



Diary Dates

Every Thursday - Parade 2:00pm

Thursday 25th August
P&C Meeting

Friday 2nd September
Student Free Day

Friday 16th September
Last day of Term 3

Monday 3rd October
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 4th October
First day of Term 4

Every day counts.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and caregivers,

Lots of great learning is happening at our school.

Over the last two weeks I have had the pleasure of visiting each of the rooms to see some of the teaching

and learning occurring. Our teachers are highly trained and take

great time and effort to create learning environments to enhance the outcomes of the students at Parramatta. Parents often ask me what they can do to help their child at school academically and socially. The best way for your child to improve at school is to do two simple things. The first one is to read with your child at home even if it's just 10 minutes and the second point is to send your child to school every day so the teachers can support them.

This Friday we have the Chief Scientist visiting our school to check out the outstanding work our students are doing in STEM and Technology. Many families don't realise that at Parramatta we have a special technology program where students are learning robotics, programming and design and creation aspects. Mrs Brolese's program is highly sought after and loved by all students involved.

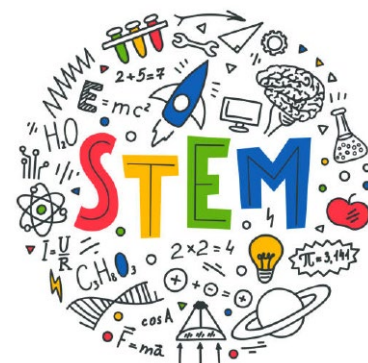
Lastly, as we get closer to the end of the term we start to process our 2023 enrolments. Since my arrival at Parramatta at the beginning of 2020, the school has grown from 309 students to almost 420 in just over two years. We are predicting around 430 in 2023 and over 450 for 2024. This growth will see future improvements to our facilities. Mid Term 4 we will see a \$750,000 upgrade to F and A block creating 4 new state-of-the-art classrooms for our students. Stay tuned for more updates on our school on Facebook and if you have a child you know will be attending Parramatta please contact Loli in the office to arrange an enrolment pack.

Have a great fortnight. I look forward to seeing you all around our great school.



Regards

Michael Patane
Principal



UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAY - FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Friday the 2nd of September is a Gazetted Pupil Free Day.

Please ensure arrangements are made for child care as no staff will be available for supervision on this day.

REMINDER
NO SCHOOL



P&C MEETING

The next Parents and Citizens Association General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 25th August** after Parade at 2:40pm in the Community Engagement Room. All parents and members of the community are welcome to attend.



TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am to 1:30pm.

Any parents who would like to offer some time to help in the Tuckshop should contact the office. Your assistance, even if only once a month, will be greatly appreciated.



HEADLICE VIGILANCE

We have a couple of classes under attack from dreaded headlice. Please constantly check and treat your child's hair for these pests. After initial treatment, check daily using conditioner and a lice comb for at least a week. Up-to-date information is available at the Qld Health website www.health.qld.gov.au/headlice

MINNIE STREET PARKING

The school has seen an increase in enrolments this term which has caused more families to use our Minnie Street entrance. Can I please remind parents to be careful when entering Minnie Street and to make sure that they adhere to the 40km speed limit and parking regulations. Thank you for your support and for keeping our students safe.



COLDS AND FLU

Although we want students to attend school every day as this is important for their learning, we do not want sick students at school. If students are sick, being at home in bed is the best way for them to recover. Please consider getting a COVID test done if you have any of the regularly advertised symptoms.

- avoid large gatherings and crowded indoor spaces, and
- practise good hygiene.

**Stay
at home
if sick**



SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Parents/carers are reminded that our school day is 8:30am to 2:30pm. Unless your child/children are attending after school programs all students are to be off school grounds by 2:45pm. This is when the gates get locked and our staff ensure all children have made their way off school grounds safely.



COLLECTABLES, TOYS & VALUABLES

A reminder to parents/carers to keep your child's toys, collectables and valuable items such as jewellery or devices at home. School staff have found that when these are brought to school they are often lost, damaged or go missing and students can become upset by these circumstances. It also ensures we can limit distractions from the program of learning. Thank you for your support with this.

PREP 2023

We are currently taking Prep enrolments for 2023. All current families who will have a child coming to Prep next year must complete an enrolment form. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office. When they are completed they need to be brought back to the office along with the original birth certificate of the child. A short interview will be held with each new enrolment. Getting in early will save you time next year. Our school has had a 20% increase in enrolments over the last year so it is important to get in early to secure your spot. In 2023 we are estimating 60 new Preps.



TRANSITIONS TO YEAR 7 IN 2023

While it feels like 2023 is far away, high schools are already preparing for next year's intake. If you have a child 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 State High school and Cairns State High School. Please contact these schools for enrolment information.





★ ★ Student Achievements ★ ★



Congratulations to this fortnight's award recipients:



Students of the Week



4B & PB I Caught You Winners



3A & 4A Highest Class Attendance

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Activity Schedule Term 3 2022

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL (7:30am)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) STEM (Mrs Brolese)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) Football Academy (Week 2,4,6,8)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) Football Academy 3-6 Netball Academy
FIRST LUNCH	Wind Band Rehearsal Touch Footy Junior Oval (Mr Jonah)	3-6 Netball Academy (shed) (Ms Sheehan/Ms Smith)	STEM (Ms Brolese J-Block) Junior Art Activities (Mrs Bree- Junior Co-op)	Touch Footy 3-6 Oval (Mr Jonah)	Junior Football Skills (Junior Oval)
SECOND LUNCH	Social Group 3-6 (Ms Sheehan, 3/4C)	Touch Footy Junior Oval (Mr Jonah) Lego Engineers Yr 2-3 (Ms Brolese J-Block)	Football Academy 3-6 Netball Academy (shed) (Ms Sheehan/Ms Smith) Garden Club (Ms Conje)	Choir Practice (Mr Pardey) Social Skills Group 3-6 (Ms Bree F-Block)	TS Dance (Mrs Fatanowna/Ms Kitty) Social Group 3-6 (Mrs Jeane Library)
AFTER SCHOOL	Learning Club 2:40-3:40		STEM (Ms Brolese J-Block)	Rock Band Practice 2.30-3.50	



2A CLASSROOM NEWS

Year 2A have been learning to write an event that fits into our favourite narrative. All students have been learning to write simple sentences that include punctuation and noun groups. Check out our hard work!









SAVER PLUS

Parramatta State School won \$2000 through the SaverPlus program!!! These funds are being used by the Student Support Team to improve student engagement!



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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