Term 1 – Week 4

**Term 1 Week 4 February**

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<td>School Sport 1:15pm - SRC/Library Monitors/Sports Captains Assembly 3:00pm – Band Practice</td>
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**Meet The Teacher This Evening**

**February 17, 2014**

**Buzz Awards**

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<td>Daniel Mozaffar</td>
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**Gold Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients.

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<td>Thomas Lin</td>
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<td>Noura Haque</td>
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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

What an eventful fortnight we have had at PNPS. The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) relaunch was a great success where our new bees were displayed to our school community. The students were introduced to the new bees at a special assembly. This has created much excitement and enthusiasm amongst our students. It is important to note that the students were involved in the entire process and all had an input into the designs. Matthew Lin, renowned artist and author, used the students’ artwork to create the designs. A very special thank...
you to Miss Young and Mrs Postlethwaite for organising the relaunch and Thursday’s parent information session outlining our Student Welfare and Discipline procedures, in addition to Ms Jones for creating the stunning bee costumes, proudly worn by our young models. This provided an opportunity for parents to understand the meaning of PBL and why it underpins all that we do to create an environment where students feel safe and are able to focus on learning.

Thank you for your prompt response to the numerous payments for school items, text books and special programs. We truly appreciate your support. We want your children to be provided with every opportunity to be successful learners and we always source quality programs when there is a cost involved.

Staff News
I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Philippi who has been appointed to our school. Miss Philippi will be teaching KPH. You will have an opportunity to meet Miss Philippi and all of our teaching staff on Monday, 17 February commencing at 8:15pm in the hall.

Happy Communities
PLEASE ACCESS THE LINK BELOW AND VOTE FOR PARRAMATTA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL. THIS WILL ASSIST US IN GAINING $1000 IN THE ‘HAPPY COMMUNITIES’ GRANT PROGRAM AND ALLOW US TO PURCHASE NEW SHADE STRUCTURES FOR OUR PLAYGROUND.


Child Safety Around The School
I ask that parents dropping their children off at school in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon to exercise extreme care in driving and parking, and to obey the road rules. Parking in no stopping zones is dangerous as it obstructs vision of both other motorists and of students and others crossing the road. The school community would be devastated if there was an injury to one of our children. We all have a part to play in ensuring our children are safe.

Penalties in School Zones (Insert from the NSW Transport Roads and Maritime Services)

Fines and demerit point offences in school zones include:

- **SPEEDING** – fine and demerit points
- **APPROACH CHILDREN’S CROSSING TOO QUICKLY TO STOP SAFELY** – fine and demerit points
- **DOUBLE PARKING** – fine and demerit points


Meet The Teacher Evening at 5:15 today
‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions will be held this afternoon. 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.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

Foyer Display – Weeks 2-4 4/3Y
Ensure you find time to look at 4/3Y’s beautiful artwork. This is an excellent example of integrated learning with students using ipads to take photographs and write descriptions of themselves. Well done 4/3Y!

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 pnpnnewsletter@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.

P & C Meetings

**P & C Information Meeting – 18/2/14**
Tuesday, February 18, 9:15am – School Staffroom

**Annual General Meeting – 26/2/14**
Wednesday, February 26, 9:15am – School Staffroom
Please note that the 26th February is the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee will be elected to run the P & C for 2014.

The 2013 P & C had a successful year raising considerable funds to benefit our children.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, 26th February, as this will be an excellent opportunity to see how you can become involved in your child’s education. Morning Tea will be served.

Selda Ozdemir
P & C President

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**BE SAFE** | **BE RESPECTFUL** | **BE A LEARNER**
PNPS Band Members & Families Journey To The Opera House – Read All About It!

Last Friday 7 February, the Parramatta North Public School Band and their parents went to the Sydney Opera House. We watched an item called “Mozart Goes to the Movies”. The school band travelled to the city by bus. In total there were 45 parents, teachers and students on the excursion. Just as we arrived in the city, we sat outside the Opera House on the waterfront and had our morning tea. After that the PNPS band entered the Opera House. It is a very clean and well maintained building. The Orchestra performed many great songs. They Sydney Symphony were amazing to listen to and their songs went for about 10 minutes each! The theatre is very large and spacious. After watching the very-most entertaining symphony, we had a delicious lunch in the Domain gardens. Mr Leeson brought us some juicy chicken and quite a few sandwiches and hot chips! The lunch was awesome.

I really enjoyed our excursion to the Opera House and I look forward to more fun excursions to come with our school band! Thank you to Mr Leeson and Miss Young for organising the band excursion.

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.

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 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.

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 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!

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Years 7 - 11 - 2015

Auditions for Year 7-11, 2015 will be held on:

Thursday 26th March 2014 - Drama and Music
Friday 21st March 2014 - Dance and Visual Arts

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program MUST also audition.

NCAPAHS is a specialist Creative and Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities in a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Audition application forms can be obtained via our school website (www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), or can be posted or emailed to you directly by contacting NCAPAHS and speaking with Mrs Stupic on 9630 4116 or june.stupic@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

N Vazquez
Principal

Closing Date for the return of application forms – Monday 10th March 2014
Meet the Teacher

Today, Monday, February 17

Please meet in the school hall at 5.15pm