



Diary Dates

Week 8:

NAPLAN - Year 3 & Year 5

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 9:

Friday 27 March

Harmony Day

Week 10:

Thursday 2 April

Parramatta Cross Country

Last day of Term 1

Friday 3 April

Good Friday Public Holiday

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 8. The term is moving quickly and our school continues to go from strength to strength.

I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Cockburn for leading the school while I was in Japan. Mrs Cockburn did an outstanding job ensuring everything ran smoothly and that there was continuity for our students, staff and families. I am very grateful for her leadership and commitment to our community.

I had a wonderful trip and it is great to be back at school, refreshed and ready to continue pushing forward with our improvement agenda. There is a strong sense of focus across the school and I have been very impressed with the settled tone in classrooms and playgrounds.

Thank you also to our parents and carers for the feedback you have provided over the last few weeks. We genuinely value your input. As a school, we are continuing to refine our systems so that we can provide an even higher level of service to our families. Clear communication, consistent processes and strong relationships remain a priority.

I would particularly like to thank parents for your patience and cooperation with the new stop, drop and go procedures. We acknowledge there have been a few teething problems as we establish the new system. We are working closely with council and will continue to make adjustments where needed to improve safety and efficiency for both students and families. Your support during this transition has been greatly appreciated.

In classrooms, there has been a strong focus on reading growth and explicit teaching. Staff are working hard to ensure every student is making progress. I look forward to continuing learning walks and celebrating the gains our students are achieving.

As we head toward the final weeks of term, attendance remains important. Every day at school counts, and consistent attendance makes a significant difference to learning outcomes and wellbeing.

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership and support. It is a privilege to lead such a committed and supportive school community.



Warm Regards,
Michael Patane

Harmony Day

Let's come together to celebrate
our cultural diversity.

Friday 27 March

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PARRAMATTA CROSS COUNTRY – THURSDAY 2 APRIL



Parramatta Cross Country

Time	Age	Course	Distance	Arm Band Colours
8:45am	Years 3-6 opening ceremonies and marshalling			
9am	2013/2014 boys	1 in, 3 out	3km	LIME GREEN/GOLD
9:05am	2013/2014 Girls	1 in, 3 out	3km	LIME GREEN/GOLD
9:20am	2015 boys	1 in, 3 out	3km	LIGHT PURPLE
9:25am	2015 girls	1 in, 3 out	3km	LIGHT PURPLE
9:45am	2016 boys	1 in, 2 out	2km	DARK GREEN
9:50am	2016 girls	1 in, 2 out	2km	DARK GREEN
10:15am	2017 boys	1 in, 1 out	1km	SILVER
10:20am	2017 girls	1 in, 1 out	1km	SILVER
10:30am	Lunch break			
11:45am	P-2 Opening ceremonies and marshalling			
12:10pm	2018 boys	3 laps	750m	NEON ORANGE
12:20pm	2018 girls	3 laps	750m	NEON ORANGE
11:25am	Prep boys	1 lap	500m	
11:35pm	Prep girls	1 lap	500m	
11:45am	2020 boys	2 laps	500m	DARK PURPLE
11:50am	2020 girls	2 laps	500m	DARK PURPLE
11:55m	2019 boys	2 laps	500m	PINK
12pm	2019 girls	2 laps	500m	PINK
1:40pm	Cross Country Awards presentations-Sports hall			

Save the Date



YEAR 7 2027

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

 Wednesday 25 March, 2026
 Gate 7 Windarra Street, Woree - Hall / Shelter
 Arrival: 5:15pm
 Presentation: 5:30pm
 School Tour to follow
 Finish by: 6:30pm





Scan the QR code to register

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Important

Medical Centre Carpark

Please do not park in the medical centre's carpark. Stop Drop & Go located on Minnie St.

Carparks available on Severin St, Minnie St and along the creek at the end of Minnie St.



