**Principal's Message**

I am sorry that I missed the Parent Helpers Morning Tea last week. I know that all the wonderful helpers are never able to attend such functions because they are usually very busy people - as the saying goes, if you have a job to be done, ask a busy person! However, I hope that all our wonderful supporters know how much we appreciate them, and that you enjoy joining with us in the education of our children as much as we do! Part of our plans for 2015 include more activities for parents. We hope to provide more information to you about what we do at school, as well as providing opportunities for more of you to become actively involved in the classrooms.

Swim school started today. It is so important for children living in Australia to learn to swim properly so that they are safe around water - and it is also a lot of fun. Thank you for supporting your children in this.

The Big Night Out is on December 10th. While not all children are participating this year, it will be an excellent showcase of the talents of our children, and will be an opportunity for parents to see what opportunities there are available to the children as they grow up. Even if your child is not performing, you might consider coming along to support their friends, and enjoy a great concert.

Please make sure that all children bring a water bottle to school in this hot weather.

Library books all need to be returned as soon as possible. I encourage you to take your children to Merrylands or Parramatta library over the holidays.

Have a good week.
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

**Library News**

We are no longer borrowing so all books need to be returned as soon as possible.

Any issues with the overdue notices need to be brought to my attention and I will look for the books in the Library.

If you are going on holidays please return your books before you go.

Mrs Sell

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**Class Awards**

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**P & C News**

- Hot Dog Day - 27th November. Please get your notes and money in before 3pm Tuesday 25th November. And if any PARENT can help with handing the hot dogs to the children please come to the top playground at 12.30. Remember all money raised goes back into the school for your child's education and enjoyment, so we need volunteers (parents) to make this happen.

- Uniform shop opens at 8.30am each morning. It is a great idea to start thinking about 2015. To make it easier for you it is a great idea to start purchasing ASAP. We will accept returns / exchanges as long as the tags are still on and the garment hasn't been worn or washed. There is a layby available as well as EFPTOS.

**Stage News**

**Kindergarten**

As the year is coming to a close, we have lots of exciting things in store to celebrate a wonderful year of learning.

Today we were lucky to watch a performance by the Blue Whale Theatre who came and performed an exciting play for us.

Congratulations KA on the confident way you hosted our assembly on Friday. Your item ‘The Duck Song’ was very entertaining. Well done!

Congratulations also goes to Aksel, Sayana Shree, Cooper, Ojas, Gavinder and Kaedon for their excellent speeches for our
Stage News

Kindergarten

new parents at Kindergarten Orientation last Thursday. The parents were all impressed by your confidence and were entertained by your memories of Kindergarten.

This week’s topic talk is ‘My Heritage’. Students are asked to tell the class about their family’s culture, your language, customs and traditional food.

Swim school started today! If your child is going to swim school they will need to wear their swimming costume to school under their uniform every day. 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 fantastic week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

This week we start our swim school program. For those students attending swimming lessons, please make sure they come to school with their swimming clothes on underneath their uniform. For Year 1 swimmers and 2L, our session on a Friday will be moved to the first time slot to go swimming. This means that year 1 and 2L swimmers need to be at school by 8:40 on Friday as they will be called to get ready before the bell. More reminders about this will be sent home during the week.

Home readers and library books are currently being collected and many students still have not returned their books. Please make sure these are handed in this week. Homework will continue as usual this week and we can’t wait to see students products come to life for their topic talks.

Have a great week
Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

Hot Weather
We have been experiencing some hot days of late. Please check the forecast and ensure students are dressed appropriately. Wearing jumpers and jackets on days which are hot can cause some to become dehydrated or experience heat exhaustion. I’ll be asking students to remove jackets and jumpers on days which are hot.

Swim Scheme
A reminder about the swimming scheme, this year they are swimming at Merrylands Pool. There is little shade and I recommend that all children wear a swim shirt while they are at swimming lessons.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

Swim school is taking place over the next two weeks. Just a quick reminder that students will need the following items each day: a towel; swimming costume; underwear; 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. Students should wear their swimming costumes under their uniform to save time changing. Do not forget to pack underwear as it is incredibly uncomfortable if they have to wear their wet swimming costumes when they return to school. The students attending swim school are extremely lucky to be learning vital swimming techniques which are essential in Australia, especially coming into summer. Enjoy!

On Wednesday PWPS will be fortunate enough to hear some outstanding speeches from the Year 5 candidates who have applied to be a School Leader for 2015. Thank you to parents and Stage Three teachers who have assisted the candidates and encouraged these students with their applications and speeches. The voting results are always very close as we have so many wonderful students with excellent leadership skills. The School Leaders for 2015 will be announced on Presentation Day in Week 10 this term. There will be many other opportunities for students to show their leadership skills next year, such as applying to be a House Captain. Thank you to all the amazing Year 5 students who have written applications and prepared speeches - we wish you the best of luck!!

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday the 11th December. A very important note will go home this week outlining the details for the night and also information regarding the practice that will take place during the day. Please read the note carefully and return the permission note and bus money ASAP. 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 action packed week at PWPS!!

Mrs Heifetz

Sports News

Last week all of our teams played in the semi-finals. Congratulations and good luck to the teams that won and have qualified for the finals this Friday. Unfortunately, after leading the competition the entire season our senior cricket team narrowly bowed out in the semi-final. Better luck next year!

T-Ball - Boys won 18-9        Girls won 19-5
Softball - Boys won 6-3        Girls won 9-0
Cricket - Junior won by 63 runs Senior lost by 4 runs.

Training will be held on Thursday weather permitting.

AFL: Students need to bring in $7.50 to cover the cost of the bus to Mrs Abraham before morning lines. The bus will be leaving 9.05am!
BIG NIGHT OUT TICKETS!

The following groups will be performing at the Big Night Out on Wednesday December 10th at 6.00pm.

ACT 1

Grease – The Musical
Drama Group
Stage 2 Dancers
Stage 3 Dancers

ACT 2

PWPS Performance Groups
Stage 1 Dance Group
Stage 2 Dance Group
Stage 3 Dance Group
Drumming Circle
Recorder Ensemble
‘The Celebrating the Arts’ Choir
K-2 Choir
The PULSE Choir
K-2 Drama Group
PWPS Strings Group

Tickets are selling fast. You can purchase your tickets at the Ticket Table on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am or drop your ticket form into the office.

Don't miss out!

Kim Rhodes
Assistant Principal