Excellent academic and support programs

Principal's Message

Thank you to all the parents who returned our "homework" survey, and to those who have already completed the online "tell them from me" survey. We do appreciate receiving your feedback, as it will help us to cater for your needs much more successfully in the future. Mr Ta has extended the end date for the "tell them from me" survey, so if you still want to go online and complete it, you have this week.

Art Show

The Art Show opened today! I'm sure that if you were at school this morning you will agree that we have some amazing talented children at school. Isn't it spectacular? I encourage parents to try to come along this week, 8.30am - 8.50am and 3pm - 3.30pm to have a look. It will be taken down on Thursday afternoon, so please don't come on Friday as you will be disappointed. We are just asking for a gold coin donation for entry, and all artworks will be sent home at the end of the week. However, seeing your children's artworks as part of the show, and appreciating almost 700, is worth the visit.

Tiny hands. Tinier tomatoes.

Our vegie patch is doing great!

Class Awards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Student Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KA</td>
<td>Rahaf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KD</td>
<td>Ahmed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KR</td>
<td>Tabasum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KB</td>
<td>Jizelle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KB</td>
<td>Jizelle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KB</td>
<td>Jizelle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1F</td>
<td>Mitchell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1H</td>
<td>Matt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1L</td>
<td>Jash</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1M</td>
<td>Eesha</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1N</td>
<td>Sameer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2A</td>
<td>Obaid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2F</td>
<td>Hamza</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2G</td>
<td>Changaz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2L</td>
<td>Angelina</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/3J</td>
<td>Deianeira</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3B</td>
<td>Sereen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3H</td>
<td>Elisha</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Buse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4A</td>
<td>Parth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4H</td>
<td>Mantra</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5C</td>
<td>Amani</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5M</td>
<td>Aditya</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6R</td>
<td>Ryan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6M</td>
<td>Heer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6S</td>
<td>Ayaan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1-4G</td>
<td>Rudy</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Classes 2016

The Department of Education is busy making preparations for our school growth, and looking at toilets and classrooms at the field. It is vital that any parents thinking of moving, or going on extended holidays and returning after the start of next year, let us know as soon as possible so that we can ensure that we have the right number of classrooms and teachers for the start of the year. If you have any concerns about next year, please let me know sooner rather than later. Thank you.

Selective High School placement tests 2017

Parents of children in year 5 who wish their children to sit the selective high school placement test next year need to apply NOW online. Mr Clarke has further information and can assist you with this process.

Reading

Did you read last week's newsletter with the information about the time children spend reading and the impact that this has? Have you spent more time reading with your child this week? Has your child spent more time reading? Encouraging reading is a simple way that you can have a major impact on your child's future. If you are the parent of a child in years 4-6 and you need help in this area, come along to the library and talk to Mrs Sell on Monday afternoons from 2.15.

Have a great week,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Principal's Conference

I will be attending the annual State Principal's Conference from Wednesday - Friday this week. Please see Mr Ta with any issues, but I will be back next week - with inspiration and stories to share.
Class News

Kindergarten

Our excursion to Sydney Olympic Park is on Wednesday 28th October. Have your returned your permission note to your child’s teacher? Enrichment money need to be finalised so your child doesn't miss out on this fun excursion.

Parents please come along to the Art Show and see the wonderful things your child has been doing in class. A gold coin donation is required.

As the weather is getting warmer please dress your child appropriately and bring a drink bottle of water to school each day.

KD is doing their assembly item this Friday. Parents are invited to come and watch these talented students

Year 1 and Year 2

We hope everyone can come and admire the amazing artworks students have created this year at PWPS. We are asking for a gold coin donation on entry. It will be taken down on Thursday afternoon so get in quick!

Topic talks this week are about a product from home and identifying ingredients. Is it a healthy food? Is it a household item that is used for cleaning? Are there safety precautions for using the product?

Our school disco is on next week with more information to come. Get your dancing shoes on!

