



# Parramatta North Public School

## Stage Three Newsletter

### Term 1, 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.

**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 will develop a deeper understanding of how patterns in narratives set up expectations and notice when those patterns are subverted. They will further explore narrative conventions and characterisation, then apply this knowledge when creating their own science fiction narratives. Students learn to appreciate, reflect on and enjoy language, and make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical and powerful

Reading is an integral part of learning in all 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 Wednesday.**

##### **MATHEMATICS**

Mathematics is divided into several concept areas with a strong emphasis on working mathematically. Studies have shown that by working in mixed ability groups, students learn from each other. Students will have opportunities to learn space & geometry and measurement concepts by using equipment and applying known strategies to solve problems. All lessons incorporate a reasoning and working mathematically component. Opportunities will be provided for students to extend their knowledge/skill base by completing more complex tasks independently or in groups.

Students will be developing and enhancing both English and mathematics skills that will support their participation in NAPLAN assessments (yr 5 only) that will be held in March (Term 1).

##### **HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY**

During Semester 1 students will be completing a unit of work in history focused on the origins and development of democracy in Australia, the values of democracy and the events and key figures that led to Australia's Federation in 1901. They will investigate the levels of government in Australia, the roles and responsibilities of each.

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

Students will be continuing to develop their investigative and problem solving skills under the guidance of our RFF teacher Mr Jones.

## **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 working on developing skills and strategies to support them in identifying personal strengths, challenges and regulating their emotions. **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.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Throughout the term Stage 3 students will be engaged in fundraising activities to raise money for the school. Students will be helping to make treats such as Jelly Cups and be part of the advertising and selling process.

## **CAMP**

The initial camp note has gone home and we will be sending further information once we have the final numbers at the end of February. Please return the deposit and permission note prior to this if you would like your child to attend.

## **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), Miss Popal (Support), Ms Heron, (EAL/D), Mrs Eltakchi (Learning Support), Mr Jones (RFF/Science), Mrs Malek (Farsi) and Mrs Arora (Hindi).

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework allows for the revision and consolidation of concepts taught but it also helps develop self-discipline and time-management skills. We will be posting or handing out (if required) a homework grid with activities that students may complete in the order they wish. It is anticipated this grid may be supplemented by a further task such as research or preparing some sort of presentation.

## **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 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 below:



**SCRIPTURE** Scripture will continue on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. 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. 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>



### **Important Dates**

***All events are displayed on the calendar on the school website and on the term planner sent home each 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 & Mr Wheatley  
Stage 3 Teachers

Mrs Methavn  
Principal