Principal's Message

Welcome to Education Week. I always wonder slightly at this idea - that there is a special week called Education Week - because EVERY week is education week! Even in the holidays, we are, or should be, all learning - and that means adults as well as children. That said, it is an opportunity for the community to focus on the importance of education, and hopefully workplaces allow parents some time off work to visit their children's schools.

This year we will be having our open classrooms as normal, and then our K-2 athletics carnival. In addition to this, as we are in the process of planning for the next three years, we will be holding sessions for parents in the hall. We will be explaining to you the planning process and inviting you to give us some input into the future directions of Parramatta West. We hope that lots of you take the opportunity to participate in these sessions.

Thursday July 31st

9.00am - Stage 3 classes open for parents.
9.00am - All other parents encouraged to come to the hall to discuss the future of Parramatta West
9.30am - Kindergarten classrooms open for parents.
9.45am - A repeat session in the hall for parents who did not attend at 9.00am
10.00am - Stage 1 classrooms open for parents.
10.30am - Stage 2 classrooms open for parents.
11.00am - K-2 Athletics Carnival at the field - parents welcome.
1.00pm - Sausage sizzle in the lower playground for K-2 children and their parents - pre-order from P&C.

Open classrooms for our support classes will be - K - 2G at 9.30am, 2 - 4H at 10am and 3- 6 K at 9am.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Guerin-Kerr has been teaching the senior support class this year, however, she has now been appointed permanently to another school. We congratulate her on this appointment and thank her for the great start to the year that 3-6K have had. Mrs Batac, who is a permanent teacher at Parramatta West, and who has been having the class for RFF this year, will be taking the class full time until the end of the year. This will take place from week 4, and we are confident that the children will adapt successfully to the change and complete the year well.

We congratulate Mr White on the birth of his second daughter, Eva, who arrived safely last week. He will be on leave for 3 weeks. Ms Knedl will have the class this week, and then Mrs Azzopardi until Mr White returns.

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

P & C News - BBQ

This Thursday after the Athletics Carnival we have a sausage sizzle for K - 2 children and their parents starting at 1pm. If any parents are available to help we will be setting up in the lower playground at 11am. All notes for BBQ orders need to be returned BEFORE 3PM ON TUESDAY. NO orders will be taken after this time.

Library News

It's here! It's here! This week we will begin selling the books in the bookfair. You are welcome to come and purchase books at 8.30 am - 8.55am. 1.10pm - 1.30pm and 3pm - 3.30pm

All books sold earn more resources for the school. Books make great presents.

Each child who buys a book gets a raffle ticket and their name goes into a draw for book prizes.

Some of the books I can re-order if they are not available but the Specials box and book packs I am unable to order again.

Bookclub's last day is Monday 28th July due to the bookfair.

Many children are forgetting their library bags. Please make sure they bring it to library as I cannot supply a plastic bag.

Thanks,
Mrs Sell

Kindergarten 2015

Kindergarten Information evening is Tuesday 19th August at 6pm for new parents to find out about our school and the Kindergarten program.

Kindergarten Transition Program starts on Tuesday 26th August from 9am - 10.30am.
Stage News

Kindergarten

It is a busy week at Parramatta West - this week being Education Week where we celebrate all the wonderful learning which happens in our school.

Thursday is a special day for our students and for you - our parents! Our classroom doors will be open to you from 9:30am until 10:00am. We invite you to come in and spend some time in our classrooms where we will have some activities which you can participate in with your child.

Before recess at 10:35am, there will be a parent session which we invite you to attend in the school hall. This session will be about where Parramatta West is heading with teaching and learning in the coming years.

Our K-2 Athletics Carnival will start at 11am at the field. Come and watch us run races and participate in the field events! The carnival will finish at 1pm (lunch time) and the winners will be presented with their ribbons in the hall after lunch at 2pm.

You may have also noticed the Life Education van parked in the playground! We are excited to learn about healthy eating and lifestyles from Happy Healthy Harold. This is part of our Enrichment Program. Please make sure that you are continuing to make payments towards the Enrichment Program so that your child can attend such events and our weekly gymnastics lessons.

We are continuing with our 'Mystery Bags' for our topic talks this week. We love guessing our friends’ mystery objects after they provide us with clues!

