



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term One, 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year where we are looking forward to providing meaningful, stimulating and enjoyable learning experiences. We look forward to your support throughout the year.

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.

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.

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

3pm Parents collect their students from the class teacher then move off site. Students who walk home by themselves will be dismissed from GATE 3.

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.

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. Blue school jumper or stage three senior jacket.

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 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:



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

Homework will be posted to the online classroom every Monday. Homework is handed out on Monday and is completed in a book. This needs to be handed back to the teacher on Friday. Homework 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.

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.

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>



SCRIPTURE

Scripture lessons are conducted on Wednesday from 9.30 -10am. Please ensure that you have notified the school office of your religious preference for your child.

OUR KEY LEARNING AREAS

ENGLISH

Students participate in daily literacy activities including reading, writing, oral language and communication. Students will continue to build on fluency and rhythm. They will discuss aspects of their reader (text) and complete activities to further develop their comprehension skills. Students will be engaging with units of work based around texts which focus on the concepts of context, character and perspective, and argument.

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 (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 investigate the external features of living things in order to identify and group a variety of animals and plants. They will explore how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves. Students will be using chrome notebooks 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 log in details. Later in the term, students will develop their ability to code using BeeBots.

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 value, texture and form as they create artworks which will be displayed in the classroom creating a stimulating learning environment for all students. Students will have opportunities to explore role interactions in a variety of dramatic situations, making drama in various groupings by responding to the elements of drama (e.g. tension, contrast, symbol, time, space, focus and mood).

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), Miss Popal (RFF), Mrs Arora & Mrs Kaur (Hindi) and Mrs Malek (Farsi).

Important Dates

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

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 Dodd, Miss Aspin, Mrs Geraghty, Miss Porter
Stage One Teachers

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

Ms Roser
Assistant Principal (rel F)

Mrs Methven
Principal