

# NEWSLETTER

Parramatta North Public School



Quality Teaching in a Caring Environment

## Term 1 – Week 3

February 6, 2017

Term 1 Week 3 February	<b>Come along to our Family Fun Sports Afternoon on Thursday @ 4</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Professional Learning 3:10pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders Today <b>K-6 Athletics/PE Program</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Scripture Teacher Morning Tea <b>Stage 2 Cyber Safety/Anti-Bullying Session</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders Today <b>Stage 3 Cyber Safety/Anti-Bullying Session</b> <b>4:00-5:15pm – FAMILY FUN SPORT</b> <b>Zooper Doopers 60c</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Sport 12:00pm – Assembly Kindergarten 1:15 – Assembly 1-6 <b>Zooper Doopers 60c</b>

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**PNPS P & C SAUSAGE SIZZLE @  
NORTH PARRAMATTA BUNNINGS**

**Please come along to Bunnings and purchase a delicious sausage sandwich!**

Term 1 Week 4 February	<b>Meet The Teacher - 14 February 5:15</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Professional Learning – 3:10pm <b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders Today <b>K-6 Athletics/PE Program</b> <b>Meet the Teacher Evening 5:15 – 6:30pm</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Scripture
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	General P & C Meeting Lunch Orders Today <b>Zooper Doopers 60c</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Sport 12:00pm – Assembly Kindergarten 1:15 – Assembly 1-6 2:15pm – Training Band 3:00pm – Band Session <b>Zooper Doopers 60c</b>

## 2017 Staff

<b>Principal</b>	Mrs Kathryn Methven
<b>Assistant Principals</b>	Mrs Kym Murdoch (ES1,S1)
	Miss Kate Young (S2)
	Mr Ian Wheatley (rel) (S3)
<b>School Administrative Manager</b>	Ms Debbie Jones
<b>School Administrative Officers</b>	Miss Vui Nguyen
	Mrs Pallavi Mehta
	Mrs Bronwyn Jimenez
<b>General Assistant</b>	Mr Mark Ohrynowsky
<b>Learning Support Officers</b>	Mrs Pallavi Mehta
	Mrs Catherine Bailey
	Mrs Bronwyn Jimenez
<b>Cleaners</b>	Mr Raj Kumar
	Mr Kuber Adhikari
<b>Library</b>	Mrs Chris Wilson
<b>EAL/D</b>	Mrs Rosemary Pizzuti
	Mrs Karen Bax
<b>LaST</b>	Mrs Carole Eltakchi
<b>RFF</b>	Miss Natalie Bounader
<b>Farsi (Mon, Tue)</b>	Mrs Shahla Malek
<b>Hindi (Wed, Thur)</b>	Mrs Madhu Arora
<b>School Counsellor - Monday</b>	Mrs Joan Montgomery
<b>School Counsellor - Wednesday</b>	Mrs Glenda Walter
<b>Class Teachers</b>	
<b>KR Kindergarten Coordinator</b>	Miss Lee Roser
<b>KC</b>	Mrs Katy Courtney
<b>KAE</b>	Miss Kaitlin Edwards M,T
	Ms Kym Aspin W,TH,F
<b>KW</b>	Mrs Louise Warren
<b>2/1F</b>	Ms Felicity Watson
<b>2/1K</b>	Mrs Kate McLaren
<b>2/1L</b>	Ms Yashmin Lance
<b>2/1M Assistant Principal (K-2)</b>	Mrs Kym Murdoch (AP)
<b>2/1W</b>	Ms Marita Wimmer
<b>4/3D</b>	Miss Amy Dodd
<b>4/3BK</b>	Mr Joshua Kew
	Mrs Caz Behan (on leave)
<b>4/3P</b>	Mrs Caroline Postlethwaite
<b>4/3W</b>	Mr Leigh Wiley
<b>6/5B</b>	Mr Lewis Burrough
<b>6/5W Assistant Principal rel (S3)</b>	Mr Ian Wheatley (AP) rel
<b>6/5Y Assistant Principal (S2)</b>	Miss Kate Young (AP)

## Buzz Awards



K-2	Be Respectful	Alexandra	2/1W
3-6	Be Respectful	Emitis	4/3BK
3-6	Be Respectful	Louise	6/5W



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## School Captains

Amelia O'Shea  
Brian Zhao

## Vice Captains

Jasmine Kundu  
Memon Ali



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to all our families. A warm welcome to all new families to PNPS in addition to our 76 Kindergarten students who have made a tremendous start to their schooling journey. I congratulate all students in Years 1-6 who have commenced 2017 with a positive attitude, looking splendid in their correct school uniform. Thank you to the parents for preparing your children so well. I look forward to a productive year of teaching and learning where we can all work together to ensure our students achieve their personal best. Whilst routines are being established in class and prior to formal homework being implemented, please encourage your children to read each night, reading helps children in all areas of their learning and it is the key to lifelong learning. Talk with your child. It is through hearing family members talk and responding to that talk, that young children begin to enhance their language skills. Access the following DoE website that will provide you with a wealth of information to assist your child with their learning.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

Our sporting and creative and performing arts programs for 2017 aim to engage our students in a range of motivating experiences. On Thursday your child received a note outlining the athletics skills program coordinated by Sport In Schools Australia. We want to provide your child with every opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in all areas of learning. This athletics program is operating in many schools throughout NSW. The SISA staff members are trained teachers and athletes. This year we have decided to join with Parramatta East PS once again and allow our primary students who are capable of swimming 50 metres, the opportunity to participate.

