## Term 1 – Week 2

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| **Assistant Principals** | Mrs Kym Murdoch (ES1,S1)  
Miss Kate Young (S2)  
Mr Ian Wheatley (rel) (S3) |
| **School Administrative Manager** | Ms Debbie Jones |
| **School Administrative Officers** | Miss Vui Nguyen |
| **General Assistant** | Mrs Pallavi Mehta |
| **Learning Support Officers** | Mr Mark Ohrnyowsky  
Mrs Pallavi Mehta |
| **Cleaners** | Mrs Catherine Bailey |
| **Community Engagement Officer** | Mr Raj Kumar  
Ms Prappa Tarruchblaum. |
| **Library** | Mrs Isabella Kim |
| **ESL** | Mrs Chris Wilson  
Mrs Rosemary Pizzuti |
| **LaST** | Ms Lee Roser |
| **Reading Recovery** | Mrs Carole Eltakchi |
| **RFF** | Mr Raj Kumar |
| **Farsi (Mon, Tue)** | Mrs Shaha Malek |
| **Hindi (Wed)** | Mrs Madhu Arora |
| **School Counsellor - Tuesdays** | Mrs Joan Montgomery |
| **Class Teachers** |  |
| KD | Miss Amy Dodd  
1/KAH | Mrs Kym Aspin |
| KC | Mrs Katy Courtney  
4/3L | Miss Rebecca Long |
| KP | Miss Kate Philipp  
2/1M | Mrs Yashmin Lance |
|  | Mrs Kym Murdoch (AP) |
|  | Mrs Caz Behan  
4/3K | Mr Joshua Kew |
|  | Mrs Caroline Postlethwaite |
|  | Mr Lewis Burrough  
6/5B | Mr Ian Wheatley (AP) |
|  | Miss Kate Young (AP)  
6/5Y |

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

Winning classes will be published in the next newsletter.

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### School Captains

Sheryn Monteiro  
Jayden Ambichi

### Vice Captains

Paria Farokhsereshti  
Ehab Abdelnour

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**NEWSLETTER**  
Parramatta North Public School  
Quality Teaching in a Caring Environment

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**February 1, 2016**

**Come along to our Family Fun Sports Afternoon on Thursday @ 4**

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Our teachers were delighted to welcome all students back to school last week. I welcome all new families to PNPS in addition to our 68 Kindergarten students who have made a tremendous start to their schooling journey. I congratulate all students in Years 1-6 who have commenced 2016 with a positive attitude, looking splendid in their correct school uniform. Thank you to the parents for preparing your children so well. I look forward to a productive year of teaching and learning where we can all work together to ensure our students achieve their personal best. Whilst routines are being established in class and prior to formal homework being implemented, please encourage your children to read each night, reading helps children in all areas of their learning and it is the key to lifelong learning. Talk with your child. It is through hearing family members talk and responding to that talk, that young children begin to enhance their language skills. Access the following DoE website that will provide you with a wealth of information to assist your child with their learning.

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

Our sporting and creative and performing arts programs for 2016 aim to engage our students in a range of motivating experiences. On Friday your child received a note outlining the athletics skills program coordinated by Sport In Schools Australia. We want to provide your child with every opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in all areas of learning. This athletics program is operating in many schools throughout NSW. The staff are trained teachers and athletes. This year we have decided to join with Parramatta East PS once again and allow our primary students who are capable of swimming 50 metres, the opportunity to participate.

I encourage you to check the website for all notes and information as this is updated regularly by Ms Jones.

Staff News

Mrs Booth gave birth to beautiful twin boys, Casey and Riley. Our very best wishes to Mr & Mrs Booth and their lovely family. We are all looking forward to welcoming Casey and Riley when they visit PNPS.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Arora, Mrs Wimmer, Miss Edwards, Mr Kew and Mr Burrough. You will have an opportunity to meet all staff members at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ session on Tuesday, 16 February.

School Safety & Security

Due to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff and school community members, the Albert Street pedestrian gates will be locked between the hours of 9:30am and 2:30pm. Access to the school between these hours is only via Harold Street. We know that you will understand that the safety and well-being of your children and our students is paramount. It is also essential that we adhere to DoE security advice.

