



Parramatta North Public School

ES1 Newsletter Term Four, 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Parramatta North Public School. We look forward to a productive term of learning together. We have another busy term ahead with many exciting events and opportunities.

Computer Use

All students in ES1 will use the computers situated in the library weekly.

Homework

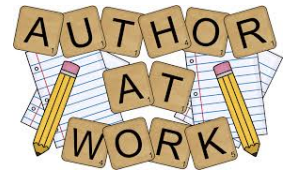
Homework will consist of: Home reading, Speaking and Listening tasks, Spelling and sight word practice.

Key Learning Areas

1) ENGLISH

Students will explore the concept of friendships. What they are, how they feel, why we need them and how to be one. They will Compare and contrast friendships within the concepts and purpose of:

1. Rhyme
2. Authors Purpose
3. Structure - beginning, middle and end
4. Similarities and differences
5. Grammar - Antonyms, synonyms, nouns, adjectives, verbs
6. Punctuation (enhanced meaning) ellipsis, exclamation marks, commas, question marks full stops and capital letters.



The students will continue to write daily across all curriculum areas. Speaking and listening opportunities will also occur across all curriculum areas and students will continue to participate in oral presentations through Topic talks which should be prepared and practised at home.

Borrowing from the library days will remain the same for all ES1 classes.

2) MATHEMATICS

Number, Patterns & Algebra, Data, Space & Geometry, Measurement

Mathematics is divided into 5 strands with a strong emphasis on working mathematically. We will continue using 'A Learning Place, A Teaching Place'. Emphasis is given to practical number activities as required by the syllabus. Opportunities will be provided for all students to work at their own level through supported, individual, small group and whole class learning activities.

3) HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

This term, students will continue to explore – '**People Live in Places**'. they will focus on 'Our Special Places', what makes a place special and how we can look after them.

4) SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

The '**Weather in my world**' unit provides an authentic context to explore, investigate and understand the students' local weather system. Students investigate the relationship between components of the weather system—the air, Sun and wind—and develop an appreciation for the interconnectedness of these components. This can assist them to develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for people to act in ways that contribute to more sustainable patterns of living.

5) CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

Students participate in a range of activities that are integrated into key components of other KLAs. Students will participate in the Creative and Performing Arts night. CAPA artworks will be available to purchase on the night.

6) PDHPE

Personal Development sessions on Safe Choices, Anti-bullying and Child Protection will be undertaken this term. Students will participate in Gymnastics this term. Gymnastics will commence week 1 of term 4 and finish in week 6 of term 4. The cost of this activity will be \$17. A note will be sent home on Monday 14 October. They will continue to participate in stage sport on Thursdays where they will build on their knowledge and understanding of fundamental movement and ball games and playing cooperatively.

Crunch 'n' Sip occurs daily in the morning session. Please continue to send along a small amount of FRESH fruit or vegetables, cut up ready to eat as well as water to drink.

ABSENCE NOTES

Please provide a signed note for all absences. You can also use the school app to send notification of your child being absent from school. **If arriving late or leaving early, a parent must sign their child in at the office.**

MEDICATION

Please hand in any medication to the office. This will be administered by office staff.

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, blue school polo shirt, grey shorts or long pants, blue school jumper, grey socks and black shoes.

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

Winter: Grey pinafore, white long-sleeved shirt, blue school jumper, black shoes and **black tights.**

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

FOOD AT SCHOOL – BEING 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. There are a few students in kindergarten who are severely allergic to egg, we would appreciate your support in not sending eggs (boiled or in sandwiches) with your child to school.

BIRTHDAYS

We understand that birthdays are an important celebration. If students wish to celebrate their birthdays at school, we request cupcakes be sent in. No whole cakes, lolly/gift bags will be accepted. Thank you for your support.

SUPPORT STAFF

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

COMMUNICATION

The school website (<http://www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>) is used to communicate with the community. It hosts copies of the school newsletter, notes, and other important news/ information. Newsletters are sent home fortnightly. Please check your child's bag regularly for any notes in their blue tote bag. We would encourage you to download the school app from your app store on your mobile device to help stay 'up to date' with school news and information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2: CAPA Night (23rd October)

Week 4: Kindy 2020 Orientation Session 1 (7th Nov)

Week 5: Kindy 2020 Orientation Session 2 (14th Nov)

Week 7: Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea (27th November)

Week 9: Presentation Day (9th December) Reports Home (11th December)

Week 10: Last Day for Students (18th December)



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. A note in writing of any particular concerns you feel we should be aware of is also a great method of communication.

Regards,

Mrs Behan, Miss Pye, Miss Cheung, Mrs Wylie
Early Stage 1 Teachers

Mrs Roser
Relieving ES1 Assistant Principal

Miss Rolls
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven
Principal