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Buzz Awards

- Be a Learner | Sophie | 2/1AL |
- Be a Learner | Matthew | 2/1AL |
- Be Respectful | Kymahni-Lee | KB |
- Be a Learner | Ibrahim | 2/1AL |
- Be a Learner | Arian | 6/5Y |
- Be Safe | Sahel | 4/3P |
- Be a Learner | Tamana | 4/3B |
- Be Respectful | Paria | 6/5W |

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

- Week 4 – 2/1AL & 6/5W
- Week 5 – 2/1AL & 6/5W

Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

- Zion Mailangi | KB | Charlie | 4/3B |
- Roxana | KB | Nathan | 4/3B |
- Sohyun | KB | Harry | 4/3P |
- Samantha | KB | Sahel | 4/3P |
- Samuel | KB | Brian | 4/3P |
- Jade | 4/3P | William | 4/3P |
- Nana | 4/3P | Vandana | 6/5L |
- Abhi | KB | Sam | 6/5Y |
- Eliza | KB | Taraneh | 6/5Y |
- Parwana | 2/1HS | Kasha | 6/5Y |
- Karanvir | 2/1HS | Nikki | 6/5Y |
- Cecilia | 2/1M | Sarah | 6/5Y |
- Matthew | 2/1AL | Savaire | 6/5Y |
- Dishita | 2/1L | Vedant | 6/5Y |
- Efesha | 4/3P | Anirudha | 6/5W |
- Sehandu | 4/3B | Arian | 6/5Y |
- Siya Yuan | 4/3B | Jacqueline | 6/5W |
- Zareen | 4.3B | Pari | 6/5W |
- Abigail | 4/3B | Karlee | 6/5W |
- Tamana | 4/3B | Caner | 6/5Y |
- Jeevanjot | 4/3B | Carl | 6/5Y |

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

P & C Walkathon Presentation

As well as all walkathon fundraisers receiving lovely prizes, the P & C awarded certificates and a major prize to our highest fundraisers. Be sure to read all about it in this week’s P & C Report, included in this edition. I am most appreciative of the ongoing commitment from our P & C Committee members in addition to your generosity and support throughout all events and fundraisers. Money raised continues to ensure our students are provided with the very best resources, access to technology and quality literature.

Three-Way Interviews – Wednesday, 16 September
During the last week of this term, class teachers will be conducting three-way interviews. The three-way interview is a very important occasion for you, your child and the teacher, as you will be able to discuss the achievements and progress of your child and to set goals for the remainder of the year. Interview notes have been sent home to all families. Additional notes can be accessed from our website: [http://www.parramatta-np.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/-/calendar/view/event/79910531](http://www.parramatta-np.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/-/calendar/view/event/79910531)

Operation Art School Finalists
Operation Art is the premier state-wide visual arts exhibition for school students. Two of our students will have their work exhibited in the Armory Gallery. Congratulations to our talented artists Emily and Taylor. We look forward to viewing your artworks in the gallery. Thank you to Miss Pye for coordinating Operation Art.

Book Character Parade & Sausage Sizzle Brunch
Our school will be holding our Book Week Character Parade on Wednesday, 26 August. The parade will commence at 9:15am. We always look forward to this event as we promote the importance of a love of literature by celebrating this year’s Book Week theme ‘Books Light Up Our World’. To avoid disappointment, ensure you place your sausage sizzle order early. Please see Ms Wilson if you would like some suggestions or assistance with ideas for your child’s costume. [http://www.parramatta-np.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/-/calendar/view/event/79677627](http://www.parramatta-np.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/-/calendar/view/event/79677627)

NED Anti-Bullying Incursion
The NED show visited our school and enthused students through delivering the important message using the acronym for NED: Never Give Up, Encourage Others, Do Your Best. Miss Young organised the sale of many yo yos to a great number of students. Your support in encouraging students to demonstrate these three simple principles will help create a strong impact on the culture of our school. Thank you to Mrs Booth for coordinating this event.

Jump Rope For Heart Tour & Talk
Parramatta North PS is excited to be part of the Jump Rope for Heart in 2015. Ms Roser’s team toured once again and promoted this important campaign, enthusing other student to learn lots of skipping skills and maintain healthy hearts. We received this email from one of the schools where they performed.

> ‘Thank you so much for coming to our school yesterday!! The kids all loved it and spoke about it all day. You have inspired them even more to try their best and challenge themselves with skipping skills.’

A very special thank you to Ms Williams for assisting with the supervision of the students last week. A spokesperson from Jump Rope for Heart will be visiting our school on Tuesday morning to talk to the students and launch the campaign. It is heart-warming to see so many PNPS students attending Ms Roser’s morning skipping sessions. The teachers are also incorporating this into their Physical Education programs for our students.

SPARKS Reading Program
The Australian Community Business Network (ACBN) provided a group of students with the opportunity to improve their reading over an 8 week program. Professional mentors worked with our students for one hour a week, reading and talking about literature. A special thank you to the ACBN coordinator, Ms Irene Banda, the wonderful mentors from the CBA and to Miss Young and Mrs Eltakchi for their coordination.

