



Parramatters

Parramatta High School Newsletter
FAX MENTIS INCENDIUM GLORIAE

“The torch of the mind lights the path of glory”

Our vision is to provide a holistic 21st century education which develops resilient individuals who are active and informed citizens, empowered to think critically and creatively, within an environment that values diversity, equity and resilience.

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Principal's Report



Dear Parent / Carers

It is with pleasure that I congratulate our Year 12 students for 2018 on successfully completing 13 years of schooling and in graduating from Parramatta High School. I wish them all the best in their next adventure whether that is in work, university or another venture. I know we have prepared them well to take their place in the

wider fields of study and work. A big thank you to the prefects, our student leadership team and their efforts in representing the school, fundraising activities and community work.

There are some exciting partnerships being developed at Parramatta High School. I congratulate the HSIE Faculty under Ms Kougelos's leadership in establishing a partnership with UNE's School of Education Asia Connections program. This links our senior Society & Culture class with a Korean School and their classes. We have been using our 'connected classroom' to video link and speak with students in Korea directly. I am pleased with this dynamic approach to teaching and learning and wish both the students and the teachers well with this initiative.

Parramatta High School Social Justice League students under Ms Moore's proactive leadership are also forging a strong partnership with Gilgandra High School. Both schools are working together to create and support some activities for the students at the country school who are adversely affected by the severe drought conditions NSW is facing. We hope to raise funds and visit the school to participate in some of the activities related to lifting the spirits of the students during this difficult time.

Parramatta High School is proud of our student and staff achievements which I believe is truly exceptional.

Many thanks to our caring community,

Domonique Splatt

Principal

CALENDAR 2018

TERM 3

Monday 17th September
YEAR 11 EXAM PERIOD
Top Blokes

Tuesday 18th September
Yr 7 Powerhouse Museum Excursion

Wednesday 19th September
Prefect Q & A : Parliament House

Thursday 20th September
STEM DAY excursion : Yr 10

Friday 21st September
International Day of Peace

Monday 24th September
YEAR 11 EXAM PERIOD
Top blokes
Yr 12 Picnic

Tuesday 25th September
VA Writing Support

Wednesday 26th September
Yr 12 Graduation & Formal
Forensic Science Workshop

Thursday 27th September
Yr 8 Connect Within program

Friday 28th September
End of Term

PHS

CONNECTING
CITY • TO • FARM



PHS supports families from drought affected NSW. The SJL & SRC will be hosting a number of fundraising events over the next few weeks to raise money to support students at Gilgandra High School in western NSW. Bare paddocks, no crops to harvest in November and no chance of a holiday this year, the farming families at Gilgandra are doing it really tough. So are the families in town who own small businesses.

The SJL have set a target of raising \$2000 by the middle of November. We've been invited to visit Gilgandra at the end of November and already a number of SJL and SRC students have indicated an interest in visiting. Plans for this trip include participating in a range of social and cultural activities with the Gilgandra students in a "Holiday at Home" as well as visiting some of the tourist attractions in town.

First fundraising event is a "Colours for the Country" Mufti Day on Friday 21st September. Students are invited to wear footy team colours, cricket team colours or just their favourite colour and make a gold coin donation. We will of course happily accept donations of the folding money variety as well. There will also be a sausage sizzle on this day.

The SJL are happy to accept further donations from friends and family of PHS students as we endeavour to bring a little bit of happiness to our country cousins at this tough time.



MUSIC News

INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR PREFECTS

Year 11 Elective Music students performed all music for the ceremony.

Iris He was the mainstay with her performance on piano of the *Canon in D* by Pachelbel for the Processional, *The National Anthem*, *The School Song* and her captivating solo performance of *Waltz of the Flowers* by Tchaikovsky.



Other year 11 Music students who also gave generously of their time were:

Divya Gore and **Hannah Prado** (vocalists), **Derek Francis** (electric guitar), **Hannah Huynh** (bass guitar) and **Hammond Ng** (drums).



CAREERS

Thirty four Year Ten students were lucky to attend an excursion to Sydney Uni on sept 14th to get an insight into life at university and what courses and careers there are available to prospective students .

Students were taken on a fascinating tour of the historic Sydney Uni campus with the Hogwarts - like main quad building a favourite. At the time of writing I am in the final planning stage of our special school to work project for a group of our students in year ten who will spend a day at Sydney Uni learning about all things STEM with talks and interactive workshops all day . This is unique to our school and I am looking forward to it very much.

Year 12 are almost done. UAC applications are due at the end of September. I wish all year 12 students good luck in their HSC exams and for the future.

Mrs Ibrahim

Careers advisor

YEAR 7 CAMP

It's certainly been a busy term for Year 7!

On Wednesday 22nd August, 120 students and 7 teachers ventured to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Nepean for three days of fun-filled activities that focused on teamwork, friendship and thinking skills!

These activities included sky-cycle, high ropes, super drop, giant swing, challenge activities and bush-walking. It was great to see the students take on such great challenges!

A huge thank you to all the staff who participated and supervised over the three days as well. Overall, a memorable time for all!



STAFF in the SPOTLIGHT

Three staff members from PHS received Excellence in Public Education Awards last week. These achievements were recognised at a ceremony at Northmead High School where staff, family and colleagues joined the celebrations. The awards were as follows:

Excellence in Supporting Student Learning

Jason Cull

Excellence in Early Career Teaching

Deepti Asija

Excellence in Teaching

Helen Kougelos



Chris Presland, the NSW SPC President, was also there to congratulate our staff.

Community Partnerships

This week we provided our school community with a Parent Forum, addressing study skills and developing positive study habits. This was presented by Elevate Education whose study skills seminars are designed to Develop behavioural change amongst students.

Our parents who attended found the presentation worthwhile and informative. We intend to provide similar forums next year.



Important dates for next term:

- Yr 7 – 10 Yearly Exam : Weeks 3 & 4.
- Yr 7 Vaccinations : Friday October 26th
- HSC begins: Thursday 18th October

