



Parramatta North Public School

Early Stage One Newsletter

Term Three, 2019.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Three and the second half of the year. We have a number of meaningful and exciting experiences planned for this term and look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to provide quality, engaging activities for our students.

Communication

All notes are sent home in our personalised **note tote bag**. Please ensure these are always returned to school the next day. This term, our school newsletter will be distributed electronically. Please make sure you have supplied your email address so you can receive all the upcoming important dates and read about our student achievements. The newsletter will also link to our facebook page and school app. Our school website (www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) contains valuable information about school events as well as 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.

Absence Notes

It is a departmental 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. Alternatively, absences can be reported by using 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 – be allergy 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 Nutella. We also have students severely allergic to egg. Please be thoughtful of this when packing food for your child.

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 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.** School sunglasses can be worn all year.

Boys – all year - school hat, grey or blue school polo shirt, grey shorts or long pants, grey socks and black shoes. Blue school jumper or stage three senior jacket.

Girls - school hat, blue school polo shirt and blue skort or long pants OR checked school dress, white socks and black shoes. Blue school jumper or stage three senior jacket.

Winter: Grey pinafore, white long sleeved shirt, black shoes and **black tights**. Blue school jumper or stage three senior jacket.

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

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 our school website. 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/giftbags or drinks will be accepted.**

Support Staff

Our students are supported by dedicated and enthusiastic support teachers including Ms Heron, Ms Kalule & Ms Kitchington (EAL/D), Miss Cheung (RFF), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning Support), Mrs Wilson (Library), Miss Young (Quality Teaching), Mrs Arora (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

Homework

Home reading is an integral part of weekly homework. Students use their home reader folder to borrow a class home reading book daily (except Friday). Students read for 10 minutes each night and record the date and parent signature next to each title read. Library books are to be read for enjoyment, with some parent direction. Spelling homework will begin week 3 of term 3. This will come home in the Home reading folder and will be collected on Fridays to be marked.



Important Dates *All dates for our important events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and revisited in the school newsletter.*

Some important dates include: Open Day and Musica Viva - 6th August, Book Parade - 20th August, Field of Mars Excursion - 22nd August and 3 Way Interviews - 24th September.

Our Key Learning Areas

ENGLISH

All students will continue to participate in the L3 (*Language, Literacy and Learning*) program. They will be focusing on developing and extending their reading, writing and speaking skills. Please encourage your child to read aloud and write a sentence EVERY DAY. We will be investigating Fairy tales and Folk tales and developing our speaking and listening skills through Topic Talks and speeches.

All students participate in library and computer lessons. A library bag is needed when students are borrowing from our library. Library days are Monday – Lorikeets; Tuesday – Crocodiles and Wombats; Wednesday - Kangaroos.

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

In Mathematics, students continue to utilise a variety of mental strategies to solve mathematical problems. They will explore adding and subtracting objects from groups, measuring volume and capacity as well as exploring the position of objects in relation to themselves. Daily counting forwards and backwards as well as recognising numbers in everyday life will assist your child.

HSIE (Human Society in its Environment) and History

The unit for Term 3 is, **Personal and Family Histories**. Students will explore and discuss their personal and family history both past and present.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term we will explore and discuss **A Bush Adventure**. Using a teddy as a connection, students will explore what every day items are made of and the properties they have eg, Are they water resistance? *Are they sun safe?* This unit involves students participating in an excursion to The Field of Mars.

All kindergarten classes will continue to develop their technology skills by accessing class devices, computers and Ipads.

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 nutrition and healthy eating. Drug education lessons outlining the importance of the safe storage and use of medicines will be conducted this term. Thursday will remain our sports day. Students will also participate in weekly LifeSkills lessons based on our core values and mindfulness techniques. As well as the Premier's Sporting Challenge where they increase the amount of time they are physical activity throughout the week.

CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

Our focus this term is visual art and music. Students will participate in a range of experiences, using a variety of media to create their own art works based on their interpretation of professional art works and the exploration of different elements of art, like colour, texture, form and shape. Students will participate in musical activities where they explore the use of their voice and body to create and move to different musical pieces. All students are expected to attend and participate in the Musica Viva concert held at school on the 6th August

Due to safety and duty of care, Teachers are unable to discuss student concerns as they are walking their class in, after morning assembly. We request that all parents wait in front of the verandah 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 Wylie
Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs Rolls
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven
Principal

