**Term 1 – Week 6**

| Term 1 Week 6  | **Clean Up Australia Day**  
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| **Monday 29th** | Staff Professional Learning 3:10pm  
|                 | Captains / Vice Captains Leadership Day |
| **Tuesday 1st** | Lunch Orders Today  
|                 | K-6 Athletics/PE Program  
|                 | Zone Swimming Carnival  
|                 | Homework Club |
| **Wednesday 2nd** | Scripture  
|                 | 9.15am P&C AGM - library  
|                 | Evacuation Drill |
| **Thursday 3rd** | Lunch Orders Today  
|                 | 9.00 – Parent Information Session – library: homework and PBL  
|                 | Safety Sessions with Constable Conroy |

| Term 1 Week 7  | **Stewart House Bags collected**  
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| **Monday 7th** | Staff Professional Learning – 3:10pm  
|                 | OC note sent home today |
| **Tuesday 8th** | Lunch Orders Today  
|                 | K-6 Athletics/PE Program  
|                 | 2.30pm: Yr 6/7 transition – Parent Session  
|                 | Homework Club |
| **Wednesday 9th** | Scripture |
| **Thursday 10th** | Playgroup for 4 Year olds, 9:30-11:30am  
|                 | Lunch Orders Today  
|                 | Selective High School test |
| **Friday 11th** | School & PSSA Sport  
|                 | Triple P Parenting Course  
|                 | 9:15am – Adult English Classes  
|                 | 1:15 – Assembly 1-6  
|                 | Training & Concert Band Sessions |

**Buzz Awards**

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**Gold Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients:

- Neer 1/KAH
- Noura 4/3L
- Krystal 2/1M
- Indhu 4/3L
- Nathan 2/1M
- Strantz 4/3L
- Hugo 2/1E
- Deanna 4/3P
- Sarah 4/3K
- Ricarda 6/5W
- Jai lyn 4/3K
- Odin 6/5Y
- Karanvir 4/3L
- Omar 6/5Y
- Atchaya 4/3L

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Staff News**

Mrs Methven is currently on leave, recuperating from a bicycle accident. During her absence Mrs Murdoch and Miss Young will be sharing the relieving principal position, Ms Roser will be relieving Assistant Principal.

**Sporting Success**

Congratulations to Jayden and Andre Ambichi on their incredible sporting successes. Both brothers competed in the two day NSW Oz Tag State Cup in Coffs Harbour as well as the three day Touch Football tournament in Port Macquarie. It is a huge achievement to represent in these teams and they should be very proud of their outstanding efforts. You can read about their tournaments further in the newsletter.

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

**Week 4** 1/KAH and 6/5W  
**Week 5** 2/1M and 6/5W
Induction Assembly
At a special induction assembly held in Week 5, I had the pleasure in announcing the 2016 SRC Representatives, Library Monitors and Sports Captains. Congratulations to all students who have been selected for these positions of responsibility. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate and develop leadership skills. I trust that they will wear their badges with pride and be role models for all students. It was wonderful to see many parents present at the assembly and morning tea. A special thank you to the school executive for organising the occasion and to the teachers who lead and coordinate the leaders, Ms Lance, Mrs Eltakchi, Mrs Wilson, Ms Roser and Mr Wheatley.

Congratulations to our 2016 SRC Representatives, Sports Captains, Vice Captains and Library Monitors.

SRC Representatives
Tanvi  Logan  2/1E
Chloe  Chris  2/1L
Krystal  Jai  2/1M
Jade  Anthony  4/3B
Sarah A  Dev  4/3K
Jessy  Stranz  4/3L
Rosemary  Saxon  4/3P
Khyra  Aryan  6/5B
Amelia  Luke  6/5W
Chandni  Talal  6/5Y
Jaskaran  Krish  Kindergarten

Library Monitors
Lavanya  Emily
Gelareh  Preston
Khyra  Zahan
Anahera  Kyra
Vedant  Humza
Hamza  Jasmine
Ehab  Paria F
Taranneh  Arian
Zamira  Shakila
Abby  Bae
Chandni  Dyanna
Sheryn  Gissanna
Bahar  Jordan
Krisha

Sports Captains & Vice Captains
Macquarie Captains  Macquarie Vice Captains
Shakila  Bahar
Omar  Jaidyn
Marsden Captains  Marsden Vice Captains
Taranneh  Melisa
Vikay  Ray
Cox Captains  Cox Vice Captains
Zamira  Dyanna
Arvin  Jordan

Truck Art Competition
In 2015, students were once again given the opportunity to participate in the Parramatta City Council Cleanaway Truck Art competition. We had four students who provided a photo demonstrating the theme “Don’t Dump It. Reuse It”. Congratulations to Andrew, Keira and Chloe for receiving a participation award. Special congratulations go to Roman who was one of the winners of the competition. Along with Mrs Murdoch, he attended a special award presentation on Friday 19th February. Keep an eye out for his artwork which will be on the side of a garbage truck in the Parramatta area. Thank you to Mrs Hollier-Smith for coordinating this important initiative for us.

School Swimming Carnival Awards Assembly
We invite you to our assembly on Friday where place ribbons will be awarded to students. This will commence at 1:15pm.
Selective HS Placement Test Details

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2017 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 10 March 2016. The test centre for students from our school is:

Parramatta High School
Great Western Hwy & Pitt St
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

All parents were sent a letter advising them about the test centre your child is required to attend. You were also sent a copy of a test information bulletin. Please let me know if you did not receive this information.

Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

It is mandatory in all NSW DEC schools for regular drills to be held to practise responses to either an evacuation or lockdown event. The days and the times of the drills should be varied in order that the students and staff have opportunities to practise these procedures. We will be having an evacuation drill during Week 6. Teachers will be talking to the students about the procedures for this drill. For this particular drill, the students will evacuate to Evacuation Area A. This is located on the large field area within the school grounds.

Miss Kate Young
Relieving Principal

Sporting Events

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 17th February, sixteen Parramatta North students journeyed with Mr Wheatley and Mrs Eltakchi to Parramatta Pool to join with Parramatta East PS in the 2016 Swimming Carnival. As ever, all our students represented the school with distinction both in and out of the water. Swimming 50 metres is quite a tough ask and all the students did so, while Zamira and Taranath also completed the 100m freestyle before Zamira went on to display remarkable endurance by competing in the Individual Medley which is a 200m event in which use a different stroke for each of the four laps! Thank you to Parramatta East for once again hosting us and to Mrs Eltakchi who managed the team in the stands.

The Zone Carnival is being held on Tuesday 1st March and we will be represented by Zamira, Taraneh, Jordan, Preston, Jasmine, Felix, Laura and Tinoosh. Good luck to everyone and we will hear all about it in the next newsletter!

By Dyanna 6/5Y

PSSA

Summer PSSA has swung into action for 2016 with Parramatta North participating in Tee ball, Softball and Cricket. It was great to see so many students try out for the teams, especially the Year 3 students having their first opportunity to do so.

The cricket teams played Parramatta East with a close loss for the seniors and a narrow in to the Juniors. While both tee ball and softball teams were victorious against Carlingford PS.

Summer PSSA continues on Fridays till week 10, and next term will see winter PSSA begin with Soccer, Netball and AFL competitions.

Farsi News

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حتما برای ایام نوروز خود را اماده کرده اید به فرزندان خود یادآوری کنید سیره کاملاً کانونی رنگ کردن تخم مرغ و برای دوستنی چهاردهم مارچ باانتظارتان هستیم تا بر جگر به فرزندان خود بیاموریم دو بار وطن مانع ایام نوروز ما نخواهند بود با آرزوی سالی خوش malek

Student Work

NRL Visit

The Parramatta Eels came to visit our school to explain to us things that are important when you play sports. They also played some games with us. I was lucky enough to participate in a push up challenge and I received a poster and wristband. After the assembly we even got to have a photo taken with them. I had an awesome time when the Parramatta Eels came to school!

By Dyanna 6/5Y

Sporting Events

On the 11th February we drove up to Coffs Harbour. After a rest we went to the grounds. Our first game was against the second hardest team. We lost by two tries but went well because we won the rest of the day! On the second day we played the hardest team and again only lost by two tries. In the ‘do or die’ match we lost so we didn’t make the final.

After that we went to Port Macquarie to play touch football. The first day we won all the games, it was a great day of touch! On the second day we won all our games again. Our team came to the field on the third day ready for a tough day. We won the first game 3-0. The second game was a very close game, we scored the exact same amount of tries but because they scored first they won the game 7-6!

Jayden and Andre 6/5W and 6/5B

Stewart House Bags

Your child has received a Stewart House bag. Please fill it with unwanted clothes and return it to school by Friday, March 11. No bags can be accepted after that date. Thank you for supporting this worthy charity.

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.

Skipping
Morning skipping has changed - please see below:
MON = JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DEMO TEAM ONLY
TUES = NO SKIPPING
WED = ANY STUDENT IN YEARS 3-6
THU = ANY STUDENT IN K-2
FRI = NO SKIPPING

Parramatta North Public School
Notice of Annual General Meeting
2 March 2016 at 9:15am
Library – PNPS
The 2016 AGM of the Parramatta North Public School Parents and Citizens’ Association will be held on Wednesday, 2 March commencing at 9:15am.
Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2015 AGM and the tabling of the audit report, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
All current P & C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the executive committee. For more information concerning any aspects of the P & C, please contact a member of the committee.
The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions. Annual membership is only $5. You can register by completing an application form at the office. At the completion of the AGM the general meeting will be held.

Kind Regards
The 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.

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 after school. Please ensure only Australian coins are used as payment.

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.

School App
Don’t forget to download our school app. It’s free and available for both Apple and Android/Google Play.
Calling all grandparents and retirees

If you have 2 hours spare a week we invite you to become an EdConnect volunteer in a local school. Activities include reading, gardening, numeracy, library, mentoring, etc.

Call now 0405 220 148 or www.edconnect.org.au

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

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School
OPEN DAY Tuesday 8th March 2016
Year 6 students entering Year 7, 2017 & Year 5 students (Year 6, 2018)
Student Morning session 8.15am – 1.00pm
Evening session 5.00pm – 7.00pm – School tour and open house.
7.00pm – 8.00pm – Formal presentation in the hall.
Enrolments for Years 6-12, welcome.

AUDITIONS FOR 2017, YEARS 7 TO 12
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.
Students in the specialised streams are offered a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students’ talents.
Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts on Monday 14th to Friday 18th March 2016. The cost of auditions is $50.00.
Applications and forms need to be submitted to NCAS/AUS by Monday 7th March 2016.
For application forms, please contact Mrs Stepic on 9602 4116
Forms can also be obtained via the school website.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Year 7 Scholarships
• Creative and Performing • Academic • Sporting

GIFTED & TALENTED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST FOR 2017
Date: Thursday 24th March 2016 at 2.00pm
Cost: $50.00 payable at the front office by Wednesday 16th March 2016.
Principal: Natalie Vezic
www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
28 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152
Ph: 9602 4116
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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.

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