Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the week 8 newsletter. It has been a very busy time at Parramatta State School over the last couple of weeks. Our students have been working exceptionally hard on improving their reading and writing and we are seeing some very pleasing results from them.

Thank you to all of the parents who have sold Monster Raffle tickets for our P & C. So far we have raised around $1000 dollars. Due to COVID and the Cairns Show car park not being run the P & C lost its number one funding source. We are hoping to raise between 5000 – 6000 dollars for our P & C from the monster raffle. Can I please make a special mention to Paula who has worked tirelessly over the last 2 months organising the prizes for the monster raffle. We really appreciate your hard work and you have organised some amazing prizes. The money we raise helps support services in the school such as the tuck shop and paying for school excursions.

Over the last two weeks members of the Parramatta team have visited a few other school in Cairns to explore different ways of improving outcomes for our students. At Parramatta we have a focus on implementing the Australian Curriculum with rigour and making sure our students are provided with the best possible education available. Our teachers are driven to make sure our students enjoy school and exit Parramatta successfully meeting their year level curriculum standards. If you want to know more about how we engage our students in class please book a parent teacher meeting as per page 4.

If you haven’t checked into our Face Book page for a while, please do so in order to keep up with all the additional events we have coming up.

Have a great fortnight.

Michael Patane
Principal
Please have your children leave their toys at home. Some of the toys that are being brought to school may be tempting to other students. If they get lost, we will not be looking for them. At school we provide sporting equipment, books and games in the library, interactive games and activities in the activity room, computers to use at lunch times, as well as

OLD UNIFORMS

The P & C would like to ask that if any families have any old uniforms that they no longer want if they could please donate them to the tuckshop. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

NEW UNIFORMS

The tuckshop now has new uniforms in stock for sale. Stock is limited and will sell out fast. If you require a new school uniform please see Naomi in the tuckshop.

5B CLASSROOM NEWS

In 5B we have been investigating the properties of light and the formation of shadows. We have conducted investigations of reflection angles, how refraction affects our perceptions of an object's location, how filters absorb light and affect how we perceive the colour of objects and the relationship between light source, distance and shadow height. We have posed questions, made predictions, and followed scientific methods. Ultimately, the students will create their own maze and demonstrate all their acquired knowledge in a final assessment. This week our investigation was centred on the colour of light and the students were able to play and discover the spectrum of light. Here is a picture of the students enjoying their investigations using old cd’s!
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

OVERALL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CLASS HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

PRINCIPAL AWARD

SOLID PATHWAYS

STEM AWARD

PUSH UP COMPETITION AWARD
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

During week 9 the teachers will be holding 3 way conferences via the phone. This time we are using a booking system called SOBS where parents can book online for a phone call with their student’s teacher. All parents are encouraged to make a time. This is an opportunity to see how well your child is going at school, to ask questions, and say hello to your child’s teacher if you have not yet met them.

Parent Teacher Interviews

DATES:
P-2 – Monday 7th Sep
3-6 – Tuesday 8th Sep

Booking link

Parent Bookings

This URL has been sent to parents via SMS and is on the school website. The same URL applies to all parent booking within the SOBS application.

Students in year 6 will also have the opportunity to get further information about the high school they will be attending. All year 6 students must have submitted an enrolment package to a high school by the end of this term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 3 September
Netball Carnival

Friday 4 September
Student Free Day

Wednesday 9 September
Prep Information Session

Friday 18 September
Last Day of term 3

Prep A News

Hello from Prep A, we have had an exciting start to the term. We have been learning about rhyming words, and using them in a sentence and writing a rhyming sentence. Have fun with your child with rhyming words and using 2 rhyming words to make a funny silly sentence. Every Wednesday we do a literacy rotation with Prep B and have a shared lunch on the grass. In maths: sequencing activities on different days of the week and thinking about what we do on those days.
While it feels like 2021 is far away High schools are already preparing for next year’s intake. If you have a student in Year 6 make sure that you have contacted your feeder High School. The two main High Schools that Parramatta students feed into are Trinity Bay and Cairns High. Please contact the school for enrolment information.
**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2021**

Do you have a younger sibling due to enrol into Prep for 2021? Children born between 1st July 2015 and 30th June 2016 are eligible to enrol for Prep at Parramatta State School for next year. Birth certificates must be produced.

**SPORTS NEWS**

In addition to bike education this term in HPE, students are participating in a unit of dancing. They are learning choreography from Mr Cotter and Miss Jacque Yanner. Jacque has a background in ballet and more recently tap. Due to this years continued Covid-19 restrictions, Parramatta will not have a community Fancy Dress Ball. Students will perform their dances on parade and a video will be available for parents.

**REMINDER - KEEP ON READING**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge continues until September 6th so there is still plenty of time to get involved! Every child who meets the challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier. When the students have read the required number of books they can hand in their completed sheet, signed by their teacher. All completed record sheets must be returned by September 6th (Week 9). Happy reading!
Thank You