



Monday 7 September, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



**WELCOME TO WEEK 8 OF TERM 3**

Our foyers are filled with wonderful student work. Here is an example of the quality work seen in our foyers this week.



## COVID-19 UPDATE AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

### Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate, which states they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and includes the expected time frame
- They are currently unwell
- Please note; in accordance with NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. The school will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home with a request that a COVID-19 test be done
- Students who have been absent due to flu-like symptoms are NOT to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are **symptom free**
- The school MUST sight the negative COVID-19 test result BEFORE students can return to school

### PROCEDURES AFTER COVID-19 TESTING

1. When your child obtains a COVID-19 test, please notify the class teacher, via the school email; [parramattw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:parramattw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
2. If and when a negative result is obtained, please email a screen shot of the results, including your child's FULL NAME and CLASS to the school
3. When your child is symptom free, they may return to school

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments are due now. Please complete an online enrolment form now or contact our school for further assistance. The Department of Education enrolment form can be found here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/primary-school-enrolment>

Further information can be found on our website:

<https://parramattw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

# ENROL NOW FOR 2021



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

I hope you were able to celebrate or acknowledge Father's Day with the significant father figure in your life this past weekend.

There's nothing more heart-warming than the cuddles from our children and grandchildren. The significance of these special days is not the gift, rather the words and actions. We're all so busy that we forget to tell the most important people in our lives what they mean to us. I hope you were able to communicate with the significant father figure in your life, if not, it's not too late to do it now.



## **SPRING HAS SPRUNG**

The season for lost and misplaced jumpers has definitely arrived. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked inside jumpers. With cooler mornings and warmer days, children will and do take off their jumpers throughout the day. With the excitement of the day, children often forget to collect their jumpers and place them in their bags. To assist us in returning jumpers to their owners we need your help to ensure names are clearly visible inside the jumper. Please check following each weekend wash that the name is still able to be read as they do tend to fade through the wash.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

**The Uniform shop will not be open to parents until further notice.** Orders can be made via the school's email [parramattw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:parramattw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Once your order is received it will be prepared and you will be contacted to arrange payment and collection. Second-hand uniforms are not available at present.

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*Principal*



## **PWPS MERIT AWARD SYSTEM - OUR FIRST GOLD RECIPIENTS!**

Our students have been working hard to collect their merit awards throughout the year. We were proud to present our first Gold Awards this week to Neel, Coco and Fatima - all Year 4 students. Mr Ploeg had the pleasure of presenting the awards as a part of our video assembly last week.

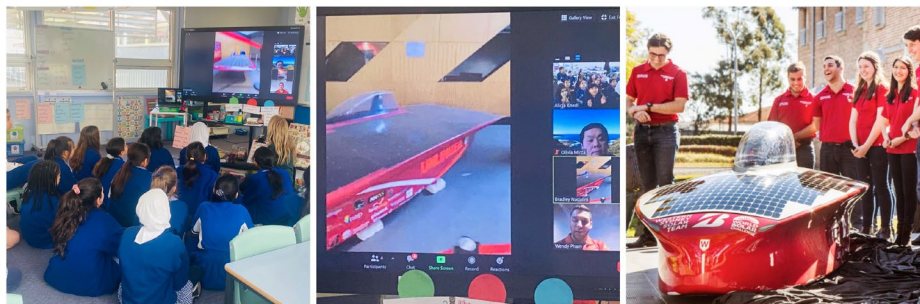
When students collect 5 small awards, these are to be handed into their class teacher. These awards will be stamped and returned within the next week or so and the appropriate Bronze or Silver Award will be presented. Please see our awards conversion chart below.



## GIRLS IN STEM - VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Last Tuesday, a group of excited Year 5 girls attended an online webinar with a team of engineers from Western Sydney University. They were treated to a tour of the solar car workshop and the girls had opportunities to find out about how the cars have been designed, built and raced. Our students asked lots of great questions about the work of engineers, how solar cars work and their impact for the future.

