Coming events for Term 1

**Term 1 Week 6**  
**March 4, 2013**

### Term 1 Week 6

**Monday 4**
- Zone Swimming Carnival — *Good luck to all our team members*

**Tuesday 5**
- Scripture

**Wednesday 6**
- Playgroup, 9:30-11:30am

**Thursday 7**
- PSSA/School Sport  
  K-6 Assembly, 2:00pm  
  Stewart House bags collected today

### Term 1 Week 7

**March**

**Monday 11**
- Yr 6 Parent Meeting — Transition to High school, 2:00pm

**Tuesday 12**
- Gymnastic, Years 1-6

**Wednesday 13**
- Scripture  
  Stage 3 excursion — IMAX theatre

**Thursday 14**
- Playgroup, 9:30-11:30

**Friday 15**
- K-6 Assembly, 2:00pm

### BUZZ Awards

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### Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

- Daniel 1L Maria 2P
- Eve 1L Rahima 2P
- Melani 1HS Angel 2P
- Babak 1HS Jobie x2 6/5W
- Lavanya 2/1AM Alicia 6/5W
- Mahroose 2/1AM Ali 6/5W

### RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Our Meet the Teacher evening was a successful event. Many parents have commented on the positive start to the year that this opportunity has provided. Later this term, on Tuesday April 2nd we will have our **Term 1 Parent/Teacher interviews**. This is an opportunity for teachers to let you know how your child has settled into their class. Notes will be sent home soon.

We were lucky that the wet weather held off so we could all have our school photos taken. Your ordered photos will be sent home as soon as they are delivered to us. This usually takes a few weeks.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the first Green Zone reward for the year. We are working towards increasing the number of students who attend all eight green zones. Make sure you help us to *Grow the Green!*

Sadly we had to postpone our school Clean-up Australia Day event on Friday due to the wet weather. Later this week, staff and students will do their part to help keep our small area of Australia clean. We are grateful to the Sinhala School students who took part in Clean-up Australia day yesterday in our school grounds.

Mrs Methven was very proud of all the students who she saw at the school swimming carnival. Congratulations and good luck to the following students who are representing our school at this week’s Zone carnival also being held at Parramatta pool.

Shayan Rosanna Asif Kayla  
Adi Ashi Naomi Jayden  
Omar Taylor

Please be advised that we have students attending our school who have low immune systems making them susceptible to infections. If your child is sick with a contagious infection, please do not send him/her to school. Please refer to the link below for further information.


### P & C Update

Last Monday the P & C held their Annual General meeting where all the Executive positions were vacated. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected:

- President: Selda Ozdemir
- Vice President: Cathy Bailey and Chrys Richards
- Secretary: Angela Massoud
- Treasurer: Lyndee Merritt

The P & C is organising various exciting events this year including the annual Easter egg raffle, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls as well as a SPELL-A-THON. Make sure you are remembering your spelling rules and learning your words!

We look forward to working closely with the P & C and supporting all their efforts as they assist the school in making PNPS a great place for all our students.

### Don’t forget to pack your ‘Crunch & Sip’ every day!

Congratulations to the winning classes

- Week 5 - KM
- Week 5 – KB and 4/3P
**Term 1 Week 6**

**Child Safety Around The School**

We are continuing to work with Parramatta City Council and NSW Transport Roads and Maritime Services to make our Harold Street crossing as safe as possible for all students and parents who leave our school through this exit. We all have a part to play in ensuring our children are safe.

Parking in no stopping zones is dangerous as it obstructs vision of both other motorists and of students and others crossing the road. The school community would be devastated if there was an injury to one of our children.

Fine and demerit point offences in school zones include:

- Speeding – fine and demerit points.
- Approach children’s crossing too quickly to stop safely – fine and demerit points.
- Double parking – fine and demerit points.
- Stopping on or near a children’s crossing – fine and demerit points.
- Use a hand-held mobile phone while driving – fine and demerit points.

School zone penalties apply to offences committed in school zones during posted school hours.


**A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health**

Thank you to those parents who have returned the medical update notes that were sent home recently. I would appreciate it if all outstanding forms could be returned as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these forms, please see Mrs Murdoch.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

We have a few students who are allergic to nuts and one student who is highly allergic, which could be life threatening.

**Please Do Not put Peanut Butter or Nutella on your child’s sandwiches or send nuts to school.**

Mrs Kym Murdoch

Relieving Principal

**Parramatta Eels and PNPS Tackle Bullying Together**

On Monday 25th February, Chris Sandow and Matt Eisenhuth from the Parramatta Eels club came to our school to explain to us that ‘Bullying is not Cool’. Everyone was excited that two players from the Eels came but they had an important message for us. After they introduced themselves they talked about how the Eels club does not support bullying. After that they showed us a DVD which was all about children all over Australia being bullied at school everyday and how we can stand up for a friend and not be a bystander. I thought it was really inspiring and I hope that any bullying stops. At the end they signed autographs and gave the school a poster with all the Eels team members.

