Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SASS Recognition Week 2015

This week is SASS (school and support staff) recognition week and an important time to show our appreciation to these exceptional staff members who constantly go above and beyond to support staff, students and our PNPS community members. We are thankful for the support of six dynamic staff members and I know how much you are appreciated by our families as whether it is providing support to our...
students, maintaining our large gardens and grounds or managing the front office and responding to many enquiries – we couldn’t possibly do it without you!

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.


PNPS Band Festival – Silver Medal Champions
Congratulations to our fabulous band members, their clever conductor, Mr John D’Arcy and dedicated coordinators, Mr Leeson and Miss Young. It was such a pleasure to view their performance at the Wilbur Sampson Primary Concert band event held at UNSW on Sunday. Our band received a Silver Medal Award. This will be proudly displayed alongside last year’s Bronze Award.

Ensure you check our website for photos of the day’s events. A special thank you to all parents of our band members for encouraging and supporting your children as they progress through this wonderful musical journey. As our Year 6 are soon to graduate and move on to High School, Mr Leeson will be sending out an expression of interest to our current Year 2 students and students in years 3-6, who may be able to participate in the band program for 2016. Research shows that the benefits of playing and learning a musical instrument can be substantial.

‘What we learn becomes part of who we are’

ICAS Spelling Competition
Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s UNSW Spelling Competition

28 students participated and we were awarded 14 Participation, 2 Merit, 6 Credit and 6 Distinction certificates. Continue to strive to achieve your personal best.

Merit: Ayo, Angel
Credit: Noura, Melani, Sehandu, Krisha, Chandni, Krish
Distinction: Rushil, Yemi, Tara, Aayushi, Anirudha, Vishnu

Book Character Parade & Sausage Sizzle Brunch
Last week, the whole school celebrated Children’s Book Week through participating in many activities promoting literature and reading. The students had an opportunity to study the shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia. Our celebration included a wonderful book character parade where the students, staff and even some pre-schoolers, enjoyed parading in a variety of spectacular costumes. Following the parade, families returned to their child’s class to experience the joy of reading together. Once again, our amazing P &C committee and helpers, assisted by providing a delicious sausage sizzle brunch, raising funds for enhancing the learning opportunities for all students K-6. The week culminated with an author incursion from renowned author and illustrator, Aaron Blabey. Many thanks to our librarian, Mrs Wilson, who coordinated the activities and parade for Book Week. Mrs Wilson continues to promote literature through managing an excellent library program. Ms Jones has been very busy updating the photos on our website.

Celebrating the Arts This Evening
We look forward to this evening’s concert. The students have been rehearsing for several months and this is always a spectacular evening. Our choir, senior and junior dance group, and drumming group will be performing at Riverside Theatres tonight. We also have a few students who were selected to perform in a Parramatta Learning Community Dance Troupe on Wednesday evening. Please check your notes carefully for details from the coordinators.

Zone Track and Field Events
Congratulations to all students who were selected to compete at the Zone Track and Zone Field events. Mr Wheatley, Mr Leeson and Mrs Eltakchi reported excellent conduct and sportsmanship displayed by our students who were proud PNPS representatives.

Take some time to read Mr Wheatley’s report as well as Jasmine’s entertaining and informative report below.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
If your child turns five before July 31, 2016, they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten next year. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

Zone Athletics Report
Once again Parramatta North PS students have performed with distinction at the Merrylands/Parramatta Zone Track and Field Carnival.

We wish Vikay, Andre and Karlee the very best of luck at the Sydney West Carnival being held at Blacktown International Athletics Centre with heavy rain greeting us from the first event. Despite the very tough conditions the PNPS athletes ran with determination to achieve some excellent results.

Vikay was dominant winning both the 100m and 200m races, while Andre made it a PNPS one-two in the 100m and Karlee joined the boys in qualifying for the Merrylands/Parramatta Zone Athletics Team by coming second in the 12 years girls 100m.

Well done to all our athletes and thank you to Mr Leeson and Mrs Eltakchi for helping at both carnivals.

Mr Wheatley
Zone Track Events 2015

On the 24th of August it was the Zone Track Carnival. The people who were going to this event had to be here before 8:00am. When we all got to school we received our PNPS Representative Shirt. When we got there they announced the 800m girls’ and boys’ race. The girls were first on and from the 10 Year girls it was Jasmine and Sheryn. When the teachers called out the names, Sheryn and I were right behind each other.

When the race was over, Sheryn came 10th and I came 9th. When we finished we shook hands. It was then time for the 100m race. The 9 year girls were racing. Lavanya ran very fast. She came 7th and Jailyn came 1st in the heats. That was amazing! When I saw her run she was like a tiger. Next came the 10 Year girls’ race. Ricarda ran so fast she came 5th. I cannot believe how fast she was running, I couldn’t even see her legs! After that I couldn’t believe how fast Mahrose could run. She was like a lion racing. It was then time for the 9 Year boys. I saw William run like he had never run before. He came 8th. Ayo was just like a person in the Olympics. Kevin ran too and came 8th.

For the 10 Year girls, I saw Krisha run well and she came 8th. Tamana was like the wind, she came 7th! In the 800m race, Taylor was running so gracefully. She came 5th and I couldn’t believe how fast she ran.

Vikay was like the fastest boy ever and he came first in the 200m race.

Jasmine

Masterchef at PNPS

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the Masterchef class last Friday and special thanks to Subash Chachurana, Sehandu’s uncle, who generously shared his professional knowledge and delicious recipe in the class.

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 hands 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.

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

Farsi Report

فرزندان خود را برای پایگاه یافتن درک نام کنید. بهترین مدرسه آموزشی است در پوشاک ناس و کمک به رشد خود کدی گفته. خانم کلاس کلاس کمیت سلامتی فرزندان شما است. افراد کمک کنند دانش اموران مرحله سه رو نامه ای منتشر کردن پی بخیر است. اگر نیاز به کلاس زبان فارسی دارد نمونه روزهایی جمعه در مدرسه آن بهره ببرید. در صورت نیاز به مدرسه را در جریان بگذارید.

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School Uniforms

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.
Problem of the Week

Congratulations to our Week 6 winners!

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Remember to look out for the problem of the week in every newsletter. Problems will vary in the degree of difficulty from week to week. 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

There are 19 students in KB. If 3 children were away on Friday, how many KB students were at school?

Problem 3-6

There are 90 students in Stage 2 at PNPS. How many dozen bananas does Mrs Postlethwaite have to buy so that each student will get 2 bananas? Remember to show your working in the answer.

A. 20  
B. 8   
C. 16  
D. 15

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.

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

Alexander’s Outing

Alexander went on a walk but something horrible happened to him. He fell in a hole and when he fell down into the hole he could not come up. The kid poured the water. When the kid poured the water the duck came up and up and he got saved.

Pedram 2/1M

Plants are part of this poem.

Part of nature;
Life is within them;
Alert night and day;
Nuts and peas and flowers;
Tangling vines can be a big deal;
Slow growing plants like trees don’t grow in just a day.

By: Mackenzie 6/5Y

P & C Report

General meeting – Just a reminder that the Parents and Citizens Association will be holding their next General Meeting next Monday, September 7, at 9:15am in the school library. 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. We are fortunate that Dr Geoff Lee (MP) will be attending this meeting.

Father’s Day – Children will have the opportunity to buy gifts priced between $2.00 to $10.00 this 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.

Sausage sizzle – Book character parade sausage sizzle on Wed, 26 Aug 2015 was a successful event thanks to the support of many volunteering parents on the day and the weather being great.

P&C Executive Committee