Term 3 – Week 3
July/August

**UnSW ICAS Science Competition**
Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the Science ICAS University Competition. We received 2 distinctions, 9 credits and 1 merit award. Well done students!

- **Merit**
  - Angna – 3Young,

- **Credit**
  - Rishav – 6/5W, Arvin – 5P,
  - Chandni – 4Young, Jaskaran – 4Young, Celina – 5P,
  - Alexander – 5P, Andre – 3Young, Sehandu – 4/3L, Brian – 4/3L

- **Distinction**
  - Mayuka– 4/3L, Tejaswini – 3Young

**Principal’s Report**

**Athletics Carnival**
Despite the winter chill, a fantastic day was had by all at our annual athletics carnival. Students displayed excellent sportsmanship and put every effort into achieving their personal best. We look forward to recognising sporting achievement when students will be awarded with placement ribbons at a special assembly. We will notify you of this date. Thank you to our marvellous parent volunteers for your assistance on the day. The Student/Staff/Parent relay proved to be an exciting and competitive event. A special thank you to Ms Roser, the PDHPE committee members and to Mr Ohrynowsy for your hard work and for superb organisation. This resulted in such a successful day. We look forward to our K-2 carnival to be held on Friday, 1 August. We are hoping for plenty of sunshine.

**Eid Mubarak!**
Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating Eid this week.

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**Buzz Awards**

- **K-2** Be A Learner: Saxon, 2/1L
- **Be Safe**: Ayo, 2/1M
- **3-6** Be A Learner: Idris, 2, 6/5W

**Gold Merit Awards**
Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients.

- **Shanuli**: 1AL, Vandana, Young
- **Isabella**: 1AL, Menura, Young
- **Odin**: Young, Arvin, 5P
- **William**: Young, Rojan Fallah, 5P
- **Ivanshu**: Young, Monica, 5P
- **Sharaf**: Young, Tisha, 6/5W
- **Angna**: Young, Adi, 6/5W
- **Zamira**: Young

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**Education Week / Book Fair**

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**School Sport / PSSA**
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3:00pm – Band Practice
Staff News – Introducing Isabella Kim, Community Engagement Officer

We are fortunate that our school has been able to employ a community engagement officer. I have asked Isabella to introduce herself to our community via our newsletter.

Dear all PNPS parents,

I am sending you all my email and contact number and please feel free to contact me anytime on every Friday. Here are my contact details: tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au

My main job in the school is to know you all better in order to build a better links between the parents and school to support our children. I may be able to provide information related to children’s education such as ‘Australian Education System’, ‘School report and Assessment’, and ‘How to manage children’s behaviour better’ and also, to link you with any local services where necessary.

In a few weeks, I would like to arrange meetings with parent groups and hopefully I can meet more parents and hear their stories.

Celebrating The Arts Tickets Are On Sale Tomorrow!

To avoid disappointment, please purchase your tickets early as they always sell quickly. The students have been rehearsing for several months and this is always a spectacular evening. Our Choir, Senior Dance Group and Junior Dance Group will be performing on Monday, 1 September. This year we have a few students who have been selected to perform in a Parramatta Learning Community Dance Troupe. These students will be performing at Riverside on Wednesday, 3 September. Please check your notes carefully to ensure you purchase your tickets for the correct performance. Theatre tickets are on sale from tomorrow and can be purchased directly from Riverside Theatre in person or by phone on 8839 3399. The cost is $18 per ticket. (no concessions)

Girls’ Winter Uniform

Following consultation with students, staff, parents, P&C and the community, Parramatta North Public School would like to include the option of a girls’ winter uniform.

The suggestion for the winter option is:

• a winter pinafore
• long sleeved white shirt or white skivvy to be worn underneath

Education Week OPEN DAY TOMORROW – ‘Lighting the way to a better world’

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. Education Week showcases the achievements of our inspirational teachers, staff students, Parents & Citizens Association and community members. Please join us as we celebrate student learning at PNPS. An invitation to all families was sent home with our last newsletter but we have included another invitation and program in this week’s newsletter.

A reminder to students that books are on sale this week from our wonderful book fair and can be purchased from the library. Books are selling from $2 to $12.

