Principal's Message

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope that you were all able to enjoy the rest and the sunshine - we are now well into Autumn! With children now wearing warmer clothes, please ensure that they have uniform jumpers or jackets and are not wearing non-uniform leggings under their dresses. Girls will be warmer wearing the blue trousers or track pants. Please make sure that everything is labelled!

One of our major school focus areas is reading - we see reading as the foundation of all other skills. Comprehending what they read is integral to the process, and this is difficult for children who speak another language. They need to talk about what they read and learn new vocabulary. We have set reading targets for all children. They should be reading at least one book a week. This is not their home readers - the younger ones should be reading these every night. We also want them to be reading a library or other book every week, this should be a book with more text for the younger children, and novels for the competent readers. Younger children who are just beginning to read can have this book read to them. If parents are unsure about how to help their children with reading, from next week, Mrs Sell will be running sessions for parents, and their children, every Monday afternoon from 2.15. See her information later in this newsletter. This term the focus will be on parents of children in Kindergarten and year 1.

I encourage parents to set a target for themselves to do everything they can to assist their child to become a better reader - let's all work together and make a difference. If you don't know what to do - ask your child's teacher.

Cross Country

This is planned for next Thursday 30th April - weather permitting. All children in years 3-6 will be attending our school carnival at Jones Park. If the weather is dubious, a message will go out on the school app.

Term 2 Calendar

With this mini newsletter is your calendar for the term, please keep it somewhere safe and add things as they come up and are advertised in the newsletter.

ANZAC Day Service

This Friday Parramatta West PS will be conducting two ANZAC services. There will be a shortened one at 9.30 for the Kindergarten - Year 1 children, and the normal service at 11.30 for the Years 2 - 6. This year we have several special events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, including some special visitors and commemorative gifts for all the children.

We are asking that children from years 2 - 6 can bring in a few flowers on Friday morning to make a class wreath or bunch to present during the service. K - 2 children will be creating a craft wreath in class.

Looking forward to an excellent term,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Year 1 and Year 2

Sport has now changed to Thursday. Students need to wear their full sport uniform on Thursdays. Class teachers will let you know when their fitness day will be so students wear the appropriate uniform.