



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term One, 2023



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 2023 is a successful year for everyone at Parramatta North Public School.

CURRENT SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Pick Up and Drop off Procedures: School Hours 8:30am – 3:00pm

MORNING DROP OFF

From 8:30am, all students may enter through GATES 2, 3 and 5 ONLY. Students move directly to the court. Staff are on duty on the court from 8.30am. At 8.45am, K-2 students move to the COLA area. 3-6 students remain on the court.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

Gates 2, 3 and 5 will be opened at 2.50 pm.

Parents of students in years 1 - 6 enter the school via Gates 2 and 3. Parents of kindergarten students enter the school via Gate 5. To assist with student movement, parents are asked to remain in waiting areas.

2.58pm All students from year 1 - 6 will assemble on the court. Kindergarten students and siblings will assemble under the COLA.

3pm Parents collect their students from the class teacher then move off site.

3pm All students who walk home by themselves will be dismissed from GATE 3 ONLY.

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 & Space and Statistics & Probability*

Mathematics is divided into three areas with a focus on working mathematically across all areas. Students will learn and use mathematical language to explain the processes they are completing. Our focus this term will be understanding place value, addition and subtraction, representing data, patterns, two-dimensional shapes as well as measuring using a variety of informal units.

History and Geography

The unit for Term 1 is Present and Past Family Life. Students will examine how family life is 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 be using Chromebooks and desktop computers 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 login 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 line, colour and shape 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 Heron (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning Support), Mr Jones (RFF), Mrs Arora & Mrs Kaur (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

HOMEWORK

Stage One homework commences Week 5 with home reading and our homework grid. A homework grid will be distributed each Monday. This is to be completed at home in your child's homework book and returned **each Friday**. A copy of the homework grid is also viewable in the online Google classroom every Monday. 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. Home readers should be able to be independently read by your child, with minimal support from an adult.

Parents can provide homework support by checking the tasks are completed and offering encouragement and praise for a good effort.

ABSENCE NOTES

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

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.

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, blue school jumper/jacket, grey socks and black shoes.

Girls - school hat, blue school polo shirt and blue skirt or long pants OR checked school dress, blue school jumper/jacket, white socks and black shoes.

Sport – school hat, gold school polo shirt, blue shorts, skirt or track pants, blue school jumper/jacket, white socks and sports shoes.

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.

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 to receive up to date information.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture will begin in the second half of term 1. Please ensure that you have notified the school office of your religious preference for your child.

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 the court area**. We request that all parents wait outside in the playground each afternoon, so that all students may be safely dismissed.

Due to safety and duty of care, teachers are unable to discuss student concerns when they are collecting or dismissing their class. 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
Stage One Teachers

Ms Wimmer
Assistant Principal (rel)

Mrs Methven
Principal