



Parramatta North Public School

Stage One Newsletter

Term Three, 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3 – a busy term full of opportunities for students to engage in hands on activities and share their learning with their family. We appreciate your commitment and involvement in the education of our students and continue to look forward to our ongoing partnership as we provide quality, engaging activities for all.

CURRENT SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Pick Up and Drop off Procedures: School Hours 8:30am – 3:00pm – All Students K-6

- Drop off by 9:00am – Gates 2, 3 and 5 are open
- Pick up at 3:00pm from Court COLA

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. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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 – ALLERGIES & BEING NUT AWARE

There are several students at PNPS with anaphylaxis and severe allergies. 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. 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.

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 day is Tuesday. 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. 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.**

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 is posted to the online classroom every Monday. If homework is completed in a book and needs to be handed into the teacher, this must happen by Thursday. If it is completed online (on student logs or photos of book work), please ensure it is posted by Friday of the same week. 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. Parents can provide homework support by checking the tasks are completed and offering encouragement and praise for a good effort.

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.

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).

Important dates

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

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.

Our Key Learning Areas

ENGLISH

Stage 1 students will engage in learning experiences to develop their knowledge and skills in reading and writing through participating in guided, modelled, and independent activities. We will focus on explicit teaching in all areas of English and literacy. Students will work on developing reading accuracy, fluency, and comprehension skills so they can demonstrate a deep understanding of texts being studied and read. They will focus on spelling conventions and text features and sentence structure in grammar. In writing, they will consolidate their skills in constructing a variety of sentences, organising information into paragraphs, and editing their written work.

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 & Geometry and Statistics & Probability*

Mathematics is divided into three strands with a focus on working mathematically across all strands. Students will learn and use mathematical language to explain the processes they are completing. Our focus this term will be working with and understanding place value, multiplication (groups) division (sharing), addition and subtraction, measuring area using a variety of informal units, fractions, position, patterns and data.

CREATIVE ARTS *(Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music):*

Students will participate in the 'Amplify' music program. They will engage in musical activities where they explore the use of their voice, instruments and body to create and move to different musical pieces. In dance students will develop their expressive movement quality and body skills whilst using the elements of dance. Performance Groups will continue this term. Please note that not all students in Stage 1 are involved in Performance Groups, however all students will participate in creative and performing arts activities.

HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY:

Students will explore People and Places. They will investigate places within Australia and Australia's location in the world. They will describe both the connections and accessibility people have with places, both locally and globally.

PDHPE *(Personal Development, Health and Physical Education):*

Crunch 'n' Sip occurs every day. Please ensure students have a snack sized portion of fresh fruit or vegetables and water to help them remain focussed as they 'power' through their morning tasks. Our health lessons will focus on the Drug education concepts of the safe storage and use of medicines. On Thursday, students need to wear their sports uniform. Our sport activities will focus on developing team sport skills during class sessions.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

This term we are learning about Earth and its resources. We will identify Earth's resources, including water, soil and minerals and recognise why and how we should care for the environment and our natural resources. Students will plan and implement strategies considering the conservation of resources to address sustainability and to meet needs.

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.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Behan, Miss Dodd, Ms Porter, Ms Hurley, Mrs Geraghty, Ms Aspin
Stage One Teachers

Mrs Rolls
Assistant Principal (M-TH)

Ms Roser
Assistant Principal (F)

Mrs Methven
Principal