Principal's Message

It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying education week last week, and taking the opportunity to attend the variety of functions that we held. Thank you for taking the time to support your children and our school. Thank you to the P&C for running the Tea and Coffee on Thursday and Friday - I know it was appreciated.

Over the next few weeks we have a number of our students performing in concerts at The Opera House and the Riverside Theatre. Congratulations to the Recorder and Violin ensembles, who will be at The Opera House on Tuesday this week and the PULSE choir who will be there next week. The Celebrating the Arts Choir, Drumming Circle, and stages 2 and 3 dance groups will be at the Riverside Theatre on September 1st - tickets for this concert go on sale this week. Being involved in these activities is very valuable to your children’s education. They learn much more than just the music or dance in which they are involved. They gain confidence in performing, and in knowing that they have mastered a skill. Music lessons train memory and are linked with maths skills. The National Review of School Music Education (Australia 2005) found “Music education uniquely contributes to the emotional, physical, social and cognitive growth of all students.” In committing to being part of a group they also learn about teamwork, and about the rewards of hard work, practice and discipline. I have personally been impressed by the efforts of my recorder ensemble, and know that each of them has grown as a person through the experience. I encourage all parents to consider involving their children in extra curricula activities as they become available.

K-2 Athletics

Congratulations to all the children who participated so well in the carnival last week, and to the record numbers of preschoolers, parents and teachers who joined in. What a fabulous day we had!
The year champions are listed below:
Kindergarten:
GIRLS
1st Sachi            2nd Tahlai        3rd Isabel
BOYS
1st Mustafa            2nd Leon        3rd Youssuf

Year 1
GIRLS
1st Makadee            2nd Crystal        3rd Sarah
BOYS
1st Sameer            2nd Jash        3rd Aksel

Year 2
GIRLS
1st Taiba            2nd Suprabha        3rd Sharleen
BOYS
1st Sheraz            2nd Noor        3rd Jason

3-6 Athletics

Hopefully the weather will be kind and allow us to host this carnival on Thursday this week. Parents are of course welcome to join us.

Kindergarten 2016

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 and planning our transition activities. Please make sure that you enroll your child as soon as possible if he/she turns 5 before the end of July 2016 and you intend him/her to start school next year. Please let other parents in the area who do not have children currently enrolled at Parramatta West know about this also.
If your child has a June or July birthday, you might be wondering if he/she is ready for school. By law they do not need to start school until they are 6. Many parents choose to wait until their child is 5½ rather than 4½ before starting school. If you are unsure, please visit the school to discuss your circumstances with the principal or deputy principal, or attend the information session to help you decide. There is plenty of time to ensure that you make the correct decision for your child.

Information evening - 6.00pm Wednesday 19th August
Transition starts Friday 28th August and continues each Friday until 23rd October.
Orientation Days - Friday 30th October, Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 12th November.
We look forward to getting to know our newest recruits to the Parramatta West family.

Have a great week.
Anthea Donaldson
Principal
**Class Awards**

2/3J Angela 3B Eden
3H Farhat 3/4S Param
4A Aisa 4H Carina
5C Nahry 5M Shireen
5/6R Kayla 6M Luisa
6S Francisca 3-5H Choong
1-4G Rui

**Class News**

**Kindergarten**

It was such a fabulous and busy time last week! We want to thank all the parents who came to the Kindy afternoon tea last Monday. The teachers really enjoyed getting to spend some time with the parents.

It was also nice to see so many happy students and parents during Open day. The children loved having their parents or other children's parents in the classrooms. I am sure there was many tired children after their first carnival!

This Friday KR will be hosting the assembly. They will be the first Kindergarten hosts, with other Kindergarten classes to host in the coming weeks.

Miss Richards

**Year 1 and Year 2**

Congratulations to all students who participated in our K-2 Athletics Carnival. A big thank you to Miss Montoya and other staff members involved in organising the event. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who were able to come and visit classes during our open day celebrations. We love having you visit!

Today the school participated in activities related to NAIDOC Week to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Don't forget that year 2 are attending their second excursion of the year next Tuesday. Make sure you're prepared and ask your teacher if you have any questions. Year 1’s excursion is in Week 6.

Have a fantastic week!

Miss Langhans

**Year 3**

Thank you to all of our Year 3 parents and families who came and joined us during Education Week. It was a pleasure to welcome you into our classrooms and share our learning with you.

Thursday is our Athletics Carnival! We are hoping for perfect weather - remember to wear your school hat and bring your jumper with you to keep warm. You will also need to pack recess, lunch, fruit break, 2 water bottles and something to sit on. If you would like a burger for lunch, don’t forget to place your order by Wednesday morning 9am!

Some parents came and watched our gymnastics lessons last week. This fantastic program with trained gymnastic coaches is for the whole term and is part of our Enrichment Program. Please make sure you are continuing to make payments towards this.

Have an amazing week!
Miss Stuart

**Year 4 and Year 5**

A huge thank you to all the parents for visited our school during Education Week. Whether you came up for the weekly assembly, gymnastics or open classes your time visiting us was greatly appreciated. A reminder that the 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held this Thursday.

What has your child been reading this week? Please take the time to discuss the books they're reading and encourage them to add a comment to the reading blog once they have finished reading the book. Well done to all the students who entered a comment, I've found them all to be really interesting to read.

Thanks to Mr Ta, Wally and Chess Club we now have a large outdoor class set in the upper playground. Students are able to borrow the class pieces in a similar manner to borrowing sporting kits for the field. Students are able to sit quietly in this area to watch the games or talk with friends. However, please be aware that we expect all children to be safe, respectful and responsible at all times; this means no playing with the small rocks or ball games in this area.

Finally, please ensure all jumpers, jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles are labelled clearly, we have growing pile of lost property at the moment.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

**Year 6**

The athletics carnival will take place this Thursday. We are crossing our fingers that the weather will be fine. Please ensure your child has a blanket to sit on, a hat, plenty to eat and drink and their sneakers on. They are encouraged to wear their house colours.

Thank you to the parents who have been paying installments for 'Enrichment Fees.' Most of the students are now participating in the gymnastics program and will be able to attend the excursion that is coming up.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our students purchasing novels from the book fair. The children have been having meaningful conversations about the books they have bought and read. It's fantastic to see such great energy about
Year 6 cont.....

reading!

What a success the Peer Support program was last week! We are incredibly proud of the growth the students have demonstrated in their leadership and organisational skills. They will teach one more lesson next term.

Thank you to the parents who came to visit us last week during Education Week. It is always great to see you.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

Thank you to all those people who supported the bookfair - every dollar spent helps towards more books for the school.

There will be NO Parent workshop on Monday 10th August as I will be at a conference. But we will be back on 17th August for a talk about the Reluctant Reader

Mrs Sell

P & C News

3 - 6 Athletics carnival - We are providing chicken burgers and vege burgers at this event. Orders need to be placed by 9am on Wednesday morning.

HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED ON THE DAY at 9.30am.

The ground is called Holroyd Sports Ground, Peel Street, Holroyd.