



# Parramatta North Public School

## Early Stage One Newsletter

### Term One, 2020



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our school community. Education is a partnership. As parents, you are your child's first educators and now we are joining with you to provide the best educational opportunities for your child. Our aim is to provide engaging learning experiences that are meaningful, stimulating and enjoyable. We look forward to your ongoing support so 2020 is a successful year for you and your child.

#### Communication

Our newsletter is distributed every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday via email. It contains important dates as well as student achievements. Our school website ([www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://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 from the app store or Google Play, to receive up to date information. You can 'like' us on Facebook.

#### 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 summer 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 in your child's school bag. All items of clothing MUST be labelled with your child's name.

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

Girls - school hat, blue school polo shirt and blue skort OR checked school dress, white socks and black shoes. Blue school jumper.

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

#### Scripture

Scripture lessons are conducted on Wednesdays from 10 – 10.30am. Your child will attend the Scripture class nominated at the beginning of the year. Please advise us in writing should you wish for your child to change groups.

#### 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 three school expectations – 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.

#### 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/gift bags or drinks will be accepted.** Please be mindful of the allergies of students in your child's class.

#### Support Staff

Our students are supported by dedicated and enthusiastic support teachers including Ms Aspin and Mrs Wilson (Library), Mrs Bax and Ms Heron (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning and Support) and Miss Cheung, Ms Aspin & Mrs Wylie (RFF).

## Homework

Kindergarten homework commences in Week 3 with our speaking and listening activities. Speaking and listening topic talks will comprise the majority of ES1 homework this term (as mentioned). Thank you for your help with getting these ready. **Students should prepare them as much as possible on their own.**

Students are required to learn phonemes (sounds) and heart words each week, this forms part of their homework and will be sent home at the end of each week. They will benefit from consistent practice at home with you to revise these. Playing games such as concentration or go fish with the phonemes and sight words is a fun way to learn these.

**Home readers** will begin in Week 4/5 this term. Please read with your child each day and ensure that home readers are brought back daily (in the folders provided) for changing. On occasion students will read a book that they have had previously. Reading familiar books helps give the students' confidence in their reading ability.



## Important Dates

All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and on the term planner sent home (via the newsletter) each term.

## Our Key Learning Areas

### ENGLISH

This term there will be an emphasis on students learning and matching the name and sound of the letters of the alphabet. In reading, emphasis is placed on students using reading strategies to attempt unknown words. Students will continue to learn a variety of common words. These words form the basis of learning to read and write. Modelled, teacher directed reading occurs daily and focuses on learning concepts about reading and writing. The teacher models a variety of strategies for reading and decoding unknown words.

Students will be encouraged to write every day. Our focus for Term 1 will be on learning to make a connection between written language and meaning. Speaking and listening activities focus on students being able to follow a range of instructions during activities, listening actively in class discussion and giving brief oral presentations to their peers during topic talk presentations.

All students participate in library lessons. The school blue library tote bag is required each week for library borrowing. Please ensure your child has their bag every week, as they will not be able to borrow without it.

### 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. Numeral and shape identification and number sequencing will be our main focus. Students will also explore two dimensional shapes and the informal measurements used with, position and length.

### HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY (HASS)

The unit for Term 1 is 'All About Me'. This unit focuses on the people who help students at school as well as the routines and locations within our school.

### SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term our science unit is 'Beanstalk' which focuses on how things grow and change and what they need to grow and change. Students will use skills in working scientifically and working technologically to develop ideas about what living things need.

### 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 our school expectations, establishing friendships and healthy eating. Our sport day is Thursday. Sports uniform is to be worn on Thursday ONLY unless notified otherwise. This term students will participate in fitness activities on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings beginning in Week 5. Full school uniform should be worn on these days.

### CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

Students will participate in a range of experiences, using a variety of media as they create their own works of art. These will be displayed in the classroom to help create a stimulating learning area for all students. Students will also participate in other aspects of the creative arts curriculum throughout the term.

We request that all parents wait outside in the playground area outside their child's classroom 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 Pye, Mrs Behan, Miss Cheung, Ms Muller  
Kindergarten Teachers

Miss Young  
Principal (rel)

Leanne Rolls  
Assistant Principal

Ms Roser  
Assistant Principal (rel-W)



