



Issue 34- Term 4 - Week 4

November 4, 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PLANNING FOR 2020

Planning for 2020 is well underway and as always it is critical that we receive information to assist us in this process. **If you are planning on withdrawing your child/ren from the school at the end of this year, you must advise us in writing now.**

Also, please advise us in writing, if your child/ren will be late to start the new school year. It is a government requirement that we are informed of the school your children will be attending in the future. Also, if you have a child beginning Kindergarten next year or know of a neighbour with a child starting school, please ensure the school office is contacted regarding enrolment.

CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS 2020

Whilst it may seem rather premature, we begin class placements for 2020 early in Term 4. This is because we have over 890 students and many different options for class structures to consider K-6. While staff are aware of most situations that may impact on class placement, there are always circumstances or concerns that you as parents have a greater awareness of. For this reason I would ask that if you have any MAJOR concerns about your child's class placement for 2020 you send a letter outlining your concerns in an envelope marked '*Confidential: Attention School Principal.*' Please ensure all requests are received by Friday 22 November, to allow for consideration to be given during the planning process. Whilst each request is considered we are not always able to guarantee all requests can be accommodated. Please do not request a particular teacher for your child. I would like to remind all parents that any decisions relating to class teachers are based on a range of school factors, taking into account the staffing mix available each year.

COLOUR UNDER THE STARS

Congratulations to all the students and their teachers on what was an amazing Showcase of Artistic talent last Wednesday night. It was wonderful to see and hear the buzz of families on the evening. I am sure you were not disappointed with the array of art works on display and

the various pop-up performances. Thank you to all the additional staff and parents who helped out on the night and in the lead up to this special event.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY WAS ON FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

Anyone who lives with a teacher would know that the working day is not 9-3. They would see firsthand the hours of organisation required each day to prepare meaningful learning that is suitable to the needs of individual students. Teachers make a difference to peoples' lives, every day. Most of you would remember a teacher in your life that inspired you and made a difference. Mine was Mr Stanton, in Year 8. He made learning interesting, relevant and found a way of making it stick in my mind. He was firm but fair. He made time to hear about my weekend and was interested enough to ask questions about my family. We all have at least one teacher that stands out. Share your story with your children. I thank our teachers at Parramatta West Public School for their dedication to their students, their open mindedness to continuous learning and hours of attendance to professional learning.

We would like to thank the P&C for their ongoing support of the teaching staff at Parramatta West PS and in particular for the world teacher's day luncheon provided to our staff.

TREE WORKS

Some of you may have noticed that unfortunately over the weekend we have had one of our large Gum Trees removed from the school site, this was the tree between the administration building and the Kindergarten E block classrooms. This tree, following a council tree inspection was deemed unsafe and as such a danger to students, staff and the wider school community. The material from this tree will be recycled into some of our garden beds.

REMINDER: SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO YEAR 7 IN 2021

Applications will open for placement in Year 7 in 2021 from 8 October 2019 to 11 November 2019. Parents with students in Year 5 received a note to indicate their intention to apply. All applications need to be made online by the due date.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Teunis Ploeg

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

TEETH ON WHEELS RETURNS

Exciting news! **Teeth on Wheels** will be returning to our school for the children's 6 monthly dental visits. To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your Child's consent form online by following the link below. It only takes 5 minutes to complete! <https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform>

The date of the children's dental visit will be starting on **Tuesday 19 November 2019**, so please ensure if you didn't complete a form at the start of the year to have this completed ASAP! If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child's dental appointment please don't hesitate to contact the **Teeth on Wheels** team on (03) 9338 1191.

Our school is lucky enough to have Australia's ONLY accredited mobile dentist attend every 6 months

Seeing the dentist every 6 months is so important for children. A recent Royal Children's Hospital study highlighted the following:

- **1 in 10 Children** have had at least one decayed tooth extracted before the age of 9 years
- **1 in 3 children** between the ages of 5 and 6 years have symptoms of decay in their baby teeth
- **4 in 10 children** aged 12 – 14 years have decay in their permanent teeth.

