

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to week 9. Thank you to all the Granddads, dads and uncles who attended Dads Day Out. It was a huge success with the hall being filled to capacity...this year we ran DDO differently. We ran two sessions to enable a bit of flexibility for dads to attend. Our activities were designed, organised and led by students! This is leadership in action! Well done to our student leaders for their enthusiasm and leadership. If you haven't had a chance to check out the days events click here <https://www.facebook.com/ParramattaWestPS/> and watch the videos.

Please also complete the survey for Dads Day Out if you attended the sessions by clicking here <https://goo.gl/forms/ySXQsCChVfVqYw4r2>

Tell Them From Me Survey -

Last week a note was sent home explaining why the school is participating in the Tell Them From Me survey. We anticipate all students from years 4 - 6 will complete this survey. If you do not want your child to participate, please complete the 'opt out' note and return it to the school by Wednesday 21st September.

The parent survey is now opened for parents to complete. This survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. It would be fantastic to have lots of parents completing this survey as this is another way for us to understand the community better.

Please click on this link and start the survey <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/pwps2843>

SWIM SCHOOL -

Due to lots of excursions happening this term, we have had numerous requests for an extension of payment date for swim school. We will now extend the closing date for swim school to **Friday 14th October**. Please ensure that payment is made before this due date as places are filling fast.

Morning Lines:

As you have noticed we have incidentally had no morning lines due to the disruption of the demountable

installation. This resulted in students lining up in their allocated areas with no morning messages at the usual whole school morning assembly. The executives have noticed that they are able to get into the classrooms and start lessons earlier and that students are more settled. As a result we will continue to trial this format until the end of the term. This means as a trial, students will be able to play in both the upper and lower playground and there will be no more morning assemblies.

In the mean time click on the link below and let us know your thoughts in regards to morning lines.

<https://goo.gl/forms/C9b5KVd0msv304Hr2>

Mr Thanh Ta

Relieving Principal

Class Awards

2/3S Sayana Shree

3B Ahmed

3J Abigail

3K Pranav

4A Marcius

4H Jawad

4S Zeinab

5C Maanas

5M Mahdi

5/6J Sandrah

6M Kriday

6R James

MCG Edric

Stage News

Kindergarten

What a fabulous day we had on Friday at Blaxland Park. It was great weather and all the students had a very enjoyable day. We learnt about native reptiles, did some science experiments, participated in sport activities and even had time to explore the play equipment. That explains why all the students and teachers were so tired! If you would like to see some photos of the day - check out the school Facebook page and the Kindergarten closed group.

K-2 Athletics carnival: Next Monday is the K-2 athletics carnival. You are welcome to come, watch and cheer. It will start from 11am on the field. There may also be a parent race so wear your runners!

Maths: This week we are continuing to learn about sharing and grouping objects. Key terms we are using are "groups", "altogether" and "each". Talk to your child about what they are learning in this area.

Literacy: This term we have been looking closely at the differences between informative texts and imaginative texts. This has included an author study on Julia Donaldson. Ask your child "What's your favourite Julia

Donaldson book?"

Assembly: KR are hosting the K-2 assembly this week and next week too. If you would like to attend it is at 2pm in the Hall on Friday. Next week they will be performing their item. What a nice way to end the term!

Swim school: There are still some spaces left for swim school that is held in Term 4. See the office for more information.

Have a fabulous week!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you to Miss Jennens for organising our excursion to the NSW Art Gallery. Thank you to our wonderful year 2 teachers and great parent helpers for a fantastic excursion last week. Everyone had a great time and we really enjoyed learning about colour and how to talk about art. Year 1 are going to have a great time next week!

Our K-2 Athletics Carnival will be on next Monday, 19th September after recess. We will be sending home more information regarding times and what students need to wear during the week. We're all looking forward to a great day!

A reminder to everyone that has registered, the Year 1 Hangout will be held from 3.30-7.00pm this Thursday 15th September and the Year 2 Hangout will be held from 3.30-7.00pm this Friday 16th September. If you have registered for a Hangout your child would have brought a note home on Friday with a reminder of the details. This event is catered for, so if you are no longer able to attend please notify the school office.

Did you know that we are offering more places this year for Swim School? If you need another note please see the office or ask your class teacher.

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Year 3

It's hard to believe that another term is almost over! It has been a great term of learning with lots of extra events and activities which have made our term that much more memorable! As the term is winding down, many pencil cases are beginning to become empty! Please check with your child that they have enough lead pencils, an eraser, glue stick, ruler, pencil sharpener, highlighters and coloured pencils. These are essential items which they use every day in the classroom! The holidays are a great time to go shopping and stock up on school supplies!