Remember...BULLYING IS NOT COOL!!

Jessica 6/5P

**Smart Foods to Boost Learning**

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more


**Student Safety – Vehicles on School Grounds**

Parents are asked not to drive onto school grounds at any time during the day. This applies to dropping off your child in the morning and picking up in the afternoon. The safety of all our students is the responsibility of the whole school community.

**School swimming carnival**

On Monday 25th February nineteen of our students joined with Parramatta East PS to participate in the 2nd Combined Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pools. Our students were wonderful representatives both through their behaviour and their swimming efforts. All students performed well and we wish our Zone Swimming competitors all the best tomorrow.

Mr Wheatley

**SRC Training afternoon**

On Thursday the SRC were involved in a training day in the hall. They completed cooperative learning activities, which gave them the opportunity to get to know each other and bond as a group. They also learnt about the roles and responsibilities of an SRC. We discussed the year ahead, role played a meeting, which they will take turns running and discussed how they will effectively be the voice of our student body. We look forward to a great year ahead.

Mrs Hollier-Smith and Mrs Eltakchi

**Selective High School Placement Test for Year 7 2014**

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School placement Test to be held from 9:00am to 1:15pm on Thursday 14 March 2013.

The test centre for students from our school is:

Macarthur Girls High School
Macarthur St
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

**Email Distribution of Newsletter**

You have the option of having our school newsletter emailed to you instead of having a hard copy handed to your child. You can nominate as many email addresses as you like.

Please send an email to the following address

pnpsnewsletter@gmail.com

and list these details:

- Write your family name
- Write your student/s name/s and class/es
- List any email addresses you wish to include for newsletter distribution: work, home etc.

If you have any questions please see Miss Young.

**Absence from School**

If your child has been absent from school due to sickness etc, please write a note to your child’s class teacher stating the date and reason for the absence. It is a Department requirement that all absences from school are explained.
Communication at School
The school newsletter is sent home via the youngest child of every family each fortnight. It is an important means of communication from the school. Please ensure that your child gives you the newsletter every second Monday. Notes detailing excursions and other information are regularly sent home. Please check with your child regarding notes that may have been issued that day.

The school website is another important means of communication. Please check the website for important dates, current information and permission notes.

Our website address is

www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Uniforms
Our school continues to have a strong focus on uniform in 2013. Nothing generates greater pride than a school where all students wear the designated school uniform. We, as a school, have expectations of what the children will wear each day. Please ensure that your children are wearing the appropriate uniform.

Summer Uniform Boys
Grey school shirt
Grey shorts
Grey Socks
Blue school hat

Summer Uniform Girls
School dress
White socks
Blue school hat

Sports Uniform
Gold sports shirt
Blue shorts or skirt
White socks
Blue school hat

N.B. Black leather shoes are preferred school shoes.

A blue school jumper or jacket should be worn if the weather is inclement. No other colourful jackets should be worn. All students should wear a blue school hat. School hats can be purchased from the office area.

School Bags
A good quality school bag is an important piece of equipment for all students. We now have generous, durable backpacks in our school colours that have numerous compartments ready to hold all essential items and delicious lunches! Our school backpacks that will endure many years of travel to and from school, are available at the school office for $30. A fabulous investment!

FOR SALE
NEW UNIFORMS - OLD LOGO

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Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading. Find out more:


Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school

Accident Insurance
To insure your child against any medical costs of accidents arising at school you are strongly advised to take out private health insurance or check if your school is covered for school accident insurance available via your school’s P&C Association. Parents are reminded that the department does not provide accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, which covers all students permanently injured or killed while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities. The scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs. For more information call 02 4321 5392 or go to http://www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au

Telephone Interpreter Service
If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact your principal, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on telephone number 13 1450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the principal and will stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.
Payments at School
All payments for excursions need to be given to your child’s classroom teacher as they are recorded in the class folder. The correct money and permission note should be sent to school in a sealed envelope. These will be collected from students during morning class time. **Please do not hand payments to teachers after school**, as they cannot be recorded in the folder at that time. **Please ensure that only Australian coins are used.**

You are invited!

To the First Parramatta Blue Light Disco
In association with the Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) Parramatta, and Rotary Daybreak we are hosting a non-alcoholic event for seven to twelve year olds on Saturday 16 March from 5.30pm-9pm. Under sevens are welcome with full parental supervision. A $10 charge per head will cover DJ costs, entertainment and security. We will have BBQ style foods and fun fluorescent drinks available for a small cost.

Have you received the Schoolkids bonus?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Boot Camp at PNPS
Outdoor training sessions for adults are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays commencing at 6pm. Please meet under the COLA at 6.00pm. For more information regarding costs and session times, please contact Tim on 0409 301 839 or email on parramatta@bootcampsaustralia.com

There will be a special discounted rate if your child attends Parramatta North Public School.