



## Principal's Message

This is an important week when parents have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers as well as other parents of the class. I really hope that as many parents as possible take this opportunity, even if you have been before and feel that you "know it all", I believe that you will gain something from attending. Let's set a record - which class can get the most parents I wonder? Maybe we will have a prize.

Tuesday 5.30pm Kindergarten and MC classes. 6.15pm Years 3 and 4, including 2/3H

Wednesday 5.30pm Years 1 & 2, 6.15pm Years 5 and 6, including 4/5 class.

Don't forget the book fair that is on as well - 4.30-6.15 under the COLA in the top playground on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Home Reading for Kindergarten - Year 2 starts today.** Thank you to the parents who assist with this. Every child - which is now well over 300 - has the opportunity to take home a reader every afternoon. Parents should spend a few minutes reading with their child. If the child can read the book independently, that is great, if they can't, then you read it together with them, pointing at the words and talking about the story. Then the parent signs off that the book has been read, and returns it for another one the next day. A big brother or sister can also be the one to read with your child. This daily reading greatly assists your child's reading

progress. The books are generally at an easy reading level, except for kindergarten at the early stages.

If you would like to assist with the job of changing the books, pop in to the room where the uniform shop is. You can just do it one day a week, many hands make light work. Thank you.

### **Community Action Team**

On Monday next week we will have the first meeting of this important team. The team is made up of parents, teachers and senior students, who meet about twice each term. We plan ways to improve community school connections. Last year we started some parent whatsapp groups, the Holroyd Gardens meet ups and held a wonderful multicultural week celebration. We look forward to further developing ideas this year, and have gained some useful suggestions from our community forums last year. I hope that some of our parents from last year will continue with the group, and look forward to some new parents joining us. If you are interested, please let me know.

### **Enrichment Fees**

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their fees. We choose not to have voluntary contributions at Parramatta West, the money that we ask for goes directly to your children. Don't forget that you can pay online, and you can pay it off over the year.

### **Attendance**

Getting into a good routine early in the year is important. Please make sure that your child is at school every day unless they are sick and in bed, not going off to the shops with you! If they are away for more than two days they should have been to the doctor and have a doctor's certificate. Please send in a note as soon as your child returns to school explaining the absence. It is a legal requirement of schools to record this information.

We are already receiving requests for school exemption from families. Please

note that absences for holidays will not be granted as exemptions. We need to know that you are going, but your child will be marked as on leave, not exempt. Any absence from school has a serious impact on your child's education. While I fully understand your need to visit family overseas - I too have family overseas - I also know that it is possible to arrange for these visits to occur during school holidays. This is what I did when my children were of school age. Yes, there are sometimes events over which you have no control, but I request that you limit your children's time away from school as much as possible. When you are overseas, please continue to get your children to participate in learning through online means and workbooks available from newsagents. You can stay connected with school and the learning here through our closed Facebook groups. Thank you.

## **Facebook**

Our new closed Facebook groups are now up and running. There will be more information at the meet the teacher night. I encourage you to get linked in as there will be valuable information there to assist you to see what is happening in the classrooms and enable you to ask questions about anything that is going on.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday or Wednesday night. I will be available as well for any questions, or just a chat.

**Anthea Donaldson**

**Principal**

## **Stage News**

### **Kindergarten**

We have another busy week ahead in Kindergarten! We started our Gym Fun program today and students will also have class sport during the week where they will work on developing their fundamental movement skills. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for their sports days.

Tomorrow night from 5:30pm – 6:15pm is our “Meet the teacher” night. Due to the size of Kindergarten we are having our meetings in several locations.

- KAB and KC in KC classroom
- KK and KH in KK classroom
- KS and KT in KT classroom
- KN in KN classroom

These meetings are an opportunity to find out what is happening in the Kindergarten classrooms this year. Teachers will not be discussing individual students and their progress with parents, this will happen later in the year at parent teacher interviews.

This week in Mathematics children will continue to learn about numbers 0-10 and will also look at sorting and classifying objects by size, colour and shape.

Each week in the newsletter we will also be listing the sight words that each class will be focusing on. These will vary from class to class as they are based on the books that each class is working on that week and sometimes words will be revisited. By the end of term all students will have learnt the same list of words (which was sent home earlier this term, please see your teacher if you need another copy). Words for this week are

KAB - this, is, my, us

KC – I, am, can, a

KH – the, in, is, my

KK – in, went, the, and

KN – I, and, the, can

KS – I, and, the, my

KT – I, me, my, the, went

Have your child practise reading and writing these words at home and also encourage them to find them in books they are reading.

