



Diary Dates



29/10	Halloween Disco
30/10	Day for Daniel
3/11	Year 4 Cairns Waste Excursion
5/11	FNQ 3v3 Basketball
13/11	Year 5 Indigenous Games Gala Day
	P&C Meeting
18/11	Academies Showcase
20/11	Free Dress Day
24/11	Awards Night
26 /11	Year 6 Leaders Leadership Showcase
2/12	NRL Deadly Choices Gala Day
3/12	Year 5 Wake Park
7/12	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
10/12	Year 6 Sugarworld Excursion
11/12	Last day of Term 4



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There are some exciting developments taking shape at Parramatta State School, with planning underway for our next School Plan, improvements to our facilities and preparations for our upcoming centenary celebrations.

Planning for 2027–2028

Work has commenced on our new two-year School Plan, aligned with the Department of Education's *Brighter Futures* strategy. Our two key priorities will be Educational Achievement and Belonging and Engagement, with a continued focus on improving student outcomes in Reading (2027) and Mathematics (2028), alongside targeted strategies to strengthen attendance and engagement.

Following our next P&C meeting on Friday 13 November, I will be leading a dedicated parent consultation session to review and further develop our next School Plan. This is an important opportunity for families to share their perspectives, contribute ideas and help shape the future direction of our school. All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at 8:30am in the library meeting room.

Facilities and School Improvements

Our recently completed D Block upgrades have created additional office and teaching spaces for our specialist and support staff, including dedicated areas for small-group intervention. We are continuing to work with Regional Facilities and Infrastructure teams regarding classroom upgrades in B and J Blocks, improvements to junior toilet facilities and fencing upgrades to enhance our supported outdoor play spaces.

Our H Block meeting room has also been transformed into a welcoming, dedicated parent space for meetings, yarns and informal conversations. We would love for you to pop in, check out the new space and stay for a coffee and chat!

Our Centenary Celebrations

Planning is underway for our upcoming 100-year celebrations! Thank you to families who contributed to our recent survey regarding a lasting legacy project. A permanent structure received the strongest support, followed by a living legacy and community facility.

Our P&C will now consider these ideas and potential grant funding opportunities as we explore how best to create something meaningful and lasting for future generations of Parramatta students and families.

There is much to celebrate and look forward to at Parramatta. Thank you to our families, staff and P&C for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure every student belongs, learns and succeeds.



Sincerely,

Jess Cockburn
Principal



PARRAMATTA STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP CLOSED

Tuesday 27 October – Friday 30 October 2026

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the P&C Committee regretfully advises that the tuckshop will be closed for the rest of this week.

UNIFORM SALES ALSO CLOSED

Uniforms will not be available for purchase during this time.

Please ensure your child brings their lunch, snacks and water bottle each day.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

From the P&C Committee



THE RSL RULES

The RSL rules : **Be Respectful, Be Safe** and **Be a Learner**. These rules reflect key behaviours that are required for success at Parramatta State School.

Parramatta's School Rules

Respect



Safety



Learning



Breakfast & Annex Lunch

Breakfast and annex lunch are available for students when needed each day.

Students are encouraged to please pre-order annex lunch at the office or Aunty Kitty's kitchen between 8:00-8:30am

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.

P&C MEETING

The school's Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be held on **Friday 13th November** in the library meeting room from **8:30am**. Please come along and support the P&C. All welcome.



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.



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.



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:

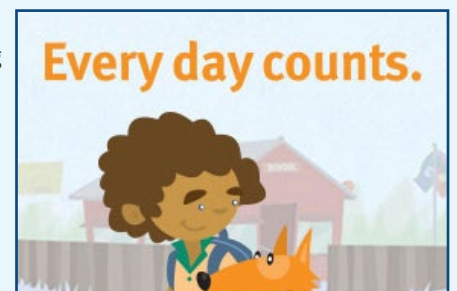
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

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.