Studies have confirmed that poor dental health impacts on the growth & development of the child along with chewing, swallowing, speaking and can disrupt sleep and productivity. Over time, dental decay has been linked to heart and pulmonary disease, respiratory tract infections and chronic ongoing pain.

OUCH!

Great news – you maybe eligible for free dental
You may not be aware but the Government supports Oral Health via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) – providing 2 years of free dental up to the value of \$1,000 per child, aged between 2 and 17 years. To be eligible you must be receiving *Family Tax Benefit Part A*. Complete the Teeth on Wheels consent form and our team can advise of your eligibility or contact Medicare General Enquiries direct on 132 011.

We are making the dentist even easier!
Follow the link below to complete your child's online consent form today. By filling out your consent form online you are saving yourself time and helping the Teeth on Wheels team become more environmentally friendly.

teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

Remember that consent forms only need to be filled out once per calendar year unless your details have changed.

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DRAMA NIGHT - FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

The Senior Drama group have been preparing to present their performance of 'The Tale of Galavant' for the school community.

Come along and support our young actors and actresses on Friday 15 November at 6pm. Entry is a gold coin donation at the door. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.



GIRLS IN STEM

Last week our Girls in STEM students had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Western Sydney University, Engineering and Design faculty. We were taken on a tour of the robotics department and met with a team of engineers who have designed solar cars. Students went for a walk alongside a rolling robot and explored some amazing 3D printed objects. The highlight of the day was exploring google earth on massive connected screens and then using virtual reality to explore a Minecraft virtual world.

What a great experience! Students said that they felt inspired to go come back and study at university one day and that they loved the idea of exploring engineering as a career.



A. Langhans and K Rhodes

Deputy Principals


LIBRARY REPORT - MRS SELL

Book club has been ordered and should be back sometime this week.

Please make sure you return all library books before you leave the school or go on early holidays.



CALENDAR

Parramatta West Public School - Term 4 2019 						
Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	14 STUDENTS RETURN	15 Stage 2 Rugby Clinic	16 Stage 3 Rugby Clinic	17	18	19/20
2	21	22 Stage 2 Rugby Clinic Kindy Orientation Session A	23 Stage 3 Rugby Clinic	24 Kindy Orientation Session B GWS Stand Tall Program Stage 3	25 Grandparents Afternoon Tea World Teachers Day	26/27
3	28 Obstacool Postponed GWS Healthy Session Stage 2	29	30 GWS Healthy Session Stage 2 Kindergarten Excursion ★ Colour Under the Stars Art Show ★	31	1 Eco Club Incursion	2/3
4	What's coming up this week? Year 3 Excursion	5 Dance Sport Championship Kindy Orientation Session A	6 Year 3 Excursion	7 Kindy Orientation Session B	8 Peer Support	9/10
5	11 Remembrance Day	12 Kindy Orientation Session A	13	14 Kindy Orientation Session B	15 Ernst & Young Care Day DRAMA NIGHT	16/17
6	18	19	20	21 Mini Fete	22	23/24
		Teeth on Wheels →				
7	25	26	27	28	29	30/1
	Teeth on Wheels →					
	SWIM SCHOOL					
8	2	3	4	5	6	7/8
	Teeth on Wheels →					
	SWIM SCHOOL					
9	9 K-6 Presentation Day	10	11 Year 6 Farewell	12 Community Thankyou Breakfast	13 Reports go home	14/15
10	16 Morning Tea with Mr P! Recognition Assembly	17	18 Talent Quest	19	20	21/22
School Holidays: Thursday 19 th December to Tuesday 28 th January Students return WEDNESDAY 29 th JANUARY						

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- Fill at least half your dinner plate with vegetables.
- Reduce the amount of meat in recipes and include more vegetables and legumes.
- Have fruit, vegetables, nuts and seeds as snacks.
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