Principal's Message

This week we have our senior choir off to the Opera House to perform in the PULSE concert. This is an exciting time for them, and I know that they will make us proud. Unless you have sung with a choir of 700 voices in a venue such as the Opera House, you can't imagine the wonderful feeling of such a cooperative venture resonating through your whole being. It is a powerful demonstration of human creativity. I hope that the parents attending enjoy it as much. Thank you to Miss Billingham for preparing the choir for this performance.

Our junior choir will be rehearsing this week for the Celebrating the Arts festival that is on soon as well. I hope that parents have purchased tickets for the Riverside Theatre as they always sell out. Our Stage 2 and 3 dancers will also be performing there, along with the drumming circle.

Parent Meetings

This month we will be discussing our future directions - what we want our school to look like in 3 years time. I encourage parents to think about what will be different, what skills our children will need in the future, what changes do we need to make. The world our children are growing up in is very different. Content knowledge is becoming less significant, and skills more so. How do we prepare them for an every changing future? Bring your thinking along this week - Either on Tuesday morning at 9.00am, or Tuesday evening @ 6.00pm in the staffroom. I look forward to lots of ideas!

3-6 Athletics carnival

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the athletics last week. We had a greater roll up than in the past, and I know that the children enjoy their parents watching. Thank you also to the fabulous band of parents who ran the canteen and the sausage sizzle - the children and teachers definitely enjoyed this too! There will be a strong team going through to the zone carnival later this term.

From next week, I will be overseas until next term. I am visiting family in the UK, and then returning via Turkey. In my absence Mr Ta will be relieving Principal, Mr Clarke Deputy Principal and Mrs Secull will be AP looking after stage 2. Ms Carr will be taking 3/4C. I am confident that all these people will look after Parramatta West and I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Anthea Donaldson, Principal

Class Awards

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SRC News

The SRC and the Environmental team are having a fundraiser to raise money for the school vege garden. The SRC are running a mini-disco at lunch to raise money for it.

The K - 2 mini disco will be on Friday 22nd August Week 6.

Year 3 - 6 will be on Tuesday 19th August Week 6.

Cost of entry will be a gold coin donation. This money will allow us to buy the supplies we need for each class to have a go at growing their own vegetables.

Miss Aoun and Mrs Batac

Library News

- Please remember that if your child is leaving or going on a holiday ALL library books need to be returned.
- Please make sure you have a library bag to borrow.
- Don’t forget to keep knitting and crocheting your squares. We currently have 2 completed blankets to send to “Wrap with love”.

Mrs Sell
Excellent academic and support programs

Stage News

Kindergarten

On Wednesday Stage 3 students are leading us through another Peer Support lesson which will be celebrating Aboriginal history and culture. Students are asked to dress in the colours of the Aboriginal flag - red, yellow and black - and to bring in a gold coin donation. The money raised on Wednesday will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Congratulations to KS for a great assembly item and for being the first Kindergarten class to host assembly for the last two weeks. KR will be hosting the K-2 assembly for the next two weeks. If any KR parents would like to come and watch, you would be most welcome. Assembly starts at 11:20am on Friday in the school hall.

Last week your child would have brought home a paper plate for this week's topic talk. This week's topic is 'My favourite food' and on the paper plate provided, your child will need to draw or make a model of their favourite meal that they eat at home. Talks should include what the food is called, who makes it, how often you eat it and what it is made from. We look forward to hearing about lots of interesting dishes from your dinner tables!

Have a fantastic week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

Congratulations to all of our Year 2 participants at the 3-6 Athletics Carnival. You all put in a huge effort and your behaviour was superb! Next week is our excursion to the Aquarium. Have you returned your permission note? There are still some students who haven’t returned their note. Please remember to keep paying off any money owing for our school's enrichment program. A reminder will be coming home soon.

On Wednesday students are asked to wear colours that represent the Aboriginal flag and bring a gold coin to donate to Fred Hollows. This will be a great day, as Stage 3 will host another Peer Support lesson.

A note will be coming home this week about the PELC Public Speaking friendly competition. The topic and criteria for speeches will be sent home soon. All students are expected to prepare their speech and present it in class.

Have a wonderful week everyone!
Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the athletics carnival last Thursday. I would like to thank all teachers for their efforts but particularly Mr Budden and Miss Billingham for their organisation. Students who qualified for the district carnival will receive a permission note once details are finalised.

