Term 2 – Week 10

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THIS WEEK**

**Monday 22**
- Playbus 9:30 – 11:30
- Staff Professional Learning 3:10pm
- 3:15pm Hindi Language Classes

**Tuesday 23**
- Lunch Orders Today
- Gymnastics – last session
- 3:00pm – Homework Club

**Wednesday 24**
- 9:15: SPARK reading
- Scripture Classes
- 11am: Student of the Term Assembly
- Multicultural Public Speaking Excursion

**Thursday 25**
- 9:30 – 11:30am Playgroup for 4 Year olds
- Gymnastics – last session
- Green Zone
- Lunch Orders Today

**Friday 26**
- Athletics Carnival
- Last Day of Term 2

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**Term 3 Week 1**

**Monday 13**
- Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 14**
- School Resumes for students
- Lunch Orders Today
- 3:00pm – No Homework Club

**Wednesday 15**
- 9:15: SPARK reading
- Scripture Classes
- 2:40pm – SRC Meeting

**Thursday 16**
- Playgroup for 4 Year Olds, 9:30-11:30am
- Lunch Orders Today

**Friday 17**
- 1:15 – Assembly: Captains
- 3:00pm – Band Session

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**Buzz Awards**

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**Gold Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

- **Lilian** KD Mohanish 4/3B
- **Mace** KD Rome 4/3B
- **Pragalbha** KD Tara 4/3B
- **Briana** KD Menura 6/5L
- **Chloe** 2/1HS Nikil 6/5L
- **Lama** 2/1M Chandni 6/5L
- **Eremasi** 2/1M Jade 6/5W
- **Akshaya** 2/1AL Vedant T 6/5Y
- **Dalia** 2/1AL Gelareh 6/5Y
- **Melani** 4/3P Arian 6/5Y
- **Cade** 4/3B
- **Eve** 4/3B

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**Holiday Dates**

Please note the last day of Term 2 is **Friday 26** June with students returning to school on **Tuesday, 14th July**

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

Week 8 – KD, 2/1AL and 4/3 P

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Walkathon Walkers
RELIEVING PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

P&C Successes: Walkathon & Sausage Sizzle
Wow! What a wonderful day we all had on Thursday 11th June with our walkathon fun. The weather held out and there was a great turn out by our parents and community to help support this event. This was the first time we undertook the walkathon in two sections with K-2 walking first followed by the 3-6 after lunch. A reminder to all students to bring their donations and any money raised straight to the office.

We were also lucky enough to participate in a sausage sizzle lunch on Wednesday 17th. Thank you to the P&C for all their efforts and coordination with both of these events.

Student Support
The Year six students got first-hand experience of what it is like to be a teacher when they prepared and ran the weekly social skills programs. They were supported by the Year 5 co-leaders. Students from K-6 participated in the activities and developed their skills and understanding whilst making new friends. Our final session will be held this Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Wheatley and the stage three teachers and students for a wonderful five week program.

Manga Art
Throughout the term five lucky Stage Three students were able to work with renowned artist Matt Lin. He conducted weekly manga cartoon sessions where the students learnt the intricate details of creating their very own characters. We are truly fortunate to participate in such an exciting opportunity.

Our school’s Before and After School Centre, OOSH North Parramatta, can be contacted by calling 9683 3009. The centre has been assessed as ‘exceeding standards’ under the National Quality Framework.

Further information can be located by accessing the link below.
http://www.ooshnp.com/#

Miss Kate Young & Mrs Kym Murdoch
Principal

A special thank you to Miss Young and Mrs Murdoch for the superb job they did as relieving principals during my absence. They were well supported by all PNPS staff and the relieving assistant principals, Mrs Hollier-Smith and Ms Roser, in addition to Mr Wheatley (AP).

My very best wishes to all families for a relaxing holiday break.
Kathryn Methven

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.

The School App also has an Absent Note function.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Refugee Week
We acknowledged Refugee Week with a literature study and then responded to the books we had read.

