



Principal's Message

Welcome all our new families - both Kindergarten and through the school - to Parramatta West Public School. Our children and teachers come from all over the world, and this makes us special. Your children have the opportunity to learn in a global environment - and that is the future of a peaceful world.

Sometime this week - hopefully sooner rather than later - we will be putting the children in years 1-6 into their classes for the year. We are hoping to avoid the disruption of last year where increased enrolments caused a change of classes in term 2.

Enrichment activities

Each year we organise a number of whole school activities designed to provide additional opportunities for your children. We group the cost of these into one payment to make it easier for parents. You may pay it off all at once or pay a deposit and the rest through the year. We also have reduced rates for families. The note will be going home this week, and the first activity for years 1-6 will be starting soon, so we ask that parents respond as soon as possible. Payment can be made through the school office or online.

Parents who are temporary residents and are paying the government to attend school are exempt from this payment as it is covered by the government providing us a small amount.

This enrichment payment does not cover any excursions during the year. Notes for this will be sent home when the events are organised. Temporary residents will have to pay for excursions.

Meet the teacher nights

I encourage all parents to attend the meet the teacher nights this term. They will enable you to meet your child's teacher, other parents of the class, and learn about class events. You will also receive important information about how we teach maths and how you can assist your child to succeed.

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)

Parents and Citizens Meeting

These meetings are held each month - usually on the second Tuesday of the month from 9.00 am. At these meetings we discuss what is happening in the school, you have an opportunity to ask questions, and we plan fund raisers. All parents are most welcome.

The first meeting this year is next Tuesday Feb 14.

School Expectations

Our school does not have a list of school rules, we have three expectations. Our expectations are about teaching children to think for themselves, to learn to make decisions that will prepare them for a successful life beyond school, rather than just teach them to behave at school. We teach these expectations in the school context, but they should be applicable everywhere. Our expectations are that

children are RESPONSIBLE, SAFE AND RESPECTFUL. They need to learn what these look like and sound like, and how to behave in a way that is consistent with them. When children fail to follow these expectations we discuss what they were doing and talk about how they can meet the expectations in the future. If there are ongoing problems, parents will be contacted.

Violin

Our violin ensemble will again be playing at the Opera House in the instrumental festival. If you have a child who has been learning the violin outside of school, who would like to be considered for this group, please let Mrs Jameson know.

Reading targets

Reading can well be seen as the foundation of learning. Good comprehension of what they read, a wide vocabulary and fluency is vital to all school learning. We believe that if children enjoy reading they will improve their learning. Enjoying reading comes from getting better at it, and reading books that you enjoy. This can come from wide, self chosen reading.

Following the success of last year's reading targets, we will again be asking children from year 2 to read 40 books this year. The children will record their books on a list, and teachers will sign off on them after a brief chat about the book. Books should be chosen at the child's appropriate reading level, and longer books count as more books. Mrs Sell is a good source of advice if parents or children are struggling to find books. Library borrowing starts this week, so children should make sure they have a library bag.

Some children in year 1 read towards the target last year, but most children in kindergarten and year 1 had a class target, and they kept a record of books read in class.

Home readers are not counted as books towards the reading target.

Parents can also set a great example by reading with their children, talking to their children about books and other reading materials, taking the family to the local

library to choose books, and reading themselves.

Have a great reading week,

Anthea Donaldson

Principal

Stage News

Stage News will commence next week for Years 1 - 6.

Kindergarten

Welcome to all our new Kindergarten students! We have a busy and exciting year ahead.

This year our Kindergarten classes and teachers are:

KAB - Mrs Armour (Mon – Wed) and Mrs Baird (Thurs-Fri)

KC - Mr Cartwright

KH -Miss Hearn

KK - Mrs Knedl

KN – Ms Newton (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) and Mrs Baird (Wed)

KS – Miss Stock

KT – Miss Thai

Kindergarten students are to line up at the lower playground each morning and be collected from the designated areas near their classrooms in the afternoon.

Please make sure that your child has recess, lunch, a drink bottle and hat everyday and that everything is clearly labelled with their name. A change of clothes in their bag is a good idea as accidents happen. Shortly we will be sending home a note that will let you know what days your child's class will have sport and visit the library.

Our home reading program will also commence soon. If you are able to assist with this wonderful program it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning!

Mrs Armour

Library News

Welcome Back everyone

We will be borrowing this week so please have your proper library bag ready.

Anyone who did not return overdue books from last year still needs to return them before they can borrow.

Bookclub orders must be in to me by the 14th of Feb. Please use the order form on the catalogue and try not to be late.

Save your pocket money we will be having a **bookfair**. On the Tuesday and Wednesday nights of Meet the teacher talks we will be having a bookfair in the hall. Come over and buy a book or two.

