Excellent academic and support programs

Principal's message

This morning our School Counselor addressed our parent meeting and was very informative. If you missed out, she will be speaking again at our evening meeting, tomorrow night at 6.00pm in the school library - everyone welcome.

This week we have four students representing us at the multicultural public speaking competition - Robert (4A), Aarya (4A), Paridhi (5/6B) and Rashmikha (5/6N).

Miss Papworth and Miss Richards have prepared them for this event, and I know they will make us proud.

Next week the students will be bringing home their half yearly reports. I encourage parents to read them carefully, discuss them with their children and ask their child's teacher if they have any concerns. Please think back to the interview that you had last term and the goals that your child set. How are they progressing towards meeting these goals? It is progress that is most important rather than overall grades. Effort and progress are what we ask for. A child who works hard and looks for challenges is likely to go further in the end than a child who just does the work they have to, to get a good grade with less effort. Remember, a "C" grade is the expectation. A child receiving "C" grades is doing OK!

Chinese language and culture school

This information was in last week's newsletter. If you are interested, please let us know this week, as I need to inform the principal if we want to go ahead with it. With such a diverse community, it is impossible for us to offer opportunities for all languages and cultures, but this opportunity was offered to us, and if our community wants it, then we can enable it to go ahead. Parents may be aware that an Afghani school operates from our buildings on Saturdays as well.

School uniform

In wintertime our uniform standards tend to drop. There is an increasing number of children who are coming to school with a variety of coloured jumpers / jackets and leggings. The uniform shop has plenty of second hand jumpers as well as the new ones. We also accept plain blue jumpers in the school colour that can be purchase from other stores. Girls who wear the summer dress through winter should wear black or white stockings under them, not multi-coloured tights or leggings. Girls can also wear the blue pants in the colder weather. Thank you.

Anthea Donaldson, Principal

Class Awards

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P & C News

Today was our parent meeting. Thank you Sarah for some information that we can use for our children.

HOME READING - Home Readers will be collected this Thursday. Please return them so we can update all levels. Thank you.

Library News

• Bookclub should be arriving this week.
• We are not borrowing this week - just returning. This is our last week of Library for the term.
• Next term we are looking forward to the Book Fair coming in Week 3. Save your pocket money so you can do some great shopping for books.

Mrs Sell

Vacation Care

Bookings have now closed for enrolling into the School Holiday Program. For the families that have forgotten to make a booking, there are very limited spots available and a late booking fee of $25 will apply.

All forms are available on the Holroyd Council website or telephone Before and After School Care on 9633 5246.
Stage News

Kindergarten

It's hard to believe that the terms is almost over. Next term we will be having some expert gymnastics instructors coming to give us weekly lessons. Please check with the office that your enrichment money is up to date so you child doesn't miss out on this program.

This term we have been learning lots of fun farm rhymes and have been enjoying performing them in class. This week for news students are to present their favourite nursery rhyme to the class. It may be one we have learnt in class or one they know from home.

Have a great week,
Miss Stuart and Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

Our excursion has come around quickly and it's finally happening tomorrow! Stage 1 students need to be at school before 8:55am as we will be getting on the bus straight after morning assembly. All students must be in their full school uniform, this includes their hat. Students only need to bring their recess, fruit break, lunch and a water bottle in a small bag (plastic bag or small backpack). It's going to be a great day!

If you have any library books that haven't been returned, please do so as possible. Semester 1 reports will be going home next week. Teachers have spent a lot of time thinking and writing about each student's progress so far this year. Please read them carefully and remember that a 'C' grade means that they have a sound understanding of the content taught.

Have a wonderful week!
Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

Has your child been using Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home? Both of these programs are a wonderful link between school and home. If your child doesn’t have their usernames and / or passwords they can get a copy from their class teacher.

A reminder that we are participating in Jump Rope for Heart and we ask families to sponsor children. The money raised will go to our school and the Heart Foundation.

All library books must be returned this week. If your child has lost their book the replacement cost will need to be paid before they can borrow again.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

Last week in the Newsletter I forgot to say a massive "THANK YOU" to all Stage 1 teachers and children who put on an exciting “Pyjama” fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. Everyone really enjoyed wearing their warm and comfortable pyjamas to school and we truly appreciate all the support from PWPS students, parents and, most especially, the staff.

Next Monday your child’s Semester 1 Report will be sent home. Please take the time to read through it carefully. Teachers have spent all year gathering data through observations, class-work, discussions, tests and assessments to give grades to their students. Teachers also meet every week to discuss students’ progress and to ensure consistent teacher judgement across the stage. The grade is important, however, even more important is the comment that accompanies the grade (that is for English, mathematics and the general). This will tell you where your child is at and what they will need to focus on for the second semester to help them improve. Please remember that a ‘C’ grade is achieving at year level. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to see me or your child’s classroom teacher. All Stage 3 students should be very proud of their reports and the progress they have made this semester.

Enrichment money should be up to date by the end of this term. At least $65 should have been received before next Friday (as this is half of the enrichment money). Next term there are more activities in which your child will participate. Specialised coaches will be teaching gymnastic skills to all the children. There will be a life education program called "Happy Healthy Harold" and, finally, another Stage 3 excursion.

Thank you for your continued support with your child’s education.
Have a fabulous week 8.

Mrs Heifetz

Sport News

Hopefully PSSA will go ahead this Friday (weather permitting) and we will play the following schools:

Netball vs Sherwood Grange at Sherwood Grange school
Mod league (Jnrs) vs Sherwood Grange at Merrylands Oval
Mod League (Snrs) vs Merrylands at Merrylands Oval
Newcombe vs Sherwood Grange at Sherwood Grange school
Soccer vs Sherwood Grange at Jones Park.

Congratulations to Sarah Skandari for representing our school and the Merrylands/Parramatta Zone at the Area Cross Country Carnival at Penrith Regatta Centre last week. Sarah competed very well and enjoyed the wonderful experience.

Enrichment Payments

Next term all students will be involved in a wonderful gymnastic program so please ensure all payments are up to date. If you are unsure please contact the office ASAP so your child doesn't miss out. Regular payments make this easier to manage.