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

Week 5 – 2/1HS & 6/5W
Week 6 - KB & 6/5W

Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients.

Qing 1/KP Keira 2/1M
Krystal 1/KP Andrew 2/1M
Hannah 1/KP Cade 2/1HS
Thomas 1/KP Maryam 2/1HS
Zareen 2/1M Cameron 2/1L
Mandy 2/1M Aryan 2/1L
Safa 2/1M Viki 2/1L
Chelsea 2/1M Spoorthi 2/1L
Yemi 2/1M Judy 2/1L
Ayo 2/1M Maria 5P
Victoria 2/1M Rani 5Y
Ellesha 2/1M Kayla 6/5W

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Truck Art Competition Finalists

We are so proud of our three students, Angna, Melisa and Melani for creating magnificent artworks and representing PNPS at the award ceremony held at Parramatta Town Hall last week. Melani and Melisa each received an award for Runner Up for their grade. Angna was the winner of the entire competition. Her winning artwork is now on the side of a waste collection truck with her message, BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE POLLUTION, clearly depicting the theme ‘Free Our River From Litter’. Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Lance, the students and their families were all so excited when the news was announced. A special thank you to Mrs Hollier-Smith for providing this opportunity for the students to participate in the competition. Congratulations Angna – we will certainly be on the lookout for the truck with your brilliant design on display for all to see!

Remembrance Assembly

On the 11th of November at 11:00am, our students and staff dedicated a minute’s silence as they commemorated this significant occasion. All students viewed a PowerPoint and participated in this important learning experience. Thank you to Miss Young for her coordination of this.

Stage 3 Mini Fete

This was an exceptional day of fundraising as our Stage 3 students managed to raise $1330. Be sure to read Keiko’s account of this event.

Buzz Awards

K-2
Be a Learner  
Azra 1AL
Be a Learner  
Jamie 1/KP
Be Respectful  
Cameron 2/1L

3-6
Be Respectful  
Hailey 1/KP
Be a Learner  
Andre 3Y
Be a Learner  
Andre 3Y
Be Respectful  
Asif 6W
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Well done Stage 3 students. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Postlethwaite, Miss Young and Mr Wheatley for managing the overall organisation and to all the PNPS families for supporting the fete.

Sporting Success @PNPS

Congratulations to the Junior T-Ball and Senior Cricket PSSA Premiers!

You will enjoy reading Adi and Amilia’s excellent reports.

Thank you to Mrs Murdoch and Miss Young for relieving as principal during my absence and to our staff who were so supportive during this busy and eventful time. The Beginning School Well playgroup was a huge success, our 2015 Kindergarten students and families experienced a positive transition and have been warmly welcomed to PNPS and students have excelled in sport and the arts. With the end of Term 4 fast approaching, it is most important that students continue to remain focused on learning, make the most of every learning opportunity and strive to achieve their personal best.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

Beginning School Well Playgroup

Over the last six weeks PNPS have been conducting a “Playgroup” on Friday mornings from 9:15-10:45am. The playgroup was established to provide a supportive introduction to the school and facilitate participation in transition to school programs. Various activities and play experiences were provided each week, along with parent information sessions. Over the course of the six weeks we had 37 families from our local and neighbouring communities attend the sessions. Both the children and parents were very pleased with the sessions. Some of the feedback we received was:

“We are feeling so happy and confident.” “I am very thankful for attending.” “It was good to meet and interact with different people and school staff.” “Amazing!” “We are very happy and thankful.”
“Mr’s transition to the school has been much smoother with this playgroup being in place.” “Feeling very good and my child is very happy to come here.”

We would like to thank Tannaz and Tisha (6/5W) who have been peer leaders during this program. Their interaction and interest in the children and the activities was amazing. Thank you also to Mrs Sultani, who was the mentor for our families. We look forward to offering this program again next year.

Ms Roser, Mrs Pizzuti and Mrs Gomez
EAL/D TEAM

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation sessions were a great success this year. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came along. Our P&C Executive, Mr Mendoza, Mrs Jimenez and Mrs Merritt gratefully donated their time each week to also welcome our new parents. Yesterday our year five students farewelled our new kindergartens with a PNPS book, balloon and a smile after they shared Crunch and Sip together. We look forward to seeing you again in 2015. Thank you to all the staff, students and performance groups who were involved.

Mrs Murdoch

Gifted Education – Years 3-6

https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerrick/for-gifted-students/junior-scientia-3-6/

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

**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 online with a credit card payment at [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au).

**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.

**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.

**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**
**Zooper Doopers sales soar in the summer weather**
These deliciously cold ice-block treats will be available for just $0.60 every Thursday and Friday until Friday 12th December. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to help. A reminder to all students that you can only purchase 2 zooper doopers.

