Term 3 – Week 2

July

**Buzz Awards**

K-2
- Be a Learner: Shania 2/1HS
- Be a Learner: Emitis 2/1AL
- Be a Learner: Ayman 2/1M
- Be a Learner: Vivaan 2/1M

3-6
- Be Safe: Melani 4/3P
- Be Safe: Alina 4/3P
- Be Safe: Harry 4/3P
- Be Respectful: Noura 4/3P

**Student Of The Term, Citizenship Awards and Star Readers**

Congratulations to our Student of the Term, Citizenship and Star Reader recipients. We are all proud of your wonderful achievements.

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

**Week 1 – 4/3P & 2/1AL**
Gold Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

- Preston 2/1M Hannah 2/1AL
- Jierah 2/1M Adi 2/1AL
- Ayman 2/1M Ayo 4/3P
- Rajbir 2/1M Noura 4/3P
- Roman 2/1M Valery 4/3L
- Jordan 2/1M Indhu 4/3P
- Pedram 2/1M Talal 4/3B
- Angel 2/1M Kenneth 4/3B
- Anthony 2/1L Deanna 4/3B
- Celina 2/1L Shakila 6/5Y
- Dalia 2/1AL
- Hailey 2/1AL

Athletics Carnival
Splendid organisation, brilliant weather, enthusiastic students and a team of hard working parent helpers and staff resulted in a most successful carnival for 2015. 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 on Thursday, 23 July commencing at 9:00am.

Thank you to Ms Roser and the PDHPE committee for organising the carnival. A special thank you to our parent helpers: Ms Williams, Mr O'Shea, Mr and Mrs Ambichi, to Mr Mark Ohrynowsky and all staff for their support and assistance. It really was such a tremendous way to celebrate the end of Term 2 and weren’t we fortunate with such glorious weather?

Congratulations to our winning house for 2015. The results reflect a close competition!

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Opportunity Class - 2016
Wednesday 22 July: Opportunity Class Placement Test for applicants.

The test centre for students from Year 4 students who have completed an application for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2016 are required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 11.15am on Wednesday, 22 July, 2015. The test centre for our school is:

Cumberland High School
183 Pennant Hills Rd
Carlingford 2118

This information has been sent to all families who have applied. The test centre allocations are available to parents at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/k_6assessments/oc/octestcentres.pdf. A map of all test centres is available to parents to help them find their test centre. The map is available at http://www.maptive.com/ver3/506d8eb5b69576bb5c10811c5b0585cb.

Please contact Miss Young if you have any questions about the process.

Education Week OPEN DAY NEXT WEEK
Education week showcases the achievements of our inspirational teachers, staff, students, Parents and Citizens Association and community members. Please join us as we celebrate student learning at PNPS. An invitation to all families will be sent home to accompany this newsletter. The day will commence at 9:15 with open classrooms and an opportunity to visit your child’s class. Following this, there will be a short performance showcasing the skipping group, some musicians, public speakers and our Parramatta Learning Community dance troupe. The Book Fair is always a highlight of this special day and Mrs Wilson looks forward to all students visiting the library on Open Day with their parents.

Books are on sale during Education Week from our wonderful book fair and can be purchased from the library. Books are selling from $2 to $15.

The P & C will be opening the canteen to sell tea, coffee and cake. Bring a rug to share a picnic morning tea with our school community. A reminder that our celebrating the arts performance groups will be performing at Riverside Theatre on Monday, August 31, as well as all students performing at our annual Evening of Performing Arts scheduled early in Term 4.

ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s UNSW Digital Technologies Competition. 29 students participated and we were awarded 15 Participation, 1 Merit, 11 Credit and 2 Distinction certificates. Continue to strive to achieve your personal best.

Merit: Yemi
Credit: Menura, Anirudha, Chandni, Andre, Angel, Luke, Aayushi, Ayo, Tara, Rushil, Andrew
Distinction: Brian, Sehandu

Eid Mubarak to all our families who celebrated Eid last week.
Staff News
We welcome Miss Shauna Curran to our school. Miss Curran comes to us with experience and expertise. She will be teaching KB and sharing this role with Mrs Booth for the remainder of the year. Miss Brennan has received a position at another school and we wish her all the best and thank her for her excellent contribution to KB and our school RFF program.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Students K-6 participated in a range of enriching learning activities last week to celebrate this important event. The theme this year was ‘We Are All Standing On Sacred Ground, Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. The students visited the library where they were able to share a range of quality literature, exploring aspects of our Indigenous history, as well as reading books by many renowned Aboriginal authors. Classes selected an inspirational and successful Aboriginal person where they completed an in depth study, learning about the person. The students created beautiful artwork. This is proudly displayed on our brick walls with the combination of footprint designs forming the theme ‘WE ALL STAND ON SACRED GROUND’. Students and staff were invited to wear red, black or yellow clothing and contribute a donation. We raised $302 for AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience). To culminate the occasion, Phoenix and Preston, expertsly compered for our NAIDOC assembly where a representative from each class presented a brief account of their inspirational person. I would like to thank our special guest, Ms Tull for attending, Mrs Behan, for her overall coordination and all staff and community members for supporting NAIDOC week activities.

Congratulations To Our Public Speaking Finalists!
Each year, our students from 3-6 participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition. Our students prepare and present speeches on a range of topics. Two winners are selected from Stage 2 and Stage 3 to represent our school at the district finals. Wazia, Jason, Brian and Siya represented our school most capably, presenting their speech as well as an impromptu speech. A special thank you to Mr Wheatley for coordinating this event.

Tree Day
Schools Tree Day 2015 will be on Friday, 24 July. Student from K-6 will engage in fun, hands on activities that will reinforce their environmental, maths, science and creative arts learning in addition to beautifying our school grounds.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Students in Kindergarten to Year 4 have received a clothing bag from Stewart House. These bags need to be returned to school by FRIDAY, JULY 31.

School Uniforms
Unfortunately, due to the manufacturer’s price increase, the cost of the girls’ white shirt is $17.00. This is still excellent value for a quality garment.

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.

P & C Report
General Meeting
Our General meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 July 2015 at 9.15am in the school staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting to discuss anything of interest or concern or simply to hear what’s happening in our school.

P&C Executive Committee

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 Contributions

Hindi Language Classes

PNPS now presents an opportunity to learn “Hindi” as a Community Language in association with IABBV HINDI School Inc.

Hindi Language Classes for all age groups (K-4) and ability to commence (after school hours – 3.15pm to 4.15pm) at Parramatta North Public School

Email: hindi.school@hotmail.com; info@iabbb-hindischool.com
W: www.iabbb-hindischool.com

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

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.

Coming to Parramatta. *After school bus pick up, conditions apply. Enrol today! www.growingmindsafterschool.com.au or email info@growingmindsafterschool.com.au

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