Mrs Sell

Sport House Captains 2017

All students in Years 3 to Year 6 attended meetings for their sport house last Friday.

Students in the role of house captains are responsible for encouraging and leading their house at major sport events throughout the year and also assist with playground sport activities every day. There were 22 students who ran for this important role this year. Each nominee presented a speech and led the team chant and then our students voted.

Congratulations to these students who are our house captains for 2017.

Booroo - Jessica, Khaled E

Guragai - Priscilla, George

Palona - Zara, Borno

Warrimoo - Keira, Abbas

They will take their pledge at our induction assembly in Week 5.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get bang for food budget buck.

Budgeting the week's food money according to the healthiest foods means getting the best value for money.

Spend most: wholegrain breads and cereals; fruit and vegetables.

Spend moderately: meats and alternatives; dairy.

Spend least: foods high in fat, salt and/or sugar.



Buy what's good for you...

Fruit and veg are good for you - a fibre-rich diet including two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables a day can help prevent one in six bowel cancer cases.

And save...

Fruit and veg are good value for money, especially when in season. Buy canned or frozen when they're cheaper than fresher varieties.

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.



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
(Pembury OOSH 6.00am - 9.00am)
After School Care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm
School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm
(Pembury 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:

Guildford West OOSH:	9721 2257	0419 120 575
Parramatta West OOSH:	9633 5246	0408 241 513
Pembury OOSH:	9896 6129	0427 058 227
Pendle Hill OOSH:	9631 8063	0410 553 284
Ringrose OOSH:	9636 6586	0418 442 153
Sherwood Grange OOSH:	9892 4207	0419 632 885
Widemere OOSH:	9757 1904	0417 647 310



PARENTS **BORROW** **BILINGUAL BOOKS** to read with your children at home



Arabic/العَرَبِيَّة
Farsi/الفبای فارسی
Dari/دری

Kurdish / کوردی

Burmese/ Karen

Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt

Mandarin/ 官

Hindi

Urdu

Gujarati

Serbian / српски

Polish / język polski

Somali / Af-Soomaali

Dinka / Thuonjăn

Swahili / Kiswahili

and more

PWPS Library

Every Tuesdays

from 2:30pm

14 February
to 21 March

SPARK

KIDS SNACK SHACK 2017 CANTEEN MENU

BREAKFAST

Hash Brown	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Toast with butter	70c
Pancake	50c
Cereal	\$2.00

SNACKS

Jelly Cup	\$1.50
Chips	as displayed
Ice blocks	as displayed
Mini muffins	\$1.50

FRESH FRUIT

fruit salad	sml \$1.80	lg \$3.60
Fresh fruit		\$1.00

SALAD

Salad Box	\$4.50
Add meat	60c
Add dressing	60c
Carrot & cucumber box	
With hommos dip	\$4.00

SANDWICHES

Toasted/ wrap	60c
Chicken salad	\$3.80
Ham salad	\$3.80
Tuna salad	\$3.80
Salad	\$3.60
Egg, lettuce mayo	\$3.60
Ham, cheese tomato	\$3.60
Cheese tomato	\$3.50
Cheese	\$3.00
Chicken	\$3.50
Tuna	\$3.50
Vegemite, honey, jam	\$2.50
Halal Salami	\$3.50

EXTRAS

Sauce or mayo	50c
Cheese/hard boiled egg	70c

Gozleme- spin & feta, chicken & cheese	
Or cheese	sml \$5.50 large \$6.50
Beef Burger	\$4.20
Chicken burger	\$4.20
Vege burger	\$4.20
Hot dog(chicken)	\$3.20
Meat pie	sml \$2.50 Large \$3.30
Halal Meat pie	\$3.30
Sausage roll	sml \$2.50 Large \$3.30
Halal sausage roll	\$3.30
Beef Lasagna	\$4.20
Vege Lasagna	\$4.20
Fried rice with ham	\$4.20
Vege rice	\$4.20
Macaroni cheese	\$4.20
Pasta bake	\$4.20
Potato jacket	\$4.20
Pizza ham and pineapple	\$4.00

Chicken	
Halal salami	
Cheese	
Make your own pizza	\$4.00
chicken nuggets (6 pack)	\$3.80
chicken chippees(6 pack)	\$3.80
Fish finger(6 pack)	\$3.80
3 pack spring rolls	\$3.30
Noodles chick/beef/vege	\$3.00
Corn cobbett	\$1.00
Corn cup	\$3.00

DRINKS

Water	small \$1.50
	Large \$2.00
Flavoured milk	\$2.00
Up N go	\$2.00
Slushie	\$2.00
Just juice popper	\$2.00

*Allergy sufferers clearly mark on order.

*PSSA players clearly mark on order.

*If a child is sick or away, please notify us so we can arrange for it to be delivered another day.

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