THE RSL RULES

The RSL rules are: **Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner.**

These rules reflect key behaviours that are required for success at Parramatta State School. This year we will still be using the "I Caught You" positive system and students can hand in their tickets for fantastic prizes and rewards.

Parramatta's School Rules

Respect



Safety



Learning



SCHOOL TERMS 2026

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January - Thursday 2 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 11 December	10 weeks

DRESS CODE

A copy of the school dress code is available from the office. Students are expected to wear a school uniform, including closed shoes, sandals or joggers (**thongs or Crocs are not appropriate**) and a broad-brimmed hat. Jewellery is to be kept a minimum – studs and sleepers for pierced ears, a watch, and medic-alert bracelets are acceptable. Nail polish is discouraged. The school appreciates your support with these matters.

HATS

Our Sun Smart policy stipulates bucket or broad-brimmed hats. **Caps are NOT acceptable.** Students who do not have appropriate hat wear will not be permitted to play. Hats are available from the tuckshop for \$26.



HEALTHY CHOICES

All parents are encouraged to support the health and wellbeing of their children by providing them with a nutritious breakfast and healthy lunchbox food and drinks.

We are hoping to reduce the amount of litter that lunches produce, by asking parents to consider putting lunches in reusable containers rather than providing food to their children with multiple plastic wrappings. Not only does this reduce litter but as a Reef Guardian school it also ensures that the smaller bits of plastic do not make their way into our drains, and therefore, into the sea. Thank you for helping us to maintain our environmental awareness.



TUCKSHOP

The P&C will be running the tuckshop this year. The Tuckshop will be open Monday – Fridays 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.*



NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will also be going out every second **Wednesday** starting in Week 2.



CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Our teachers often arrive early in the morning to do preparation, planning and setting up for the day before the students enter the room. This means that classroom doors may be closed to parents and students until 8:25am. Once the students enter the room things can become a little hectic with homework folders, tuckshop orders, note collections, the sharing of news about birthdays and other family events and so on. We encourage parents to maintain regular communication with teachers, however, sometimes it is more appropriate to make an appointment particularly when discussions require confidentiality or time, so that the topic is valued. Appointment times can be negotiated with your child's teacher prior to 8:30am if required.



STAFF MEETINGS

Our staff meetings are usually scheduled on Tuesday at 2:50pm and teachers will be unavailable. Please avoid requesting appointments with your child's teacher at this time.

REGISTERS

We have a number of registers in the school which we are required to keep for our accountability and audit purposes.

- Parents **must** sign their children out at the office if they are to absent during school hours.
- Volunteer registers are located in the office for parents who help in the rooms with reading and other activities.



BELLS

A warning bell is rung at 8:25 in the morning. This will give students time to get into class and be **ready for instruction at 8:30am**. All students need to be at school prior to this bell and be ready to begin learning at 8:30am. We appreciate parental support with these requirements as late arrivals cause interruptions to both the class teacher and the students who are able to be organised.



ATTENDANCE, ABSENTEEISM AND ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE REMINDERS

Late Arrivals

Any students who arrive after 8:30am will need to report to the office for a late note before going to class. Parents, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are ready for the commencement of class before this time.

End of Day

The school day officially finishes at 2:30pm. Students should not loiter in the grounds but make their way home by bus, car, bike or foot. There is no teacher supervision after 2:45pm. **After School Care might be an option which you might like to consider. Please contact the Front Office for more information, or ring on 4051 6864.**

Attendance

As we commence the start of a new year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.



Our school attendance target for each student is **90%**. For more information, contact the front office.

Absenteeism

If your child is away please contact the office by phone (**4042 8160**). Alternatively, you can send a text to **0429 397 242**.

