Principal's Message

Next week is Education week. This year we are sending home a flyer to all families listing the events during the week that you are invited to watch or join in with. I encourage you to come along and see what we do at school. We start the week with our normal 3-6 assembly, except that in education week we will have some added entertainment from the PULSE Choir and the Stage 2 Dance Group. On Tuesday and Wednesday Gymnastics lessons continue as normal, but parents are invited to watch - the flyer lists the class times. Thursday is the big day for years 3-6. Our senior students will lead the school in peer support in the morning - so K-2 parents are welcome to watch that too - and then the 3-6 classrooms will be open after recess at the times listed on the flyer. On Friday the K-2 classrooms will be open, and then the K-2 athletics carnival starts at 11.00am. On Thursday and Friday the P and C will be running a café for parents. We encourage the K-2 parents to bring a picnic along for Friday to have with their children after the carnival.

Book Fair

This will be open during Education week before and after school for half an hour every day, so come along, grab a bargain, support your child's love of reading and our school library.

P and C meeting

This will be on tomorrow, Tuesday, in the staffroom from 9.00am. Come along and hear about what is happening at our school.

Parents of children in year 2 and 3 don't forget the special sessions are on for you every Monday in the library from 2.15. Learn how to take your children from beginning readers to avid readers! We know how much reading impacts on all aspects of their learning and life.

Enrichment Money

Most schools ask parents for a voluntary donation every year. At Parramatta West we don't do this. We ask parents to pay for a few extra things that enrich your children's education. This year it includes two excursions, Healthy Harold (term 2); gymnastics lessons, subscriptions to Reading Eggs / Reading Eggspress and mathletics, an ANZAC Day centenary gift (term 2); an envision maths workbook, additional workbooks created by teachers (we don't ask for text book fees) and art/craft materials. The fee is reduced for families, and can be paid in full or paid off over time. We don't want any child to miss out on these activities.

If parents are struggling financially, are out of work, are on pensioner payments or are of a refugee background and are still finding their feet in Australia, we can help you - please ask! We are given a certain amount of money to assist families who need support. We don't always know who you are unless you tell us. Some people find it hard to ask for help. It can be private and does not reflect on the child in any way. Please see your child's teacher, or Norma in the office, Mrs Donaldson or Mr Ta.

I look forward to seeing lots of you next week,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

P & C News

P & C meeting tomorrow morning in the staffroom. All welcome.

This week we will be catering for 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival at the selected oval. Anyone interested in helping please come at 9am.

Home readers went home today. A call to helpers, please come and help each morning.

Woolworths Earn & Learn has started. Please collect stickers from Woolworths and place them in the box in the front office. A sheet will come home soon for you to collect these stickers on.

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Class News

Kindergarten

Welcome back to another exciting term. This term the Kindergarten students will be working on a unit called “Our Lives”. The unit will focus on healthy lifestyles and what makes up our community. As part of this unit the students are very excited to do weekly cooking. Please make sure you have returned your permission note and money to the classroom teacher.

The lower playground is finally opened and the Kindergarten students are exploring their new area with great enthusiasm. Please ask the students about it!

Sports days have changed for some classes. KA and KB are on Tuesday & Thursday. KD, KN, KR and KS are on Wednesday & Thursday. Library remains Tuesday for all Kindergarten.

Next Monday we would like to invite all Kindergarten parents/carers for another Afternoon Tea. This will be an opportunity to speak with other parents and teachers in a casual get together. It will be 3pm in the Hall.

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

All students are enjoying the Gymnastics program. Please make sure your Enrichment fees are up to date so your child doesn't miss out. Remember to wear your sport uniform on your gym day.

Year 1 student will be talking about their learning goals they would like to achieve this year. Year 2 students will have topic talks. Homework for Year 1 students commenced last week and will start today for Year 2 students.

K - 2 Athletics Carnival will be on 31st July. All welcome.

Year 3

It has been great to see our students happy to be back at school and excited about this term’s learning. This term will be another busy term with our Gymnastics program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will also be attending our second excursion later this term. Please make sure that you are continuing to pay money towards the Enrichment Program.

This Thursday is the Athletics Carnival. Remember to return your permission slip as we will be walking to Holroyd Oval. You will also need to remember to pack your fruit break, recess, lunch, a drink bottle, hat, something to sit on (e.g. picnic blanket) and a warm jumper or jacket.

Have a wonderful week!
Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

A reminder to children, who have completed an application for the Year 5 OC in 2015, that they should have received a letter confirming their place and their test details. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming OC test please see me.

This Thursday the Annual 3-6 Athletics Carnival, children will need to return their permission notes and wear appropriate clothing. A note went home last week about the carnival and another for ordering lunch on the day.

All children are expected to be reading every night. We have a reading list that recommends books to read, but children are also able to read some books of their own choice. Importantly, once the books have been read they need to write and publish a response on the school blog. This assists students in developing a deeper understanding of the books they read.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Year 6

Welcome back to Term 3! The year is flying by so quickly, it's hard to believe we are half way already.

Homework begins this week. Our Year 6 students are proving to be committed and disciplined with their homework. Please continue to support them through encouragement and interest in their work. Some students require new scrap-books as their books are full. These can be purchased at Big W, Coles, Office Works or K-Mart.

We ask that all parents continue to make payments towards their Enrichment Fees. This money pays for the ‘extra’ things that we arrange for the students including the gymnastics program, our 2 excursions, access to Reading Eggs and Mathletics, incursions and more. We do not want children missing out on these valuable experiences. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you are unsure about these payments or are experiencing difficulty in paying.

This term our focus topics are: 
Author Study -Glenda Millard
Research Topic - Global Warming,
Individual Novel Study on the following themes (5/6R: Era, 6S: Character, 6M: Sustainability),
Main Maths Topics: Decimals, Angles, Problem Solving
Science: Earth, Place and Space
CAPA: Drama
PDHPE: Active and Healthy Lifestyles

The students are on their way to achieving their 40 book target. They should be at 20 or more novels by now. Please support your child in reaching this goal. The more they read, the better they can write, think and respond!!!!

High schools are continuing the process of accepting students or passing on application forms to alternative choices.
Selective High School results have now been received. Congratulations to the successful applicants.

Our third Parramatta High School Enrichment Day was held today. The students are learning a great deal about high school life in preparation for their own transitions.

Peer Support will take place on the Thursday of Week 3. This term all of the Year 6 students will be teaching a math's lesson to younger students within the school. As this date falls into Education Week, all parents in our school community are invited to come along and watch. Please come and support your child as they demonstrate leadership, encouragement and team work.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Don’t forget our Reading Parent Workshop every Monday for parents of Year 2 & 3 students - 2.15pm in the Library.

I am taking the last Book Club orders on Thursday 23rd July due to the bookfair being the next week. Bookfair preview week is this week so be prepared to look at the fair.

Sales for the bookfair will start on Monday 27th July so come along and buy as many as you want - lots of great books for great prices. Each book sold gets a raffle ticket to go into the draw for a book prize.

Mrs Sell.