



Principal's Message

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Last day for students is Wednesday 19 December 2018.

SCHOOL RESUMES

Students in Years 1-6 resume on Wednesday 30 January 2019. Kindergarten begins Monday 4 February 2019, please see Best Start times for the week proceeding.

EXTREME WEATHER

Sydney experienced some extreme weather conditions in the last two weeks, with fierce winds and dust storms followed by severe rainstorms. In such circumstances be assured the welfare of our students and staff is paramount. We assess the conditions outside and make a decision to either keep students indoors or allow them to play outdoors in safe areas of the school. This is exactly what has occurred over last two weeks.

CLASS STRUCTURES 2019

Currently our school numbers are changing on a daily basis as we confirm families leaving and new enrolments K-6. At this point in time, no final decisions regarding class structures have been confirmed as enrolment numbers change on a daily basis, however we are anticipating the establishment of 34 classes with 35 being a distinct possibility. At present the class structure necessitate the formation of a composite Year 1 and 2 class.

If you are aware that your circumstances have changed and you will not be joining us for the 2019 school year could I please request that you contact the school office **this week** to inform them of your changing circumstance. It is vitally important that we are aware of any students who may not be returning to Parramatta West. Your support in keeping us informed is greatly appreciated. Also, please advise us in writing, if your child/ren will be late to start the new school year.

If you have any questions regarding class structure for 2019 please don't hesitate to contact me.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Our teachers are currently preparing to write end of year reports for students. These will be available for all parents prior to the end of the school year. Parents who wish to speak directly with the class teacher regarding their child's progress before the end of the year are welcomed to make contact to schedule a mutually agreeable time.

SWIMMING SCHOOL

This very worthwhile program began last week. Ten days of intensive tuition is extremely effective in improving students' swimming skills. Further it begins to teach students important life skills such as independence and responsibility. Please allow your children to practice skills such as towel drying themselves, getting dressed independently, brushing their own hair and packing their own bag. I expect that these students have and will continue to sleep very well over the next two week period. Many thanks to our coordinating teachers and the teachers who have volunteered to get in the pool with our students.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Parramatta West P.S., in partnership with parent/caregivers, promotes the regular, punctual attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- Explaining the absence of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school

If an absence has not been explained after a period of seven days has elapsed, the absence may be deemed 'unexplained – unjustified.' Even if an explanation is received after seven days have elapsed from the students return to school, the record showing 'unjustified' for the absence may not be able to be adjusted.

The Department of Education directs schools to monitor and account for the arrival and departure time of students each day while recognising that absence or lateness may occur due to:

- illness
- misadventure or unforeseen event
- domestic necessity such as the serious illness of an immediate family member
- attendance at funerals
- recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions

Please be aware that the Department of Education advises schools that 'running late' or 'slept in' are not considered to be acceptable explanations of lateness and the partial absence will be recorded as 'unjustified.'

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Principal

Deputy Principal's Report - Mrs Rhodes

PWPS CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Parramatta West PS presents its annual Christmas Assembly on Thursday 13 December. This assembly is for students only, with our volunteer scripture teachers as special guests. The Christmas assembly will allow students to sing along to Christmas carols and will showcase student responses across all stages of what Christmas means to them and how they celebrate Christmas with their loved ones. It will also incorporate the traditional story of Christmas. A very big thank you to Miss Thai and Mrs Downes for their work in organising the assembly. If you would prefer that your child not attend the Christmas Show for religious reasons, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

TOY AND FOOD HOLIDAY DRIVE!

Christmas is a time for giving. The **PWPS Toy and Holiday Drive** is happening again this year. We are asking the school community to dig deep and donate new toys as well as long lasting packaged food, such as canned goods, rice and juices. Any donations can be taken to office and placed under the Christmas tree. We thank the School Representative Council, led by Miss McSpadden and Miss Aoun for their hard work.

**PWPS
TOY & FOOD
HOLIDAY DRIVE**

**DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN
UNTIL WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER!**

Canned goods,
cereals, meal bases,
juices, biscuits, rice
etc.

Teddy bears, cars,
trains, slime,
puzzles etc.

Please note we are only able to accept **NEW** toys.

LIBRARY NEWS with Mrs Sell

Book Club has been ordered and hopefully will arrive at school sometime this week. That was the last Book Club for the year.