TERM 4 - EXCURSION & EVENT PLANNER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 4	26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct
	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming
				Halloween Disco
WEEK 5	2-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov	5-Nov
	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming
		YEAR 4 Cairns Waste Exc		FNQ 3v3 Basketball
WEEK 6	9-Nov	10-Nov	11-Nov	12-Nov
	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming
	Year 6 Cairns High Transition Day		Remembrance Day	
WEEK 7	16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov
	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming
	Year 6 Cairns High Transition Day		Academies Showcase	
WEEK 8	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov
	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming
		Awards Night Rehearsals		YEAR 6 LEADERS Leadership Showcase
		AWARDS NIGHT		
WEEK 9	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec
	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming	3-6 Swimming
	YEAR 6 Life Education		NRL x Deadly Choices Gala Day	YEAR 5 Wake Park
WEEK 10	7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec
	YEAR 6 Graduation Dinner			YEAR 6 Sugarworld Exc

3C – PERSUASIVE WRITING

The Year 3s have been working tirelessly all year, and their achievements so far are already something each one of them should be proud of. This term we have been working to develop persuasive writing skills. We have been exploring topics and arguments which the students have personal connection with so, we can build up some familiarity and confidence in supporting their own opinions:

"You should learn to ride a bike."

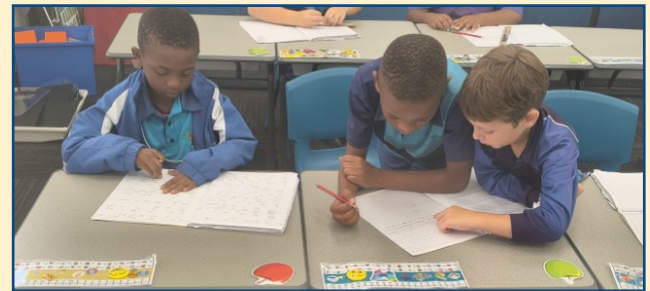
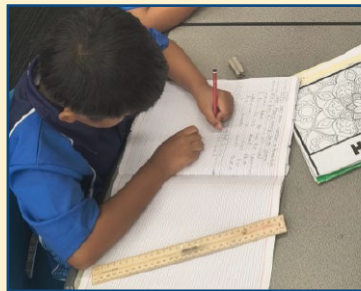
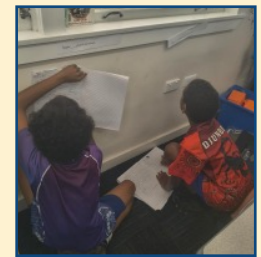
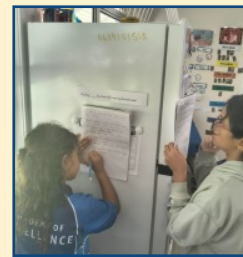
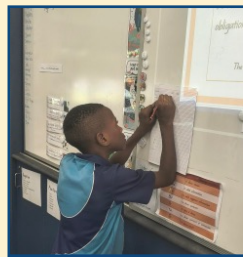
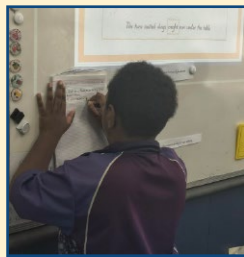
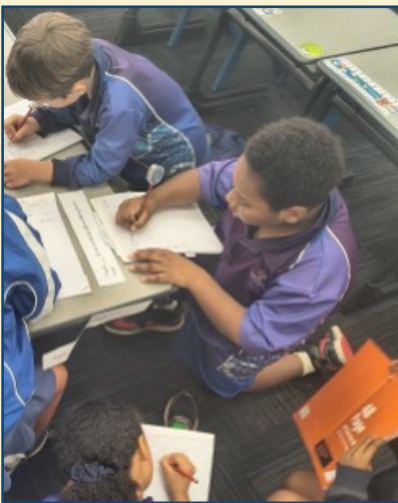
"This is why you will take me to laser tag."

"3C deserves a class party."

This week's focus has been on the TEEL structure (topic, evidence, explain, link), to support their ability to build a strong piece of writing. Students are also learning how to write a convincing sentence through using language features such as connectives and modal verbs effectively. We are so proud of the hard work they have already put in, and excited to see what they will achieve in the last few weeks of the year.