We look forward to seeing our Kindergarten parents on Thursday during our Open Classrooms and at our K-2 Carnival!

Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

This week is Education Week and we invite all parents to come along to see our classrooms from 10am - 10.30am on Thursday. Then from 11am we are having our K - 2 Athletics Carnival across at the field. A sausage sizzle has been organised by the P & C for 1pm on Thursday. Pre-orders only and notes and money to be handed in by 3pm on Tuesday.

Our excursion to Sydney Aquarium is on 21st August. Please sign and return your permission note to your child's teacher and make sure your Enrichments payments are up to date so your child can go along to this exciting excursion.

All Year 1 and Year 2 students need to make a Water Safety Poster for news this week.

Don't forget about the Book Fair in the library this week. Lots of wonderful books to purchase for your children.

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

A reminder that the University of NSW English Competition will be held tomorrow morning, if your child is participating please ensure that they are at school by 8.55am.

We look forward to our ‘Open Day’ this Thursday. Stage 2 visits will be at 10.30am and all parents and caregivers are welcome.

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

This week we will be celebrating ‘Education Week’ at PWPS. The book fair will be open in the library every day before and after school so you are able to purchase quality literature for your children. We are also holding our ‘Open Day’ this Thursday the 31st of July where you are able to come and spend some quality time with your child in the classroom. Stage 3 start the day off at 9am-9.30am and we will be focusing on technology in the classroom. At 9.45am (just after our open classroom time), parents are invited to the hall where Mrs Donaldson and Mr Ta will be discussing the new three year plan which will commence next year and would really like your input and suggestions. We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday morning!

Stage 3 are thoroughly enjoying their gymnastic lessons every Monday. Students are able to wear their sports uniform on this day so they are comfortable and it is easier for them to participate in the lessons. Please make sure your enrichment money is up to date so your child doesn’t miss out on this exciting program. If you have any problem making payments please don’t hesitate to speak to the office or Mrs Donaldson.

Next Tuesday the 5th of August some Year 5 students will be attending a ‘Gifted and Talented Day’ at Parramatta High School. Notes will go home during the week with more detail.

PWPS Athletics Carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held next Thursday the 7th of August. Students are currently practising skills during sport and fitness times during the week. More information will be sent home later in the week.

Thank you again for your continued support with your child’s education. We hope you have a fabulous week 3!

Mrs Heifetz

Sports News

PSSA was cancelled last Friday due to the weather.

This week Netball and Soccer is against Hilltop at Ted Burge Oval. Newcombe is against Hilltop at Hilltop school, Jnr Mod League is against Merrylands, Snr Mod League is against Greystanes at Merrylands Oval. Good luck teams.
Class Awards

KA Naitik          KB Moksh
KJ Kirat           KN Lana
KR Mateen         KS Arif
1F Hamza          1H Ethan
1K Pranav         1N Gautham
1S Priyam         2L Ali
2P Hamad          2W Nathaniel
2/3R Muqsit       3J Khaled
3/4C Jessica      4A Mudassir
4S Lara           5/6B Beau
5/6E Heeya        5/6H Muskan
5/6J Viliami      5/6N Cody Lee
K-2G Saran

Koori Education Carnival

On Thursday a group of Stage 3 students attended the Koori Education Carnival at the Parramatta Campus of the University of Western Sydney. It was a day jam packed with a variety of activities aimed at starting students thinking about post-school education options.

The students had a great time and have many fun tricks and stories to share with others.

Many thanks to the University of Western Sydney for giving us the opportunity to attend the event and the teachers who supported the day.

Book Week Competitions

Parramatta City Library invites students 5—12 years of age to participate in our Children’s Book Week competition.

Every year, public libraries & schools across Australia spend a week celebrating books & Australian authors & illustrators by reading stories.

This year’s “Connect to Reading” theme is to highlight the importance of reading and connecting and creating a bond with others.

The competition has 3 categories:

- A) 5-7 years character drawing (A4 size)
  Submit a drawing of your favourite character from any children's book.

- B) 8-12 years book review
  Write a book review of up to 250 words about your favourite book.

- C) 8-12 cover design (A4 size)
  Design an alternate book cover for your favourite book, either hand drawn or electronic.

For further information, entry form, prizes and terms & conditions please go to