

Parramatta West A NSW Public School

The West Weekly



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Principal's Message

Thank you for your patience while we organised the children into classes this year. With so many children coming and going, we have to get the numbers right, and we didn't want to have to change classes once formed, as happened last year. Hopefully we will have stable classes now.

The kindergarten children have settled in well, and all classes are getting down to work - congratulations parents, you must have prepared them well! We look forward to seeing ALL PARENTS at our meet the teacher meetings next week. At these meetings you will learn more about what is happening in the classrooms, and in particular more about the teaching of mathematics, as well as getting to know your child's teacher and the other parents in the class.

Tuesday Feb 21st 5.30pm Kindergarten and the MC classes

Tuesday Feb 21st 6.15pm Years 3 and 4

Wednesday Feb 22nd 5.30pm Years 1 and 2

Wednesday Feb 22nd 6.15pm Years 5 and 6 (including 4/5 class)

Heat conditions

Last week the children managed the heat very well. We arranged for them to have as much

time as possible in air conditioned spaces, and limited the active time outside to the start of the day. We are in the process of finalizing a company to air condition I Block, which is the hottest area of the school without air conditioning. Thank you to the P and C for supporting this. We will continue to work our way through all the classrooms.

P and C meeting

We look forward to seeing parents at our first P & C meeting tomorrow - Tuesday 14th, from 9am. This meeting will be held in the school hall. It is an opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions, find out what is happening in the school, and plan fund - raising.

Payment for enrichment activities

As usual, there will be a separate note going home about our extra curricular activities and online resources. Children in years 1-6 will start dance classes this week. We are sure that they will enjoy them. The classes follow the NSW curriculum.

Reading this newsletter is important as it contains information about what we are doing at school each week, as well as advice for parents. If you know someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please encourage them to go to our school website and click on the link to subscribe. From this week we have information for each year group or stage.

Classes for 2017

KAB Mrs Armour and Mrs Baird

KC Mr Cartwright

KH Miss Hearn

KK Mrs Knedl

KN Ms Newton and Mrs Baird

KS	Miss Stock
KT	Miss Thai
1F	Mrs Frank
1H	Miss Hyun
1J	Miss Jennens
1K	Miss McSpadden (Relieving AP)
1M	Miss Mahony
1S	Mrs Sequeira
2B	Mrs Batac (Relieving AP)
2G	Mrs Gatt
2L	Mrs Lord
2N	Mrs Negi
2P	Miss Liu
2/3H	Mrs Harris
3K	Miss Kay
3P	Miss Perger
3S	Miss Stuart (AP)

4H Mr Harrison

4J Ms Singh

4S Mrs Seccull

4/5M Mrs Marks

5A Mrs Abraham

5D Miss Demosthenous

6H Miss Hong

6J Ms Jameson and Mrs Hawley

6R Miss Richards (Relieving AP)

MCT Mrs Tanceski (AP)

MCS Mrs George

MCD Mrs Doueihy

English as an additional language and learning support team

EALD Teachers - Miss Aoun, Mrs Ng, Miss Nwiran, Mrs Nguyen, Mrs Cotter

LaST Teachers - Mrs Heifetz (Relieving Deputy) Mrs Maurice, Mrs Kench, Mrs Franklin

Release from Face to Face teachers

Mr Edwards, Mrs Kepreotes, Mrs Hawley, Miss Toovey, Mrs Davis

Teacher librarians

Mrs Sell, Mrs Bruckshaw.

Additional Teacher

Mrs Tomizzi

Have a cooler week!

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Stage News

Kindergarten

Well done to all the Kindergarten students and parents! The children have all settled well into their new school and are learning lots of exciting new things.

As the weather continues to be hot, please make sure your child brings a bottle of water to school with them everyday. They are allowed to keep their bottles in the classroom and are encouraged to drink regularly so that they stay hydrated in the heat. Please make sure they also have their hat.

Also please make sure everything has your child's name and class on it – even the little containers inside lunchboxes. We are already starting to get a collection of things we cannot return, as they have no names.

Our meet the teacher sessions will be next Tuesday 21st March. A separate note will be sent home with further information this week.

All the Kindergarten teachers are looking forward to another great week of learning!

Mrs Armour

Year 1

Welcome back to another exciting school year!

School supply lists were published on our Facebook page. Please start sourcing these supplies and send them to school with your child.

As many of you will have purchased new uniforms and lunch boxes over the holidays, please ensure they are labeled with your child's name.

