
- 49% of Year 3 students are on track to achieve their target by the end of the year.

It was great to see where students are up to with their speeches. They will have received feedback from their teachers. This week they are to continue to work on their speech and prepare a 'visual' – this could be a PowerPoint slideshow, a poster, a model or props, etc. Students will be presenting their speeches class next week. 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 fantastic week!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

Excursion

A reminder that Year 4 and Year 5 will be going on an excursion to the Cumberland State Forest this week.

PSSA Update

We are waiting to find out who we are playing this week in PSSA Sport. As soon as we find out, we'll let you know.

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.

Thank you to the parents who have paid for their child/children to attend our excursion to the IMAX on Monday 19th September. It is also important that Enrichment Fees are paid as this covers the costs of in-school programs as well as stationery and books used on a daily basis.

Well done to the Year 6 students who attended the paper plane challenge at Sydney University on the weekend. What an achievement!

The Father's Day Stall is on today in preparation for the weekend. We encourage all dads to come along to our Dad's Day Out next Thursday 8th and spend some time with their kids in the school environment. There will be fun activities to ensure quality time spent together.

Please consider whether your child should be enrolling for swim school. It is an excellent opportunity to strengthen swimming and safety in the water.

Year 6 Reading Target Results

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 24 students
- 27% of the grade have achieved their target
- 65% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

Mathematics Focus Area

- Parts of a circle
- Final Assessment for Topic 4

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

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Bookclub is due on Tuesday please be prompt with your order

Please DO NOT repair books at home.

If something happens to the book return all pieces and I will repair it.

Lots of children seem to have overdue books please return them as soon as possible.

All children should be borrowing regularly.

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.



Zone Athletics - Track

Congratulations to those students who competed in the track events at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Monday at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre. All of our athletes showed great sportsmanship and were excellent representatives for our school. They should all be very proud of their achievements and the way that they supported their PWPS peers and congratulated students from other schools.

Congratulations Brock who came 2nd in the Senior 800m Final! Brock will now progress to the Area Carnival. Well done Brock and good luck!

Our Senior Boys Relay Team – Jai, James, Boxi and Boyu – placed 3rd in their final.

Congratulations boys!

Congratulations to the following students who also made it through to the finals for their events:

- Deianeira – 8 years 100m Dash
- Frank – 8 years 100m Dash
- Vaaimalae – 10 years 100m Dash
- James – 11 years 100m Dash
- Jai – 12 years 100m Dash
- Boxi – 12 years 100m Dash

Congratulations to all of our Athletics Team!

Miss McSpadden & Miss Stuart

The simplest way

...to answer fruit & veg FAQs.

Can we eat more fruit to make up for not eating five serves of veg?

This is a frequently asked question from parents in *Eat It To Beat It* sessions and workshops.



The answer is no. Fruit and veg contain different combinations of vitamins and minerals, which is why there are different recommendations for each.

For more FAQs on fruit, veg, meat and dairy go to the “for parents” section of our website eatittobeatit.com.au.

In the meantime, just remember that the simplest way to ensure you and your family are getting the dietary nutrients you need is to eat a rainbow of different coloured fruit and veg every day!

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

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