This week Stage 2 homework is preparing for the public speaking showcase. This will involve children presenting a prepared talk to their class next week. Each class will then have two representatives selected to present their talk to all of the stage 2 classes and we will identify three children to represent the school at the Parramatta Education Learning Community public speaking showcase in term 4. We have sent home a note outlining when your child will be presenting their talk and the marking criteria. If you have any questions please see any of the stage 2 teachers.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

We all experienced a very busy but great week 4. Some students were able to encounter various Australian birds and reptiles on the Nat Geo Wild bus. Selected Year 5 students spent the day at Parramatta High School enjoying various lessons with Miss Newton, Miss Billingham and a range of specialist high school teachers. We took part in our hugely successful 3-6 Athletics Carnival, thanks to the organisation of Mr Budden, Miss Billingham and the rest of the dedicated 3-6 teachers. A special massive THANK YOU to Mr Roux and the various parents who also assisted on the day.

This Wednesday students in Stage 3 will be delivering their final Peer Support lesson for the year. This lesson celebrates Aboriginal culture, NAIDOC day and Indigenous Athletes. Students and Stage 3 teachers have worked extremely hard to ensure that this lesson will be hugely successful (just like the previous lesson). Students can wear the colours of the Aboriginal flag (red, yellow and black) and are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation for the Fred Hollows' Foundation. This Foundation works throughout Africa, Asia (South and South East) and Australia, focusing on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health. All donations go to an extremely worthy cause. Please discuss the lesson with your child as they have put in a lot of work and time into their activities.

A note will go home this week about our Author visit to Merrylands Library. Stage 3 are fortunate to be able to see Nadia Wheatley next Wednesday the 20th August. She is the author of amazing, quality children’s literature such as ‘My Place’; ‘Australians All’; ‘Playground’; ‘Going Bush’; and, ‘Lucy in the Leap Year’, just to name a few. Students will walk to the Library and eat lunch at a nearby park. This walking excursion is free so please complete permission notes and return to class teachers ASAP.

A few other reminders this week at PWPS:

•   The UNSW Mathematics Competition will be held on Tuesday morning.
•   PULSE concert will be on this Thursday the 14th of August. Students will be rehearsing during the day and performing later that night. We wish them the best of luck and know they will all be dazzling.

We hope you all have an enjoyable week 5.

Mrs Heifetz
Sports News

Last weeks' results were:

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This Friday the games are :-

- Netball is against Greystanes at Greystanes School.
- Newcombe is against Sherwood Grange at Sherwood Grange School.
- Soccer is against Sherwood Grange at Merrylands Oval.
- Mod League is against Merrylands at Merrylands Oval.

Girl Rising film presentation

Holroyd City Council, Immigrant Women’s Health Service and the Cumberland Women’s Health Service are proud to present an inspiring and uplifting movie documentary (Girl Rising) about 9 girls in 9 countries. The event is free and is to be held on Wednesday, August 20 between 11 am – 1:30 pm at The Holroyd Centre Merrylands.

Girl Rising journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. There are nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams.

Some of the big names to lend their voice in the film include: Anne Hathaway, Cate Blanchett, Selena Gomez, Liam Neeson, Priyanka Chopra, Chloë Grace Moretz, Freida Pinto, Salma Hayek, Meryl Streep, Alicia Keys and Kerry Washington.

The countries featured include Sierra Leone, Haiti, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Peru, Egypt, Nepal, India and Cambodia.

‘Educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation, yet millions of girls aren’t in school. Girl Rising uses storytelling to inspire action that gets girls into classrooms worldwide.’

This film is a great opportunity to highlight some of the difficulties young girls go through in various countries abroad.

The event will be hosted by 2014 Australia Day Ambassador & Director, Immigrant Women’s Health Service Dr. Eman Sharobeem who will form a panel discussion at the end of the film presentation.

Light refreshments will be provided

This is a free community event.

To RSVP please contact:
Billy Cotisis on 9840 9997

Go4Fun

Fitness can be fun and it can also have a good impact on a child’s well-being. While we know Go4Fun has contributed to over 7000 of the State’s children shedding 1.7 centimetres off their waistlines, it’s also having an impact on areas such as confidence and self esteem.

Parents tell us, “my child is happier and feels better about him/self after going to Go4Fun”. Ten year old Callum who participated in a local program told us, “Go4Fun is fun. I have more energy and I kind of feel more confident about myself”.

Go4Fun is a free, family lifestyle 10 week program for 7 – 13 year olds. Programs are offered across Western Sydney on weekdays and weekends. No referral needed.

P & C News

There will be a P & C meeting tomorrow morning at 9am in the staffroom. All welcome.

Dance Fever Multisport After School

Dance Fever multisport is excited to offer an after school gymnastics program for the remainder of this term. The program is open to all ages and abilities and will expand on the skills developed by children in the curriculum program. It will be tailored to suit the needs of the participants whilst encouraging fitness in fun environment. Sessions will be starting Monday 18th August and will be from 3-4pm with a cost $7 per lesson.

Permission notes will be at the Office and need to be brought back before the lesson to participate.