Year 1 sport will be starting this Tuesday. As is hot, it is important that all children are also wearing a hat and have a drink bottle with them.

Maths Focus for this week:

- Counting and writing numbers to 20.

All Year 1 parents are invited to meet their child's teacher on February 22nd at 5:30pm. We are looking forward to meeting you and the exciting year of learning ahead!

Miss McSpadden

Year 2

Welcome back to all of our year 2 families. Even though it has been a very hot start to the year, it hasn't stopped our excitement and enthusiasm for learning. We have some amazing things planned for term 1 and look forward to sharing updates, what we have been learning, student work and progress and proud moments with you. Be sure to regularly check our closed year 2 Facebook group where we will be posting learning links, tips, ideas and examples of our teaching and learning. Each week will also feature a

different year 2 class with photos of what we are learning at school. We encourage you to ask us questions or comment on the photos and links.

We hope to see all of our parents at next week's Meet The Teacher Night. Come and meet your child's teacher and get some great ideas on helping your child with maths. Years 1 and 2 will be on Wednesday 22nd, starting at 5:30pm.

Just a reminder to send in your child's labelled supplies as requested on the year 2 equipment list.

Year 2 sport will be on Mondays. Please send your child in their sports uniform, with their hat and water bottle.

Here are the days each class will visit the library. Your child must have a library bag so they can borrow.

Monday- 2L, 2G and 2N

Tuesday- 2B

Thursday- 2P

As always, speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions about anything.

Mrs Batac

Year 3 and Year 4

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces when we formed our Year 3 and 4 classes last week. Children have settled in well to their new classes, are eager to learn and challenge themselves, and are ready for a fantastic year of learning.

This year's Stage 2 classes are:

- 2/3H – Mrs Harris
- 3K – Miss Kay
- 3P – Miss Perger
- 3S – Miss Stuart
- 4H – Mr Harrison
- 4J – Mrs Singh
- 4S – Mrs Seccull

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you to all of our families who have already purchased stationery and equipment that their children need for the classroom. It is important that children are ready for school each day, which includes having a pencil case, hat and drink bottle (especially in such hot weather!).

This week many of our weekly programs and activities start, including Scripture on Wednesday and our new Footsteps Dance program on Thursdays. Your child will let you know which day they will be visiting the library, please make sure they have their library bag ready for borrowing. Homework will start next week.

Next Tuesday 21st February we will be holding our Meet the Teacher night at 6.15pm. We would love to see all parents at these meetings. Come and meet your child's teacher and find out what learning will be taking place in our classrooms this year, and how you can help at home. Let's work together!

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Stuart

Year 5 and Year 6

The Stage 3 classes have now been formed, consisting of *6H with Miss Hong, 6R with Miss Richards, 6J with Mrs Jameson, 5A with Mrs Abraham, 5D with Miss Demosthenous and 4/5M with Mrs Marks*. We welcome the Year 6 students into their final year of primary school and the Year 5 students into a busy year. We have planned a year of high expectations, great learning experiences and leadership for all students.

It is essential that all students are equipped with the right tools for learning. Please ensure your child has everything requested on the '**Equipment List.**' There are more copies available on the school Facebook page if you did not receive one.

Reading will be a major focus throughout the year as we continue the very successful Reading challenge that began last year.

'Meet The Teacher Night' is on **Wednesday 22nd February** . We would like to see as many parents as possible. Strong links between the home and school enhances your child's learning.

Please don't hesitate to come and talk to us about your child or the year ahead.

Miss Richards

Library News

We are now borrowing but children without a library bag are still unable to take a book home. Please make sure you have a library bag for your library day. Not a plastic bag.

Last day for bookclub is tomorrow Tuesday 14th Feb. Please use the Order form given.

If parents want to do online ordering for bookclub, classes are now set up.

Don't forget we are having a Bookfair on the 21st and 22nd of Feb starting at 4.30 to 6.15 for the Meet the Teacher meetings. Come along and buy a book or two to kick start your reading challenge.

**Cancer Council
NSW**

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get kids eating more fruit and veg.

Learn how to create easy, budget-friendly family meals, entice fussy eaters and eat well to prevent cancer.

Cancer Council NSW's *Eat It To Beat It* program hosts free Fruit & Veg Sense workshops at schools across NSW.



In these 90-minute workshops we give you simple tips and ideas on:

- saving money by eating more fruit and veg;
- changing family favourites into healthy meals; and
- learning clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

All participants receive a FREE recipe book.

