



# Parramatta North Public School

## Stage One Newsletter

### Term One, 2020



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a year full of exciting opportunities for both parents and students within our school community. Our aim is to develop the skills and personal qualities of all our students through engaging learning experiences that are meaningful, stimulating and enjoyable. We look forward to your ongoing support so 2020 is a successful year for everyone at Parramatta North Public School.

#### Communication

Our newsletter is distributed every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday via email. It is published fortnightly and 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.

#### 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. Sport uniforms are to be worn on THURSDAY. 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 – school hat, grey polo shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes**

**Girls - school hat, school polo and skort OR checked school dress, white socks and black shoes**

**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 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 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. 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 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.**

#### Support Staff

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

## Homework

Stage One homework commences Week 4 with home reading and our homework grid. A homework grid will be distributed each Monday. This is to be completed at home and returned each Friday. Our homework grid 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 class home reading book. Class teachers will inform you of their borrowing days. Home readers should be able to be independently read by your child, with minimal support from an adult.



## 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 build on their independent reading level, discuss aspects of their reader book and complete activities to further develop their comprehension skills. During writing sessions, they will focus on ensuring their handwriting is legible as well as constructing correct sentences and following the format of descriptions and procedures.

All students participate in library lessons. Our library tote bag is needed when students are borrowing from our library. Please ensure your child has their bag every day as it is also used as our Notes home folder. Stage One **will borrow in their library lesson.**

### 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 working with and understanding a range of three-digit numbers, addition and subtraction, two-dimensional shapes and lines as well as measuring using a variety of informal units.

### HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

The unit for Term 1 is *The Past in the Present*. Students will examine the changes that have occurred in the local area over time. They will also examine geographical features of the local area.

### SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term we will explore and discuss *Living Things*. Students will explore the properties of living things and the changes that occur as they grow, with a focus on plants. Students will be using desktop computers, iPads and XO's to access the internet, student portal, email and explore the different components of Google Suite. Usernames and passwords will be sent home so you can assist your child in learning their individualised log in details.

### 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 rules, establishing friendships and healthy eating. **All students will participate in sport on Thursday so their sports uniform is to be worn on this day.** They will be developing skills that are required in different ball sports like cricket, t-ball and AFL.

### 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. They will explore the elements of texture, shape and form as they create artworks which 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.

Stage One classes are **dismissed from the basketball court area**. We request that all parents wait outside in the playground 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,

Miss Bonader, Mrs Bradley, Miss Vrbanovic, Miss Watson, Ms Wimmer,  
Stage One Teachers

Mrs Murdoch  
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven  
Principal

