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Principal's Message

Last Friday I had the pleasure of watching the junior and senior netball teams and the senior Newcombe team play in their semi finals. All children played their best and were great sports. The senior Newcombe team gave Miss McSpadden and me quite a scare as they played a very tough game - finally winning by just one point and taking them to the finals next week! When they returned to school from their semi finals I heard that the junior and senior rugby league teams had also played their best, with the senior team making it to their finals. Congratulations to all Winter PSSA teams this year and to their dedicated coaches.

Thank you to the P&C for their ongoing support and for providing the fathers' day stall again this year. I hope that all the dads were well spoilt on Sunday and enjoyed the day with their children. Being a father is an incredibly important role - I encourage dads to take the time to consider how much time they spend with their children. Childhood goes very quickly - it needs to be a priority.

All parents are welcome at the P&C meeting tomorrow from 9.00am in the staffroom.

Dads' Day Out is on tomorrow - we are again expecting a great turnout of dads, granddads and uncles ready to spend some time at school with their children. If there are dads who have not returned notes, you may still attend, but there will not be a BBQ for you as quantities have been purchased based on numbers in by Monday first thing. You are welcome to bring your own picnic to share with your children. We will be asking for a donation to cover the cost of the BBQ on the day, for those who have told us they are coming. Thank you.

Celebrating the Arts

I attended a wonderful concert last Tuesday night, starring our choir, stage 2 and 3 dance groups, drummers and Murskeel who was a fabulous compere for the night. Congratulations to all the students and their teachers. For those parents who have attended a few of these concerts over the years, you may have noticed that the display on the screen at the start of the show was a bit more upbeat than in the past - that was because our own Mr Ta was responsible for it this year!

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

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Library News

- We will not be borrowing this week so all loans need to be returned please.
- Don't forget our book swap for the Indigenous Literacy Project. I would love to see your donations. Thank you.
- We have just had our last parent workshop. Thanks to those who attended and I hope you found the sessions worthwhile.
- Next term I will be running Parent Workshop for parents of children in Year 4, 5 and 6. I would love it is you could join us on Monday afternoons at 2.15pm.
- Don't forget I am still collecting photos for the foyer. Please take a photo of your child reading a book, print it out and bring it into school so I can cover the walls with children reading - What a wonderful sight!

Bright Sparks Homework Club

Tuesday 8th September will be the last week of Bright Sparks Homework Club for term 3.

Thank you.
Class News

Kindergarten

We have a busy last few weeks of Term 3! Next week we will be off on an excursion to Blaxland Riverside park. Please make sure that you have returned the green permission note to your classroom teachers and that your enrichment payments are up to date. We do not want anyone missing out. The students are all very excited to go!

KS will be hosting the assembly again this Friday. Miss Arnold and her class have been preparing a short song to present. It would be great if you could come along and watch the performance. The assembly starts right after recess at 11:15.

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Students in year 1 and Year 2 are learning to write narratives using lots of describing words.

Dad's Day Out is on tomorrow for those children who returned their notes.

Have a good week.

Year 3

It's hard to believe that the term is almost finished! What a wonderful third term it has been, with more exciting events over the next two weeks!

Congratulations to those Year 3 students who performed in the Stage 2 Dance Group and the Choir at the Celebrating The Arts Festival last Tuesday. What a spectacular performance!

Tomorrow is Dad's Day Out. You should have already returned your RSVP note. We look forward to spending the day with our dads, grandfathers and uncles.

Our excursion to the Sydney Observatory and the Powerhouse Museum is on next week! Please make sure you have returned your permission slip this week and that your Enrichment payments are up to date. We are sure to have a great day!

Have an amazing week!
Miss Stuart

Year 6

Our excursion to the Seymour Centre is this Wednesday. We are looking forward to seeing the stage version of Andy Griffith’s '52 Storey Tree House.' A reminder that students should be in FULL school uniform and must bring their recess, lunch and a bottle of water in a small bag. We will be leaving school mid morning and will return by the end of the day. Please DO NOT order lunch for your child on this day.

Last week another 5 students were congratulated on achieving their 40 book target. Mrs Donaldson presented these students with their bookmark and spoke to them about their journey. They now have an 80 book target. There is another group of students who are almost there!

Congratulations to Chance (5/6R) and Shayan (6S) for making it to the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. They will be competing in the Shot Put this week. We wish them all the best and know they will represent our school with pride.

As we come to the end of another term, it is important that all our Year 6 students remain focused on their learning. Please talk to your child about this and support us in maintaining a positive and challenging learning environment. It is an exciting time for students as they begin the transition to high school, however there is still so much to do in our classrooms and we need students on task and focused.

Don't forget about the Book Swap and Dad's Day Out!

Mrs Rhodes

Sports News

Congratulations to our PSSA teams who have represented PWPS proudly for the winter term! Our Senior Mod-league and Senior Newcombe ball teams have progressed to the finals! Go Parra West!!

This week sees the third week of fruit and veggie month. I hope you have been adventurous with family eating and tempted the whole family with new tastes. Classes are using a variety of strategies to work through fruit and veggie month, by tastings, cooking, healthy eating lessons, gardening, keeping a tally of fruit and veggie eating at crunch and sip time/recess/lunch. Don't forget our new canteen management has fruit and veggie options for students to purchase.

Our Gymnastics program is coming to an end, this last lesson will occur either this week or next week due to other events disrupting our regular timetable. Students thoroughly enjoyed their lesson last week where they learnt 'Circus Skills'; we have some budding talent in all classes.

The Premiers Sporting Challenge continues and our students are keenly logging their sport activity sessions on their class record card. You could help out by taking your child out for a 20 minute session of activity after school to contribute to their fitness and skills.

Remember to keep active this week! You could try to make some paper planes, to challenge our school champions, and spend some time getting active as you test fly them and chase them!