Principal's Message

I hope that all families had a good holiday break and were also able to enjoy the long weekend. Term 4 can be a hectic term, so please keep an eye on this newsletter and the school app for reminders.

The Tell Them From Me survey is open for parents and allows all parents to express their views about their perceptions of their children’s experiences at home and school. The information you provide will be anonymous and confidential. You can complete this survey at home or at school. We will have the computers in the computer room available for you to use every morning between 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.00pm every day and the survey will close on the 16th October.

Please follow the link below and use the username and password provided.

www.tellthemfromme.com
username: parent18163
Password: Par2843

Students from years 4 - 6 whose parents did not request that they be withdrawn from the survey will also be doing the survey this term, as well as teachers. This will give the school useful information for our plans for 2016.

Art Show - Week 3

Those of you who have been at the school for a couple of years or more will remember the Art Show I am sure. The hall will be converted to an amazing display of artistic talent in Week 3 this term. I encourage all parents to make sure that they find a time to come up and have a look from Monday - Thursday - you will be stunned!

Swim School

All places are taken I am afraid, but there is a waiting list. Sometimes children do drop out for some reason. If you have enrolled your children for swim school and they are not able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that another child can be offered the place.

Diwali Dancers

The children who are in the three dance groups - Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 and the 3-6 group, will all be rehearsing on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Please make sure that they are at school early on those days.

School morning times

Unless children are at school early for a specific reason, and are therefore being supervised by teachers, they should not be at school until 8.30am. Of course they may arrive a few minutes early and walk into the school grounds - but they should then sit and wait until the teacher in the orange vest comes on duty. As the warmer weather approaches many children want to come to school early to play - but they will not be playing until 8.30, so please do not send them or drop them off. If parents need to leave them at school earlier, there is the OOSH program on the school site with morning vacancies. Thank you.

Enrolments 2016

We have many children enrolling for Kindergarten 2016 who are currently participating in our transition program. If you are aware of other families moving into the area, please encourage them to inform us as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for classes and teachers for 2016. If you are planning to take a holiday at the end of the year and will be late returning, please make sure that the school has this information so that your children do not lose their places. We are very full and cannot take out of area enrolments. Siblings are the only out of area enrolments that will be considered at this stage.

Looking forward to an exciting and busy term,
Anthea Donaldson

ART SHOW!

Parramatta West’s fabulous Art Show is coming soon!

During week three this term (19th-22nd October), the hall will be turned into an art gallery which will exhibit art work from every child in the school. Parents and friends of PWPS are welcome to come and admire the imagination and talent of our students. More details coming soon!

C.A.P.A Committee.
Stage News

Year 4 and Year 5

I hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays and had a great first week back at school. The weather can fluctuate a lot this time of year. While we have some hot days to begin the term with, it could be much cooler later in the week. I would encourage all students to take note of the weather forecast and dress appropriately for school.

A reminder that sport will be held Friday mornings throughout term 4. If your child is playing PSSA sport please make sure you are aware of the training days and times. Library days remain the same as last term and homework will be sent home this week.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Year 6

Welcome back to Term 4! This will be a special term for all of our wonderful Year 6 students as they come to the end of their primary school days. There will be many exciting and memorable moments coming up, however it is also a busy term of learning and study.

The Mini Fete is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 5th November. The students will begin the planning process this week by selecting their group members and nominating a stall that they would like to run. A note will be coming home to parents to inform you of some of the things they will require to get their stalls up and running. All proceeds go towards their Year 6 farewell.

This week students have a major assessment due. It is the 'Global Warming Personal Response'. All assignments are due this coming Friday. Their 'Global Warming Group Task' is due next week. I know the students have been busy working on their part of the group tasks and we are excited to watch the presentations of their learning. You can assist by asking your child about the assignments and allow them to demonstrate their learning to you.

The weather is warming up therefore it is important that all students have water each day and all items of clothing are labeled. A reminder to parents that many students have been wearing hats that are NOT school uniform. Please ensure your child has a school hat or a plain blue hat for school each day.

Major focus areas for this term are:

1. Author Study - David Passes - Myths and Legends
2. Major Novel study
3. Fractions and Decimals
4. Music
5. Child Protection
6. Science - It's Electrifying
7. Project Based Learning - Growth Mindset and the Brain

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to presenting many more students with their '40 Book Reading Challenge' awards this term. Please promote the importance of a challenge with your child and support them in achieving this to the best of their ability.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

• We are borrowing this week so don't forget your Library bag.
• Next week we start Parent Workshops for parents of Year 4, 5 and 6. We would love for you to join us at 2.15pm in the Library. Then to collect your child and read with them. We will be done by 2.55 so you can collect your children.
• Thank you to everyone who supported the book swap. The money raised is going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Stewart House School Clothing appeal 2015

Unwanted clean clothing can be sent to the school for collection. The last day you can bring in bags of clothes is Thursday 22nd October, 2015.

Thank you.

Creative students from 3H