**Summer Sausage Sizzle – Friday 21st November**
Sausage Sizzle orders closed today. We look forward to providing the students who have ordered their lunch with a yummy treat.

**Sensational offer on school shoes for 2015**
The parent of one of our new Kindergarten 2015 students has made a fabulous offer to all parents from PNPS. He is the owner of a shoe shop in Top Ryde shopping centre. He has indicated that he would provide a good deal on shoes for our families. If we have families support this offer, he will make a donation to our school, based on the sales he receives. We are currently negotiating how the system will work so keep reading the newsletter for further updates.

**The P&C Executive Committee**

**Read All About It!**

**Mini Fete**
Yesterday was a perfect day to have Mini Fete. The sun was shining and the birds were tweeting. I had always planned to do sponge throwing, and luckily, my friends agreed. I came into school, prepared for Mini Fete & then realized that I didn’t bring the sponges that I was supposed to bring but in the end, my mother delivered them to school for me. Recess ended and students filled the whole school area, selecting which stalls they should go to. A group of people went straight down to my stall, especially when it was announced that some of the teachers will be the target for the sponge throwing. Mr. Wheatley was the first one to go. People rushed down to our stall, hoping they would get the chance to hit Mr. Wheatley with the wet sponges. Not long after, Ms Hardy and Ms Philipp joined us too. We all had so much fun and before we knew it, Mini Fete was over.

Keiko
6/5W

**T-ball Grand final**
Our junior T-ball team played Carlingford PS in the grand final. It was a hard game because their team was full of good players who supported each other. We tried our best with Jayden having a powerful hit that gave us three home runs. I stopped a hard hit from the Carlingford team which got four of their players out. It was tiring in the hot sun but we won 17 to 15. It was brilliant to have our parents, Mr Leeson and Mrs Postlethwaite there cheering us on.

Amelia
4/3L

**Cricket Grand final**

**PSSA Grand Final: Senior Cricket v Carlingford PS**
I wiped my forehead. We were only walking to Doyle Ground but we still broke a sweat. Temperatures were set to skyrocket into sweltering heat putting one very distinguished team under pressure: PNPS Senior Cricket Team.

The day seemed to fly by in my opinion but here are some highlights of the day. Tyrone kick-started the day with a rapid-fire 25, leading to his retirement. His opening partner Adi showed some quick feet and slashed...
anything that wasn't on middle stump. Momentum seemed to swing in Carlingford's way when they took two quick wickets in succession, those of Ali and Senan. Though PNPS had Naweed and Sina to see them through the tough times and ensure a solid total was posted.

Our bowling and general fielding performances were excellent. I would like to give a special mention to Kevin and Sina for throwing themselves in the line of the ball. Adi, Ryan, Ali and Tyrone (run out) all gave the stumps a beating and Senan took a spectacular catch with sun in his eyes. Carlingford showed some class with one particular batsman finding the gaps in our well-placed field, despite this we held firm. All in all it was a very good game with PNPS coming out on top and winning the premiership for the second consecutive year.

By Adi 6/5 W

Adi has been very modest in his report but he also scored vital 25 before being retired and captained the side with aplomb. A big thank you to Mr Hargreaves and Mr Rawat for their support and well done to the team for a deserved triumph, built on team work and tenacity.

Mr Wheatley

Foil Art

First we got a big piece of cardboard and cut them into squares. Next we drew lines with sharpies and then traced them with wool and wood glue. Then we covered our cardboard with foil. Afterwards we coloured our foil with permanent markers.

Maria and Maria 4/3B
Kids, homework and lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O’Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.


Maths at home

Kids’ early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.


Selective high schools


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MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WHEN: 6:00pm, Wednesday 10th December
WHERE: EVENT Cinemas, Westfield Parramatta
WHO: everyone is welcome… invite your friends, family and neighbours! All children MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
PRICE: $12.50 per ticket
WHAT: A private screening of Disney’s ‘Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day’

Purchase tickets through the front office.

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We are collecting non-perishable food and new toys to donate to those less fortunate. Please send any items to the Christmas tree in 2/1HS.

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TOYS AND TUCKER
Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that we share with you that Parramatta North Public School now has our very own smartphone mobile app!

Once you have downloaded the app you will be able to access our school calendar dates (and add these to your mobile phone calendar), newsletters and send absent notes to your class teacher from your phone! The school will also be able to send real time messages to the school community via the app.

How to Install Our School App

On Apple
- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for Parramatta North Public School
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play
- On your Smartphone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for Parramatta North Public School
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

To Open Our Mobile App
- Look for our app icon (the Parramatta North logo) on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted select yes to receive notifications and use your location (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)

If you encounter troubles;
- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact WWW.activeschoolapps.com.au/support for help within 48 hours.

Our smartphone mobile app is now available on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using. Please see Miss Young if you have any questions or require assistance downloading the app.