



# Parramatta North Public School

## ES1 Newsletter

### Term One, 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 1 of Kindergarten at Parramatta North Public School. We are looking forward to partnering with you on your child's learning journey and an engaging, joyous and exciting term.

#### **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 COLA (near the hall). Staff are on duty on the court from 8.30am. At 8.50am, 3-6 students move across to 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.

**2.58pm** Kindergarten students will be waiting for pick up under the COLA with their siblings. All other students will be dismissed from the Court COLA area. Please collect students from the class teacher then move off site. Students who walk home by themselves will be dismissed from GATE 3.

**Please inform the office of any changes to personnel picking your child up.**

##### **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.

Stay informed and download the **My Family Hand App** to receive up-to-date information via the QR code:



##### **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.

##### **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.

##### **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.

##### **LIBRARY**

Our borrowing days are Tuesday and Wednesday. All students must have their library tote bag to borrow and have returned their outstanding book/s.

##### **SCRIPTURE**

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.

##### **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.** No money will be accepted in the afternoon. Payments can also be made online via the **School Bytes Parent Portal app**.

**Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>**



##### **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.

##### **HOMEWORK**

**Home reading** is an integral part of weekly homework. Students use their home reader folder to borrow a class home reading book daily (except Friday). Students read for 10 minutes each night and record the date and parent signature in the book provided. Library books are to be read for enjoyment, with some parent direction. Home reading will begin in Term 2.

**Spelling and Phonics** homework will commence Week 5 of Term 1. This will come home in the home reading folder and comprises 'sounds' and 'tricky words' to practise through the week.



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**Oral Language and Communication** - topic talks will also begin in week 5. Please practice these with your child prior to their designated delivery day so that they are prepared and confident. Please be mindful that these are 'talks' that should be prepared as much as possible by the students. Homework, as well as a 'weekly' snapshot is posted to our online google classroom for your information. Please take the time to have a look.

#### 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.

#### SUPPORT STAFF

Our students are supported by dedicated and enthusiastic support teachers including Mrs Wilson (Library and RFF), Mrs Geraghty, Ms Heron (EAL/D), Mrs Yaylim and Mrs El-Hassan (Learning Support), Mrs Kaur (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

#### 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.

#### ENGLISH

All students will begin their literacy journey. We will focus explicitly on Phonics, Phonological Awareness, reading comprehension, understanding texts, creating written texts, oral language and communication, vocabulary, spelling, and handwriting. Students will respond to literature and investigate ways that they can demonstrate their understanding. We will use the DoE English Units which focus on a variety of Quality texts and begin our INITIALIT program.

All students participate in library lessons. A library bag is needed when students are borrowing from our school library. Library day is on Tuesday for Lorikeets students and Wednesday for Crocodile students. **Library bags cost \$8.00 and can be purchased from the office.**

#### MATHEMATICS

K–2 outcomes and their related content are organised into: **Number and algebra | Measurement and space | Statistics and probability**

The aim of Mathematics is to enable students to become confident users of mathematics, learning and applying the language of mathematics to communicate efficiently and effectively, understand mathematical concepts and build fluency with mathematical processes that helps them to interpret and solve problems. Students make connections within mathematics and connect mathematical concepts with the world around them. They learn to understand and appreciate how mathematics is a relevant part of their lives. This term ES1 students will focus on working mathematically whilst building Number Sense, and counting, grouping, and classifying. They will investigate quantities and number relationships as well as develop skills in identifying and continuing repeating patterns and recognising and classifying 2 dimensional shapes and 3 Dimensional objects.

#### HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

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.

#### CREATIVE ARTS

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.

#### PDHPE

**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.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and on the term planner.** Some major events are listed below.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Rolls, Ms Roser, Mr Jones  
Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs Methven  
Principal

Mrs Rolls  
Assistant Principal (M, T, W, Th)

Ms Roser  
Assistant Principal (F)