The young engineers were so inspiring and when they asked our students who thought they would like to become an engineer, it was all hands up! This Tuesday our Girls in STEM presenter is an astronomer. Great opportunities for the girls at Parramatta West Public School.




## eSafetyCommissioner - The eSafety Guide

This website developed by the Australian Government has key resources designed to support staying safe online. A great place to start is 'The eSafety Guide'. The guide describes popular apps, games and social media that many people use. You can click on an app/game/social media website and it will provide you with information such as:

- minimum age requirements
- what the app/game/website is used for
- how to report something

- key safety links

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>



Instagram

Instagram is a social media service designed for people to share photos and video.

App/Social media/Website >

Roblox

Roblox is a game-creation platform that allows users to design their own games and play a wide variety of games created by other users.

App/Game >

Snapchat

Snapchat is a messaging app that lets you send images, video or texts to friends. These images, video and text are only available for a short time before they disappear.

App/Social media >

Minecraft

Minecraft is a virtual building game where you can create your own virtual world using building blocks and interact with other players.

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



#### LIBRARY NEWS

This is the last week to borrow. Children with over due books will need to return their books so they do not get an overdue notice.

Book club orders are due to Mrs Sell by Tuesday so she can finalise the order. The books should be back sometime in week 9.

## ELECTRICITY WEEK!

This week is Electricity Week, which raises awareness of the hazards associated with electricity and teaches students how to be safe around electricity. Check out these posters with key reminders for all.



## HOLROYD LITTLE ATHLETIC CENTRE

Wishes to invite boys and girls, of any ability, aged from 5 to 16 years to join us for a season of athletics. We offer a COVID Safe environment, where the emphasis is on self improvement. We have qualified coaches to instruct in all aspects of running, jumping and throwing.

Little Athletics is fun, as well as being a healthy sport. Cost of \$100 up until 24 September, is covered by an Active Kids Voucher. Season commences Friday 11 September 6pm, at Holroyd Sports Ground, corner of Peel and Robert Streets, Holroyd.

Go to our website [www.holroydlac.com.au](http://www.holroydlac.com.au) for links to register, to redeem the Active Kids voucher and for all information. For enquiries ring 0409 658 591 or 0423 745 074.

**COME RUN, JUMP AND THROW WITH US!**



Holroyd Little Athletics season will commence on 11 September 2020

Online registrations only, opens 15 August 2020

All registration & centre information is available on our website

[www.holroydlac.com.au](http://www.holroydlac.com.au)

Registration for U/tt-U17s Born between 2004-2016, Cost \$100 (free if Active Kids Voucher is used till midnight 24<sup>th</sup> September)

Information days 28 August and 4 September from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

@ Holroyd Sports Ground. Corner Peel & Robert Streets Holroyd

For further enquires please contact 0423-745074 or 0409-658591

Or Email: [holroydlac@gmail.com](mailto:holroydlac@gmail.com)

**Please join us to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday this season!**

Note: Covid19 Safety Plan has been put in place for the safety of all athletes and parents, it has been accepted by LANSW & Cumberland Council.



**"Success in Participation, not in Victory"**

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## COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COLD	FLU
	Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
<b>Fever</b> 	Common	Rare	Common
<b>Cough</b> 	Common	Common	Common
<b>Sore Throat</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Shortness of Breath</b> 	Sometimes	No	No
<b>Fatigue</b> 	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
<b>Aches &amp; Pains</b> 	Sometimes	No	Common
<b>Headaches</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Runny or Stuffy Nose</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Diarrhea</b> 	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
<b>Sneezing</b> 	No	Common	No

*Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

*It is very difficult to distinguish between the symptoms of COVID-19, influenza and a cold. If you have any infectious or respiratory symptoms (such as a sore throat, headache, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, cough or runny nose) don't go to work. You need to self-isolate and to be assessed by a medical professional. You may need testing for COVID-19. You must not return to work until cleared by a medical professional. You need to ensure that the people you care for are protected and safe.*

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY**  
For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)