



Monday 30 November, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



**WELCOME TO WEEK 8 of TERM 4.**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Last day of Term 4 is **Wednesday 16 December 2020**

**SCHOOL RESUMES**

School resumes in Term 1 2021 on Friday 29 January for all students in Years 1 to Year 6.

Kindergarten students begin on Monday 1 February 2021.

### **QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL.**

At Parramatta West, we believe that 'Relationships are Central' and this is evident in everything we do and everything we say. Respectful, positive relationships are only possible when there is a high level of personal well-being. At our school, these are focused on 'hand in glove' with academic learning and reinforced at every opportunity. According to the World Health Organisation, mental health is "a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community. Schools are an ideal setting for supporting the mental health of young people." (Reach out, 2020)

It has been a year of change and unfortunately one that has brought sadness and difficulties for many. While recognizing this, at Parramatta West PS we have focused on maintaining a happy and safe environment for our students and families within a culture that supports the individual and others to be resilient and hopeful about the future.

Thank you to all our parents for supporting us in delivering positive education this year. We are grateful for the partnerships that we have with our community enabling us to work together to help our students connect, succeed and thrive.



### **SRE**

We thank our SRE Teachers for teaching our students this year. Due to restrictions we will not be holding an end of year Christmas service.

### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

Over the past week and again tomorrow and on Wednesday, we welcomed over 120 new Kindergarten students and their parents to Parramatta West Public School for 2021. The orientation program is designed to show pre-schoolers their new school environment, meet their peers and some of our staff as well as experience a small taste of classroom activities. COVID-19 has played a big part in the modification required to our normal parent information sessions with information this year being

provided via online platforms. I thank Miss Hearn for her coordination of this program, all the teachers and Student Learning Support Officers for their assistance in the classrooms.



## 2021

Planning for 2021 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 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.



## MERIT AWARDS AND GOLD AWARDS

As the year comes to an end, we congratulate our students for showing determination and commitment to earn merit awards this year. Students have set goals and worked hard to achieve these. The final date

for students to hand in merit awards is **Thursday 10 December**. Students who have received a Gold Award will attend '*Morning Tea with Mr P*' on **Monday 14 December**.

In 2021, the merit award scheme will start again giving students a fresh start to earn their awards. We encourage all parents to talk to their children about their achievements this year and to continue aiming high in the year to come.



#### **PRESENTATION DAY 2020**

Presentation Day will take place on **Friday 11 December**. Unfortunately for 2020, we will be unable to have parents attend this event, however, it will be videoed and shared with families. Students receiving an award will receive a letter this week to bring home to parents. Thank you for your continued patience as we co-ordinate our end-of-year events in the current health climate. It has been a difficult year for all and we certainly miss the positive interactions when parents and carers are on site with us.

What's coming up this week for kids...



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Mrs Sell has completed the Book Club order for Issue 8. The orders should be back sometime next week.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered from Book Club this year. Each order helps to buy more books for the library. Mrs Sell still has an order from Issue 7 and 6 that have no name and are unclaimed. Please see Mrs Sell if you did not get your order.

Please return all library books this week. Overdue notices are going out and Mrs Sell would like to get the library tidy for next year.

### **YEAR 7 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY - NSW PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Year 6 students who are attending government secondary schools will participate in their high school orientation day on **Tuesday 1 December**. School will remain as normal for all year 6 students attending independent or private secondary schools. It is an exciting time of change as our senior students transition into high school.



PWPS COMMUNITY NEWS

The last 2 events  
**SOLD OUT**



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