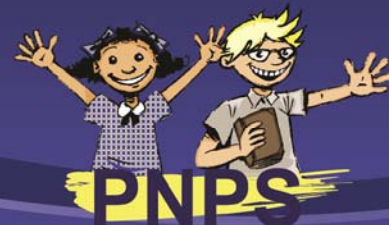




NEWSLETTER

Parramatta North Public School



Quality Teaching in a Caring Environment

Term 1 – Week 5

Term 1 Week 5 February	
Monday 20 th	9:15am – Induction Assembly Staff Professional Learning 3:10pm
Tuesday 21 st 	Lunch Orders Today K-6 Athletics/PE Program G & T Writers' Session 3:00pm – 3:45pm Homework Club
Wednesday 22 nd	Scripture 12:40pm – SRC Meeting
Thursday 23 rd 	Lunch Orders Today
Friday 24 th	School & PSSA Sport 9:00am – KR Meet the Teacher 12:00pm – Assembly Kindergarten 1:15 – Assembly 1-6 2:15pm – Training Band 3:00pm – Band Session
GREEN ZONE AWARDS TODAY	
Term 1 Week 6 February/March	
P & C AGM This Week	
Monday 27 th	Staff Professional Learning – 3:10pm
Tuesday 28 th 	Lunch Orders Today K-6 Athletics/PE Program G & T Writers' Session 3:00pm – 3:45pm Homework Club
Wednesday 1 st	Scripture 9:15am - P & C AGM 2:30pm – Parent Information Session Hindi & Farsi Community Language Teaching Zone Swimming
Thursday 2 nd 	Lunch Orders Today Clubs
Friday 3 rd	School & PSSA Sport 12:00pm – Assembly Kindergarten 1:15 – Assembly 1-6 2:15pm – Training Band 3:00pm – Band Session Clean Up Australia Day

February 20, 2017



Buzz Awards

K-2	Be Respectful	Harjap	KAE
	Be Respectful	Alexandra	2/1W
	Be a Learner	Caryn	KC
	Be a Learner	Gabriel	2/1M
	Be a Learner	Artin	2/1M
	Be Safe	Mikaella	2/1W
	Be Safe	Vishal	KAE
3-6	Be Respectful	Emitis	4/3BK
	Be Respectful	Louise	6/5W
	Be Respectful	Karanvir	4/3L
	Be Respectful	Sarah	4/3D
	Be Respectful	Salah	4/3BK
	Be Respectful	Ashmit	6/5W
	Be a Learner	Harry	6/5W
	Be Safe	Tawana R	6/5B

Don't forget to pack your 'Crunch & Sip' every day!

Congratulations to :

Week 4 2/1W 4/3BK 6/5Y



PNPS 'Waste Warriors' commenced this week! This initiative encourages students to place rubbish into their House bin identified with their colour sticker and slogan:

Cox: Make it clean, keep it green!
Macquarie: No rubbish around. A clean playground!
Marsden: Take 3 for the sea!

Waste Warriors

Congratulations to :

Week 4 MACQUARIE



Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

Agasthya 2/1F Angel 4/3P

Please drive and park carefully around our school as they are your precious children and our wonderful students.

Access this excellent site to provide you with essential road safety tips and information to keep our students safe.

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/parents>



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher evening. I hope you found the sessions to be helpful and informative. We look forward to our continued partnership. Later this term on **Tuesday, 4th April**, we will have Term 1 parent/teacher interviews. Please note this in your diaries. Notes will be sent home shortly.

Two new demountable classrooms are almost ready for their new residents. There will be ongoing work as the contractors prepare for additional demountables to be located adjacent to the Trott Street fence line. This will not disrupt student learning and our focus on achieving enhanced learning outcomes for all.

Our **swimmers** were magnificent on Wednesday as they combined with Parramatta East Public School to compete in the 2017 Swimming Carnival – such wonderful school representatives displaying sportsmanship as well as endurance. Thank you to Mr Wheatley, Mrs Eltakchi and the family supporters who supervised and encouraged our students throughout the day.



Heat wave conditions didn't prevent the PNPS P&C and parent helpers from running a sensational **sausage sizzle at Bunnings, North Parramatta**. Students, staff members and families came along to support this fabulous team.



Our **Family Fun Sports Afternoon** was a huge success, so well supported by our school community. What a pleasant way to commence 2017. A special thank you to the teachers for their enthusiasm and support. Many thanks to the P & C committee for organising sales of refreshments and snacks.



WHAT IS PBL? Mrs Postlethwaite and Miss Young coordinate and manage our **Positive Behaviour for Learning** system. I encourage you to read Part One of this well researched system. PBL is strongly supported by the Department of Education. An effective PBL system enhances student engagement and promotes a quality learning environment.

