Excellent academic and support programs

Principal's Message

Thank you so much to the parents who supported our teachers last week by recognizing the excellent work that they do. It was wonderful to see all the children also taking time out to say thank you. Teachers are special people, like parents, all they want is the very best for the children, and they do pretty much anything they can to ensure this happens. I know this because I receive emails and text messages at all hours of the day, night and weekend!

We have a new app that we are trialing - and it TRANSLATES! Sometime this week you will receive a note explaining how to download it and log in. While it won't translate the newsletter, it will translate everything else, so we can put all important messages and information on as a newsfeed and parents can select a language. I encourage you all to download it as soon as possible. It works on all platforms. We have the trial for a few weeks and then will make the decision about next year, but I think that we will switch to this one. It also has the facility to send in absence notes. For now we will continue to put the newsletter on the old one as well as the website.

Dental Week has been postponed until next week. If you haven't returned your note yet there is still time.

BIG NIGHT OUT

This exciting event is coming up in December - Wednesday 10th - at Parramatta High School from 6.00pm. The first half of the night will be the performance of Grease and the second half will be all our performance groups - choirs, dances and musicians. Tickets will be going on sale soon - $6.00 each. Put the date in your diary, it is guaranteed to be an excellent night of entertainment showcasing our talented students.

Kindergarten Orientation

For the last few weeks many of our new 2015 Kindergarten children have been attending our transition program. There are three more weeks to go, so I encourage all parents of new students to attend these sessions, even if your child is at preschool or long day care. It will help them get to know the school, the people and other children in preparation for an easy start next year. On the last day we will also be giving parents lots of information. Final dates are: Tuesday 4th, Friday 14th and Thursday 20th. All from 9-11am.

School Growth

As you would realize by the demountable buildings, Parramatta West is growing and we are running out of room. I am being told that from now on I should be refusing all out of area applications, including siblings. At this stage, we are still accepting some families who have very specific, important reasons for wanting to attend our school. These applications have to go to a committee to decide. In the future, this may not be the case at all. Currently, the situation in all public schools is that if you are at a school in area, and then move, you have the right to remain at the school. The department is considering putting classrooms and toilets at the field, but we don't want to lose too much more of our play area to buildings. If you have a child currently at the school, and a younger child ready to start kindergarten either this year or next, you might consider moving the older child to your local school. I do not want to tell our children to leave, but ask that parents consider this.

The importance of reading

Albert Einstein was asked once how we could make our children intelligent. His reply was both simple and wise. "If you want your children to be intelligent," he said, "read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." He understood the value of reading, and of imagining. I hope we can give our children a world in which they will read, and be read to, and imagine, and understand. This quote comes from an article by Neil Gaiman. I encourage you to read it. http://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/oct/15/neil-gaiman-future-libraries-reading-daydreaming

He talks about the value of reading fiction for developing children imagination and creativity - after all, everything manmade we see around us has been created. Reading also builds empathy. Children get to look at things through the eyes of someone else. Surely in this world we need people with greater empathy.

Read a good book, let your children see you reading, enjoy reading with them, and let's create a better world together.

Anthea Donaldson
Principal
Class Awards

KA        Ella                        KB        Kayla
KJ        Jehad                       KN        Makani
KR        Huda                        KS        Karen
1F        Malakai                      1H        Daniyal
1K        Jefferson                    1N        Suprabha
1S        Jackson                      1S        Jackson
2P        Anmol                        2W        Devkrish
1-4H    Tyler, Fateh                   2/3R    Christian
3J        Mia                          3/4C    Hajra
4A        Boyu                         4S        Srijan
5/6B    Casanita                    5/6E        Alma
5/6H    Danielle                      5/6J    Shahnaz
5/6N    Abhedhya                     3-6K    Naween

Stage News

Kindergarten

We had such a great time at the disco last Wednesday! Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 fundraiser!

KJ did a fantastic job hosting our K-2 Assembly so confidently last Friday. They will host assembly again this week and present their item. If any KJ parents would like to attend, assembly starts at 11:20am on Friday in the school hall.