Thank you for your support this year with Book Club. Each book bought earns points that go towards buying more books for the library.

Please keep returning those overdue library books. If you happen to get an overdue notice and are sure that you have returned the book please come and see me. But make sure you have had a really good look at home first. Usually it is at home and it just needs to be found. Overdue books don't go away over the holidays and need to be sorted this term before school finishes.

Mrs Sell



Deputy Principal's Report - Miss Langhans

MINI FETE

The Mini Fete will be held on Tuesday 11th December for students. It is held every year to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell and is a great way for all students to celebrate the end of the school year and have fun.

Most stalls will cost between 20 cents and \$1, so children should start saving all of their loose change now!

- lolly stall
- face paint
- haunted house
- spider drinks
- cupcakes
- internet café
- basketball shootout
- soccer shootout
- drink stall
- nail polish
- drawing competition
- tattoos
- paper toss game
- sponge throw
- slime
- dance competition



SWIM SCHOOL

Due to extreme weather circumstances, Swim School was cancelled on Wednesday 28th November. This decision was made to ensure the safety of all students and teachers involved in travelling to and from the pools. Unfortunately we are unable to arrange a make up session at the pool.

HOME READERS

Please return all home readers this week. If you can spare any time to assist in the Home Reading room your help would be appreciated.

Calendar

Please check the calendar for Term 4 below.

Parramatta West Public School - Term 4 2018



Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	15 STUDENTS & STAFF RETURN	16	17	18	19 Drama Night	20/21
2	22	23	24 Stage 3 CAMP Stage 3 Excursion Kindergarten 2019 Orientation A	25 Stage 3 CAMP Kindergarten 2019 Orientation B	26 Stage 3 CAMP Stage 3 Excursion	27/28
3	29 Stage 3 Debating Grand Final	30 DISCO K-2 4:30-5:45pm 3-6 6-7:30pm	31	1 Dancesport Championship	2	3/4
4	5 Teeth On Wheels	6 Kindergarten 2019 Orientation A Book Fair	7 Kindergarten 2019 Orientation B Book Fair Remembrance Day Ceremony	8 NRMA ROAD SAFETY DAY	9 Ernst & Young Care Day Lancer Barracks Excursion	10/11
5	12 Teeth On Wheels	13 P & C Meeting 2pm	14	15	16 Deloitte Impact Day	17/18
6	19 Teeth On Wheels	20 BIG NIGHT OUT	21 Kindergarten 2019 Orientation A Girls in STEM excursion Final Scripture 2018	22 Kindergarten 2019 Orientation B	23	24/25
7	26 Swim School	27 Swim School	28 Swim School Information Booth for new school site 5pm	29 Swim School	30 Swim School	1/2
8	3 Swim School	4 Swim School High School Transition	5 Swim School	6 Swim School	7 Swim School	8/9
9	10	11 MINI FETE	12 Year 6 Graduation	13 Christmas Pageant Parent Helpers Morning Tea 9-11am	14	15/16
10	17 Presentation Day	18	19 Talent Quest END OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	20	21	22/23
School Holidays: Thursday December 20 – Tuesday January 29 Students return Wednesday January 30						

PWPS LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Enrol Now for 2019

Learn **Music** on the keyboard
at School

*Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!*



- ♪ Convenient at-school venue ♪
 - ♪ Small group - 45 min weekly lesson ♪
 - ♪ Competitive rate - \$29 per session ♪
- (GST incl. Please *do not* forward payment to the school office.)
- ♪ Instrument not required initially ♪

To enrol, please call 9411 3122 or visit
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School Holiday 3 Day Clinic

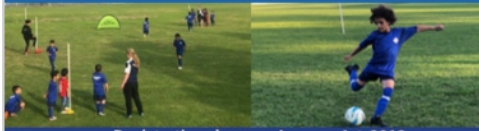
Location: Merrylands Park, Burnett St, Merrylands

Date : January: 8th-10th
15th-17th
22nd-24th

Time: 9:00am-11:30am (4-7 years old)
1:00pm-3:30pm (8-12 years old)

Price: \$60.00 for 3 consecutive days

Inclusions: Free Soccer Shirt



Registration closes on January 1st, 2019

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