



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term Four, 2019.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Four. Our final term of the year is always full of wonderful events that we hope to see many of you attend. As we prepare for the end of the year, please remember students are engaged in learning experiences right up until the end of the term.

Behaviour and Equipment

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. 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. You will be advised if your child requires **REPLACEMENT glue, pencils and whiteboard markers.**

Our Key Learning Areas

ENGLISH

This term we will be writing both informative and creative texts. Students will enhance their writing skills through a deeper understanding of sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary choices. Spelling activities will be based on word lists containing high frequency, family and theme words. Regular oral reading allows students to increase their reading fluency. Discussion and manipulation of a variety of texts allows them to obtain a deeper understanding and comprehension of what they are reading. All students are expected to **borrow on Tuesday** during their library time so need to bring their blue school tote bag.

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

Mathematics is divided into three strands with a focus on working mathematically across all strands. There is a strong emphasis on learning and using a variety of mental strategies to solve mathematical problems. Students need to explain how they solved a problem or calculated an answer, rather than complete a sum. Students will enhance their understanding place value, sharing objects or groups, halves, quarters and measuring mass.

History and Geography (Human Society and its Environment)

Our unit of work, Features of Places, allows students to continue to 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 complete their research project on an overseas country during their technology sessions and compile an information brochure which will be presented to their class.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Our unit of work, *Digital technologies*, will allow students to explore digital systems and how data is stored and used within our world.

All students have a DoE portal and email account which they will continue to use either on their XO or a desktop computer. As digital citizens, all students need to adhere to safe, respect online behaviour as outlined in our school rules.

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. This term, students will participate in Child Protection lessons which allow them to discuss how to recognise safe and unsafe situations as well as the actions they can follow to ensure they remain safe. A note will be sent home soon as all students will participate in the gymnastics program. Students will also participate in a range of activities to build their fitness, endurance and sports skills on Thursday.

CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

Students have created amazing art works that will be displayed at our Creative Arts night and they will also present a musical performance. Throughout the term they will develop their skills in both contemporary and traditional dance.

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 - be 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.**

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.

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
School sunglasses can be worn all year.

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 in the morning. No money will be accepted in the afternoon.**

Birthdays

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

Homework

Homework grids are sent home every Monday. Completed homework is due on Friday of the same week. It should take approximately 10 - 20 minutes to complete plus daily oral reading. Home readers must be changed once a week, as set by class teachers. Parents can provide homework support by checking the tasks are completed and offering encouragement and praise for a good effort.

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 Pham and Miss Cheung (RFF) and Mrs Arora (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

Important Dates *All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website*

Week 2: CAPA Night (23rd October)

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)



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.

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.

Regards,

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

Mrs Murdoch
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven
Principal

