

# Parramatta North Public School

## Stage Three 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 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.

All students participate in library lessons. A 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 3 will borrow on Mondays.**

##### **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 'A Diverse and Connected World'. Students explore countries of the Asia region and the connections Australia has with other countries across the world. Students learn about the diversity of the world's people, including the Indigenous Peoples of other countries. Students will explore and reflect upon similarities, differences and the importance of intercultural understanding.

##### **SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY**

In this science unit, students will explore reversible and irreversible changes to matter by using common, everyday substances and considering everyday observations. They will examine reversible changes of state and irreversible chemical changes with practical investigations and experiments.

##### **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, and water to drink. Students will be completing a unit of work called 'How can I keep myself and others safe?'

**All students will participate in sport on FRIDAY so their sports uniform is to be worn on this day.** They will be developing skills that are required in different athletic and sporting environments.

## 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) and Mr Jones and Miss Popal (RFF/Science).

## HOMEWORK

Stage Three homework commences Week 5, homework will be posted to the online Google classroom every Monday. A hard copy may be provided upon request. Homework is due on Friday. 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](http://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 3 Camp

We will be heading to the Great Aussie Bush Camp, Lake Macquarie August 14-16 for what will be a fantastic three days. More information will follow later this term.

Stage Three 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 Postlethwaite, Ms Anthony & Ms Geraghty  
Stage Three Teachers

Mr Wheatley  
Assistant Principal

Mrs Methven  
Principal

