

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

You have heard me talk about STEAM opportunities before. We endeavour to provide future learning methods within our curriculum on a number of KLA and cross curriculum levels. The NSW Department of Education has recently offered this to students who have shown an interest in learning about careers and pathways in the STEM

industry. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear from and speak to professionals and the companies who work in the industry. **The event is aimed at students in Years 9 & 10.**

During the Industry & Family Networking event attendees will:

- Learn about current STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Industries
- Meet people who love what they do and want to share information with you, information about their industry
- Find out firsthand what future jobs there will be
- Understand how to get the jobs (i.e. the pathways)
- Understand the skills and experience the students will need

Event details as below:

- 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm Wednesday 27th November 2019.
- AWS Head office, 2 Park St Sydney NSW 2000
- Representatives from Amazon, BAE Systems, NBN & SYPAQ

NOTE: *This is not a school event.* Schools contact Parents/Guardian, who then register via the Eventbrite link in email below and make their own way to venue. Students without a parent/guardian will not be admitted to the event.

***** [TO REGISTER TO ATTEND PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) *****

CALENDAR 2019

TERM 4

Week 5

Monday 11th November
Remembrance Day service
E Maker MAKERbuino Workshop

Tuesday 12th November
Code Kids Workshop
Extra curricular dance

Wednesday 13th November
Knockout Cricket
UTS Careers Day
Sharp Short Dance Comp

Thursday 14th November
Maths Enrichment Club
Code kids workshop

Friday 15th November
Yr 9 Digital Thumbprint

Week 6

Monday 18th November
Yr 8 Swim School

Tuesday 19th November
WSU Excursion

Code Kids Workshop

Wednesday 20th November
Yr 9 Drama Excursion

Thursday 21st November
Year 8 Swim School
USYD & UTS Days
Maths Enrichment Club
Code Kids workshop

Friday 22nd November
Year 8 Swim School

PREFECT EVENT

On the 31st of October, the 2020 Prefects held a Halloween Bake Sale to get everyone into the Halloween spirit! We sold cupcakes, brownies, chocolate crackles and spider drinks. Students were invited to purchase treats and dress up with accessories so we would like to thank everyone who got spooky with us and also bought a treat or two (or three)! We cannot wait to bring future, fun initiatives to Parramatta High School in the next year.



Yr 11 Camp 2020

Message for Year 10 Students going to Year 11 Ready for Life Camp 2020.

Final organisation for the Life Ready Camp is now underway. The total cost of the camp is **\$285**, less any deposit already paid, which includes all programs and instructions by qualified staff, transport to and from the camp, accommodation and all meals at the centre.

The total payment (\$285 minus deposit paid) must be made between Monday 18th November and Thursday 21st November 2019



Sport

Attention Year 9 and 10 students, you must be in sports uniform for sport. As sport requires most of our students leaving school grounds, it's not setting a great example for our school. Any student in the wrong uniform will be sent to room 30 and will have a lunch detention.

A reminder to students in 9 PASS 1 and 10 PASS 1 Please return your permission notes and membership forms so you are able to attend PCYC in your double period on Monday A. Sessions are \$10 per week.

A reminder to students participating in the Alan Davidson Shield Cricket team the next game will played on Wednesday 13th November next week against Glenwood High School, Please return your permission note to Mr Tantra ASAP. Good luck!

Girls in Sport

Any Year 7 – 10 Girl who is interested in attending the girls in sport festival on Thursday 28th November needs to register their interest with Ms Williams in the PE Staffroom ASAP. There are only a limited number of places so please register to avoid disappointment.

House Captains

Any student in year 12 that wishes to nominate to be a house captain for 2020 needs to register and get a Nomination Form from the PE Staffroom. Nomination forms are due back Friday 6th December (Week 8).

The Phoenix Cup

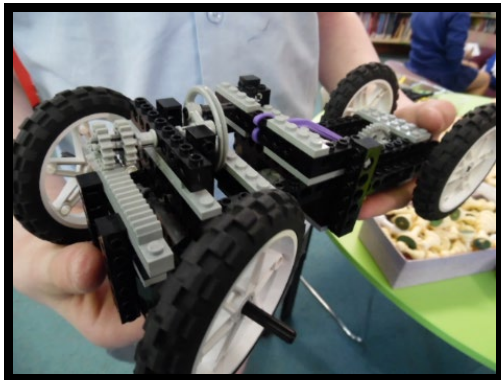
Calling for all Enrichment Passports! Students participating in the Phoenix Cup will have until the end of the week to get their activities signed off and hand in their Passports to Ms Mellas or Mr Ruspandini by the end of this week so prizes can be finalised.

