



Parramatta North Public School
Early Stage One Newsletter
Term One, 2019.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our school community. Education is a partnership. As parents, you are your child's first educators and now we are joining with you to provide the best educational opportunities for your child. Our aim is to provide engaging learning experiences that are meaningful, stimulating and enjoyable. We look forward to your ongoing support so 2019 is a successful year for you and your child.

Communication

Our newsletter is distributed on Monday with the youngest child in each family. It is published fortnightly and contains important dates as well as student achievements. Our school website (www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) contains valuable 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. Download the school app from the app store or google play, to receive up to date information.

Absence Notes

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.

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.

Medication

Any medication that has to be taken during school hours **MUST** be handed in at the office, by a parent. A note must be completed by a parent or carer before any medication will be administered.

Uniform

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

Boys – school hat, grey polo shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes

Girls - school hat, school polo and skirt OR checked school dress, white socks and black shoes

Sport – school hat, gold school polo shirt, blue shorts or skirt, white socks and sports shoes

Scripture

Scripture lessons are conducted on Wednesdays from 10 – 10.30am. Your child will attend the Scripture class nominated on their enrolment form unless we are notified, in writing, of a change.

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. Payments can also be made online via the school website. Online payments must have the receipt number recorded on the permission note. No money will be accepted in the afternoon.**

Behaviour

All students are expected to follow our 3 school rules – Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner, as this creates a settled, safe and positive working environment, which benefits everyone. Behaviour expectations are explained, modelled and revised regularly. Students must display appropriate behaviour and respectful manners to all members of the staff, their peers and the wider school community. Being organised is part of being a learner so personal equipment (books and requirements) must be labelled, in good working order and at school every day.

Birthdays

If students wish to celebrate their birthdays at school, we request cupcakes or pre-cut cakes be sent in. **No whole uncut cakes, lolly/gift bags or drinks will be accepted.**

Support Staff

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

Homework

Kindergarten homework commences in week 3 with our phonemes and sight word program.

Phoneme (sounds) and sight word practice. Students are required to learn phonemes (sounds) and heart words each week, this forms part of their homework. They will benefit from consistent practice at home with you to revise these. Playing games such as concentration or go fish with the phonemes and sight words is a fun way to learn these. Weekly phonemes and sight words will be sent home on Mondays,

Speaking and Listening Topic Talks will comprise the majority of ES1 homework this term. Thank you for your help with getting these ready. Students should prepare them as much as possible on their own.

Home readers will begin in week 4/5 this term. Please read with your child each day and ensure that home readers are brought back daily (in the red folders) for changing. On occasion students will read a book that they have had previously. Reading familiar books helps give the students confidence in their reading ability.



Important Dates

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

Our Key Learning Areas

ENGLISH

This term there will be an emphasis on students learning and matching the name and sound of the letters of the alphabet. In Reading, emphasis is placed on students using reading strategies to attempt unknown words. Students will continue to learn a variety of common words. These words form the basis of learning to read and write. Modelled, teacher directed reading occurs daily and focuses on learning concepts about reading and writing. The teacher models a variety of strategies for reading and decoding unknown words.

Students will be encouraged to write every day. Our focus for Term 1 will be on learning to make a connection between written language and meaning. Speaking and Listening activities focus on students being able to follow a range of instructions during activities, listening actively in class discussion and giving brief oral presentations to their peers.

All students participate in library lessons. A library tote bag, which your child has already received, is required each week for library borrowing. Please ensure your child has their bag every week, as they will not be able to borrow without it.

MATHEMATICS *Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability*

Mathematics is divided into three strands with a focus on working mathematically across all strands. Students will learn and use mathematical language to explain the processes they are completing. Numeral and shape identification and number sequencing will be our main focus. Students will also explore the informal measurements used with time and length.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY (HASS)

The unit for Term 1 is *All about Me*. This unit focuses on the people who help students at school as well as the routines and locations within our school.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term our science unit is *'Beanstalk'* which focuses on how things grow and change and what they need to grow and change. Students will use skills in Working Scientifically and Working Technologically to develop ideas about what living things need.

PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education)

Crunch 'n' Sip is an essential DAILY aspect of our morning session. Students are encouraged to bring a small container of FRESH, RAW fruit or vegetables, which must be **cut up into bite sized pieces** (ready to eat) and water to drink. Students participate in health and personal development lessons based on our school rules, establishing friendships and healthy eating. **Our sport day is Thursday. Sports uniform is to be worn on Thursday ONLY unless notified otherwise.**

CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

Students will participate in a range of experiences, using a variety of media as they create their own works of art. These will be displayed in the classroom to help create a stimulating learning area for all students. Students will also participate in other aspects of the Creative arts curriculum throughout the term.

We request that all parents wait outside in the playground each afternoon, so that all students may be safely dismissed.

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,

Ms Roser Ms Pye, Mrs Behan, Miss Kinchington

Mrs Methven

Leanne Rolls

Kindergarten Teachers

Principal

Assistant Principal