Selective High School Placement Test

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2018 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from **9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 9 March, 2017**

A separate note outlining these details and the test location for our students will be sent home as soon as the unit publishes the centres.

Infectious diseases Information NSW Health

The link to the infectious diseases factsheet from NSW Health will provide you with updated information to refer to if your child is unwell. Encourage your child to wash their hands thoroughly as this can prevent the transmission of many infectious diseases.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/infectious_childhood.PDF

School Times

8.30 School Opens

Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am. There is no supervision before this time.

9.00 Morning Assembly Students line up under the COLA. Any students who arrive after 9.00am must go to the office for a late note.

9.00 – 3:00 Class Lessons Quality Teaching and Learning

3.00 School Closes Students must leave promptly when classes are dismissed.

There is no formal teacher supervision arranged for after school care.

Our school's Before and After School Centre, OOSH North Parramatta, can be contacted by phoning 9683 3009. The centre has been assessed as "exceeding standards" under the National Quality Framework. Please contact the school office for further information in regard to Before and After School Centres in Parramatta.



Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

PBL Overview – What is it and why do we use it?

Parramatta North Public School has been a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school since 2008. But what is PBL?

PBL is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes. It is based on the PBIS system which originated in the USA and has been adopted by many countries around the world. PBL aims to support students by explicitly teaching accepted behaviour in a consistent way and rewarding students who display that behaviour. At Parramatta North our school expectations are:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be a Learner



PBL is in place throughout the school, in classrooms and shared areas. All students are taught what it means to be safe, respectful learners in different areas of the school. Students who demonstrate the desired behaviour receive recognition via our 'Buzz' draw and our blue card reward system. Students who, at times, do not demonstrate the desired behaviour are identified, via a referral system ('yellow slip') and provided with additional support to help them to achieve positive outcomes.

The PBL system involves all members of the school community. Students are regularly asked for their thoughts and opinions and are, through the SRC, part of the decision-making process. Many great initiatives, such as play leaders and the investment in playground equipment have been introduced as a result of PBL.

Over the coming editions of the school newsletter we will be showcasing the different aspects of PBL so that all community members are informed.

At Parramatta North we have a dynamic awards program. Below is an overview of our award system.

Awards	When students can get one	What to do with the award
Buzzes	Anytime they are not in the classroom – playground, hall, excursions etc	Put it straight in the buzz box to go into the weekly prize draw! If they come home, please send it back to school!
Blue Cards	Anytime they are producing good work, manners, for every 5 class points etc	Keep them safe! When you have 10 blue cards, give it to your teacher.
Gold Awards	For every 10 blue cards collected	Keep them safe at home! When you have 10, give it to your teacher.
Trophy	For every 10 Gold Awards collected	
Student of the Term	One per stage, per term for displaying exceptional school values and citizenship	Presented at a special assembly followed by a morning tea with the principal!

Note: Blue cards and Gold Awards carry over from year to year so keep them safe!!

P & C Report - Welcome Annual General meeting

The Annual General Meeting of our Parents and Citizens Association will be on Wednesday, March 1, at 9.15am in the school library. We will be voting for the P&C executive positions which are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. You must be a member of the P&C committee if you are interested in standing for one of the executive positions or to vote. Annual membership is \$5.00 and applications forms are available from the school office.

Kind Regards
The P&C Executive Committee

PNPS Swimming Carnival 2017

Last Wednesday, Mrs Eltakchi and I had the pleasure of taking 16 Parramatta North students to Parramatta Pool for our annual swimming carnival with Parramatta East Public School.

We were represented by students from 3-6 and all competed with great enthusiasm and energy. The students were exemplary in both their effort and way they conducted themselves.

There were a number of strong performances with the highlight being Chloe Barlow's efforts in completing both the 100m Open event (where she competed against students up to the age of 12) and the 200m Medley which is swimming 50m of four different strokes!

Well done to all our competitors and good luck to those who will race at the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone Carnival on March 1st.

Mr Wheatley

School Bags

A good quality school bag is an important piece of equipment for all students. We now have generous, durable backpacks in our school colours that have numerous compartments ready to hold all essential items and delicious lunches! Our school backpacks that will endure many years of travel to and from school, are available at the school office for \$30. A fabulous investment!



Absence from School

If your child has been absent from school due to sickness etc, please use our APP or write a note to your child's class teacher stating the date and reason for the absence. It is a Department requirement that all absences from school are explained.

Student Safety – Vehicles on School Grounds

Parents are asked not to drive onto school grounds at any time during the day.

This applies to dropping off your child in the morning and picking up in the afternoon.

The safety of all our students is the responsibility of the whole school community.

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>

Payments at School

All payments for excursions need to be given to your child's classroom teacher as they are recorded in the class folder. The correct money and permission note should be sent to school in a sealed envelope. These will be collected from students during morning class time. **Please do not hand payments to teachers after school.**

Email Distribution of Newsletter

You have the option of having our school newsletter emailed to you instead of having a hard copy handed to your child. You can nominate as many email addresses as you like.

