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**Buzz Award**

K-2
- Be A Learner Dev 2/1L
- Be a Learner Mohanish 2/1HS
- Be a Learner Eva KPH
- Be Respectful Roman KB
- Be A Learner Bae 4/3B
- Be Respectful Adem 6/5W
- Be a Learner Dyanna 4Y
- Be a Learner Janetta 4/3B

**Gold Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

| Apram       | KPH | Karanvir       | 1AL  |
| Rajbir      | KPH | Indhu          | 2/1HS |
| Elizabeth   | KPH | Eve            | 2/1HS |
| Parwana     | 1/KP| Jaiyn          | 2/1HS |
| Ermasi      | 1/KP| Rosemary       | 2/1L  |
| Dalia       | 1/KP| Laibah         | 2/1L  |
| Roubita     | 1/KP| Noura          | 2/1L  |
| Sogand      | 1/KP| Ishita         | 4/3B  |
| Anthony     | 1AL | Nameera        | 4/3B  |
| Zach        | 1AL | Gelareh        | 4/3L  |
| Kourosh     | 1AL | Chandni        | 4Y    |
| Cecilia     | 1AL | Menura         | 5Y    |
| Lydia       | 1AL | Amirezza       | 5P    |
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Don’t forget to pack your ‘Crunch & Sip’ every day!

Week 2 – KB & 4/3L

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ICAS Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s UNSW Mathematics Competition.

42 students participated and we were awarded 20 Participation, 3 Merit, 13 Credit and 5 Distinction and 1 High Distinction certificates. Continue to strive to achieve your personal best.

Merit: Alexander, Sehandu, Rani
Credit: Rishav, Vishnu, Chandni, Sharaf, Jayden, Arvin, William, Brian, Tejaswini, Mayuka, Lavanya, Senan,
Distinction: Menura, Anirudha, Jaskaran, Angna, Felix
High Distinction: Celina

Evening of Performing Arts

I would like to thank the entire school community for supporting the magnificent Evening of Performing Arts. Congratulations to all our students for their excellent performances. The Art Exhibition was a huge success displaying student talent and creative in Visual Arts. We hope you were impressed with the QR codes and were able to read all about each class creation. The Outback Steak House provided delicious hamburgers. Due to community support and the generosity of the Outback Steakhouse, we raised over $1000. This money will be utilised to continue to enhance the resources for creative arts.

A special thank you to the staff members who have given up their time to provide extra curricular opportunities for our students. Mrs Postlethwaite and Miss Long with the choirs, Miss Philippi and Miss Pye with the dance groups, Mrs Lance, the drama recitation, Mr Leeson, the drumming group, Ms Roser, the Jump Rope 4 Heart team and Mr Leeson, Miss Young and Mr D’Arcy – the school band. These staff members depend on the support from all staff who assist in so many ways. A wonderful team effort and so expertly coordinated by our talented coordinator, Miss Pye. Photos can be viewed at http://www.parramatta-n-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery

School Planning for 2015-2017

Thank you to the parents who attended this forum. The feedback we received has already been incorporated into our new plan for 2015. Some of the ideas included;

- Develop closer links with companies and organisations specialising in science e.g. The Power House Museum.
- Organise a term ‘hands on’ project as part of the homework program whereby parents and students can work together and present the project on a special day – e.g. ‘Science Afternoon’.

The draft plan will be published on our website by the end of Term 4. Please complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey if you have not already done so. I am extending the time for this return. You can access the survey by clicking on the link below. I do appreciate your feedback.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LKZYWJQ

Staff News

I would like to congratulate Mrs Eltakchi who has been appointed as the Learning and Support Teacher at our school. Mrs Eltakchi has been a temporary teacher at PNPS for many years and she has received this permanent position through the merit selection process. Well done and congratulations!

Selective High School Application for Year 7, 2016

Parents wishing to apply on behalf of their child for Year 7 in 2016 apply online from 14 October when the students are in Year 5. Children in Year 5 have received an expression of interest note that was sent home to families last week. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about the application process.