Celebrating the Arts Tickets – on sale
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 and junior dance group, drumming group will be performing at Riverside Theatres on Monday, 31 August. This year we have a few students who were selected to perform in a Parramatta Learning Community Dance Troupe. These students will be performing on Wednesday, 2 September. Please check your notes carefully for details from the coordinators. Theatre tickets can be purchased directly from Riverside Theatre in person or by phone on 8839 3399.

School Attendance

SRC Jeans for Genes Mufti Day
Parramatta North Public School was proud to join thousands of Australians supporting this important cause. Our school community raised $308. Congratulations everyone and thank you for your display of generosity.
Debating

Members of our school Public Speaking and Debating Team represented our school and participated in a debate against Parramatta Public School. The topic of this debate was “Summer is Better than Winter”. Well done to our debaters for displaying good sportsmanship and for presenting your case with skill and conviction. Thank you to Mr Wheatley for your continued work with the students.

Stranger Danger & Road Safety

I ask that all parents please reinforce the Stranger Danger message with your child. It is important that parents have regular talks with their child about ‘stranger danger’ and ‘road safety’. These messages are reinforced in the classroom. Please refer to the links below for additional information.


Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

Jump Rope For Heart Demonstration Team’s Day Out

Last Thursday the demonstration team travelled to St Matthews Primary School at Windsor and Greystanes Public School to perform their skipping routine and to promote the National Heart Foundation. The students at both schools were impressed with our teams performances but the highlight of our day was coming back to PNPS and conducting skipping skill workshops for each of the stages. There were many smiles from all of the students and new skills were mastered. I would like to thank all of the students who participated in these workshops, your behaviour and attitude was outstanding and I know the demo team had a lot of fun teaching you. I would also like to thank Ms Williams for giving up her time and attending the school visits and workshops with us, your help and support was very much appreciated. One final thank you to all of the demo team. It takes a lot of time and effort by everyone to get our routine looking as good as it is, so thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Ms Roser

Skipping @ PNPS

This term our school will be participating in the ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ program. Skipping is fun and suited for all ages and abilities. To encourage a fit and healthy start to the day I will be opening up my morning skipping groups as follows:

Monday K-6 and any parents (8:30 – 8:55am)
Wednesday Years 3-6 (8:30 – 8:55am)
Thursday Years K-2 (8:30 – 8:55am)
Friday Demonstration Team Only (8:30 – 8:55am)

Ms Roser

Problem of the Week

Remember to look out for the problem of the week in every newsletter. Write your answer with your name and class on a piece of paper. Place this in the ‘Problem of the Week’ box located in the office by 3pm on the following Wednesday. The first correct answers drawn out of the box for K-2 and 3-6 will be our Problem Solving Award Recipients. Be sure to include your working on your answer sheet. Good luck everyone!

Problem K-2

If you have blocks of tens and ones, how will you choose your blocks to make 52 and 87? Draw base ten blocks to show your answer.

Problem 3-6

A square paper with an area of 36 square centimetres is folded sideways to make three equal rectangles. What is the dimension of each rectangle?

A: 6 X 2
B: 4 X 3
C: 6 X 4
D: 6 X 3

School Uniforms
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.

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.

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

**Scary Night**
Why were Hare, Cat and Pig scared of their journey?

Hare, Cat and Pig were scared on their journey because they were scared of the loud roaring fierce brown bear. They were also scared of the unknown. They screamed when the big brown bear roared very loudly. Hare, Cat and Pig were scared of the creepy bats flying above their heads. There was no one around them. They were together helping each other. I think there were grey, creepy bad-looking zombies hiding in the dirty bushes. They were also scared of the dark and the green snappy and scary crocodiles. Hare, Cat and Pig went through the dark, creepy bushes. They were also scared of the dark and the green snappy and scary crocodiles. Hare, Cat and Pig went through the dark, creepy unknown forest. There were also ghosts in the forest. Soon they arrived at the party.

Rosemary 2/1HS

Hare, Cat and Pig were scared of their journey because of the big brown hairy bear grunting and howling in the middle of the night. They were scared of the dark, spooky forest and the sound of the wind. All of them were scared of the green, snapping, scaly crocodiles trying to bite them. They were scared of the dull, rocky gravestones. They were scared of the ghosts and the sounds they made. All of them were scared of climbing the steep, rocky mountain. Hare, Cat and Pig were scared of the bats who were all dark and black. They could have even been vampire bats.

Saanvi 2/1HS

**Sumatan Tiger**
I stared at the Sumatran tiger, he stared back to me. His eyes were red as blood. I was totally freaked out, but I kept on staring so, it looks like I am not afraid. **ROARRRRRRRR!!!** He roared and he leaped at me and I screeched. I think he sensed that I was scared. I will tell you how this began.

There I was, ruling the roost at my peaceful, playful, beautiful house. I was one of the richest people but didn’t know that my life was going to change forever.

"BROTHER!!" my sister screeched with horror. I raced to her room!

"What hhhhhhappened " I said puffing.

"I went to the treasure and saw a map instead of money!!!"