I encourage you to check the website for all notes and information as this is updated regularly by Ms Jones.

[www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Meet the Teacher Evening

'Meet the Teacher' Night will be held on **Tuesday, February 14**. Meet the Teacher Night is a great opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher and find out about specific information relevant to their class. Please note, that the opportunity to have an individual interview with your child's teacher will be later in the term.

Please meet in the hall at 5:15pm where you will have an opportunity to be introduced to our staff members. This will be followed by a classroom visit to meet your child's class teacher. There will be two sessions in each classroom, to enable parents to visit more than one class. They will be held at 5:30pm and repeated at 6:00pm, finishing at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing all parents at these important information-sharing sessions. **Teachers will be available to supervise all school age students attending PNPS** while you attend the meetings with your child's class teacher.

## Staff News

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms Felicity Watson, Miss Natalie Bounader and Mr Leigh Wylie. You will have an opportunity to meet all staff members at the 'Meet The Teacher' session on Tuesday, 14 February. I would also like to welcome Mrs Glenda Walter who has been appointed as our School Counsellor.

Congratulations to Ms Marita Wimmer who was appointed as a permanent class teacher at Parramatta North Public School. A well-deserved achievement. We are fortunate to have yet another talented teacher to join our wonderful team.

Miss Long has chosen to teach in a part time capacity this year and will be a regular casual teacher at our school. Mrs Hollier-Smith was appointed as a Lead L3 Trainer. We congratulate her for this tremendous achievement and look forward to seeing Mrs Hollier-Smith at our school during 2017 as she will be training and working with many of our teachers and students.

## Family Fun Sports Afternoon – 9 February 4:00pm – 5:15pm

We look forward to seeing students and their families on Thursday afternoon to join us in this fun occasion. A range of sporting activities will be offered. The P & C will sell refreshments and snacks throughout the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

## School Maintenance Update & Demountable Installations

During the holiday break the exterior of the school administration block received a fresh coat of paint.

Due to our increased enrolments we have been able to form 16 classes. The DoE is removing an old demountable from our school. They are currently installing two new classrooms at the end of the soccer field. Additional demountables will be installed along the Trott Street fenceline when this area is prepared.

Later in the term they plan to relocate one of the demountables on the field to provide more play area. If you would like to find out more information about the planning for these rooms, please come along to the first P & C General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 February.

**Gong Xi Fa Choi** to all our families who celebrated Chinese New Year last week. Our students were provided with an opportunity to extend their knowledge as students prepared and presented different aspects of the occasion. Thank you to these students for teaching us all about the interesting traditions and customs. Thank you to Mrs Pizzuti for coordinating the event.



Mrs Kathryn Methven  
Principal



**Our school photos will be taken on Monday, 13 February. Ordering envelopes will be distributed to students shortly.**



### What is the PNPS P&C? Find Out This Week!

Parramatta North Public School Parents and Citizens' Association is a group of parents, carers and other school community members who work together in a friendly, happy and relaxed atmosphere, in the interest of the education of our children and the welfare of our school.

### 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.

### P & C Report - Welcome

A very warm welcome to everyone returning to PNPS. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and you are looking forward to another exciting year.

We would also like to extend this welcome to our new families as they join our wonderful school community.

#### General meeting

We will be holding our next general meeting this Thursday, February 16, at 9:15am in the staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting to discuss anything of interest or concern or simply to hear what's happening in our school.

#### Fundraiser - Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

We are having Sausage sizzle at North Parramatta Bunnings this Saturday, February 11, from 7.30am to 4.00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help us on the day. If you can help on the day, please let the school office know of the times you are available. You can also help by visiting Bunnings during the day and buying a delicious sausage sandwich prepared by our volunteer parents. Let your neighbours and friends know too. All the proceeds from the sales will go towards supporting our school.

Kind Regards  
The P&C Executive Committee

### 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>



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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**

### Need help with homework?

Browse our maths and English A-Z lists, subject help sheets, assignment starters, tips and more to help you support your child's learning.

Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

### Hindi News

नमस्ते,

आप सभी का नए साल में स्वागत है।

इस साल हमारे स्कूल में हिंदी हफ्ते में

दो दिन पढ़ाई जाएगी - बुधवार और गुरुवार।

स्कूल में अगले हफ्ते, ३ फरवरी से हर शुक्रवार को सुबह

Adult English classes होंगी।

सोमवार, ३० जनवरी को स्कूल में Chinese New Year भी मनाया जायेगा।

धन्यवाद,

मधु अरोड़ा



## Farsi News

با سلام و خوش آمد به سال تحصیلی جدید  
چند مورد ضروری را مورد توجه قرار دهیم  
دانش آموزان باید انیفورم مدرسه را هر روز  
بپوشند، مراقب رفت و آمد فرزندان خود باشید  
در تاریخ نه فوریه ساعت چهار تا پنج وربع در  
مدرسه ورزش برگزار میشود میتوانید در آن  
شرکت کنید، سیزدهم هم عکس میگیرند  
در صورت تمایل نامه ای که مربوط به آن است  
امضا کرده به مدرسه برگردانید، اگر مایل هستید  
بامعلم فرزند خود صحبتی داشته باشید چهاردهم  
برای همگان آزاد است زمان دقیق را میتوانید  
درخواست کنید.

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.**

## 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>



## 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>



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## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Parramatta North Public School is held on Wednesdays from 3:05pm to 4:05pm, starting on 8 February 2017.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## 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.