This is our last week for 'Mystery Bags'. We have loved listening to our students' interesting answers and putting the clues together! Remember to prepare your answers so that you can answer the questions your classmates ask you.

Have an excellent week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

Thank you to our Stage 2 teachers that organised the spooky disco last week. Money raised goes towards Year 6. This week students are sharing a persuasive text for their Topic Talks. Each student must select only one of the topics listed and should try to follow the structure used in class. We're looking forward to hearing lots of strong words to persuade the audience!

Have a fantastic week!
Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

Russ the Bus

Russ the bus will be visiting us on Friday the 14th of November. This is opportunity for children to swap an old book for a new one. On board the bus there many books that are new from the publishers to choose from. This is a great opportunity but it is limited to 60 places. If you are interested you need to return your permission note and bring in a book to swap.

Swimming Scheme

Last week a note went home informing parents and caregivers that we require the balance of the swimming scheme fees. The note was also accompanied by an information note of what the children need to bring each day. Please read the note carefully and start preparing for swimming school.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

We hope by now that all students in Year 6 have RSVP'd for their Farewell on the 11th of December. Students should have responded with special dietary requirements by last Friday to Mrs Harris or myself. Students are now preparing the very exciting song and dances. More information will go home in the next couple of weeks.

Selective school applications for 2016 are now open for Year Five students who are interested in trying out for a selective placement. A note went home a couple of weeks ago with the website details. The closing date is the 17th of November for online applications. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to see me.

The annual School Disco was held last Wednesday for Halloween. Thank you to all those students who came along and danced the evening away. Some of you were super scary in your amazing costumes. All money raised will go towards the Year Six Farewell. Thank you Stage Two for organising this event and all the teachers that gave up their evening to ensure the night was a huge success.

We are extremely excited to announce that some of our students in Year 6 will appear on 'It's Academic' next week. The show will be airing on 7TWO from 7.30am – 8.00am every morning from Monday the 10th of November, so we hope you make time to watch an episode. They all proudly represented Parramatta West Public School and it was an exciting experience for all who were involved. Well done!

Have a fantastic week 5!
Mrs Heifetz

Library News

Thank you to everyone who supported our buy one donate one to the Library fair

We have been donated some lovely new books for the Library.

The books will be processed and a donation certificate placed in the front to say that you were a generous donator to the school.

Thank you.
Mrs Sell
**Sports News**

PSSA results were:

Cricket
- Junior Cricket defeated Hilltop
- Senior Cricket defeated Hilltop

Tee Ball
- Boys drew with Hilltop
- Girls defeated Hilltop

Softball
- Boys defeated Hilltop
- Girls defeated Hilltop

Training is held every Thursday weather permitting.

AFL: Students need to bring in $7-50 to cover the cost of the bus. Please bring the bus money to Mrs Abraham before morning lines. The bus will be leaving 9.05am!

**PARRA CITY TITANS COACHING CLINIC 2014**

Together the NRL and the Parramatta City Titans Junior Rugby League Club are hosting 3 nights of coaching clinics consisting of Rugby League skills and games, lead by NRL Development Staff and coaching staff from the Titans Rugby League Club, for boys or girls aged between 5 – 12 years.

Participants will also receive FREE Titans training shirt and shorts.

When: Thursday Nov 6th, Nov 13th and Nov 20th
Where: Ollie Webb Reserve
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Cost: Free!

(Optional Pack $20.00) Includes football, boot bag and NRL water bottle.

To purchase the pack please register on the below link:


NRL Game Development Officer – Western Sydney
Keehan Diamond
0459 555 110

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**P & C News**

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Hot Dog day. Lucy, Susan, Fouzia, Renee, Susie's Mum, Kalyb and Joole. And a big thank you to Mr Ta and Mr Clarke for helping out.

Also thank you for sending in plates of food for World Teacher's Day. It was appreciated by the teachers.

P & C meeting next week.