Meet The Teacher Evening

‘Meet the Teacher’ Night will be held on Tuesday, February 16. Meet the Teacher Night is a great opportunity to meet with your child’s classroom teacher and find out about specific information relevant to their class. Please note, that the opportunity to have an individual interview with your child’s teacher will be later in the term.

Please meet in the hall at 5:15pm where you will have an opportunity to be introduced to our staff members. This will be followed by a classroom visit to meet your child’s class teacher. There will be two sessions in each classroom, to enable parents to visit more than one class. They will be held at 5:30pm and repeated at 6:00pm, finishing at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing all parents at these important information-sharing sessions. Teachers will be available to supervise all school age students attending PNPS while you attend the meetings with your child’s class teacher.

Family Fun Sports Afternoon – 4 February

4:00pm – 5:15pm

We look forward to seeing students and their families on Thursday afternoon to join us in this fun occasion. A range of sporting activities will be offered. The P & C will sell sausage sandwiches, refreshments and snacks throughout the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

School Maintenance Update

You may have noticed that the School Administration Block is receiving a makeover. The offices have been painted internally, carpet will be laid this week and new vinyl flooring in the entrance and bathrooms. This is DoE programmed works that has been scheduled for some time. During the vacation break, the assets management team inspected our toilet blocks once again and allow our primary students who are capable of swimming 50 metres, the opportunity to participate.

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Gong Xi Fa Cai to all our families celebrating Chinese New Year on Monday, 8 February.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal
Our school photos will be taken on Monday, 15 February. Ordering envelopes will be distributed to students shortly.

School Bags
A good quality school bag is an important piece of equipment for all students. We now have generous, durable backpacks in our school colours that have numerous compartments ready to hold all essential items and delicious lunches! Our school backpacks that will endure many years of travel to and from school, are available at the school office for $30. A fabulous investment!

Student Safety – Vehicles on School Grounds
Parents are asked not to drive onto school grounds at any time during the day.

This applies to dropping off your child in the morning and picking up in the afternoon.

The safety of all our students is the responsibility of the whole school community.

Absence from School
If your child has been absent from school due to sickness etc, please use our APP or 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.

P & C Report - Welcome
A very warm welcome to everyone returning to PNPS. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and you are looking forward to another exciting year. We would also like to extend this welcome to our new families as they join our wonderful school community.

Our first committee meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 3, at 9.15am in the staffroom.

What is the PNPS P&C?
Parramatta North Public School Parents and Citizens’ Association is a group of parents, carers and other school community members who work together in a friendly, happy and relaxed atmosphere, in the interest of the education of our children and the welfare of our school.

If you are interested in finding out more, please join us for an informal chat at 9.15am in the school staffroom on Wednesday 10th February.

Kind regards
The P&C Executive Committee

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

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.

Payments at School
All payments for excursions need to be given to your child’s classroom teacher as they are recorded in the class folder. The correct money and permission note should be sent to school in a sealed envelope. These will be collected from students during morning class time. Please do not hand payments to teachers

2016 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2016 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

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.

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.
**Parramatta City Titans Rugby League**

With Support of Parramatta Council and NRL development, The Parramatta City Titans will be holding a FREE rugby league skills clinic every Thursday in February.

As part of the schools program we are running we are offering any school which has the most registered kids for the FREE program a $500 cash donation.

These clinics are open for both girls and boys. Kids can also register to play with the Parramatta City Titans in 2016 by going to [www.parracitytitans.com.au](http://www.parracitytitans.com.au)

When: Every Thursday in February 2016

Time: 5 years - 11 years (5pm-6pm)
12 years - 17 years (6pm-7pm)

Cost: FREE

Where: Ollie Webb Reserve
Corner Pitt & Glebe Street
Parramatta

Register: Call 0424 754 886 or register on the day.

