Term 1 – Week 4

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February

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<td>Staff Professional Learning 3:10pm School and Class Photos today</td>
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<td>Tuesday 16th</td>
<td>Lunch Orders Today K-6 Athletics/PE Program Meet The Teacher Evening 5:15pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday 17th</td>
<td>Scripture PEPS &amp; PNPS Swimming Carnival 3-6</td>
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<td>Thursday 18th</td>
<td>Lunch Orders Today Evacuation Drill 1:45pm</td>
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<td>Friday 19th</td>
<td>School Sport 9:15am – Adult English Classes 1:15 – Assembly 1-6 Training &amp; Concert Band Sessions</td>
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<td>Staff Professional Learning – 3:10pm 9:15 SRC/Library/Sports Captains Induction Assembly</td>
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<td>Tuesday 23rd</td>
<td>Lunch Orders Today K-6 Athletics/PE Program Homework Club to commence today</td>
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<td>Wednesday 24th</td>
<td>Scripture</td>
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<td>Thursday 25th</td>
<td>Playgroup for 4 Year olds, 9:30-11:30am Lunch Orders Today Green Zone Awards</td>
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<td>Friday 26th</td>
<td>School &amp; PSSA Sport Triple P Parenting Course 9:15am – Adult English Classes 1:15 – Assembly 1-6 Training &amp; Concert Band Sessions</td>
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Our concert band members struck the right notes on Friday, commencing the season with commitment.

We welcomed 30 new band members who had their first session led by their talented conductor, Mr John D’Arcy.

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

Week 3 1KAH 6/5W 6/5Y

Buzz Awards

K-2
Be a Learner  Avani Shira  2/1L
Be Respectful Shiv Vijay  2/1M
Be Safe  Asmita Cheema  2/1E
Be Safe  Tanvi Suraj   2/1E

3-6
Be a Learner  Dalia Farokhserehti  4/3B
Be Respectful Lisa Tolovaa  4/3B
Be Safe  Asra Ozdemir  4/3B
Be Safe  Sevil Sadeghghamsisan  4/3L

Gold Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients

Andrew Mandwi  4/3B  Yemi Olaitan  4/3L
Karthik Yelamanchili  4/3B  Laibah Asad  4/3P
Judy Hassan  4/3B  Alina Sokolova  4/3P
Preston Boyd  4/3K  Ehab Abdelnour  6/5W
Ashmit Kantia  4/3K  Shakila Nazari  6/5W
Kenneth Camilleri  4/3L  Bahar Sabri Matanagh  6/5Y

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Family Fun Sports Afternoon

Our Family Fun Afternoon was a huge success, so well supported by our school community. What a pleasant way to commence 2016. A special thank you to the teachers for their enthusiasm and support. Many thanks to the P & C committee for organising another of their delicious sausage sizzles and providing much needed refreshments.
Many of our students celebrated the Lunar New Year last week. PNPS students were provided with an insight into the significance of this celebration as students prepared and presented different aspects of the occasion. William told us about the Legend of Nien and the significance of the red crackers. In this Year of the Monkey, Brian relayed the names of the animal years as well as the symbols on house doors. We learnt all about dragon dancing from Angel and how the dragons are believed to bring good luck to people. Qing talked about the red envelopes where we discovered that one prays for people when they receive it. Felix told us about the fireworks at Darling Harbour. Rosemary concluded the presentation and let us know that Nien has now gone and some people may be lucky enough to find a coin. Thank you for teaching us all about these interesting traditions and customs. Thank you to Mrs Pizzuti for coordinating the event.

Meet the Teacher Evening - Tomorrow

We invite you to come along to ‘Meet the Teacher’ Night to 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 be introduced to our 2016 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.

Work Health & Safety Update

As the safety of our students is paramount, it is necessary to remove trees from our school grounds. A large branch came down following a storm a fortnight ago. The arborist checked the tree once again and believed that two of our trees located behind the hall may have had damaged root systems and strongly advised to have these removed. We will plant more trees in this area that are more appropriate for a playground.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

Stewart House Bags

Your child has received a Stewart House bag today. 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.

P & C Report - Annual General Meeting

The Parents and Citizens Association will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Wed, 2 Mar 2016, at 9:15am in the school library. Voting for the P&C executive members for the year 2016 will be held in the meeting. There are four positions - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. You have to be a member of the P&C committee if you are interested in standing for one of the executive posts or if you would like to vote for the executive members. Annual membership for P&C is only $5.00 and you can register by completing an application form at the office.

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.
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

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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? _________________________

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No Child’s Education is Complete Without Music

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Healthy Harold's First Family Fun Day

Sunday
21st February
10am - 3pm
10 Hewitt St Colyton
(Life Education NSW)

Special guests!!!
Interactive sessions in
our Vans and classrooms
Prizes
Face Painting
Activities
Food stalls
Entertainment
Come and say "Hi" to Healthy Harold

Laurie Ferguson Water Playground Family Fun Day

FREE
Saturday 27 February 2016 | 10am - 12pm
Granville Park, Montrose Ave, Merrylands

Lord Mayor Paul Garrard, Cr Steven Issa, Cr Glenn Elmore invite you to the official naming of the Laurie Ferguson Water Playground at Granville Park. The Hon Laurie Ferguson MP will also join us for the day.

Enjoy FREE fun activities including:
- Jumping castle
- Balloon twisting
- BBQ sausage sizzle
- Face painting
- Interactive reptile display

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Education, Empowerment & Sports.
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Growing Minds Afterschool