



Early Stage One Newsletter Term One, 2022



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 in order for your child to engage, connect and thrive. We look forward to your ongoing support to ensure 2022 is a successful year for you and your child.

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

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

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Our assemblies will for the present be 'virtual' and will be posted to our Google Classrooms when they commence later in the term. We will send details and instructions on how to 'join' our Google classrooms in the coming weeks. When available, please take some time to enjoy watching these assemblies with your children.

We encourage you to visit your child's virtual classroom (when available) regularly – here we will post assemblies, highlights of special events, and future classwork, and homework.

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. A library tote bag, which your child has already received, 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 2 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 will focus 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 rules, establishing friendships and healthy eating.

Our sport day is Thursday. Sports uniform should be worn on Thursday.

This term students will participate in Fitness activities (Move and Groove) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Full school uniform should be worn on these days.

CREATIVE ARTS Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music

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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. They will engage in simple songs, rhymes and movement (dance) activities throughout the term.

ABSENCE NOTES

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. **Notes can be returned via the school app.** Students should only attend school if they are 100% well.

Any student who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test. Please refer to the DoE Covid Advice for Families link below as the above information may change due to NSW Department of Health Guideline updates. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

MEDICATION

Any medication that needs 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, 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 may be worn all year.

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.

DRINK BOTTLES

At present, students **are unable to drink directly from the water bubblers.** Please ensure your child has a water bottle, labelled with their name, that they can use throughout the day. Students can refill these at the water stations in the playground.

BIRTHDAYS

Currently, 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.

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 from the app store or google play, to receive up to date information.

SCRIPTURE

There will be no formal scripture during term 1. Lessons may be available on our Google Classroom however this will depend on the provider supplying a virtual pre-recorded lesson.

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.

SUPPORT STAFF

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Our students are supported by dedicated and enthusiastic support teachers including Mrs Wilson (Library) Ms Aspin (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning and Support) and Mr Jones (RFF).

HOMEWORK

Kindergarten homework commences in week 4 with our Speaking and Listening activities and sound and sight word study.

Students are required to learn phonemes (sounds) and sight 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. Thank you for your help with getting both 'topic talks' prepared (please allow your child as much input as possible) and revising sounds and sight words with your child daily.

Home readers will begin in week 5/6 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 taken home previously. Reading familiar books helps give the students' confidence in their reading ability and should be celebrated.

IMPORTANT DATES

All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and on the Term, planner sent home each term. A few for your calendar:

- Clean Up Australia Day – Friday 4 March
- National Day of Action Against Bullying – Friday 18 March
- Harmony Day - Monday 21 March
- Class and Individual Photos – Tuesday 31 May
- Week 11 – 4 April – 7 April – Parent/Carer Teleconferences/Interviews



ES1 classes are *dismissed from Gate 4* (you will collect all siblings from this gate also). Students will be called in the order parents are lined up. Please follow the physical distancing rules and move away from the waiting area as soon as you have collected your child.

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.

Warm Regards,

Ms Roser, Mrs Cladis
ES1 Teachers

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

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Assistant Principal