Please send an email to the following address

pnpsnewsletter@gmail.com

and list these details:

- Write your family name
- Write your student/s name/s and class/es
- List any email addresses you wish to include for newsletter distribution: work, home etc.

If you have any questions please see Miss Young.



Hindi News

सड़क सुरक्षा

फिर से देखो दाएं बाएं,

गर जो मोटर गाड़ी आये,

हॉर्न घंटी पड़े सुनाई,

तभी ज़रा रुक जाना भाई।



Farsi News

با سلام

ساعات شروع مدرسه هشت و نیم و کلاس ساعت نه می باشد
ساعت سه بعد از ظهر پایان است به موقع فرزندان خود را بیاورید
و بردارید در صورت مشکل با مدرسه تماس بگیرید.
مراقب رفت آمد فرزندانان باشید و آنها را از تماس با بیگانگان
بر حذر دارید. در رفت و آمد آنها کنترل داشته باشید.
با تشکر ملک

We have a few students who are allergic to nuts and students who are highly allergic, which could be life threatening.

Please Do Not put Peanut Butter or Nutella on your child's sandwiches or send nuts to school.

School Safety & Security

Due to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff and school community members, **the Albert Street pedestrian gates will be locked between the hours of 9:30am and 2:30pm.** Access to the school between these hours is only via Harold Street. We know that you will understand that the safety and well-being of your children and our students is paramount. It is also essential that we adhere to DoE security advice.

OUR SCHOOL

Northmead has a proud tradition of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts, academic, sporting and cultural learning opportunities for students in Years 7 – 12.

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School offers a broad curriculum which is complemented by many extra-curricula and sporting programs. A proud record of high academic achievement attests to the success of Northmead's commitment to excellence. Programs focus not only on academic achievement but on communication skills and ways to improve the quality of life.

Our high expectations of students academically, socially and culturally ensure that students reach their potential. Our focus on achieving a 'personal best' enables students to actively focus on the learning process, identify weaknesses and set goals.

Students are welcomed at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School. We care about their happiness and well-being. Our high expectations of behaviour and dress reflect the values of the community and help provide a climate of safety and security. Our Student Wellbeing, Leadership & Learning (SWILL) Team, consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principals, Year Advisers, School Counsellor, Learning Support Assistance teacher and Careers Adviser provide guidance and support for all students to achieve their 'personal best'.

We look forward to considering your scholarship application.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarships will be awarded for Year 7 and will include:

- **School Fees** (all standard fees)
- **School Uniform** - To value of \$220

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS \$598

* **CLOSING DATE 12 MAY 2017**

**NB To be eligible, the
Scholarship Application
must be completed by 12th May
2017**

NORTHMEAD CAPA HIGH SCHOOL



Year 7 Scholarships 2018



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple scholarships will be awarded in three categories:

- Academic
- Performing & Creative Arts
- Sporting

You may apply for more than one category.

1. Academic

Academic scholarships will be awarded based on general achievements across Primary Key Learning Areas. Please attach to your application relevant supporting documents. These could include school reports (Years 5, 6) and details of major academic awards.

Please attach copies and not original documents.

Following the receipt of your application your current school will be requested to complete a confidential report.



2. Performing & Creative Arts

Scholarships will be awarded for outstanding achievement in at least one area if the student has successfully auditioned in:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music - Vocal
- Music - Instrumental
- Visual Arts

Scholarship application form must be completed.

Evidence should be attached. The audition performance will also be considered.



3. Sport

The Sporting Scholarships will be awarded based on outstanding achievement in at least one team sport and/or individual sporting achievement.

Please attach to your application relevant supporting documents.

These could include verified times/distances achieved in competitions (eg PSSA, Little Athletics, Swimming Competitions etc); reports on performance from sporting coaches from schools or community competitions and details of awards achieved. Please attach copies of documents and not originals.

Please nominate a current coach who could complete a confidential report.



Imagine, Endeavour, Achieve

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

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Westmead HospitalHealth
Western Sydney
Local Health District

CELEBRATING WOMEN: BE BOLD FOR CHANGE
Women's & Newborn Health, Westmead Hospital, Women's
Health Clinic in partnership with Community Migrant Resource
Centre and My Westmead, invite you to celebrate

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2017

Date: Wednesday 8 March 2017

Venue: John Loewenthal
Auditorium - Westmead Hospital

Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Registration opens at 8:00am

Register online:
<https://events.wmrf.org.au/IWDFUN>
Pre-registration for catering is essential



The purpose of this day is to focus on innovation, the
portrayal of women in the media, and the importance of
education and career opportunities.

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