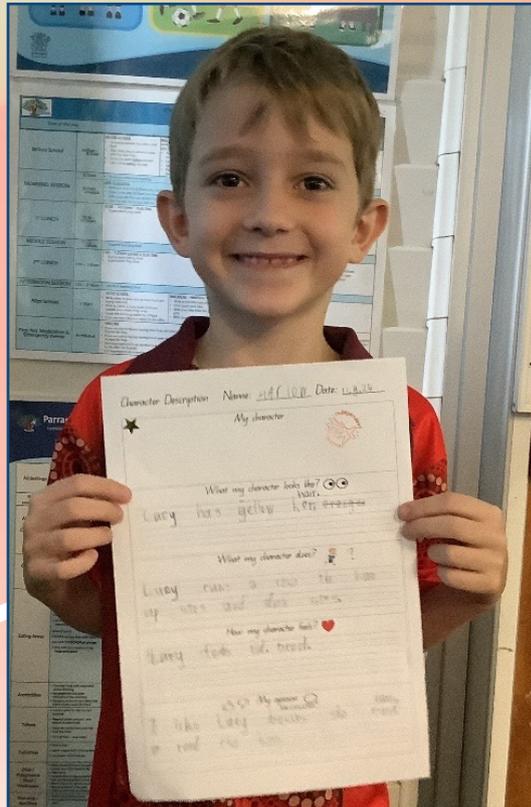
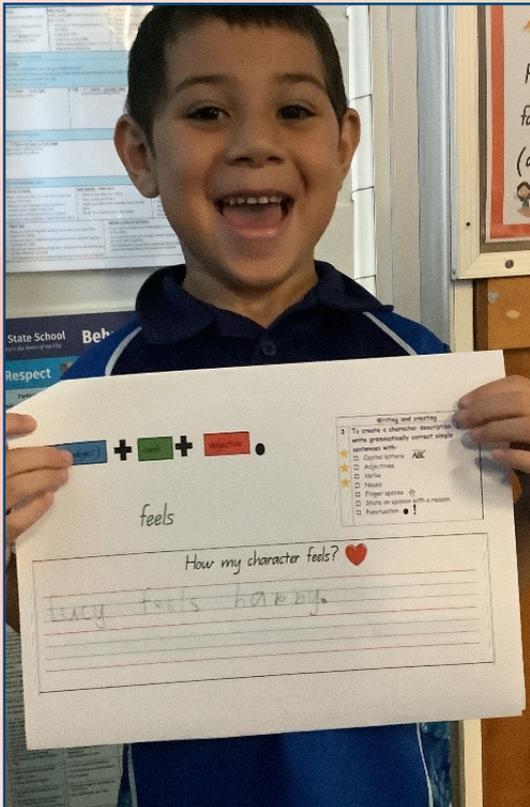
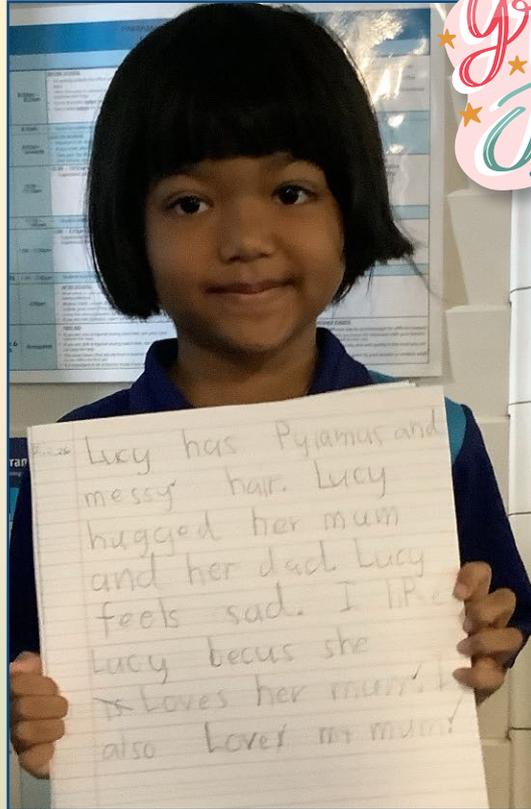
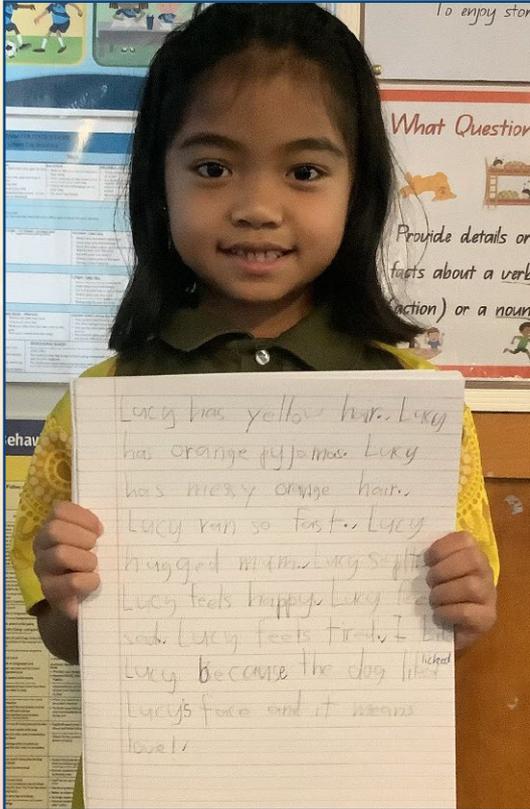
Absentee information is required for legal and audit purposes. By law we are required to contact any family whose child is absent for three days running without an explanation. After 10 days we are obligated to report lengthy absenteeism to authorities. Please understand that this is required in all state schools.