LIBRARY NEWS



A **Makerspace** is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials. It is a place where you can use your skills of creativity, problem solving and critical thinking.

Come down to the library before school, recess and lunch and have a go!



Remembrance Day book display – November 11, 2019

Remembrance Day acknowledges our veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice and to our current service men and women, so that we enjoy peace and prosperity as a nation today.



Come down to the library before school, recess and lunch and read any of our wonderful Remembrance Day books!



YEAR 7 - Junior Choir

Adithi Bandarupally, Arani Gousihan, Aditri Guli, Neel Iyer, Abha Khare, Sumedh Ladsaingikar, Sai Monitha Mangalagiri, Akshay Manjure, Yathushan Muraleetharan, Nawal Nawal, Shanika Nawani, Adya Parihar, Sai Harini Seetharaman, Sana Shankavaram, Meihan Sun and Pawan Vettuvancheri Puthanveetil

YEAR 9 - Selected Elective Music Students

Bhumika Chauhan, Grace Choi, Soham Divekar, Jessica Francis, Dan Jacob, Hansh Sheth and Aharth Thavarajhsingham

After the ceremony Students were able to relax and enjoy a wholesome lunch and refreshments with dignitaries from the local community, courtesy of the Parramatta RSL Sub-Branch, at their nearby club.

Changes to Music Staff

Thank you very much to **Mr Fedotov** for his effort given to the Music students at Parramatta High School since the start of Term 2. The CAPA staff held a farewell luncheon to express their gratitude to Mr Fedotov last week.

Mr Scanes, who is a highly experienced trombonist, has now been welcomed as the new permanent Music Staff member. Stage Band students have also very warmly welcomed Mr Scanes!



Year 8MUSB Guitar Class

With the annual assessment period drawing to a close, students in Year 8 classes are now preparing for their MMM#2 - Manic Music Matinée Concert.



Mr Secrett, who is undertaking his final Professional Experience placement with the University of New South Wales towards his **Master of Teaching degree in Secondary Music** is pictured with 8MUSB. Mr Secrett is already well-known to us, having taught literally hundreds of students in extra-curricular music guitar groups after school during the past 7 years. All students are delighted to be in classes taught by Mr Secrett and are benefitting not only from his expert guitar instruction, but also his knowledgeable teaching across all music

learning content areas and genuine interest in the improved progress of every student.

Remembrance Day – 11th Hour, 11th Day, 11th Month

11.00 am on Monday 11 November marked the 101st year since the Armistice that ended The Great War in Europe. Communities across Australia and the world acknowledged this significant event and commemorated it with respect and expressions of gratitude through music, prayers and speeches in remembrance of our veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice and to our current service men and women, so that all Australians enjoy peace and prosperity as a nation today.

PHS was once again invited by the Parramatta RSL sub-Branch to perform the musical items at the local Parramatta community event at Prince Alfred Park, Parramatta.

Students from Year 9 Elective Music class were leaders for the singing of the hymns ***Eternal Father Strong to Save*** and ***Oh God Our Help In Ages Past*** and also the National Anthem, ***Advance Australia Fair*** with backing provided by Year 7 Junior Choir students and **Ms Piper** on keyboard.



Can You Hear Australia's Heroes Marching?, a more contemporary piece composed by Peter Barnes in 2001, which highlights the sacrifice of many Australians who died in the service and defence of our country in war was performed with professionalism by **Jessica Francis (vocals)**, **Hansh Sheth (narration)** and accompanied by **Mr Secrett (guitar)** with backing from Junior Choir members.

Father David Oulde, who was compere for the ceremony, acknowledged the excellent musical performances by Parramatta High School students.



Year 8 Swim school is next week on the 18th, 21st and 22nd November. Students will be walking to Merrylands Pool from school. At the end of the day they will be dismissed from the pool.



Students are to wear their school uniform but will need to bring the following:

- Swimming Costume
- Rash Shirt & Boardshorts (optional)
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Towel.
- Food & Snacks for the day (a canteen will be available)



On behalf of Parramatta High School, School Captains Thomas Dizon and Preeti Narayan laid a wreath, kindly organised by our Principal Ms Splatt, on the cenotaph to commemorate the fallen heroes.

Congratulations to all involved, Mrs. Piper.



Online safety for parents and carers

As parents and carers you know your child better than anyone and have the best opportunity to support and guide them to have safer online experiences. This guide covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. You can also find a list of important services that can offer extra support.

eSafety.gov.au/parents