Miss Carroll



Parramatta State School

Learning and Achieving in the Heart of the City

Activity Schedule Term 4 2026



TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL 8am-8:20am	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) 8am-8:20am	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) 8am-8:20am	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) 8am-8:20am	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) 8am-8:20am	Breakfast (Ms Kitty) 8am-8:20am
FIRST LUNCH	Social Groups P-2 (Chappy Kelly) 		Football Academy (Senior Oval Mr Connolly) 		
	Netball Academy (Ms Jaque) 	Garden Club (Ms Kim) 		Garden Club (Ms Kim) 	Football Academy (Senior Oval Mr Connolly) 
SECOND LUNCH	Social Groups 3-6 (Chappy Kelly) 	Student Council Meeting (Captains only)	Visual Arts (Ms Fantone) 	Choir Practice (Ms Fantone) 	TS Dance (Ms Kitty) 
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AFTERSCHOOL	Music/band (Mr Perger) 		Rock Band (Mr Pardey 2:30-3:50) 	STEM (Mrs Dunn- Senior) (Mrs Minniecon- Junior) 	



★ ★ Student Achievements ★ ★



Congratulations to this fortnight's award recipients:



Students of the Week



6A, 2B x 2, 3A & 4C Parra Points Winners



3C & 1B Highest Class Attendance Winners

PBL FOCUS: TOILETS, SAFE TRANSITIONS AND SUN SAFETY

Our **Rule of the Fortnight** is **Toilets**, reinforcing how we show Respect, Safety and Learning in our shared spaces. Students are reminded to:

- Ask their teacher for permission and wear their lanyard.
- Use one cubicle per person and respect others' privacy.
- Flush and leave the toilet clean.
- Wash their hands and turn off the taps.
- Walk straight to the toilets and back, leaving promptly when finished.

Please encourage your child to use the toilets during breaks whenever possible.

Moving safely during class time

Students should move promptly, safely and respectfully between classrooms and other learning areas. This means walking directly to their destination, using quiet voices and returning to learning without unnecessary delays.

Hats on as the weather heats up!

As a **SunSmart** school, we remind all students to bring and wear their school wide-brimmed hat for outdoor activities. With hotter weather approaching, hats help protect the face, ears and neck from the sun. Please check that your child's hat is named and packed each day.

Parents and carers can help by discussing these reminders with their children and reinforcing these routines at home.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting **Respect, Safety and Learning** across our school.

PBL Team

RULE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Weeks 3 and 4

Toilets

1. Permission



Ask your teacher.
Wear your lanyard.

2. Privacy



One person per cubicle.
Respect others' privacy.

3. Flush



Use the toilet, flush
and leave it clean.

4. Wash hands



Wash your hands.
Turn off the taps.

5. Walk safely



Walk straight there
and back. Leave
promptly.

Use the toilets during breaks whenever possible.

Respect • Safety • Learning

REMINDER FOR ADULTS

Friendly reminder: We kindly ask all adults to use the adult toilets located in the on-site amenities block. Student toilets are reserved for students only. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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moving people

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Please note, only the following guardians/parents need to reapply:

- New families who have not previously applied for STAS
- Families with students going from Year 6 to Year 7 (Year 6 students get dated of the Translink system the day after school finishes for the year)
- Families who are changing their children/s' schools for the following year
- Families who will be changing their address before the start of the new school year
- ***Families with students at P-12 Colleges STILL NEED TO REAPPLY if the children are going from Year 6 to Year 7***

If families are already approved for STAS and any of the above criteria does not apply – THEY DO NOT NEED TO REAPPLY as the students automatically roll over to the new year.

Students who currently have smartcards for all year levels, keep the cards for use again next year. New cards are no longer issued each year. Any changes to the students details on the cards are amended automatically on the cards.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions and I hope you have a great Term 4.

Kind regards,

Kinetic Cairns



Apply for STAS online

To apply for the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), scan the QR code below.

- For bus service information contact your local bus operator
- For application assistance contact STASdigital.Helpdesk@tmr.qld.gov.au or **1300 119 289**.

Need to update your details or add another child? Scan the QR Code below and submit a new application.



Scan to apply for STAS

www.qld.gov.au/SchoolTransportAssistanceScheme

Operator Details

Please select
TRANSIT AUSTRALIA (LOVES BUS SERVICE / SUNBUS / KINETIC)
As your Bus Operator

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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

 **saverplus**

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