Principal's Message

The end of the school year is fast approaching. I encourage all parents to be aware of all the events that are taking place so that the children do not miss out. Here are some important dates:

- Kindergarten 2015 orientation - our final session is Thursday November 20th from 9.00-11.00am
- Dental visits - weeks 7 and 8 - starting Monday 17th November
- Christmas Pageant and Parent Helpers Morning Tea - Wednesday 17th November
- Swim school - weeks 8 and 9 - starting Monday 24th November
- Student reports sent home - Monday 8th December
- Presentation Day - Tuesday 9th December: K-2 @ 9.30; 3-6 @ 11.30.
- Big Night Out - Wednesday 10th December - 6.00pm
- Year 6 Farewell - Thursday 11th December
- Sports Presentation Day (3-6 students) - Friday 12th December
- Party Day - Tuesday 16th December
- Talent Quest and last day of school for students - Wednesday 17th December
- First day of school for students in years 1-6 - Wednesday 28th January 2015
- First full day of school for Kindergarten - Monday February 2nd 2015

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Invitations have been sent home to all our wonderful parent helpers, however, if you did not receive one and are a helper at our school please come along on Wednesday 19th November at 11am in the staffroom so we can share with you a token of our appreciation for your help.

Christmas Pageant - Wednesday 19th November

Whilst we expect every student to attend this event every year there may be some people who do not wish their children to attend.

If this is the case please send a note to your child's teacher.

Overseas holidays

I am receiving many applications for exemptions at the moment. If the leave is for a holiday, I cannot grant exemption from school attendance, and the child will be marked as absent from school. We still need to know the dates of the absence, and when the child will be returning to school. If there are exceptional circumstances then exemption can be granted - so please state carefully the reason for the trip.

It is very important that we know when a child is going to be returning to school after the start of next year in order for us to hold a place in a class. Please inform the school office if your children will be arriving back at school after January 28th. Our school staffing and funding is dependent on the number of children at the school. Thank you.

Student Reports

These will be going home in week 10. This term we have made a slight change to the way that we write the reports. In English and Mathematics your children will receive their grades A-E, and for kindergarten, working towards, at or working beyond the expected level. Then there will be a general statement telling you what they have been learning in their year group - this is what they are being graded against. Following that will be a personal comment stating the area in which the child has most excelled, followed by some areas that they can work on in order to move to the next level. We believe that even the best student has areas that they can progress in. The other key learning areas will remain as before with a grade and a general statement. There will also be a general comment from the class teacher. Children who have newly arrived or who have been away for a lengthy period will receive a limited report or social statement.

Hot Weather

I think it really is time to keep the jumpers and jackets at home now. It may be slightly cool when the children leave home, but by 9.00 o'clock it is warm enough and the children then lose
their jumpers. They should all be wearing their hats to school in the morning and bringing a water bottle. If the weather becomes extreme at lunch time we close the field and put the air conditioners on in the library.

Have a good week,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

KA Naifak        KB Moksh
KJ Dhyan         KN Lauteau
KR Thawtar      KS Arif
K-2G Buvi     1-4H Henry
1F Hasnain     1H Rishtya
1K Ajila         1N Zahra
1S Noor        2L Khoshi
2P Soheli     2W Vansh
2/3R Benita     3J Buse
3/4C Nisworth   4A Jimit
4S Brock        5/6B Franciscia
5/6E Karoline   5/6H Monank
5/6J Ryan       5/6N Ebrar
3-6K Jaisleen

Stage News

Kindergarten

What a great day we have had at Olympic Park! We are sure that your children will tell you all about the exciting day they have had!

KA were great hosts at our K-2 Assembly on Friday. This week KA will be hosting once again and presenting their item. If any KA parents would like to attend, assembly starts at 11:20am on Friday in the school hall.

This year we have been learning about the roles of authors and illustrators in creating books and have enjoyed reading lots of stories. For topic talks this week, students need to bring a book by one of their favourite authors. Tell the class what you like about the book and what the author and illustrator does to make it interesting.

Swim school starts next week. If your child is going to swim school it is a good idea to start getting your swimming bags ready! Swimmers will need to wear their swimming costume to school under their uniform. In their swimming bag they will need a towel, thongs, underwear to change into after their lesson, goggles and sunscreen. Please make sure that everything is labelled clearly with your child’s name and class!

Have a wonderful week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

Wow! We’re already in Week 7 of term 4 - not long to go! This week students will be presenting their topic talks about a new product they have designed. This is in preparation for Week 8’s topic talk where they need to create and make their product to show the class. Teachers are looking forward to seeing how creative students can be!

Swim school starts next week. Students need to come to school in their uniform but with their swimming costumes underneath. This saves time getting ready. Make sure everything is labelled and you’re organised ahead of time.

How often are your children using Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home? There are iPad apps for both of these programs and they’re great to use as follow up from lessons in class. They’ll also be great for the school holidays!

Have a great week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

Russ The Bus was a great success. All the children really enjoyed the experience and there was some wonderful books available. If you missed out this year, Russ will be returning next year.

Swim School starts on Monday 24th November and all children should be getting their things organised. A note went home with information about what is required. Be ready!

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

I hope you all tuned in to see our ‘It’s Academic’ superstars who proudly represented our school. A massive congratulations as they made it through to the semi-finals which will be televised during the Christmas holidays from Monday 12th – Friday 16th January 2015. They all looked dazzling on the big screen.

The long awaited swim school will take place next week and will continue in week nine. An important note went home a few weeks ago listing all the items your child will need each day. If your child is lucky enough to be attending swim school this year, please ensure you have started to purchase the items they will require, such as: a towel; swimming costume; sunscreen; thongs; rash shirt; shorts and a t-shirt to wear to the pool. It is recommended that you have a couple of towels and swimming costumes in case they do not dry overnight. Please ensure that all of their items are clearly labelled.

Today is the last day for the selective school applications for 2015! Online applications close this afternoon so please ensure you have completed the necessary forms in order that your child doesn’t miss out.
A massive thank you to all of the wonderful Year Five students who have applied to be a 'School Leader' next year. There were lots of wonderful applications and it was difficult narrowing them down. So congratulations to all the students who will be presenting speeches for students in Years 2-6 next week. We have offered some ideas and suggestions to help students when preparing speeches which should only be about one and a half minutes in total. There is some tough competition this year as all of the candidates are more than competent and will make wonderful School Leaders in 2015. Good luck with your preparation and please see me if you have any questions.

The exciting Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday the 11th December. Invitations went home several weeks ago and all students should have RSVP'd by now. If your child will not be attending on the night please ensure you let us know ASAP as we need to finalise numbers and table arrangements for the night. The Year 6 students have been busily preparing dances and their song. It’s going to be a night to remember!

Looking forward to another exciting week of learning at PWPS!!

Mrs Heifetz

Library News

Bookclub is due on Tuesday 18th November. This is the last bookclub for the year.

There is no more borrowing for the year. Please return all books this week.

Any overdue books need to be returned or if they are lost they need to be paid for. If in doubt please see me.

Mrs Sell

P & C News

There will be no more home reader for this year and all home readers need to be returned on Monday please.

Sports News

Results from games against Greystanes were:

- Girls T Ball: loss
- Boys T Ball: WIN
- Girls Softball: Draw
- Boys Softball: loss
- Jnr Cricket: WIN
- Snr Cricket: Draw

We will advise all teams this week whether they are in the semi-finals. If they are, training will be on Thursday after school.

Norma
Playgroup Co-Ordinator