



Parramatta North Public School

Stage Two Newsletter

Term Two, 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 – a busy term full of opportunities for students to engage in hands-on activities and share their learning with their family. We appreciate your commitment and involvement in the education of our students and continue to look forward to our ongoing partnership as we provide quality, engaging activities for all.

CURRENT SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Pick Up and Drop off Procedures: School Hours 8:30am – 3:00pm

MORNING DROP OFF

From 8:30am, all students may enter through GATES 2, 3 and 5 ONLY. Students move directly to the COLA (near the hall). Staff are on duty on the court from 8.30am. At 8.50am, 3-6 students move across to the court.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

Gates 2, 3 and 5 will be opened at 2.50 pm.

Parents of students in years 1 - 6 enter the school via Gates 2 and 3. Parents of kindergarten students enter the school via Gate 5. To assist with student movement, parents are asked to remain in waiting areas.

2.58pm All students from year 1 - 6 will assemble on the court. Kindergarten students and siblings will assemble under the COLA.

3pm Parents collect their students from the class teacher then move offsite.

3pm All students who walk home by themselves will be dismissed from GATE 3 ONLY.

HOMEWORK

Homework allows for the revision and consolidation of concepts taught but it also helps develop self-discipline and time-management skills. Homework is posted on Google Classroom every Monday. It should take around 20 - 30 minutes to complete. In addition to this time, all students should be reading for at least 20 minutes per night. Homework is to be completed at home in your child's homework book and returned each Friday. Parents can provide homework support by checking the tasks are completed and offering encouragement and praise for a good effort.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture lessons are conducted on Wednesday from 9.30 -10am. Please ensure that you have notified the school office of your religious preference for your child.

ABSENCE NOTES

All students will continue to 'Strive for 95' because the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement!

It is a Department requirement that a note explaining an absence is provided to the teacher when a student returns to school. Please ensure these notes are signed and dated. Notes can be returned via the school app. If students are arriving late or leaving early, a parent must sign them in or out at the office.

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child wears the full uniform each day to school. Students need to wear their blue PNPS school hat every day. As the weather is always changing, please leave a jumper and raincoat in your child's school bag. **All items of clothing MUST be labelled with your child's name.**

Boys – all year school hat, blue school polo shirt, grey shorts or long pants, blue school jumper/jacket, grey socks and black shoes.

Girls - school hat, blue school polo shirt and blue skirt or long pants OR checked school dress, blue school jumper/jacket, white socks and black shoes.

Sport – school hat, gold school polo shirt, blue shorts, skirt or track pants, blue school jumper/jacket, white socks and sports shoes. Blue school jumper or stage three senior jacket.

FOOD AT SCHOOL - being nut aware

It is essential for the safety of all our students that nuts and nut products are not brought to school for recess or lunch. This includes all nuts as well as muesli bars and spreads like peanut butter and Nutella.

BIRTHDAYS

At this time, we are unable to accommodate any birthday food, treats or gifts for the class. Please do not send any items to share to school. We thank you for your support in this matter.

COMMUNICATION

Our newsletter is distributed via email on Monday. It is published fortnightly and contains important dates as well as student achievements. Our school website (www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) contains information about school events, notes and excellent links to other resources. If your contact details (*address & telephone numbers*) change, it is essential that you inform the office staff and update your details.

Stay informed and download the **My Family Hand App** to receive up-to-date information via the QR code:



SUPPORT STAFF

Our students are supported by dedicated and enthusiastic support teachers including Mrs Wilson (Library), Ms Heron (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning Support), Mr Jones (RFF), Miss Popal (RFF), Mrs Arora & Mrs Kaur (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

KEY LEARNING AREAS

ENGLISH

Students in Stage 2 will continue to work on gaining a deeper level of understanding and greater fluency when reading more complex texts. We will be including novels, shorter readers, The School Magazine, poetry and non-fiction texts in our reading program throughout the term. Opportunities to improve reading skills through guided, shared and independent reading activities operate continuously in the classroom.

This term in writing, we will be focusing on writing for informative purposes through the exploration of *genre*. By increasing skills, knowledge and understanding of English through the explicit and systematic teaching of writing skills, grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling, students' written texts should improve. Students will be exposed to more complex spelling lists throughout the term. In Year 3 students use a lead pencil for writing and gradually acquire the skills of Foundation Cursive writing (running writing). In Year 4 students are working towards the acquisition of their Pen Licence – the teacher will let you know when to bring a pen.

To ensure that students reach their potential in oral communication, many and varied opportunities to develop skills will be offered. Tasks range from group to individual responses. Some tasks will require preparation at home.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is divided into several concept areas with a strong emphasis on working mathematically. Studies have shown that by working in mixed ability groups, students learn from each other. Students will continue to explore practical number activities up to 4 digits as required by the syllabus. They will have opportunities to learn about representations of fractions, interpreting data, multiplication and division concepts as well as solidifying their understanding of place value. All lessons incorporate a reasoning and working mathematically component. Opportunities will be provided for students to extend their knowledge/skill base by completing more complex tasks independently or in groups.

HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

In Semester One, our focus will be on History. Students will complete the unit of work, Commemorations and Celebrations, Symbols and Emblems. They will examine the difference between commemorations and celebrations acknowledged by different groups within our wider community. Students will investigate symbols and emblems that are associated with Australia.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term, students will complete the unit, **Changes of States**. They will identify states of matter then explore how solids and liquids change state when heat is added or removed and relate this knowledge to real life examples in the world around them. Students will access a variety of devices and applications to build their computing and technology skills.

PDHPE

Personal Development sessions will look at the benefits students receive from being physical and how this will help maintain their wellbeing. Students are encouraged to bring a small serve of FRESH fruit or vegetables, cut up and ready to eat with water to drink, as part of our Crunch 'n' Sip program. **All students will participate in sport on FRIDAY so their sports uniform is to be worn on this day.**

CREATIVE ARTS *Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Music*

Students will be exposed to all strands of Creative Arts throughout the term. In Term Two, students will appreciate and explore a range of artists who use the natural world as both their inspiration and medium for creating artworks.

LIBRARY SESSIONS

Our borrowing day is **Monday**. All students must have their library tote bag to borrow and have returned their outstanding book. Reading is an essential part of homework and school life, we encourage all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

MONEY

Throughout the term, students will be asked to pay for specific events. **All notes and money MUST be in an envelope and handed to the class teacher.** No money will be accepted in the afternoon. Payments can also be made online via the **School Bytes Parent Portal app**.

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



Important Dates

All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and on the term planner sent home each term.

Stage Two classes are **dismissed from the court area**. We request that all parents wait outside in the playground each afternoon, so that all students may be safely dismissed. Due to safety and duty of care, teachers are unable to discuss student concerns when they are collecting or dismissing their class. Should you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's schooling please contact the office on 9630-1768 and make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

Regards,

Miss Morrison, Mrs Schembri, Miss Hurley
Stage Two Teachers

Ms Wimmer & Mrs Bradley
Stage 2 Assistant Principals (rel)

Mrs Methven
Principal