Principal's Message

August Parent Meetings

This months meetings will be on next Tuesday at 9am and 6pm in the staffroom. The topic for this month will be our new school plan for the next 3 years. We will be sharing the feedback parents and children have already given us and asking you to prioritise future directions. We need to be thinking about what skills our children need to prepare them for the future and what our school can do to assist them to develop these skills. I encourage parents to attend.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at school last week. It was lovely to see so many of you, and especially to gain input from you towards our new school plan. For those of you who were not able to attend, I am putting the questions that we asked with this newsletter, and I encourage you to respond. We hope to get as much input from parents as we can, and will be talking with the children as well. We will be publishing the completed plan on our school website so that everyone knows what we are doing. I encourage you to think about the needs of our children in the future - it is a very different picture to what you needed to prepare for when you were at school. If you are an employer, think about the skills you are going to need of workers in the future.

Last week we had the K-2 Athletics carnival, this week it is the 3-6 children's turn. Thank you to the P&C for organizing BBQs for both days. Many parents attended the K-2 carnival, did you know that you are welcome at the 3-6 one too? Of course you are welcome to cheer the children on! Bring a chair or a blanket.

Today we had the privilege of having the Nat Geo bus at school as part of their launch of a new TV show. 80 of our students were lucky enough to spend time in the bus meeting native Australian birds and reptiles. We will put some photos on the website.

Parents of Years 3 and 4

Last week the children took home a note about a new program called Friendly Schools Plus, which we will be implementing next year as part of a research project. Thank you to those who have returned the note already. Mr Clarke will be holding a short meeting on Wednesday morning in the hall from 9.00am explaining it to you. As it is a research project, all children need to have permission to complete the surveys. If they do not have permission they will still participate in the lessons next year, but will not complete the surveys. We would like to get all the children involved as participation in this project will give us valuable information about how successful the program is in supporting our children. If you can't attend the meeting on Wednesday but would like to discuss it before completing the permission note, please ring or email me.

Gifted and Talented Day at Parramatta High School

Tomorrow 28 of our Year 5 students will be visiting Parramatta High School to take part in some exciting activities designed to inspire them and develop their ideas in new ways. We will get some reports from them for next week’s newsletter.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support for our annual Book Fair. The orders should be in soon. I hope that you enjoy reading your new books with your children. The book fair also helps to raise money for the library and provides new books for the shelves that all children can borrow. Thank you to Mrs Sell for all her hard work in organizing the fair.

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

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P & C News

Thank you to everyone who helped out for the K - 2 BBQ. It was a fantastic day. The 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival is on Thursday at Holroyd Sportground. (Map attached to this newsletter). Coffee / tea, cakes, drinks and pre-ordered sandwiches available. Fizzy drinks will not be sold to students. All parents welcome. If anyone can help on the day please meet at the canteen at 9am-9.15am and see Renee.
Stage News

Kindergarten

Thank you to all of our wonderful Kindergarten parents and families who visited our classrooms and cheered us on at the Athletics Carnival last week. We hope you had as fantastic a day as we did! Congratulations to all of our super speedy Kindergarten runners who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their finals - Ella KN, Sameer KA, Makadee KS, Musa KA, Amy KR and Jash KN.

This week KS will be hosting the K-2 assembly and presenting their class item. If any KS parents would like to come and watch, you would be most welcome. Assembly starts at 11:20am on Friday in the school hall.

This is our last week presenting our 'Mystery Bags' for topic talks. Try and put something in your mystery bag, which isn't a toy. It could be something found in the kitchen (e.g. fork, spoon, lunchbox) or an everyday object like a pencil or a hat. Remember to include clues which tell the listeners where it can be found and what it is used for.

Have a great week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

A big thankyou to all the teachers involved in organising a very successful Athletics Carnival. We had a great time and there are definitely some fast runners out there! Good luck to those Year 2 students attending the 3-6 carnival on Thursday. We loved having parents visit during our Open Day. We hope you enjoyed seeing the amazing work we do every day!

