



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term Two, 2021.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 – a busy term full of opportunities for students to engage in hands on activities and share their learning with their family. We appreciate your commitment and involvement in the education of our students and continue to look forward to our ongoing partnership as we provide quality, engaging activities for all.

CURRENT SYSTEMS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Due to current NSW Department and Health Guidelines, and 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
- where possible, remain socially distanced, 1.5m apart, whilst waiting for children at pick up time (2.50pm-3.00pm) and move promptly off the school grounds as per DoE guidelines
- <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Our assemblies will continue to be 'virtual' for the present and will be posted to our digital platforms during the term. Please take some time to enjoy watching these assemblies with your children. Online classrooms will be reactivated this week.

Communication

All notes are sent home in our personalised blue **Library/note tote bag**. Please ensure these are returned to school each consecutive day. 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.

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 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. School sunglasses can be worn all year.

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.

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.

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 3 school rules – 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

At this time, we **are unable to accommodate** any birthday food, treats or gifts for the class. Please do not send any items to share to school. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Support Staff

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



Homework

Homework is posted to the online classroom every Monday. If homework is completed in a book and needs to be handed into the teacher, this must happen by Thursday. If it is completed online (on student logs or photos of book work), please ensure it is posted by 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.

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 and complete activities based on it 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 information reports and narratives.

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 developing. Our focus this term will be working with and understanding a range of three-digit numbers, multiplication (groups) division (sharing), measuring area using a variety of informal units, position and chance.

History and Geography (Human Society in its Environment)

The unit for Term 2 continues to focus on Family Life Past and Present. Students will examine how family life has changed throughout the generations. They will use a range of sources to support the discoveries they make.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

This term we will explore and discuss Earth and Space – changes in the sky. Students will observe the changes that occur in the both the day and night sky. They will examine the phases and cycles of the sun, moon and stars. Students will continue to access the internet, student portal, email and explore the different components of the Google Suite during research-based library sessions.

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 the Personal Development program, Growing Strong Minds. Students will participate in weekly sessions where they identify and develop their personal strengths. **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 netball, basketball, soccer and AFL.

CREATIVE ARTS *Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Music*

Students will participate in a range of experiences as they explore different aspects of drama. They will engage in individual, partner and group activities where they will demonstrate mood, tension, mime as well as design and present their own performance. Students will also participate in other aspects of the Creative Arts curriculum throughout the term.

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.

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 Aspin, Mrs Behan, Miss Bounader, Mrs Bradley
Stage One Teachers

Ms Wimmer
Assistant Principal (rel)

Mrs Methven
Principal