4/3B composed poems

Need food! Need water!
Not safe! Hurt!
War! Illness!
Camps! Scared! Sad!
Plane! Boat!
New country! Safe!

Charlie

New country! Safe!
Plane! Boat!
Camps! Scared! Sad!
War! Illness!
Need food! Need water!

Cameron

Refugee is what they seek
Escaping is hard to do
Fearing that they will die
Under the fiery floors of hell, lies war
Get away! Get away! The depths of war is coming
Either die or leave
Enter camps with sicknesses carried by mosquitoes

Kathryn Methven

June 22, 2015

Be Safe | Be Respectful | Be a Learner
2/1L read the book Refugee…
If a refugee came to me I would ask them if they are ok. I would help the person and start talking to them and be friends. I wouldn’t be rude. Refugees are important to everyone. They should get a nice welcome to the country.
Dishita 2/1L

Student Contributions

We made a hot and cold art work. First I thought about my design. One side has a moon sky for cold and a sun for hot. I put patterns on the sun and stars on the moon. I put a shooting star too. Then I had to colour it in hot and cold colours. I now know that blue, purple and green are cold colours and orange, yellow and red are hot. I had a lot of fun doing this!
Jalyn 4/3P

Foyer Display – Weeks 10-2
Students in 2/1M are showcasing their Autism Awareness Artworks. How would your brain think? How would you create blue art?

Cumberland Band
Last Friday the Cumberland High School Ensemble Band came to Parramatta North to showcase their skills. They had a band, rock band and choir.

They played a lot of great songs like ‘All About the Bass’ and ‘Pompeii’. The last one they played was ‘Louie, Louie’ and we were allowed to get up and dance to the music.

I thought it was a great performance and I would like them to perform again.
Shantelle 6/5W

Stage 3 Interschool Debate
Although we lost the debate at Burnside Public School myself, Jason and Vishnu had a brilliant time arguing on the topic – ‘All Children Should have Pets’. We were negative, meaning we were arguing that children shouldn’t have pets.

We travelled to Burnside in Mr Wheatley’s (captain of the debating team) car and made many quick decisions whilst in the car. We refined our team line, ‘Pets are pests, ridding them is for the best’ and read each other’s parts while we were at it. Sam our rebutter was unfortunately away so we wrote all the rebuttals. Our arguments consisted of: fleas and ticks, captivity, costs, impact on living areas, potential injuries, inevitable grief and allergies.

Of course after the debate Burnside gave us food and hospitality. We feasted on delights such as watermelon, strawberries (delicious!), cookies, lollies, juice, chips and marshmallows. To add to this Mr Wheatley offered all of us an ice-cream from McDonalds. I was the only one who took the offer though. Vishnu claimed he gets sick when eating ice cream and Jason said he has plenty of ice cream at home!
Anirudha 6/5W

PBL
What is PBL?

PBL Overview – What is it and why do we use it?
Parramatta North Public School has been a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school since 2008. But what is PBL?
PBL is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes. It is based on the PBIS system which originated in the USA and has been adopted by many countries around the world. PBL aims to support students by explicitly teaching accepted behaviour in a consistent way and rewarding students who display that behaviour. At Parramatta North our school expectations are:

PBL is in place throughout the school, in classrooms and shared areas. All students are taught what it means to be safe, respectful learners in different areas of the school. Students who demonstrate the desired behaviour receive recognition via our ‘Buzz’ draw and our blue card reward system. Students who, at times, do not demonstrate the desired behaviour are identified, via a referral system (‘yellow slip’) and provided with additional support to help them to achieve positive outcomes.

The PBL system involves all members of the school community. Students are regularly asked for their thoughts and opinions and are, through the SRC, part of the decision-making process. Many great initiatives, such as play leaders and the investment in playground equipment have been introduced as a result of PBL.
**P&C News**

Walkathon - The walkathon was held again this year with the help of teachers and parents on Thursday, 11 June. It was wonderful to see the students outdoors enjoying and challenging themselves at the same time in this annual walking event. The nominated prizes will be given to the students in Term 3 after the term 2 holidays.