"WHAAAA!!! By the way why did you even go to the treasure?" I asked surprisingly

"Let's talk about that later" she said nervously

I then, went to our treasure and saw a letter beside the map. It said" Hello Mr. Tyagi. This is to inform you that your treasure is being hidden in the Sumatran forest. You need to go find it. This is just to test your ability.

Yours Sincerely,

Boss"

"OH MY GOD!!" my sister screeched

"I really think that we should go over there as quick as we can"

So, we packed our stuff and quickly booked the tickets. We flew to Indonesia.

As we reached there we quickly reached the forest and without thinking, we ran inside. I wish I should have thought at least once before entering it.

We were soon tired and hungry and we hadn’t even reached halfway! Suddenly apples, pizzas, burgers and all sorts of good stuff started raining from the sky. We grabbed some of the food and raced ahead. There we saw the sight of the Sumatran rhino, one of the rarest species! He was huge and magnificent. We then saw a cave! All of our treasure was hidden in the cave! We cautiously stepped in. Our footsteps echoed. BOOM BOOM BOOM. Our heart was pounding faster than a plane. We got closer and closer and ROARRR!!!!!!! We screeched and ran out faster than an antelope trying to save its life from a cheetah!! My sister and I quickly climbed up a tree and started looking for helicopters to rescue us from this deadly, life-taking, extremely dangerous forest.

I stared at the Sumatran tiger, he stared back to me. His eyes were red as blood. I was totally freaked out, but I kept on staring so, it looked like I was not afraid. **ROARRRRRRRR!!!** He roared and he leaped at me and I screeched. I think he sensed that I was scared. I then quickly jumped down and I found myself on his back. My sister came as well. He sensed I was not afraid. ROARRRRRRRR!!! He roared and he leaped at me and I screeched. I think he sensed that I was scared. I then quickly jumped down and I found myself on his back. My sister came as well. He sensed that we are not doing any harm to him so he gave us back our treasure and we went home happily.

Some days later

"BROTHER!!" my sister screeched with horror.

I knew this had started again.

Vedant 6/5Y

**Komodo Killer**
My little brother, Josh and I had an ordinary life, an ordinary family and an ordinary home, until we were interrupted by a wildlife trip to the island of Komodo that my brother won in a drawing competition. The
land where the Komodo Dragons lived was actually quite bare, sandy and dry. These ferocious looking lizards were lying around almost without a care in the world.

The tourists on one of the buses (including us) stopped for a rest. The Komodo dragons were far ahead about 100 metres and this was a clear enough distance for us to spy on them without knowing. Josh wandered off into the bush and was happier than ever to be on this trip. He wanted to get a closer look at the Komodo Dragons. I suddenly spotted him and grabbed him back before he did anything foolish. But I was too late.

Josh had cut himself deeply from a branch and the wound was bleeding rapidly. What’s more is that the bus has left and didn’t even bother to do a role check. “Darn it,” I cursed so loudly that the birds left the treetops to leave what they thought was danger. Little did my brother and I know that behind there was actually danger, a Komodo Dragon. Shifting my gaze from the wound to the dragon, I grabbed my brother, dived into the bushes hoping to escape the venomous jaw of death.

“How in the world did they get anywhere near us?” I screamed in my mind. Then the reason hit me. Of course! They probably smelt the fresh blood from Josh and maybe even heard my curse. Sprinting away desperately away from the Komodo Dragons Josh and I were only just beating the pursuing beast. Josh was losing blood quickly and it needed to be bandaged. Komodo Dragons can have an astonishing speed for the largest lizard on earth, 20km/h. While this may not seem fast, I learnt from experience, animals have a lot more stamina and have weapons than we humans do.

After one last desperate stretch Josh and I evaded the Komodo dragon up a large tree. There, I bandaged his wound up with a torn piece of my sleeve and made sure he was feeling okay. The Komodo Dragons would find us but luckily the wind was blowing against us so it couldn’t track us down. Sooner or later the wind was going to change and we were going to have to run. I tried to recall what was on the map and suddenly remembered a ranger hut. We have our destination.

The wind changed and I could feel it. Josh and I climbed down the tree and ran quickly towards the rangers hut. With the monstrous killer behind, fear overcame fatigue and pain. With great effort and a whole lot of work we managed to reach the ranger’s hut and he attended to Josh’s wound. “Now how are we going to get you two home?” the ranger wondered.

Jason 6/5Y

P & C Report

Book Week Literacy Day – We will be holding sausage sizzle on Wednesday, August 26 after the Book Character Parade. This time we have included chicken sausages along with beef and vegetarian sausages. If any parents could help on the day please contact us. Order forms have been sent home and must be returned by this Friday.

Walkathon – Congratulations to our highest fundraisers - Azra Ozdemir of class 2/1HS and class 2/1 L. Congratulations to the two runners up, Nathan Matthews and Zavier Taroco.

Father’s Day – Children will have the opportunity to buy gifts priced between $2.00 to $10.00 on Friday, September 4, at our school’s Father’s Day stall. Once again all the proceeds from the sale of the gifts will go towards supporting our school.

P&C Executive Committee
Book Character Parade

A reminder to come dressed as a character from your favourite book.

Wednesday, August 26