Maths focus for this week: Patterns and Algebra

This week we will continue working on ***Patterns and Algebra***. Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Identifying patterns for multiples
- Writing to explain rules and how to use patterns
- Using addition and subtraction expressions (number sentences) to describe the rule to a pattern

Reading Target Update

It is fantastic to see how so many of our students are widening the range of books they are reading and are working hard towards their reading target.

- 27 students (25%) = achieved 40 Book Target
- 22 students (20%) = working towards an 80 / 120 Book Target
- 54 students (50%) = on track for success

Have you been on our Year 3 Facebook page? You will find learning links to support you in helping your child at home with their homework. There is also a new album of photos from our excursion to Taronga Zoo. Go and take a look!

Have a fantastic week!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

Facebook

Last week I posted lots of photos from our excursion to Cumberland State Forest and Dads' Day Out on to Facebook. While a few were posted on to the school Facebook page, most can be found on the year 4, year 5 or Dads' Day Out closed groups. Parents and caregivers need to join these groups to be able to view these photos and videos.

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

Dads' Day Out

Last Thursday we ran our annual Dads' Day Out with 150 dads, uncles, brothers and grandfathers attend along with their children. This year we held two sessions where we focussed on learning, and using computer based technology. Assisting throughout the day were 40 year 5 & 6 students who led workshops and ensured the day was a success.

Thank you to everyone who attended for making the day such a success.

Celebrating The Arts

Good luck to all the students who are performing at the Celebrating Arts performance on Tuesday night.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

Our Year 6 excursion to the **IMAX** is coming up on **Monday 19th September**. There are still a number of students who have not paid. Please ask at the office if you require a new note or assistance in any way.

The **final day for camp payments** is this coming Friday 16th September.

This week a number of Year 6 students will be representing our school at the Celebrating the Arts Concert at the Riverside Theatres. We wish them well for their show on Tuesday night.

We would like to see more Year 6 parents joining our Year 6 Facebook Page. If you provided your email to the school, please check your emails for the invitation link and click to accept. It is the best way to keep updated on learning and events.

There are still places available for swim school. Please consider this worthwhile opportunity.

All students need to have accepted a high school offer by the end of Term 3. This allows the high schools time to organise their orientation days throughout Term 4.

Year 6 Reading Target Results

- Successfully Achieved 40 Novels = 25 students
- 28% of the grade have achieved their target
- 69% of students are on track to achieve their target of 40 novels.

Mathematics Focus Areas

- Using fractions to represent division.
- Using models to compare fractions.

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

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Students are NOT borrowing from the Library this week as we are preparing the library for next term. Please return all your library books ASAP.

Next term make sure you have your library bag ready to borrow some books.

P & C Meeting

The P & C meeting (which was postponed from last week) is on tomorrow from 9am in the Staffroom.

All welcome.

PSSA Results

Last Friday our Junior and Senior Mod-League played their semi-final against Hilltop road PS. Unfortunately both teams lost, however the improvement of all players throughout the season was very impressive. I would also like to thank the parents who came to watch the games, especially Miss Sialafau, Miss Te Ariki and Mr Lemai who were at every game throughout the season.



Swim School

Due to popular demand in previous years we have increased the number of students who can participate in Swim School this year.

Final date for payments has been extended to Week 1 Term 4 (14th October).

This is a wonderful program held during school time and conducted by qualified swim instructors.

Debating update

Congratulations to Dhwani, Angelina, Abbas and Alayna for their win against Parramatta East in our most recent debate. Parramatta West have won 3 debates and we are so proud of the progress that the student's have made.

Keep up the hard work!

Miss Mahony and Mrs Marks

The simplest way

...to serve spring salads.

Spring brings sunshine ... and salads!

A salad is a great way to enjoy a light and lovely meal packed full of veg. Enjoy as a side dish or add some lean meat, fish, cheese or hard-boiled egg and make a meal of it.

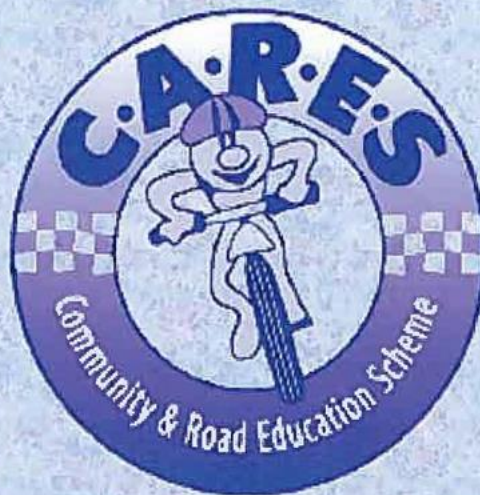
Here are five of our spring salad favourites (for full recipes go to eatittobeatit.com.au):

- Tabbouleh.
- Thai beef salad.
- Asian chicken salad.
- Basic garden salad.
- Mixed bean salad.



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
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AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016

10AM – 2PM

Come along during the school holidays and ride in
a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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