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

**Week 2 – KD & 6/5W**

**Week 3 – KD & 6/5W**

**Gold Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

- Alexandra KD Laibah 4/3B
- Elena KD Odin 4/3B
- Kahnye-Rose 2/1AL Cameron 4/3B
- Taaha 2/1AL Zabi 4/3B
- Chloe 2/1AL Atari 4/3B
- Ibrahim 2/1AL Mohanish 4/3B
- Noora 4/3L Jayden 4/3B
- Sanjam 4/3L Babak 4/3L
- Jailyn 4/3P Dev 4/3L
- Angel 4/3P Vandana 6/5L
- Moayad 4/3P Menura 6/5L
- Rayan 4/3L Vesal 6/5L
- Abbey 4/3L Kyra 6/5Y
- Amelia 4/3L Ehab 6/5Y
- Natasha 4/3L

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Education Week Open Day**

What a splendid day we had for our Education Week Open Day activities. This was well supported by our school community. We opened our doors and showcased the excellent programs operating in our classrooms. This year our teachers wanted parents to see how future focused learning with XO and iPads engages our students, supporting and enhancing the learning process.
We hope you enjoyed visiting your child’s classroom. I know you will join with me in thanking our dedicated staff who contributed to the performances and quality teaching and learning programs operating at PNPS. I commend the students for being an excellent audience. The Parramatta Learning Community Dance Troupe opened the show with a spectacular dance. Jesse, Alexander and Waziha spoke eloquently, the Band Ensemble provided marvellous entertainment followed by the stunning Silk Road Dance Group. To conclude the show, the Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration Team wowed the audience with their skill and agility. A special thank you to Mr D’Arcy, Mr Leeson, Mrs Malek, Ms Roser and Mrs Lance for coordinating these groups.

Our hardworking P & C committee members organised refreshments and cake in the canteen and once again, the Book Fair proved to be incredibly popular, so expertly organised by Mrs Wilson.

The theme for this year’s Education Week was ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. I had great pleasure in awarding PNPS local hero awards at our school assembly on Friday. Congratulations to Tripti, Siddharth and Jayden. Ensure you peruse our website for all these events as Ms Jones has already uploaded some wonderful photos. http://www.parramattn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

Outstanding Achievement
Jaydeni has been selected to represent NSW in the State Touch Football team. This is a tremendous achievement. Jayden will be travelling to Adelaide in November for this exciting competition. Congratulations Jayden!

Jeans for Genes Mufti Day
Our school is raising money to support this important foundation’s vision of a world without childhood disease. Tomorrow, students are invited to wear jeans to school and make a gold coin donation.

Celebrating the Arts Tickets – on sale today!
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
Parramatta North Public School promotes regular and consistent attendance to achieve optimal outcomes for our students. Please refer to the Department of Education’s compulsory guidelines for parents. Our School’s Attendance Policy and these links can be found on our website. http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/student support/programs/attendance/attend_parents.pdf

ICAS Science Competition
Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s UNSW Science Competition. 27 students participated and we were awarded 20 Participation, 3 Merit, 3 Credit and 1 Distinction certificates. Continue to strive to achieve your personal best.

Merit: Aayushi, Zamira, Anirudha
Credit: Andre, Brian, Chandni
Distinction: Andrew

Athletics Carnival Awards
Student achievement in sport was recognised and celebrated at an awards assembly. Thank you to Ms Roser for her overall organisation of the carnival and for distribution of all the ribbons. Congratulations to all award recipients and to the winning house, Marsden.

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NED Anti-Bullying Incursion
The NED show is visiting our school tomorrow. This program is designed to promote positive attitudes, better behaviour and improve academic achievement through character education. Presented through storytelling, humour, visuals and audience participation, the NED show motivates, encourages and inspires your child to become champions at school and in life.

The NED Formula:
- Never Ever Give Up (focus and persistence)
- Encourage Others (kindness and shared learning)
- Do Your Best (diligence and excellence)
Cleanaway
Students K-6 participated in this important environmental program designed to improve their knowledge in relation to waste issues and encourage positive long-term environmental behaviours. Thank you to Mrs. Hollier-Smith for coordinating this program.

Tree Day
Thank you to Mrs. Pizzuti for working with our students to beautify our school. The students participated in Tree Day and enjoyed getting their hands dirty, digging holes and learning about the importance of trees in our environment.

Are you starting school in 2016? If so, read all about our ‘Transition to School Playgroup’
We have been fortunate to receive funds and support to implement a playgroup for students who are attending school in 2016. The playgroup will commence on Monday, 10 August at 9:15. If you know of any families who have children starting in kindergarten next year, please encourage them to come along. For further information, please contact Ms. Roser.

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.


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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.

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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.

P & C Report
Education Week Open Day –After the students entertaining performances, the P&C sold refreshments from canteen. Thank you to Mahera Sultani and Lyndee Merritt for helping in the canteen.

Walkathon – Students have been eagerly waiting for their walkathon gifts. These will be distributed this week.

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

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
Kindergarten students are enjoying learning all about dinosaurs.

I wonder if an iguanodon eats meat?
Eliza

Some dinosaurs eat plants. They are plant eaters. They have long necks.
Roxana

Dinosaurs
A Triceratops eat leaves.
Hendrix

We made dinosaur eggs and we put the dinosaur egg in the vinegar and it fizzed.
Lexi

I did the science of a dinosaur egg and we trialled it on my egg. It was a yellow egg.
Pragalbha

2/1HS & 6/5Y Buddy Class Lesson
This year 2/1HS and 6/5Y undertook buddy lessons to plant in our class gardens. We grew big cauliflowers and sweet potatoes. This week we harvested our crops and cooked together. For our cooking lesson we grew some ingredients and purchased some too. Together we cooked Aloo Gobi which had cauliflower, potato, tomato, onion, coconut milk and spices. We worked together to cut the ingredients with the help of Mrs Pizzuti, Mrs Hollier-Smith and Miss Young. After our ingredients cooked in the pan we finally got to enjoy our curry. It was so yummy and all the teachers thought it smelled amazing!!
By Ehab and Rian

Hindi Language Classes
Connect with over a billion people!

PNPS now presents an opportunity to learn “Hindi” as a Community Language in association with IABBY HINDI School Inc.
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Hindi Language Classes for all age groups (K-6) and ability to commence
(after school hours – 3.15pm to 4.15pm)
at Parramatta North Public School
Email: hindi_school@hotmail.com; info@iabby-hindischool.com
W: www.iabby-hindischool.com
Saturday 22nd August
11am - 4pm
Hornsby Girls’ High School,
Edgeworth David Ave
Opposite Westfield Shopping Centre
- Huge International food fair
- Cake stall - New rides
- Cultural performances in music and dance
- Henna, origami and face painting
- Hornsby Rotary Book Fair for Lifeline
- Robotics display - Trash and Treasure

Astronomy Night: Space Rocks
Saturday 8th August 7.00pm – 9.00pm

SPACE ROCKS
Asteroids, meteors and comets, what are they? How do they differ from each other? What happens when they get too close to earth? Come along and find out in our presentation on Space Rocks. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.

Cost:
$15 adult, $10 child/ concession and $50 family
Book and pay online www.usw.edu.au/observatory What’s On
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