Have a fantastic week!
Miss Langhans

Year 3

We had our official opening of the Art Show this morning and it was exciting to see the doors open to reveal the school hall transformed in to an amazing art gallery filled with the work of our talented students at Parramatta West. You will be very proud of your children and their creative talents this week! It really is a sight to see and I encourage all parents to come and view the Art Show this week. It is open before school, 8:30 - 8:50am Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday, and after school, 3:00 - 3:30pm Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday. Entry to the art show is a gold coin donation with monies raised going towards creative arts resources for the school. All artworks will be sent home with your children at the end of the week.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the CAT surveys with our students last week, as part of their “extra” homework task. We value your input and will be using your responses to work out how we can continue to improve our school and communication with you.

Next Tuesday it's time to put your dancing shoes on because it's disco time! The disco will be held after school. A separate note is going home today.

Have a spectacular week! I hope to see you up at the Art Show this week!
Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

This week the Year 4 and 5 classes will continue their learning on China and its Culture. The Year 5 students will be presenting a prepared 2 to 3 minute talk in class. All classes will also continue to engage with high quality literature on the topic. I would encourage all parents and caregivers to discuss the learning that is happening everyday.

Selective High Schools: Year 7 placement in 2017

A reminder that applications for Selective High Schools opened on 13 October and will close on 16 November 2015, applications can only be made online at this time. For further information parents may go online to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement or see Mr Clarke.

Finally, as the weather heats up it is imperative that children wear a hat, sunscreen and keep hydrated during sport. Please assist the teachers and coaches by ensuring children are prepared for school sport.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Year 6

These last two weeks our Year 6 students have been asked to submit 2 major assessment tasks. We spend time talking about the importance of due dates and also the impact that drafting can have on children’s work. We are proud to say that the majority of our students were prepared for these tasks, however more focus is needed on the skills of drafting and editing. We will be focusing on these skills this term. It is important that parents are aware when major assignments are due and can be involved in this drafting and editing process.

We invite all parents to come along and see the wonderful ‘Art Show’ this week. Be inspired by the talents of our students.

We ask that students begin to bring in supplies for the Mini Fete, clearly labelled and placed in the tubs provided in the classroom. This will ensure that all students are organised for this major fundraising event.

Each week the students are given a ‘Critical Quiz’ as a compulsory part of their homework. This quiz can be accessed through Edmodo otherwise a paper copy is supplied if access to a computer is limited in the home. Please encourage your child to be using Edmodo every night to stay updated with their learning and important events.
Stage 3 cont......

Almost 20% of our Year 6 students have completed their 40 book challenge, with many more almost there! This is very inspiring!

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

- Don't forget Bookclub is due on Tuesday the 20th October. Please be prompt with orders.
- Please do not repair books at home - return them and I will use the correct equipment to repair them.
- You are welcome to join our Parent Workshop on Monday 2.15pm in the library. For parents of children in Year 4, 5 & 6. We will be discussing reading at home.
- Thank you to all those that sent in their Earn & Learn stickers - we are in the process of spending our points.

Halloween Disco

PWPS Hall - 27th October 2015
K - 2  4pm - 5.30pm
3 - 6  6pm - 7.30pm

Come dressed as your favourite character; NO MASKS.
Cost: $5 includes entry, drink, snack
Glow products available.

Sports News

Last week’s weather was great (maybe a little too warm on certain days) and K-6 students enjoyed many sessions of fitness and sport throughout the week. Parents please make sure your child has a hat correct sports clothes and shoes (layers that can be removed like jackets over short sleeves and shorts for hot days), water and you apply sunscreen at home; so they are safe in the sun when at sport or play daily.

Last Friday our PSSA summer competition resumed and Parramatta West shared in the wins! Congratulations to all teams on their team spirit. Don't forget training and bus money if you are travelling away. Make sure you have your uniform, school hat, water and safety gear with you each week.

School sport was well organised by Mrs Harris and Mrs Abraham for 3-6, with classes playing games like Speed Minton, Newcomb Ball, T-Ball, Soccer, Cricket and more. Each week classes rotate through these games after an aerobic warm-up with Mrs George and her student fitness demonstrators.

K-2 enjoyed a variety of ball games and fundamental skills organised by their teachers throughout the week.

Don't forget to get out and about with your family daily for fun and fitness.

Stewart House

Thursday this week is the last day to donate any unwanted clothing. Please return bags to your child's classroom.

Thank you.
Art Show Opening