Email: info@parracitytitans.com.au

**Hillsbus News**

Please be advised that Hillsbus has amended the format of the school bus advice sheet for students. They are now using a 24hour clock format e.g. 08:00 and 15:00 consistent with the public timetable standard. For more information please call 8889 7000 or [www.cdcbus.com.au](http://www.cdcbus.com.au)


**Farsi News**

پا سلام
و خوش آمد حامد سالی خوب و موفقیت برای همکار شروع سال تحصیلی را با یوشین انیوو ییامکوم کال والت اگر کیم در تاریخ یا یا آر گز آراسته یاز این گز شیبی
بیا رد رک بر اثر ورزر و حوردن سوسیس با فامیل دانش اموزان در مدرس پرگرای مگری.

تاریخ 15/2 آذر، آموزش با چکسکی میگرین میبین
کارگاه روی آوب را در صورت تمایل به دانش عكس برداخت 
فرمانده. برای انتخاب با معلم یا یابد کجود. تاریخ 16/1
۷ کلاس انگلیسی برای نوری. سالان دارد است در صورت تمایل با
حام موزویم بگیرید از وسایل پاژش.

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Free English

Conversation Classes

For parents and caregivers

Free English conversation classes will be offered to all PNPS parents.

These classes will be run by the dedicated parent volunteer, Ms Ali who has been teaching English for many years. If you want to learn to speak English, please find below information and be on time to participate in the classes.

Fridays 9.15am-10.15am

Starts on Friday, 5th February, 2016

in the EAL/D Room

Parramatta North Public School

For more information, please contact Mrs Pizzuti or Isabella Kim (Fridays only)

Please fill in the form below and hand it in to the school office if you would like to participate.

I would like to participate in the ‘English Conversation Classes

Parent’s Name................................................................. Phone No. .................................................................

Child’s Name.................................................................
Free Positive Parenting Program
(Group Triple P)

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Triple P helps you to:
• Promote your child’s development & communication skills
• Manage your child’s behaviour & emotions
• Build a good relationship with your child
• Build up your child’s resilience and confidence

Date:  26 February & 4, 11, 18 March 2016 (4 Fridays)
Time:  1pm – 3pm
Address: EAL/D Room, Parramatta North Public School

Bookings essential!
For more information, please contact Isabella Kim at tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au

Please fill in the form below and hand it in to the school office if you would like to participate.

I would like to participate in the ‘Positive Parenting Program’

Your name: ____________________________
Contact Number: ________________________
Do you need an interpreter? ________________________
If yes, what language? ________________________

No Child’s Education is Complete Without Music
Do you want your child to learn guitar in a fun, supportive environment from an experienced and patient teacher?

Parramatta Guitar Lessons Enrolling Now!
Suitable for children from kindergarten through Year 12. Learning a musical instrument has been proven to increase cognitive function and improve academic results. PLUS it’s a lot of fun! Beginners welcome.

Free trial! Promo Code: GuitarHero1
Enrol today! www.parramattaguitarlessons.com.au
or email parramattaguitarlessons@gmail.com

BE SAFE | BE RESPECTFUL | BE A LEARNER
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Over the past several years Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has been implementing a Gifted and Talented Academic Program, the entry to which has become extremely competitive.

Selection into this academic program is based on an entrance examination. This year, for the 2017 placement, we will be conducting a Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST). Please note that this program is for selection to the academic program, rather than the Creative and Performing Arts stream. However, the two streams are not necessarily mutually exclusive. The cost to parents for this examination is $65.00 payable on application. (Non-refundable).

Testing will occur on Thursday 24th March 2016 from 9.00am to 1.00pm at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School in the Library. There will be four (4) tests which will include:

- Reading Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning

There will be a short break between tests.

Candidates who arrive late for the Test will be admitted only at the discretion of the supervisor, and additional time will not be allowed.

Parents who are interested in applying for a placement in this class should in the first instance contact the school for further details and ask to speak to Michelle Vallely or the Principal, Narelle Vazquez or the Head Teacher, Gifted and Talented, Kellyla Farry.

Yours faithfully,

K. Farry
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

February 2016

Classes begin this Wednesday, February 3, at 5.00pm

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