Have a great week.

Mrs Armour

## Year 1

All Year 1 parents are invited to meet their child's teacher this Wednesday February 22nd at 5:30pm. We are looking forward to meeting you and discussing some of the exciting things coming up this year. Meetings will take place in the following locations:

- 1M & 1K *will be meeting in 1K classroom*
- 1J & 1F *will be meeting in 1F classroom*
- 1S & 1H *will be meeting in 1H classroom*

Both Tuesday and Wednesday evening the book fair will on from 4:30pm - 6:15pm, under the COLA or in the hall. Come and check out some of the great books available for purchase.

Home readers will start this week. These readers will be exchanged daily and are an excellent resource to support your child's reading at home. Homework will also begin today. It is required back at school on Thursday so students can receive feedback on Friday.

As is hot, it is important that all children are wearing a hat and have a drink bottle daily. Please ensure these are labeled with their names so they can be easily returned.

Maths Focus for this week:

- Counting and writing numbers to 20.
- Ordering numbers on a number line

Be sure to regularly check out our closed year 1 Facebook group for more learning links, tips, ideas and examples of our teaching and learning.

Miss McSpadden

## Year 2

Welcome to Week 5! Year 2 is continuing our amazing start to the year. Classes have all settled in well and I have been hearing lots of positive comments from the teachers regarding the learning that is taking place in their classrooms. You may have heard some big words such as Velociraptor, Mesozoic, extinct or fossils be spoken about by your child. Some classes have even had dinosaurs laying eggs and students watching them hatch! We are enjoying learning facts about dinosaurs, but also using our imagination.

Below are the Maths and English topics and specific weekly focus. Talk with your child about what they are learning. Don't forget to check out our closed Year 2 Facebook page where we will be posting photos, learning links, You tube videos and more!

### Maths Focus

- *To be able to count by tens*
- *To be able to compare numbers and order them from smallest to largest or largest to smallest*

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on **Numbers and place value beyond 100** in our maths lessons. Our specific learning intentions (what students are learning to do) will be:

### English Focus

These are the topics Year 2 teachers will be addressing this term. Please be

advised that depending on the needs of their students, classroom teachers may choose to change the sequence and timing of the topics.

- Writing

**Theme:** Dinosaurs

Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Iguanodon	Oviraptor	Velociraptor
Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Diplodocus	Spinosaurus	Albertosaurus

**Week 11**

Apatosaurus

Students will be learning to write a variety of **informative texts** about the dinosaur of the week.

- Reading

**Author Study:** Nick Bland

In addition to reading books about dinosaurs, students will be studying the author Nick Bland. We will be looking at the concepts of theme and narrative. Students will be using comprehension strategies to respond to and analyse the story books.

- Topic Talks

As part of our speaking and listening program students will be asked to present a short topic talk each week. Students should aim to speak for approximately 2 minutes. It is important that your child prepares for these talks so that they are

confident in presenting to the class. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

This week's topic talk:

**Week 5- Goal Setting:** What do you think you do well now? Think about areas like English, maths, art, sport or music. What areas would you like to improve in this year? Why have you chosen these areas and who can help you achieve your goals?

Meet the Teacher Night is this Wednesday, 22nd February. Sessions begin at 5:30pm, in the following locations. Talks will focus on Maths and Facebook. We will then spilt off into individual classes where you will talk more with your child's teacher and get specific information about the class.

YEAR 2 - 2L, 2B and 2N - 2B classroom

2P and 2G - 2G classroom

The Year 2 Teachers look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

K - 2 assemblies start this Friday in the hall at 2pm. 2B will be hosting and performing at this week's assembly. Please come along and join us in celebrating our achievements and learning.

Mrs Batac

## Year 3 and Year 4

Congratulations to our newly elected Stage 2 SRC representatives who received their badges and said their pledge proudly at today's Investiture Assembly. I know that they will be fantastic representatives of their classes and their school this year.



Tomorrow we will be holding our Meet the Teacher night at 6:15pm. We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible!