Important Dates
- 14 October, 2014 Application opens online
- 17 November, 2014 Application closes. No late applications
- 26 February, 2015 Test centre advice sent
- 12 March, 2015 Selective High School Placement Test
- Early July, 2015 Outcome advice


Jump Rope for Heart Team

We have witnessed the incredible talent and enthusiasm during the performances last week. I wanted to extend my congratulation to this hard working team and their talented coordinator, Ms Roser, who have just returned from their second ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ excursion. Mrs Bailey has also been a wonderful support to the team. The Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart is a skipping program for schools which teaches children how to keep fit and healthy while having fun. Our team was auditioned and selected to promote the healthy message and encourage other children in schools around Sydney and the Central Coast. We received the following message from the Heart Foundation’s team leader.

Dear Lee

‘I am so proud of the huge amount of effort the team has put in this year – they have done an outstanding job! I also had emails from each of the school coordinators today thanking you for visiting and saying what a great job you did. So thank you once again!’
Sport and Cultural Photos
Our sporting teams, cultural groups, student leaders and the whole school photo have been published into a beautiful book. This is on display in the office. The books or individual photos can be ordered through the school office or online with a credit card payment at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

Gifted Education – Years 3-6
https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/junior-scientia-3-6/

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
If your child turns five before July 31, 2015, they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten next year. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

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Update Contact Details
It is important that we are able to contact parents of our students especially in cases of emergencies. If your address or telephone details have changed, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

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.

Parent Helper Hub & Morning Tea
Parents who are interested in helping at school are invited to the parent hub working bees. These will be held every Friday from 9:15 – 10:15. Mrs Eltakchi is looking forward to meeting you at the Parent Helper Hub on Friday. Please see Mrs Eltakchi if you are able to come along and volunteer some time.

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

P & C News

Artwork Calendars – Orders in by Wednesday 22 October
Don’t forget to complete and return your order form and money by this Wednesday 22nd October, if you would like to purchase your child’s artwork, featured on a 2015 calendar, diary, notebook, greeting card set or iPhone case 4/5.
This is a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy a cherished memento of your child’s artistry. We have received quite a few orders so far. Thank you for your support.

Your Help Would Be Zooper Dooper! – Please reply by Wednesday 29 October
With the warmer weather approaching, what better way is there for our students and teachers to cool down, than to enjoy a Zooper Dooper at lunchtime!
The P&C are planning to sell these deliciously cold ice-block treats, but we need your help!
If you can help, please complete and return the form that was sent home last Friday, indicating which days you would be available.

General Meeting – Wednesday 3 December
Last Wednesday we held our 4th General Meeting for the year. It was terrific that more parents were able to join us, and we thank you for your interest and suggestions.
We have scheduled another General Meeting on Wednesday 3 December 2014. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us as we wrap up another great year!
Kind regards
The P&C Executive Committee

Read All About It!
Diwali is a major Hindu Festival. Diwali lasts from two to five days, depending on local customs. It falls during the Hindu month of Kartika which is during October and November every year. The name Diwali comes from an ancient Indian word which means rows of lights. During the festival, people decorate their homes, temples and parks with small lamps made from baked clay which can be home-made or from the shops. People also may visit each other.
Diwali usually honours Lakshmi who is the Hindu Goddess of wealth. It also marks the return of Ram, the hero of the ancient Indian poem called Ramayana, to his birth city after being away for 14 years. In West Bengal, Diwali is connected with Kali the Hindu goddess of destruction who is also named as Durga ma.
Sikh is also an Indian religion. Sikhs celebrate this day to honour Guru Hargobind, who is a very important Sikh and a spiritual leader. It marks the day that he was released from prison in 1619 by the ruler of an ancient Indian empire.
Tripti

Diwali is a festival of lights. Diwali is a big festival of Hindu religion and it is celebrated every year. Diwali makes victory of light over darkness. Diwali is celebrated when Lord Rama returns to his kingdom ‘Ayodhya’.
Before Diwali arrives we clean and decorate our house with candles and lamps. We go to our friends and relatives to wish them Happy Diwali. We all go to the temple and bow down to parents and elders and get blessed from them. We get sweets and snacks and distribute them to poor people. We make Rangoli at the front of our houses. We also put lamps and candles all around the house at night. People celebrate Diwali with fireworks. We make all varieties of food on Diwali and have dinner.
Tisha
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.

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.

Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term......? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet? Find out more:

Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant!
http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3