We have proven results that this workshop helps parents to eat more fruit and veg. And if you eat more fruit and veg, your children will too!

Ask your school to register via eatittobeatit.com.au.

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 Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

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Western Sydney
Local Health District

Eat It To Beat It 

Cumberland Council

Out of School Hours Education and Care



Council's Out of School Hours (OOSH) Education and Care Centres cater for children aged 5-13 years who attend primary school in the Cumberland Local Government area and surrounding areas.

Services operate Monday to Friday:
Before School Care from 6.30am - 9.30am
(Penrithway OOSH 6.00am - 9.00am)
After School Care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm
School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm
(Penrithway OOSH 6.00am - 6.00pm)
All activities and excursions are included.
Services are closed public holidays.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with an interest based program aligned with the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place.

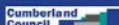
Experienced and qualified educators develop stimulating and educational programs to meet the children's interests and needs. Homework is supported through the homework club.

Environmentally friendly initiatives are promoted within all services. Services promote child well-being and development through our safety program.

Families are welcome to visit www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au to view programs and complete enrolment forms.

Council's OOSH Centre contact details:

Cumberland West OOSH:	9721 2257	0419 120 575
Penrithway West OOSH:	9633 6246	0408 241 913
Penrithway OOSH:	9896 6129	0427 068 227
Pendle Hill OOSH:	9631 8063	0410 553 264
Ringsome OOSH:	9636 6566	0419 442 153
Sharnwood Grange OOSH:	9892 4207	0419 632 886
Widemere OOSH:	9757 1904	0417 647 310



PARENTS BORROW BILINGUAL BOOKS

to read with your children at home



Arabic/ العربية
Farsi/ الفارسی
Dari/ دری
Kurdish / کوردی
Burmese/ Karen
Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt
Mandarin/ 官
Hindi
Urdu
Gujarati
Serbian / српски
Polish / język polski
Somali / Af-Soomaali
Dinka / Thuongjäng
Swahili / Kiswahili
and more

PWPS Library
Every Tuesdays
from 2:30pm
21 February
to 28 March





The simplest way

to improve the health of your
family and save money




Come to our **FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop**

Date: Thursday 9th March 2017

Time: 9.00am until 10.30am

Venue: Parramatta West Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

-  **Save time and money making healthy meals**
-  **Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters**
-  **Get a free recipe book simply by attending**

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 6/3/17 by:

Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at

www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



**Eat It To
Beat It** 

NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Campbell Street
NORTHMEAD 2152



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017
Year 5 (entering year 7 2019)
Year 6 (entering year 7 2018)



Morning Session:	9.15am - 10.15am (Hall presentation) 10.15am - 1.00pm (Hands on activities for students & short tour for parents)
Evening Session:	5.00pm - 7.00pm (Open school tour) 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Formal presentation in the Hall)

Northmead CAPA High School

- ♦ **Central Location**
 - ☐ Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
 - ☐ Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
 - ☐ Experienced and Committed Teachers
- ♦ **Creative and Performing Arts**
 - ☐ Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
 - ☐ Elective classes in CAPA (Yrs 9-12)
 - ☐ Bands & Vocal Ensemble
 - ☐ Dance, Drama & Music Ensembles, Companies & Vocal Tutorial
 - ☐ Instrumental Programs
- ♦ **Focus on Academic Excellence**
 - ☐ Gifted and Talented Programs
 - ☐ Extension Program for Year 7 Students
 - ☐ Support and Remediation Programs
- ♦ **Comprehensive Education**
 - ☐ Special Performing Arts Programs
 - ☐ Broad Curriculum
 - ☐ Excellent Sporting Opportunities
 - ☐ Chrome Book Program
- ♦ **Caring School**
 - ☐ Support for Year 7 Students
 - ♦ Orientation Program: Yr 6 to Yr 7
 - ♦ Peer Support
 - ♦ Year 7 Camp
 - ♦ Project Based Learning
 - ♦ Proactive Learning Support Team
 - ♦ Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
 - ♦ Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community
 - ♦ Special Programs
- ♦ **Extra Curricula Activities**
 - ☐ Sport
 - ☐ Debating & Public Speaking
 - ☐ Mock Trials
 - ☐ MUNIA
 - ☐ Sister Exchange Visits: - Kawaguchi Japan
 - ☐ Lots More
- ♦ **Year 7 Scholarships**
 - ☐ 3 Categories
 - ☐ Performing Arts, Academic, Sport
 - ☐ **Contact School on 96304116 for Application Forms**

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a memento of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore 'living' music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC



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