- 2/3H, 3P, 3K and 3S will meet in the Library at 6:15pm
- 4S, 4J and 4H will meet in 4J's classroom at 6:15pm

Homework starts this week. Please make sure that your child has a scrapbook for homework. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher. Our homework aims to provide students with opportunities to practise concepts learnt at school, demonstrate initiative and show their creativity. We also want you to be involved in homework through our 'Quick Chats', promoting conversation and speaking skills. All students will be provided with homework feedback at the end of the week.

Have you joined our Facebook page yet? Our closed Year group pages are set up and we are starting to share snapshots of our classrooms and learning links to help you when working with your child at home. We will be discussing this more tomorrow night. Go and take a look!

### ***Maths focus areas for this week:***

Go to our Facebook pages for learning links!

- **Year 3** – Reading, writing and building numbers to / beyond 1000; understanding odd and even numbers
- **Year 4** – Reading and writing numbers beyond 1000; comparing and ordering large numbers

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening. Have a wonderful week everyone!

Miss Stuart

## **Year 5 and Year 6**

Today is an exciting day for many members of Stage 3, as some students will be

participating in the investiture assembly and receiving their badges for the various leadership roles they have been selected for. Congratulations to those students and I am sure they will uphold the pledges they will be making today!

**'Meet The Teacher Night'** is on **Wednesday 22nd February at 6:15pm**. We will be starting in 6R for Year six parents and in 5D for Year five parents (including 4/5M). It would be great to have as many parents as possible come along! We will be discussing Facebook and how it can help us be connected, as well as Mathematics and general information about the year ahead.

A separate night for High school applications will be run the following Wednesday the 1st of March to assist all Year six parents complete the high school forms correctly.

In mathematics we have been learning about:

Year 5: Place value up to the millions, ordering decimals and applying this knowledge in addition and subtraction.

Year 6: Place value up to the billions, ordering large numbers and learning about negative and positive numbers.

**Miss Richards**

## Library News

Bookclub has been ordered and should be here some time this week.

Bookfair is here so we would love to see you on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon when you come to the Meet the teacher meetings. I have an eftpos machine so I am ready for mums and dads who want to spend up big.

Don't forget to bring your proper library bag to library lessons to borrow your

books. Kindergarten has now started to borrow so they should also have a library bag with their name clearly marked. Not a plastic bag please.

Mrs Sell

## 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  
(Preliminary OOSH 4.00am - 9.00am)  
After School Care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm  
(Preliminary OOSH 4.00am - 6.00pm)  
All activities and excursions are included.  
Services are closed public holidays.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with an internet 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.

Environmental 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](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au) to view programs and complete enrolment forms.

**Council's OOSH Centre contact details:**

Gulstaff West OOSH:	9721 2257	0419 420 676
Parramatta West OOSH:	9633 3248	0439 241 613
Pennings OOSH:	9896 6129	0427 056 227
Pondale Hill OOSH:	9631 8063	0430 963 264
Wingrove OOSH:	9636 9098	0419 442 163
Sherrwood Grange OOSH:	9892 4207	0419 632 885
Widmore OOSH:	9757 1904	0417 647 330





Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

...to help parents *Eat It To Beat It*.

Want to learn more about getting your family to eat well to reduce cancer risk, and empower other parents to do the same?

Join Cancer Council NSW's *Eat It To Beat It* program as a volunteer Program Facilitator.

We will train and support you to deliver free Healthy Lunch Box sessions and Fruit & Veg Sense workshops that:

- Help families to reduce their cancer risk.
- Make a difference in your community.
- Increase your confidence and improve your presentation skills.



For more information email [eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au](mailto:eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au) or phone (02) 4923 0710.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://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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PARENTS

# BORROW BILINGUAL BOOKS

to read with your children at home



العَرَبِيَّة/Arabic  
الفارسي/Farsi  
دري/Dari  
کوردی/Kurdish  
Karen/Burmese  
Tiếng Việt/Vietnamese  
官/Mandarin  
Hindi  
Urdu  
Gujarati  
српски/Serbian  
polski/Polish  
Somali/Af-Soomaali  
Dinka/Thuɔŋjäŋ  
Kiswahili/Swahili  
*and more*

PWPS Library

Every Tuesdays

from 2:30pm

21 February  
to 28 March



SPARK



**The simplest way**

to improve the health of your  
family and save money

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

**Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register)**

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