CLASS 1A NEWS

In our writing lessons, students are learning how to write and present a short talk about a character from a story. They are practising how to share ideas about who the character is and what they do in the story.

Students are also learning how to write simple sentences that include a noun and a verb. We are focusing on using correct punctuation, such as starting sentences with a capital letter and ending them with a full stop.



★ ★ Student Achievements ★ ★

Congratulations to this fortnight's award recipients:



Student of the Week Awards



1B, 5C & 5A Parra Points Winner



3Ax 2 & 3C Highest Class Attendance

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Activity Schedule Term 1 2026



TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)	Breakfast (Ms Kitty)
FIRST LUNCH	Social Groups P-2 (Chappy Kelly) 	Touch Footy Skills Senior Oval (Mr Jonah) 	Football Academy (Senior Oval Mr Hall) 		Garden Club (Mrs Kim) 
	Garden Club (Mrs Kim) 				STEM (Mrs Dunn) 
SECOND LUNCH	Social Groups 3-6 (Chappy Kelly) 	Student Council Meeting	Netball Academy (Ms Ferguson/Ms Sciacca) 	TS Dance (Ms Kitty) 	
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AFTERSCHOOL	Music/band (Mr Perger) 	Netball Academy (Ms Jaquie) 	Rock Band (Mr Pardey 2:30-3:50 week 5-) 		

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Academies Rehearsal Schedule

Academies of Excellence, TSI Dance and Instrumental Band

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL					
FIRST LUNCH			Football Academy Mr Hall		Football Academy Mr Hall
SECOND LUNCH	TSI Dance Ms Kitty	Student Council Meeting Ms Browne	Netball Academy Miss Ferguson Miss Sciacca Ms Jacque Visual Arts Academy Miss Fantone	Choir Academy Miss Fantone	TSI Dance Ms Kitty
AFTERSCHOOL	Instrumental Band Mr Perger	Netball Academy Ms Jacque	Rock Band Academy Mr Pardey	STEM Academy Years 3 & 4 Mrs Minniecon Years 5 & 6 Mrs Dunn	



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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TIGERS TIME TO ROAR!

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AFL SEASON STARTS 19TH APRIL

TRAINING TIMES:
JUNIOR U8-U11 THURSDAY 5-6PM
YOUTH U13-U17 TUESDAY+THURSDAY 5-6PM

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