



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term One, 2022



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 2022 is a successful year for everyone at Parramatta North Public School.

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, classwork and homework.

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 (Human Society in its Environment)

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 XOs 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 athletics activities.

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.

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.

SUPPORT STAFF

Our students are supported by dedicated and enthusiastic support teachers including Mrs Wilson (Library), Ms Aspin & Ms Heron (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi, Miss Connolly & Ms Anthony (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.

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 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. **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 can 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

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.

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.**

Important Dates

All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and on the Term Planner sent home each term.

Stage One classes are **dismissed from Gate 2** (or the gate designated for the youngest child in your family). 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.



Regards,
Mrs Behan, Miss Bounader, Miss Cheung
Stage One Teachers

Ms Wimmer
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Mrs Methven
Principal