



Issue 38- Term 4 - Week 8

December 2, 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Last day for students Wednesday 18 December 2020.

School resumes: Year 1-6 Wednesday 29 January 2020.

Kindergarten begins Monday 3 February 2020.

Kindergarten Best Start scheduled times 29, 30, 31 January 2020.

PWPS COMMUNITY THANK YOU BREAKFAST

On Thursday 12 December from 7.30am – 9.00am the staff of Parramatta West will be providing a thank you breakfast to our school community. This is a small gesture of thanks for all the support received over the past twelve months from the community in so many different ways. Due to the constraints of modern society we recognise that they types of support provided vary greatly and often occur behind the scenes. Please accept this as an open invitation to all our helpers great and small to join us for a light breakfast, we look forward to seeing many of you on the morning.

END OF YEAR EXPECTATIONS

As we slowly move towards the end of the school year and a time when normal school routines are often affected by additional events and activities it is timely to reinforce the need for students to remain safe, respectful and most of all engaged responsible learners. It is important that students continue to attend school in full school uniform, including black shoes and school hats as we often have visitors at this time of year and we would like to ensure our students represent our school to its highest standard. We have noticed a drop in behavioural standards from a number of our senior students and would remind parents to discuss our core values of Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learners with their children.

OPAL CARD USAGE

I have received a letter from the bus company urging me to remind bus users to tap on and off the bus daily. In order to justify and maintain the bus service to our school, the bus company, must supply data to Transport NSW of patronage. This data is predominantly via the OPAL card. Please ensure your children have their OPAL card with them every day and use these appropriately.

SWIMMING SCHEME

This very worthwhile program began last week. Ten days of intensive tuition is extremely effective in improving students' swimming skills. Furthermore, 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 will sleep very well over these two weeks. Many thanks to our coordinating teachers and the teachers who have volunteered to get in the pool with our students.

EXTREME WEATHER

Sydney experienced some extreme weather conditions in the past weeks, with fierce winds and dust and smoke. In such circumstances, be assured the welfare of our students and staff is paramount. We assess the conditions outside and decide to either keep students indoors or allow them to play outdoors in safe areas of the school. This is exactly what occurred during these recent occasions.

PLANNING FOR 2020

With 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.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Teachers are in the process of writing the K-6 reports. Reports will be sent home on Friday 13 December, to coincide with presentation day assemblies.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fifteen successful student candidates, presented their speeches today, to the student body, outlining why they should be elected to the student leadership team. I congratulate each of these students for stepping out of their comfort zone to address over 500 peers and adults.

No easy thing to do when you are eleven years old. However, with the skills and attitude taught to them by the school and their parents, these students will accept the outcome with strength and courage.

Teunis Ploeg

Principal

PWPS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

We say 'thank you' to our parents,
volunteers and students for all that you do
to make PWPS a wonderful school
community.



THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

**DROP BY THE COLA BETWEEN
7.30AM - 9.00AM**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

GIRLS IN STEM

'Girls in STEM' have been working with their engineer partner throughout the year, and last week they presented at an International Education in Engineering Conference at Western Sydney University.

Angelina, Sophia and Abhijitha, together with Ms Jameson and Mrs Knedl, spoke to a group of engineers about the things that they have been doing at school and the impact that it has had on students' understanding and attitudes towards STEM.

They also had lunch with some senior engineers at the university and the girls shared their love for science and their aspirations for the future. Congratulations to these girls for representing our school so well.

We thank Dr Olivia Mirza for providing this opportunity for us and we look forward to many more adventures for Girls in STEM next year.



TALENT QUEST - PARRAMATTA WEST'S GOT TALENT!

This year we are holding our annual talent quest 'Parramatta West's Got Talent!' to be held on Wednesday 18 December in the school hall. The competition is open to students in Years K-6.

Those who wish to try out for this event are asked to share any kind of talent.

- Dance
- Song
- **Music**
- Comedy/Acting/Entertainment

Students can choose to enter the talent quest as a solo performer or as a member of a group.

The audition process will take place on Tuesday 10 December. Each performer/group will be asked to show 30 secs of their performance during the audition. Costumes are not required; however, students must have their music if applicable.

A note has gone home to all families today. Please complete the attached slip if your child would like to participate and return it to the front office. We look forward to an exciting day of talent.



A. Langhans and K Rhodes

Deputy Principals

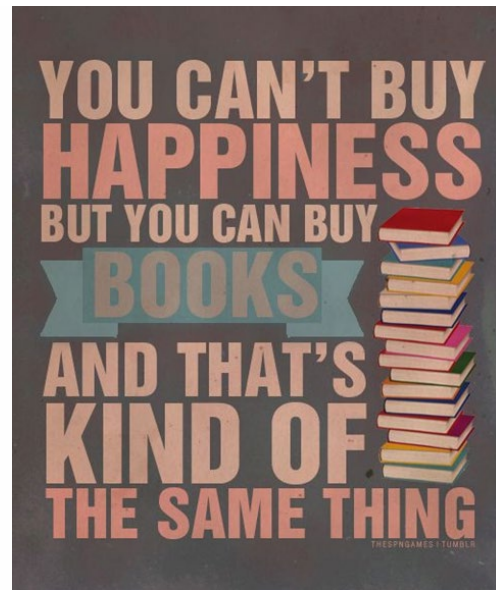
LIBRARY REPORT - MRS SELL

We have finished borrowing for the year, please return all books.


Book club has been ordered and should arrive sometime this week.

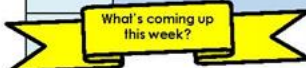
Don't forget your library bag early next year as we will begin borrowing as soon as possible.

Have a safe and restful holiday and read lots. I know I will. See you next year ready to read!



CALENDAR

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



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Newsletter translation and
community news in:

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Arabic



Every 2nd Tuesday in the hall from
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Celebration season is upon us – but party food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Fruit and veg are bright and colourful and make the perfect ingredient for special party foods. Try these fun ideas:

- Watermelon fruit salad bowl
- Pita bread Christmas trees
- Frozen yoghurt pops
- Watermelon cookie cutter shapes
- Banana and strawberry candy cane



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