Term 2 – Week 7

Tuesday 10th

Lunch Orders Today – New Supplier/New Menu
CTA Auditions Today
3:00pm – 4:00pm – Homework Club

Wednesday 11th

Scripture Classes
Student Support K-6

Thursday 12th

Playgroup, 9:30-11:30am
1:30pm – P & C WALKATHON
Lunch Orders Today – New Supplier/New Menu

Friday 13th

School Sport / PSSSA
Stage 1 Hockey Skills
1:15pm – Assembly - Item 4/3L
3:00pm – Band Practice

Don’t forget to pack your ‘Crunch & Sip’ every day!
Week 5 – 6/5W & 2/1HS
Week 6 – Young & 2/1HS

Gold Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients.
Andrew 1AL Noora 4/3B
Cecilia 1AL Nameera 4/3B
Lydia 1AL Jayden 4/3B
Maryam 2/1HS Hamza 4/3B
Jaiyln 2/1HS Jaidyn 4/3B
Jade 2/1HS Janetta 4/3B
Ibrahim 2/1M Melissa 4/3B
Keira 2/1M Kyra 4/3L
Saanvi 2/1M Andre A Young
Abdul 2/1M Kaydus 6/5W
Andrew 2/1M Alexander 5P
Victoria 2/1M Nikil 5P
Chelsea 2/1M

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Congratulations To Our Public Speaking Finalists!
Each year our students from 3-6 participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition, with our students preparing and presenting speeches on a range of topics. Two winners are selected from Stage 2 and Stage 3 to represent our school at the district finals. Adi, Naomi, Chandni and Shakila represented our school most capably, presenting their speech and an impromptu speech. A special thank you to Mr Wheatley for coordinating this event.

Disco
Thank you to all families who supported the school disco last week. A wonderful time was had by all. Well done SRC representatives for organising such a successful event. Thank you to all staff who assisted at this event, to DJ Leeson for ensuring a fun-filled evening with great music and to Mrs Eltakchi and Mrs Hollier-Smith for coordinating the entire event. The SRC raised $909.10.

University Pre-Service Teachers
Throughout the year we participate in university programs to support our future teachers. This term we have hosted students from the University of Western Sydney and the Australian College of Physical Education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these students for their contribution to our school. Furthermore, it is important to recognise the expertise demonstrated by our wonderful teaching staff who is committed to sharing their knowledge and helping shape the careers of our young teachers. Farewell to Mr Su (2/1HS) and Miss Li (5P). We wish you all the best as you complete your final exams and embark on this fabulous career.
Walkathon - Thursday, 12 June @ 1:30
Please support our P & C walkathon on Thursday as we stride out together to raise money for enriching the learning environment for our students. What a fabulous community we have as for a small school, you contribute generously to these events. We continue to update our resources to ensure the students have access to 21st Century learning systems. As we continue to upgrade the IT systems and develop effective learning programs utilising ipads, the cost is significant and school funds alone are not sufficient. Your contributions assist enormously and make such a difference.

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

PSSA Reports

Soccer
In round 4b both the junior and senior teams had excellent wins in their clashes with Parramatta PS. The juniors, inspired by a dominant Luke, poured on the goals in a 4-0 triumph. Naweed’s goals were the highlight of a 2-0 victory for the seniors.

Mr Leeson

Netball
In round 4, the netballers faced the Parramatta East PS and Parramatta PS teams. All four sides competed strongly, despite the tough opposition. Midcourt dynamos, Tisha and Tanya, were particularly elusive while all the girls showed they are continuing to improve.

Miss Dodd

AFL
The AFL team had the bye in round 4 and used this to complete a high quality training session in preparation for the upcoming fixtures. Like all other PSSA teams they were washed out last week and are looking forward to resuming their season on Friday.

Mr Wheatley

Duckling Incursion Recounts

The ducklings are little and soft.
Rajbir KPH

The ducklings are little, cute and soft. We like them.
Elizabeth KPH

The ducklings are little and soft.
Dhruvi KPH

Today two duckling eggs hatched.
Shania KB

I can’t wait to take our ducklings on their first swimming lesson.
Ishaan 1/KP

The ducklings were all gooey when they hatched out of their egg.
Rory 1/KP

Speech Problems

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children’s language development. If you are worried about your child’s speech development or their teacher has concerns, the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally. Find out more.

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.

P&C News

The P & C is organising a Walkathon as a major fundraiser for this term. The note and sponsorship form was sent home 2 weeks ago. Please note June 12 in your diary and if possible, come along and join your children for this ‘fun’ event. The walk will commence at 1:30pm. The students complete laps of the school.

The P & C Executive Committee
Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

Last Tuesday four students represented Parramatta North PS at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Regional Final at Carlingford PS.

Our Stage 2 speakers were Chandni and Shakila while Adi and Naomi were the Stage 3 representatives. All Parramatta North students across Stages 2 and 3 worked on preparing a speech on a range of topics with these four students being selected after Stage finals. The Regional Final requires student to present a 4 minute prepared speech and then a 1 minute impromptu speech for which they are given just 5 minutes to prepare.

All four of our students spoke wonderfully and received positive feedback from the adjudicator.

Mr Wheatley

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.

Too Sick For School?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

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.

School Uniforms

Our school has a strong focus on uniform. Nothing generates greater pride than a school where all students wear the designated school uniform. We, as a school, have expectations of what the children will wear each day. Please ensure that your children are wearing the appropriate uniform.

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Please note:

- **Black leather shoes** are preferred school shoes.
- A blue school jumper or jacket should be worn if the weather is inclement. No other colourful jackets should be worn.
- Only plain black tights or ¾ leggings are to be worn under dresses. No other colours.
- All students should wear a blue school hat (purchased from office).
- A blue school tracksuit may be worn in cooler weather.
- School backpacks are available from the front office for $30

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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.

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!

Lunch Orders – New Supplier
Café Lipari

Menu

Hot Food
- Sausage Rolls $3.50
- Meat Pies $3.80
- Tomato / BBQ Sauce $0.30

Sandwiches
- Vegemite $2.00
- Cheese $2.50
- Cheese and Tomato $3.30
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato $4.50
- Salad (lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Cheese) $4.50
- Chicken and Salad $5.00
- Egg and Lettuce $4.00
- Salad Wrap $6.00

Pasta
- Lasagna $5.50
- Boccalola (Vegetarian) $5.50
- Vegetarian Dish of the Day $5.50

Snacks
- Banana Bread $2.00
- Fruit Salad and Yogurt $4.50

Beverages
- Water $2.50
- Fruit Juice (Apple or Orange) $2.00

Orders must be placed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings by 9.30am. We CANNOT accept any late orders.

To make an order, please place the correct money in a paper bag (available at supermarkets) with your child’s name, class and order written clearly on the front. No change can be given, so please check your order to ensure it is correct.