



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term Three, 2019.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3. This term allows students to share their learning with family during both Education and Book Week. We look forward to seeing every one at these events.

Communication

Our newsletter is distributed via email on Monday. 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 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 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 skirt 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 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 birthday 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 and Mrs Bax (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning and Support), Miss Kinchington, Miss Pham and Miss Cheung (RFF) and Mrs Arora (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

Homework

Homework will be distributed each Monday. This is to be completed at home and returned each Friday. The homework reflects the concepts and skills the students have been focusing on that week. Home reading is also a part of weekly homework. Students use their home reader folder to borrow a home reading book. Teachers will inform you of their borrowing days. Home readers should be independently read by your child, with minimal support from an adult.

Morning Assembly

School commences at 9am with our morning assembly. Important updates and announcements are conveyed here so it is essential that all students line up with their teacher under the COLA.



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

Students participate in daily literacy activities including reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students will continue to develop their phrasing and fluency when decoding texts as well as comprehension skills. Our writing focus includes legible handwriting, correctly structured sentences and writing that follows the format of procedures and narratives. Students will participate in speaking tasks where they develop their skills in both prepared and impromptu speeches. All students participate in library lessons. Our library tote bag is needed every TUESDAY when students are borrowing from the library. Please ensure your child has their bag every day as it is also used as our Notes home folder.

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. Our focus this term will be addition and subtraction, two-dimensional shapes, three-dimensional objects, measuring time and capacity as well as learning about statistics as we study the chance of events occurring.

History and Geography (Human Society in its Environment)

The unit for Term 3 is Places. Students will investigate the natural and manmade features of various places. They will explore activities that occur in a variety of places, how places can be used for different purposes and the impact of the seasons on these areas. Students will research overseas locations during their technology sessions and compile an information brochure on another country.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term we will investigate a variety of everyday materials. Students will explore how and why we combine different materials and the purpose of each substance. Students will continue to access the internet, student portal, email and explore the different components of Google Suite during research based library sessions.

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 will participate in health and personal development lessons that develop their understanding of the safe use and storage of medicines. They will also undertake the LifeSkills program which continues to develop mindfulness techniques. **All students will participate in sport on THURSDAY so their sports uniform is to be worn on this day.** They will be developing their dance, locomotor and non-locomotor skills. This term we will be participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge and we encourage all families to participate at home too. At the end of this term, year 2 will have the opportunity to develop their swimming skills through the Swim Scheme program. A note will be sent home with further information.

CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

Students will participate in a range of experiences as they explore different aspects of music. Learning activities will develop their understanding of pitch, duration, tone colour. These skills will be used during their participation in the compulsory Musica Viva concert in week 3. Students will also participate in visual arts tasks throughout the term in preparation for our creative arts evening.

Stage One classes are **dismissed from the court area**. We request that all parents wait outside in the playground each afternoon, so that all students may be safely dismissed.

The teachers have a duty of care for all members of their class from when the bell rings in the morning so they are not able to talk with parents at this time. 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 at a mutually convenient time.

Regards,

Miss Aspin, Miss Bounader, Mrs Bradley, Miss Watson, Ms Wimmer, Mrs Wylie
Stage One Teachers

Mrs Murdoch
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven
Principal

