

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly

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Principal's Message

It is good to be back with my Parramatta West family after a wonderful holiday visiting my children and sisters overseas. The school has been very busy in my absence, and I would like to thank Mr Ta and Mr Clarke, along with all the staff, for looking after the place so well in my absence. I know it has been a busy time for everyone.

I am pleased to see how many people are keeping in touch using the Facebook groups. If you know people who have not yet come on board, please encourage them to do so.

Tell Them From Me Surveys

The children from years 4-6 will be answering this survey at school. The survey enables us to find out valuable information about what they think about the education that our school is providing, and how they feel about their learning. All the surveys are completed online and the information combined so that we do not know what individual students have said. If you do not want your child to complete this survey, please send in the form by Wednesday. Thank you.

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>

Kindergarten Enrolment 2017

If you have a child who is turning 5 before the end of July 2017, they are eligible to start school at the start of next year. Some children who are born in June and July may be better off waiting until the following year to start school. If you are in this situation and need advice, please contact the school and we can discuss your child's needs. Talking with the preschool or day-care teachers can also help with decision making. If your child is starting school next year, it is important that we get their details as soon as possible so that we can organise staffing.

Swim School

This year we have made more places available, so please get your applications in as soon as possible. It is so important for children to learn to be safe in the water. When children splash around in backyard pools they do not really learn to swim - but these pools are still deep enough to be dangerous.

Term 4

Next term the children start back at school on Monday October 10th - there is no staff development day in term 4, so children do come back on the Monday.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday, and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Class Awards

KA Adhiraj

KH Soha

KK Veda

KL Abdulrahman

KN Frida

KR Arush

KS Karthik

1F Aarav

1G Jenil

1H Shan

1J Leon

1L Ryan

1/2A Evan

2B Umer

2H Asma

2L Amy

2N Nony

Stage News

Kindergarten

What a busy term all the Kindergarten students have had! They have all matured as learners and as responsible students. We have seen so much improvement in every area and all the students should be very proud of their efforts.

Unfortunately because there was too much rain on the weekend, we have to postpone the K-2 athletics carnival to early next term. We don't want anyone slipping over in muddy conditions.

This week you will receive the topic talk and sight word lists for Term 4 if you would like

to practise over the holidays. Topic talks will begin in week 1.

This week KR will be presenting their item at assembly if you would like to come and watch. The assembly is on Friday at 2pm in the hall.

And don't forget to sign up for swim school as places are limited!

Have a safe and wonderful holidays!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Our Year 1 excursion to the NSW Art Gallery is fast approaching. Year 1 (including 1/2A) will be heading to the gallery on Friday 23rd September (this week). Students need to make sure they wear their full school uniform and bring a small bag with their fruit break, recess and lunch.

Thank you to our fabulous K-2 teachers who organised our K-2 Athletics Carnival. It takes more organisation than you think and we appreciate the effort everyone puts in to these special events. Unfortunately the carnival was postponed due to wet weather. A future date will be announced soon.

Students will be given their 'Holiday Reading Challenge' sheets this week to continue their amazing reading efforts over the holidays. Teachers are so impressed with how excited students are to reach their targets, keep it up!

Thank you to all of the students who have worked so hard this term. It has been very busy but full of learning and we are looking forward to another wonderful term after the holidays. Make sure you get outside and enjoy some family time together!

Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Miss Langhans

Year 3

Here we are at the end of another brilliant term of learning! I continue to be impressed by the improvements our students are making in their learning, and the way they approach all tasks and challenges with determination.

Congratulations to Jayden (3B) and Rishi (3K) who received medals from our recent Manga High Trans Tasman Games! Jayden received a gold medal for achieving 247 points, and Rishi received a silver medal for 151 medal points.

We have noticed that many students' pencil cases are running low on supplies. The holidays are a great time to go shopping and stock up on school supplies! All students should have their own lead pencils, an eraser, glue stick, pencil sharpener, ruler, highlighters and coloured pencils. By having their own equipment, students are more organised and ready for learning.

Maths focus for this week: Patterns and Algebra and Time

This week we will be finished our unit on ***Patterns and Algebra***, while starting our unit on ***Time***. Look for learning links on our Facebook page.

- Using addition and subtraction expressions (number sentences) to describe the rule to a pattern
- Telling time to the nearest minute or five minutes

Reading Target Update

Six more students have achieved their reading target over the past week! Congratulations to all of our students who are committed to their target and are getting books signed off each week.

- ***33 students (31%) = achieved 40 Book Target***
- 32 students (30%) = working towards an 80 / 120 Book Target
- 59 students (55%) = on track for success

I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing holiday break. This is a time to recharge the batteries before a busy Term 4! Make sure your child keeps reading over the holidays, and writes down any books they finish so they can add them to their reading target when they return to school. See you next term!

Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

Reading Challenge

As term 3 draws to a close, it is important for parents and their children to take the time to discuss the 40 Book Reading Challenge. Checking-in by discussing how many books your child has read and planning the books that your child will read to achieve their reading targets are great ways to assist. If you need any support with the reading challenge please contact your child's teacher.

Facebook

As this is the last week before the school holidays, I would like to encourage everyone to join our Year 4 and Year 5 closed groups. We'll be posting interesting items to support learning whilst on holidays and it is a great way to stay in touch.

A reminder to the Dads, don't forget to join our Dads' Facebook group!

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

PSSA Sport

There will be no PSSA games or training this week.

Enjoy the week and have a safe holiday,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

We are looking forward to our excursion to the **IMAX** and **National Maritime Museum** today. I'm sure there will be plenty to talk about when they return from school today. I would like to thank Ms East and Mrs Addoug for coming along with us as our parent volunteers. It is very much appreciated.

There will also be a number of **assessments** this week. This includes their final STEM design challenge. STEM is the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The students will also be completing their Author Study major assessment task. This will be a written assessment requiring critical thinking and perspective writing. All students need to be focused during this last week of school.

All students will receive a '**Holiday Reading Card**' to assist them to keep track of the reading they complete in the holidays. Students can use these next 2 weeks as a time to strive towards their reading target. There are many students who are in the 30 range and only need a few more books to get to 40!

The holidays is a great time for students attending the Stage 3 Camp to gather all their necessary equipment and prepare their bags. We leave for camp on the first Wednesday back at school.

School returns on Monday 10th October.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Thankyou to everyone who has returned their books.

There are still some resources outstanding please return them as soon as possible.

Don't forget we will be borrowing on day 1 Term 4 so be prepared with your library bag.

The holidays is a good time to access your local library and see what they have to offer.

You can still access world book online during the holidays

<http://www.worldbookonline.com>

Username: parrawest

Password: student

Mrs Sell

Home Readers

These will be collected this week so please return all books. Home Readers will recommence Week 2 Term 4. If you are able to come along and help change the books for the students please go to the uniform shop at 9am. All welcome.



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.

The simplest way

...to stop food waste.

Over-ripe fruit and veg need not be thrown out. They can be a flavour-rich basis for some great drinks, snacks and meals.



Get the most out of fruit and veg past used-by date.

Image: expophoto.com.au

Banana	Cut in to chunks and freeze. Use in smoothies, banana bread or muffins.
Apple	Stew. Serve with natural yoghurt or sprinkle with muesli and bake for crumble.
Zucchini	Grate and freeze in zip-lock bags. Use in mince dishes, zucchini loaf, muffins.
Capsicum, celery, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower	Slice and freeze in zip-lock bags. Use in stir fries.

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

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