



Parramatta North Public School

Stage 3 Newsletter Term 1, 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.

Behaviour and Work Ethic

It is expected that students will develop sound work practices, completing set tasks to the best of their ability in the classroom and at home. Students are expected to be safe respectful learners.. We expect students in Stage 3 to take responsibility for their own learning.

Homework

Homework is set each week on a Monday. It will be posted on Google classroom and is to be completed by Friday. Generally, tasks will be completed online, though students may prefer to use a homework book. Homework provides a combination of literacy and numeracy based activities, research and evision tasks to complement class work and life skills. If students have any problems or concerns with homework, they can discuss them with their teacher.

English

Students in Stage 3 will be working on gaining a deeper level of understanding when reading a wider range of texts and answering increasingly complex questions about these texts. The students will be given opportunities to improve reading skills through guided, shared and independent reading activities. Reading is an integral part of learning in all other KLAs. Explicit and systematic teaching of grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling underpins this learning.

Mathematics

Number – number activities this term will focus on addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals, multiplication and division, patterns and algebra and measurement. Students will be taught the skills needed to assist them in solving problems with a focus on working mathematically and developing a range of mental strategies.

History/Geography

Students will be learning about the foundations and development of Australia's current system of government and the formation of states and territories.

Science and Technology

Students will be completing a unit of work called 'Material World'. Students will be taught this by our RFF teacher Mr Jones and utilise our technology lab.

Creative and Performing Arts

Students will be focusing on Visual Arts including art appreciation as well as creating a range of their own artworks.

Personal Development and Health Physical Education

Personal Development – Classes will be participating in lessons related to the schools Positive Behaviour for Learning program, as well as road safety lessons throughout the term. Students will participate in a variety of modified games, sports and fitness activities aimed at raising their heart rates, building fitness and gross motor skills.

Technology

Students will be accessing Infinity laptops and a variety of computer programs and using the internet for research activities.

Sport

There will be no PSSA sport in Term 1, students will participate in class based sports activities on a Friday morning.

Support Staff

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

Library

Students will borrow and return each Monday and it is expected all students will do this on a weekly basis.

Scripture

In the event of Scripture lessons restarting this term; 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.

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 school uniform each day at school. Sport uniform is to be worn on Fridays. Students need to wear their school hat each day. Students can also purchase a Stage Three jacket through the school uniform shop.

Nut Awareness

Please consider the health requirements of some of our students by not sending any nut-based products to school such as peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars or nut packs.

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.

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.

Stage Three classes are **dismissed from Gate 5** (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,

Stage Three Teachers

Assistant Principal

Principal

Miss Felicity Watson & Mrs Caroline Postelthwaite

Mr Ian Wheatley

Mrs Kathryn Methven