Relieving Principal’s Message

Welcome back to Week 5! Parramatta West Public School is located in an area away from busy traffic with ample parking all around the school. I would like to draw all parents’ attention to the safety of our children when you are parking or driving within the school zone. There has been complaints from parents and the bus driver that there are parents parking in the bus zone. This is illegal! You are setting a bad example for the children that it is ok to break the law. There is no excuse for you to park illegally at Parramatta West. We have ample parking all around the school. It might mean you take a 5 minutes walk but the 5 minutes is worth it if it is for the safety of all our children. Council officers do patrol the area and take photos of drivers doing illegal things. Please do the right thing! On a lighter note, this Friday is Walk to School Day. I encourage parents to promote this and to walk to school if it is possible. You might enjoy it and do it more often!

Regards,
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Relieving Principal

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Class News

Kindergarten

Don’t forget to bring in the permission notes for the farm excursion that is THIS Wednesday. Please note that enrichment fees of at least $50 must have been paid before the excursion. All the students are very excited about our upcoming trip. Students will need to remember to bring lunch, recess and a water bottle in a throw away plastic bag. They will not need their school bags on Wednesday, but they will need to be in full school uniform, including their hat.

Year 1 and Year 2

This week our Topic Talks are about ‘Mystery Bags’. Students need to bring in a special bag with an item inside. We’re hoping students can give some tricky clues so it’s not too easy to guess.

There were many students who did not have their hat for sport on Thursday. Unfortunately, students will not participate if they do not have their hat.

Let's have a wonderful week!
Miss Langhans

Year 3

Year 3 students should be congratulated for their positive attitudes during NAPLAN. They all gave it 100% and should be proud of their efforts. Well done Year 3!

Homework will resume this week. Students should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes each night. They need to learn their spelling words and complete ‘look, write, cover and check’ three times during the week. Students must also complete the spelling rule and one matrix activity. They should clearly identify which activity they are attempting and colour it in on the activity sheet. For mathematics, students need to complete their maths mentals and Quick Smart page. We also give students the opportunity to be extended through the challenge program and this is an optional addition. All homework is due on Friday to their class teacher.

Just a reminder that it is essential that students ensure they have their water bottle clearly labelled, sports shoes and a school hat on Friday ready for school sport or PSSA. Fitness lessons also take place once a week. 3B has their lesson on Tuesday and 2/3J and 3/H on Wednesday. Students are encouraged to also wear their sports shoes on these days too. Please make sure if you are in a PSSA team and are ordering your lunch on Friday you clearly write this on your lunch order so the canteen can have it ready in time.

Have a fantastic Week 5!
Mrs Heifetz

Year 4 and Year 5

Well done to all the students who sat the NAPLAN assessments last week. It was a long week and completing challenging...
assessments three days in a row can be tiring. It is now back to normal routines and we can expect to receive the NAPLAN results early in Term 4.

A permission note went home today for an excursion to Canberra. These notes need to be returned to the class teachers by Monday 25th May.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children who are competing in the zone cross-country the best of luck for tomorrow and please make sure you are at school on time.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Year 6

IMPORTANT!!!!
Year 6 Parent Meeting!
Topic: Edmodo Parent Group and Social Media
When: Monday 25th May
Time: 3.15pm
Where: Mrs Rhodes' classroom in F Block

We invite all parents to share in the everyday learning of our Year 6 students through Edmodo. This will give parents an insight into the topics we are studying and the tools that we post in order to assist with their learning. Come along and learn how to join up and be a part of your child's learning.

This last week our students were able to take home their English assessment tasks to complete the publishing aspect of the task. This is a culmination of their learning of the study of Anthony Browne's work. We are sure to be impressed with their picture books.

A group of Year 6 students attended the Sydney Writer's Festival today. We hope they have learnt a great deal by listening to different authors speak and share their experiences.

Please ensure you are continuing to pay your enrichment instalments.

How many books has your child read towards their 40 book reading target? They should have read approximately 15-20 by now.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Parent Meeting next Monday 25th May - we will be discussing Non Fiction.

I have noticed that many of the Kindergarten bags seem to be falling apart. Please check your child's library bag and replace it if needed. We have bags for $5 in the school office. All children need a library bag to borrow books from the library.

Are you up for a challenge??

I would like everyone to take a photo of themselves reading a book somewhere interesting – it can be anywhere. Print the photo and bring it to me in the library and I will pin it on the wall to join our Radical Readers display. See where you can read.

Mrs Sell

Sports News

The weather was fine and Parramatta West students had a great week last week at sport. PSSA got under way and students got settled into their new Winter Sport Teams. School sport got off to an organised start and all had fun. Thank you to K-2 teachers and students for being flexible and caring as they found times around NAPLAN to get out for sport.

PSSA team members! Don't forget to return your permission notes immediately to your coach! We need all chosen students at training and the games. Remember to have your full sports uniform, school hat, water bottle, safety equipment and bus money organised each Friday.

ALL STUDENTS need to wear their sports uniform on their sport days for ease of movement, safety and modesty. K-2 please see your child's class teacher for specific days. 3-6 students must wear their full sports uniform on Friday, including hat and shoes. 3-6 classes do have class sport on other days and may require a change of shoes on those days (see your child's class teacher for specific days).

This week, 15th-21st May is National Families Week. The aim of National Families Week 2015 is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The 2015 theme is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'.

This year’s theme highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing. National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 2015. Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by: - Walking with them the whole way to school - If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop - If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Active kids are healthy kids!