Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients.

Kahyne Rose  KB  Nana  2/1HS
Elizabeth  KB  Abigail  3Y
Jai  KB  Aayushi  3Y
Shiv  KB  Omar  4Y
Lydia  KB  Jaskaran  4Y
Brad  1AL  Kevin  5Y
Srivya  1AL  Nicoo  5Y
Jailyn  2/1HS

NSW Premier’s Sport Challenge

Students K-6 are participating in the NSW Premier’s Sport Challenge. This 10 week program aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Throughout the program students will be awarded for achievement and encouragement. Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Wazia  5P  Achievement
Shantelle  5P  Achievement
Vandana  5Y  Achievement
Jordan  4Y  Encouragement
Sam  4/3B  Encouragement
Geraldine  KPH  Encouragement

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations to our Student of the Term, Citizenship Recipients and Star Readers – a wonderful achievement. We are all very proud of you.

Jerah  KB  Sahel  4/3B
Shania  2/1L  Kayla  6/5W
Abbey  4/3L  Brian  4/3L

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

Week 9 – 2/1M & 6/5W
Week 10 – KB & 4/3B
Star Readers

Ryan KB Chelsea  2/1M
Rajbir KPH Sahel 4/3B
Krystal 1/KP Ehab 4/3L
Karanvir 1AL Tejaswini Young
Jovan 2/1HS Ali 5P
Cameron 2/1L Jobie 6/5W

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting Term 4. Please check the calendar carefully and note special days in your diary. Our website is updated regularly by Ms Jones so remember to visit this site and see what’s on at PNPS. http://www.parramatta-n-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Evening of Performing Arts

We always look forward to opportunities to showcase the talents of our students. On Wednesday, 15 October, we will be presenting our Creative Arts Night. Students K-6 will be displaying artworks in the PNPS Gallery, food will be available to purchase cooked by the Outback Steakhouse. Performance groups and public speakers will be showcasing their talents. The evening will commence at 5pm. We hope that many families can join us on this special evening. Advertising flyers were sent home at the end of last term. This is also on the website.

School Planning for 2015-2017/Parent Surveys/Parent Morning Tea & Information

The staff and community at Parramatta North Public School are currently in the process of planning for the next three years. We are required to develop and publish a plan outlining the directions the school will take focusing on enhancing opportunities and learning outcomes for our students. You are invited to a community forum to be held in the school hall on Friday, 10 October commencing at 2:30pm. You will be provided with an opportunity to provide input into this planning process. We welcome all ideas and look forward to your participation. In addition to the forum, I am sending home a Parent Survey. Each year we ask parents to share their opinions on different aspects of school life and to identify areas they believe are important to focus on for the future. This year the survey will be conducted online. I will also send home a paper survey but I ask that you select only one of these options. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and needs to be completed in one session. This will open today and close on Monday, 13 October and can be accessed by clicking on the link below. We thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts with us.

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

Swim School Success

Last term we had 120 students from Years 2-6 participate in the School Swimming Scheme. Thank you to Miss Young and Ms Roser who organised the program and to all of the teachers who were involved over the course of the 2 week program. Congratulations to all students who participated and successfully completed the program and improved their swimming skills. I encourage parents to continue with swimming lessons where possible as this is such a vital skill for all children.

Ten Cent Technology Fundraiser

Families and staff collected their coins and generously donated to this cause raising $1050.45. Well done everyone. Miss Young has already purchased extra ipads.

New Shade and Sail

We were fortunate to receive an enormous sail from Parramatta Public School as they needed to utilise the playground for additional classrooms. This lovely new shade area was painted and built during the holiday break. Our students will appreciate having shade throughout the summer months. We hope to make further enhancements to the playground when additional school funds become available. Thank you Parramatta Public School – we love our new sail!

Keep Our Children Safe

Student safety is paramount at our school. We try to maintain a safe school environment by protecting the wellbeing of our students and promoting positive relationships between the students. Parents, please take time to discuss ‘Stranger Danger’ with your child and reinforce the important messages. Please supervise your children closely before 8:30am and after 3:00pm.

School Hours
- School supervision commences: 8:30am
- School Commences: 9:00am
- School Concludes: 3:00pm

Students should not arrive at school before 8:30am as no supervision is provided. Playground supervision is provided from 8:30am. Once at school, students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without permission.

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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.

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

Read All About It!
Last Monday, we went to the city museum. It took us 45 minutes to get there. On the bus I was sitting next to my best friend. We arrived at 9.45. As soon as we got there we saw an enormous large whale’s bone. It was so cool. First we went to the historical room. It was so fantastic because we got to see the old days’ things. After than enchanting room we went to the dinosaur room. I learnt that we can find dinosaur eggs over 200 sites. After that scientific stuff we went to the crocodile room. In that room I learnt that crocodiles don’t have to blink their eyes because the water can clean their eye. I also learnt that lizards are warm blooded. Lizards also need the sun or they will die. We had a little break. In that break we played “Everyone’s It”. After than fun break, we coloured in our shirts or bags in aboriginal drawings. That was the best excursion ever in my life! After that we went on our cosy bus and back we went to our great school.

Jasmine, 4/3L

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.

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.

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.

Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9
How much water does your child really need?

Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at [http://bit.ly/ZiwUjo](http://bit.ly/ZiwUjo)

Private tutoring


Leaving your child at home alone

At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child’s safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: [http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9](http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9)

Team sports – more than health benefits

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: [http://bit.ly/HlgxVO](http://bit.ly/HlgxVO)

Saturday School of Community Languages

Information for Year 6 Students

The Saturday School of Community Languages gives students the opportunity to study the language they speak at home, if a course in that language is not offered at their weekday school.

The school is a public secondary school which delivers face-to-face lessons only on Saturdays. Approximately 3500 students in Years 7-12, from both government and non-government schools are enrolled.

Saturday School students follow Board of Studies, Teacher and Educational Standards syllabuses in 24 languages. These languages are assessable as part of their Stage 4, Stage 5 and Higher School Certificate studies.

What languages can you study?

Arabic, Armenian, Bengali (Bangla), Chinese (Mandarin), Croatian, Filipino, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Modern Greek, Maltese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese.

In 2015 Thai (Years 7 and 8) is being offered for the first time.

What are the benefits?

Studying a background community language:

- helps maintain rewarding relationships with parents, grandparents, relatives and other community members
- promotes a sense of cultural identity, resulting in heightened self-confidence and self-esteem
- places students in a better position to take advantage of employment opportunities.

Download our latest [brochure](http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo) (pdf 3583 KB) to read more about which languages are offered at our 16 centres.

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### Family and Relationship Service

**Three Choices – Incorporating 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching**

Three choices – incorporating 1-2-3 magic will be run on the below dates.

Please call and book into one of the below courses

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**Course Outline**

This three week program is designed to assist parents and caregivers of 2 – 12yr old children:

- Increase their knowledge about what works in managing difficult behaviour
- Lessen their feelings of frustration
- Get better results with less effort and stress

**Booking Details**

Venue: ANGLICARE FaRS, Level 3, 16 Parkes St, Parramatta

Cost: Course fees are determined on a sliding scale depending on income

There is a once off fee of $1.00 for the accompanying workbook

Unfortunately there is no child minding available

Bookings: 9885 3044

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