Our excursion to the Aquarium is coming up quickly. Has your permission note been returned? If not, please bring it to school this week. Notes will be coming home soon with remaining payments that need to be made for all students to continue attending our gymnastics program and the excursion.

Students (and teachers!) love our unit about the sea this term. We are learning lots of interesting facts about the sea including; animals, creatures, who uses the sea, transport etc. Ask your child what they’ve learnt so far!

Have a wonderful week!
Miss Langhans

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

A massive thank you to all the parents who came to visit their child’s classroom for ‘Education Week’. We hope you enjoyed learning about the technology we now use in our classrooms.

Some lucky students throughout the school have been selected to attend the Nat Geo Wild bus on today just before lunch. These students will be able to meet some Australian birds and reptiles.

They are all very excited about this opportunity and we are looking forward to hearing all about it and seeing the photos.

This Tuesday the 5th of August some Year 5 students have been selected to attend a ‘Gifted and Talented Day’ at Parramatta High School. Students will be leaving school at 7.45am, so please ensure your child is not late, otherwise they will be unable to attend. They need to pack recess, water, pencil case and a book/clip board with paper. Lunch will be provided by the High School. Students will be participating in a variety of lessons. We can't wait to hear all about it!

This Thursday the 7th of August is the 3-6 Athletics Carnival. Students took home a permission note early in the week with details. Please ensure your child has returned the permission note to their teacher. Students will need to be at school at 8.50am and will be walking down to Holroyd Sportsground. They will need to pack fruit break; recess; lunch (if they have not ordered a sausage sizzle); school hat; plenty of water; something to do (cards or a book); something to sit on (towel/blanket). Students should also wear something warm in the morning and possibly have shorts and a t-shirt under their tracksuit in case they get warm later in the day. Students are allowed to wear a t-shirt representing their house colour and are encouraged to participate in all track and field events. It should be a great day!

Don’t forget students in Stage 3 participate in gymnastics every Monday and they are able to wear their sports uniform. 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 problems making payments please don’t hesitate to speak to Mrs Donaldson.

Another busy but exciting week at PWPS. Enjoy!
Mrs Heifetz

Library News

Thank you to everyone who supported the bookfair, it helps to support the school. The commission helps us to buy more books and resources for the school.
K - 2 Athletics

Last Thursday students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed the K-2 Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all of the parents and families who came and cheered on our students as they ran down the track, participated in egg and spoon races, sack races and other fun field events.

Congratulations to the following students who were our winners in the running races:

Kindergarten
1st - Ella KN & Sameer KA
2nd - Makadee KS & Musa KA
3rd - Amy KR & Jash KN

Year 1
1st - Taiba 1F & Sheraz 1S
2nd - Ajila 1K & Jason 1S
3rd - Suprabha 1N & Frank 1F

Year 2
1st - Vanessa 2P & Jerrell 2W
2nd - Rebekah 2L & Pranav 2/3R
3rd - Rebecca 2L & Mohtasham 2L

A big thank you also needs to be extended to our wonderful team of K - 2 teachers who ensured that the carnival was a success. Photos of our super speedy runners will soon be up on the school website!

Miss Stuart

Sports News

Results from last Friday PSSA games are:

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This week's games are:
Soccer against Ringrose at Ted Burge.
Newcombe against Ringrose at Ringrose School
Mod League against Sherwood Grange at Merrylands Oval

School attendance

I wonder if anyone read the Sydney Morning Herald over the weekend, in particular, the story about skipping school and NAPLAN results? I include the link here if you want to go to it now, or you could Google it.


The story gives the results of research into school attendance and school results, and clearly shows that any absences lead to reduced academic performance. The patterns are set from year 1. I encourage all parents to set the right pattern for their children, and seriously reconsider plans in the future for overseas travel that falls within term time.

Anthea Donaldson