



# Parramatta North Public School

## Stage Three Newsletter

### Term Four, 2024



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome to Term 4, the year seems to have flown by! We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term including important events such as the Year 6 Graduation and Farewell. As ever, your support is much appreciated as we aim to finish the year on a great note.

#### **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 be using the text *'The One and Only Ivan'* to develop and apply their understanding of authority in writing, identify the message in texts and comprehension strategies.

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 continue to 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.

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

During Semester 2 students will be completing a unit of work called 'Factors that Shape Places'. They will investigate how people change the natural environment in Australia and other places around the world. They also explore how the environment influences the human characteristics of places. Students examine ways people influence the characteristics of places, including the management of spaces.

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

Mr Jones and Miss Popal will guide students through a unit during which they will investigate a range of natural disasters and how they can and have caused sudden and extreme changes to the Earth's surface.



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#### **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 'Child Protection' lessons aimed at arming them with the ability to recognise and deal with scenarios and challenges that may impact their personal well being. . **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 variety of dance activities, create an artwork as part of the school CAPA night and are presenting a theatrical production.

#### **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. 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, 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



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#### **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**

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 ENewsletter is published fortnightly and contains important dates as well as student achievements. ENews can be accessed from our school website. This is also emailed to parents. 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. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

**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>



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

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Principal