Sausage Sizzle - Despite an overcast and showery morning, the sausage sizzle went ahead as planned.

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered with the Walkathon and sausage sizzle. Parents and carers are welcome to send their suggestions or feedback personally or through the suggestion box in the school office.

We would like to wish all the families of PNPS community a happy and safe Term 2 holiday break.

Kind Regards
The P&C Executive Committee

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**Cumberland High School**

**Gifted and Talented Class Placement Program**

Applications are now open for Cumberland High School’s Gifted and Talented class of Year 7 2016. Five academic scholarships to the value of $800 each are also on offer.

Details of this academic opportunity and application forms can be found on our website at [http://www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) in the Curriculum and Activities/Scholarships & Awards section. An application form can be downloaded and submitted to our office. Applications close on Friday, 14 August 2015
Did you see this article in the Parramatta Sun?

School leaders: Parramatta

Meet Parramatta North PS captains and vice captains

Meet this week's school leaders from Parramatta North PS.

School Motto: Knowledge lights the way

1. Name: Jacqueline Islam
   Age: 11
   Position: School Vice Captain
   What's unique about your school?
   Parramatta North Public School is special because of the way we all get along. The students are helpful towards each other and always follow our expectations of being safe, respectful learners.
   What do you want to do when you leave school?
   When I leave school I would like to be a motivational speaker because I like to help people and I enjoy talking!
   Why do you think being a school leader is important?
   Being a school leader is important because we have a big responsibility for the school. We get to be kind and caring, always do our best and take pride in ourselves and our school.
   If you were the principal what would you introduce?
   I would help all the teachers by being nice and I would get a big swimming pool.

2. Name: Ilhamuddin Saedi
   Age: 11
   Position: School Vice Captain
   What's unique about your school?
   Our school is unique because it is very multicultural. Everyone at our school is accepting and nice to each other.
   What do you want to do when you leave school?
   When I leave school I want to be an engineer.
   Why do you think being a school leader is important?
   I think that being a school leader is important because it is a great way of representing our school and our peers. We get to be the voice of the students and help others.
   If you were the principal what would you introduce?
   I would help all the teachers by being nice and I would get a big swimming pool.

3. Name: Taylor Hopping
   Age: 11
   Position: School Captain
   What's unique about your school?
   Parramatta North is unique because of they give many opportunities for all students. One opportunity that we all get is that every student has their own XO laptop to use in class!
   What do you want to do when you leave school?
   I would like to be a TV reporter
   Why do you think being a school leader is important?
   The role of a school leader is an important one because we get to help make lots of decisions to make our school a better place for the students now and in the future. We get to have extra responsibilities and assist others.
   If you were the principal what would you introduce?
   I would put in a swimming pool if I were the principal so that we could have a swimming carnival at school!

4. Name: Kevin Kim
   Age: 12
   Position: School Captain
   What's unique about your school?
   Our school has different cultures and lots of diversity within the school community. Our school offers a lot of varied opportunities for all students including dance, band, public speaking, technology and more!
   What do you want to do when you leave school?
   I am looking forward to furthering my studies and becoming a doctor so that I can help people.
   Why do you think being a school leader is important?
   School leaders are an important part of any school because they play an integral role in helping others. They have to be role models for all students.
   If you were the principal what would you introduce?
   If I were the principal I would introduce a day for the students where they share their thoughts and ideas about the school.
Growing Minds are Healthy Minds

Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for Kindergarten - Year 6 • Parramatta

Welcome to Growing Minds.
Designed by a group of leading Australian educators, Growing Minds is a multi-disciplinary before school, after school and vacation care organisation. Held in an enjoyable environment, Growing Minds engages mind and body alike to help your children to reach their full potential. With a curriculum modelled on current best practices, we offer three core streams:

Education, Empowerment & Sports.
Growing Minds is suitable for children from Kindergarten through Year 6. If you’re already enrolled with another provider, that’s not a problem – enrolment with Growing Minds requires a minimum of just two placements a week.

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