



Parramatta North Public School
Stage One Newsletter
Term Two, 2020



Dear Parents,

We look forward to working together to ensure all our students are experiencing success and positive growth as the term progresses. Thank you for your continued support during the recent '**Learning From Home**' period. It is great to see our students back at school and positively engaged in classroom activities.

To assist with the safe drop off and pick up of all students we ask that all parents

- say goodbye at the designated drop off points – outside the hall or on the court
- remain socially distanced, 1.5m apart, whilst waiting for children at pick up time and move promptly off the school grounds as per DoE guidelines

Library borrowing will commence this week. Our borrowing day is Monday. All students must have their library tote bag to borrow and have returned their outstanding book.

Our **assemblies** will remain 'virtual' and be posted to our Google Classroom for the remainder of this term. Take some time to enjoy watching these with your children.

Scripture Lessons are currently being taught online. If you have selected a scripture class on your child's enrolment form, you may wish to access the lessons from home. A link for most religious groups will be posted to Google classroom.

As a result of our successful transition to using Google classroom, Stage 1 students will be using this online platform for homework. **Homework** activities will be posted on Monday and can be completed then uploaded throughout the week. Home reading will continue on the days scheduled by your class teacher.

At this time we are unable to accommodate any **birthday food, treats or gifts** for the class. We thank you for your support in this matter.

All students will continue to 'Strive for 95' because the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement! 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.

Learning activities for the remainder of the term will focus on

ENGLISH: Stage 1 students will continue to engage in learning experiences to develop their knowledge and skills in reading and writing through participating in guided, modelled and independent activities. Students will work on developing reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension skills so they can demonstrate a deep understanding of their text. In writing, they will focus on consolidating their skills in constructing a variety of sentences, organising information into paragraphs and editing their written work.

MATHEMATICS: Students are building a deeper understanding of place value (ones, tens, hundreds) as well as making groups of objects (multiplication) and sharing objects into equal groups (division). Utilising strategies of partitioning and bridging as well as recording using a number line are a focus of our lessons. During problem solving tasks, students need to be able to explain the steps they undertook to solve mathematical problems.

CREATIVE ARTS: During creative arts lessons, students will experience all four strands of the syllabus – art, music, drama and dance.

HISTORY: Students will continue to explore and compare the differences and similarities that exist in family and community life, from the past to the present.

PDHPE: Crunch 'n' Sip occurs every day. Please ensure students have a snack sized portion of fresh fruit or vegetables and water to help them remained focussed as they 'power' through their morning tasks. Our Personal Development lessons will focus on road safety. Students will participate in sport activities based on active movement skills with their class on Thursdays.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY – This term students are learning about Energy. They will explore the different forms of energy and how we use them in our everyday life.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office on 9630 1768 and leave a message. They will return your call at the earliest convenience.

We look forward to working in partnership with our families as we support all our students in their return to classroom learning.



Miss Bounader, Mrs Bradley, Miss Vrbancovic, Miss Watson, Ms Wimmer
Class Teachers

Mrs Murdoch
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven
Principal

Stage 1 Homework procedures

As a result of our successful transition to using Google classroom, Stage 1 students will be using this online platform for homework.

Homework activities will be posted to our Google classrooms on a Monday. Teacher will discuss the tasks with their class. If you would like your child to receive a paper copy, please let your child's teacher know via their online classroom.

Tasks can be completed throughout the week. If you would like your child to complete their homework in a book, photos can be posted to their Google Classroom.

If you would like your child to hand in a homework book, it must be handed in on Thursday. This will allow the class teacher to mark homework after the book has been 'stored' for 24 hours.

Homework will commence next week – week 7.