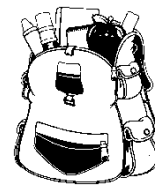




Parramatta North Public School

Stage 3 Newsletter Term 3, 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to an exciting year of learning in Stage 3! Our school is committed to the quality teaching of all Key Learning Areas in an inclusive, engaging and supportive environment. We look forward to your support throughout the so that together we may provide your child with a happy and successful term 3.

Behaviour and Work Ethic

It is expected that students will develop sound work practices, completing set tasks to the best of their ability in the classroom and at home. School equipment is to be brought to school daily and kept in good working order. Students are expected to be safe respectful learners. Adherence to classroom rules creates a settled, safe and positive working environment, which benefits everyone.

Homework

Homework is provided weekly each Monday. It provides a combination of spelling activities, revision tasks to complement class work and life skills. If students have any problems or concerns with homework, they can discuss them with their teacher. Parent support with encouragement and praise for a job well done, helps to make the homework process more meaningful and enjoyable for students. This year Stage 3 students are being provided with a diary in which to record their daily reading, due dates for notes, research tasks and other important events.

English

Students in Stage 3 will be working on gaining a deeper level of understanding when reading a wider range of texts and answering increasingly complex questions about these texts. The students will be given opportunities to improve reading skills through guided, shared and independent reading activities. Reading is an integral part of learning in all other KLAs. Explicit and systematic teaching of grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling underpins this learning.

Mathematics

Number – number activities this term will focus on Addition and Subtraction, Fractions and Decimals, Fractions and Decimals, Multiplication and Division, Patterns and Algebra and Measurement. Students will be taught the skills needed to assist them in solving problems with a focus on working mathematically and developing a range of mental strategies.

History/Geography

Our History unit is 'Factors that shape Places'. Students will look at how people shape places and consider the way people are impacted on by the environment.

Science

Our Science unit this term is 'Earth's Place in the Solar System.' Students will consider Earth's place in the solar system. Students will research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' understanding of the night sky and how scientists were able to develop ideas about the solar system through the gathering of evidence through space exploration.

Creative and Performing Arts

Students will be provided with opportunities in Visual Arts and performance during this term through class based activities and our clubs program. This term, students will commence their CAPA night artworks and focus on music through their participation in the Musica Viva program.

Personal Development and Health Physical Education

This term, all students in K-6 will take part in personal development and health lessons based on Drug Education. In addition, students will undertake the 8 week LifeSkills program to continue developing mindfulness techniques. The lessons will focus on more advanced body knowledge as well as the safe use of medicines, the effects of smoking, and alcohol and related social issues. Crunch n Sip is carried out every day in the morning session. Students are encouraged to bring a small amount of FRESH fruit or vegetables, which are cut up and ready to eat and water to drink.

Fitness sessions are where students focus on raising their heart rate through fundamental movement skills. This term we will be participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge and we encourage all families to participate at home too. On Friday mornings, students will undertake either Home Sport activities or if selected for a team, PSSA (Public Schools Sports Association) AFL, soccer or netball. This term we will be participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge and we encourage all families to participate at home too.

Technology

All Stage 3 students will now be using Infinity Computers, iPads and a variety of computer programs to complement their learning.

Sport

Students will either be involved in PSSA AFL, Netball, Soccer or home sport on Friday mornings.

Scripture

Scripture is held Wednesdays at 9.30am. Your child will attend the Scripture class nominated on their enrolment form unless we are notified by note of a change.

Library

Students will borrow and return each Wednesday and it is expected all students will do this on a weekly basis.

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.*

Medication

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

Nut Awareness

Please consider the health requirements of some of our students by not sending any nut based products to school such as peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars or nut packs.

Communication

The school website (<http://www.parramattan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>) is used to communicate with the community.

Newsletters are sent home fortnightly. Please check your child's bag regularly for notes from the school.

Please arrange an appointment to see your child's teacher should you have any concerns. Appointments can be made through the office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Regards,

Stage Three Teachers

Mr Ian Wheatley (Assistant Principal), Ms Yashmin Lance, Mr Lewis Burrough & Miss Medina Vrbanovic