The current winter uniform items would also be worn:

• black leggings or black tights
• black school shoes
• blue school jumper
• blue school hat

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal
SRC News

Popcorn and Flavoured Milk Sales

The SRC meets each Thursday fortnights in the afternoons in the library. This term we are selling bags of popcorn and chocolate and strawberry milk for $2 each every Wednesday during lunchtimes. The money raised will go towards supporting our school.

Jeans for Genes

Next Tuesday, August 5, we will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day, these funds will support children with childhood diseases and genetic disorders. A note will go home explaining this.

Education Week - 2014

“Lighting The Way To A Better World”
Tuesday, July 29

You are invited to our school’s Open Day and Book Fair – we look forward to seeing you.

9.15-10.00am Open Classrooms- Numeracy Activities
Please visit your child’s classroom and look at their work. The Book Fair in our library will be open with lots of wonderful books available for purchase and our ESL room will be showing video clips from Harmony Day.

10.15-11.00am Concert
Please enjoy performances from all students K-6 as well as some of our performance groups and public speakers.

11.00-11.30am Picnic lunch
You are invited to have a picnic lunch with your child. The P&C will be selling refreshments in the canteen.

Farsi News

سلام با صلح ارزوي با مبارک همه بر فطر عید همگان براي شادي و جهانيان براي ارامش
باي پازاديد براي مدرسه شنيه سه روز دعوت شما و است مدرسه وضع چگونگي از اگاهي براي ميشود
مادرها و پدر ديگر جمع به فرزندان بپيوندند.
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Student Contributions

POETRY

Happiness
Happiness is the light blue sky.
Happiness looks like a baby playing.
Happiness is the sound of the wind.
It smells like the fresh cold air.
Happiness is the tastes of mums warm cooking.
Happiness feels like my soft smooth pillow.
Suhail 5P

Sadness
Sadness is the colour of death
Dry as the colour of red
Sadness looks disobeyed
It smells like an engine erupting
Sadness tastes like lots of salt from a beach
Penny 5P

Sadness
Sadness is the colour black like the sad sky.
It looks like people betraying you.
Sadness is the sound of dogs dying.
It smells like thick smoke.
Sadness tastes like stale bread.
It feels tears on my face.
Sadness is a trap.
Jacqueline 5P

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Jacqueline 5P

Happiness
Happiness is the color of orange sunset,
It looks like a cute cotton blanket.
Happiness is the sound of my heart beating perfectly,
It smells like my mom’s home cooked food.
Happiness tastes like sweetest candy of the world,
It feels like soft, fluffy and smooth pillow.
Happiness is freedom for all!
Waziha 5P

Happiness
Happiness is the colour black which represent the sky night.
It looks like the shining star.
Happiness is the sound of cricket chirping along the river.
It smells like cut grass in our playground.
Happiness tastes like hot mud cake.
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Amirreza 5P

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Stage 3 Camp Recount Excerpts

The view of the Three Sisters was amazing! The wind was so strong it nearly blew me away. We had a short break and went back on the bus to Scenic World where they have the steepest passenger railway in the world. After that we walked into the treacherous forest but luckily we made it out alive! At the end of the walk there was a cable car ride and the tour guide showed us all the amazing features of the Blue Mountains.
Sharon 6/5W

Our next stop was at Hartley Historic Site where we learned what it was like to be a prisoner in the Gold Rush era and trust me it was not fun! We had a tour through the old prison cells, harsh whipping room, dusty courtroom and the old church with a corrugated iron roof. Once we finished our lunch we made it to Mount Panorama (Bathurst Supercar track) that took us to where we stayed.
Naomi 6/5W

At night everyone slept except for Naweed and I, we woke everyone up at 1am and talked. We talked until it was 6.30am! We ate breakfast then met Shaun our Goldfields guide. He told us what it was like being a prospector during the Gold Rush. We did a range of activities including making damper which was very tasty, you’ll have to take my word for it!
Rishav 6/5W
Stewart House Bags
Your child will be receiving a Stewart House bag today. Bags need to be returned to school by this Friday, August 1. We cannot accept bags after this week. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

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.

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.

Flu Season Is Here
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

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.

Speech Problems
All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children’s language development. If you are worried about your child’s speech development or their teacher has concerns, the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally. Find out more.

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.