

Parramatters

Parramatta High School Newsletter
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“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

A busy time of the year for everyone as we prepare for Christmas and the holiday break. Our school continues to offer a full program of study, revision, class work and preparation for 2020 core study.

New Programs for 2020

Education Perfect: Offer not just student competitions but

curriculum work for subject areas. We have engaged this group to provide materials for classwork and homework. Students can use the materials through class, after school and to participate in competitions. The subjects taking up Education Perfect are Science / Maths / LOTE (Yr 7-10) / English Year 7 only and HSIE Year 7&8. This also allows us to use materials in Years 11 and 12 across subjects.

High Resolves: A change for this student leadership program is that it will only be for Stage 4 (Yr 7&8). The school will continue to employ Clickview, Elevate and Edrolo all which help with study skills and curriculum across all subjects.

Student Leave in Term 4

I must remind parents again that student leave will not be approved during Term 4. We have generous holidays which parents must access for holidays, visiting grandparents etc. I am alarmed at the number of requests and days missed by students. Please note:

Term 4 only Requests for leave 33
Total days missed 332

Swim School

This has been a very successful program this year with the majority of Year 8 students attending learning valuable skills. Thank you to the PDHPE Staff who organised this worthwhile program.

School Vegetable Garden

The Garden Lovers Club (Year 7 students) have expanded the program to include vegetable gardens, a herb garden and fruit trees. Produce will be used by the canteen, TAS kitchen area and staff. Harvesting of produce will take place soon for the vegetables, herbs and fruit trees not advanced enough yet.

CALENDAR 2019

TERM 4

Week 7

Monday 25th November

E Maker MAKERbuino Workshop

Tuesday 26th November

Code Kids Workshop
Extra curricular dance

Wednesday 27th November

Year 7 Powerhouse excursion
HSC Biology Excursion
Fast Forward Excursion
Youth Workshop Parramatta

Thursday 28th November

Maths Enrichment Club
Code kids workshop
Girls In sport Festival

Friday 29th November

Environmental Mufti Day

Week 6

Monday 2nd December

E Maker MAKERbuino Workshop

Tuesday 3rd December

Orientation Day Yr 7 2020
Extra curricular dance

Wednesday 4th December

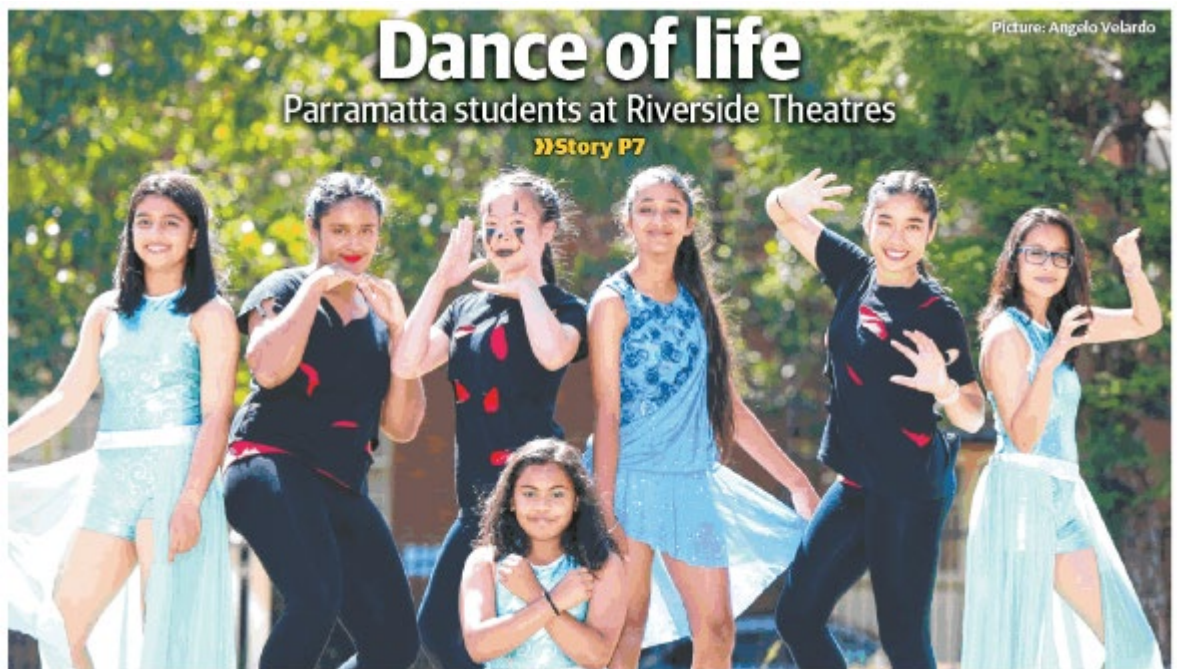
Year 8 Stem Day
3rd Elective Prep day

Thursday 5th December

Peer Support Training
Maths Enrichment
Code Kids Workshop

Friday 6th December

Peer Support Training



Wednesday, November 13, 2019

On stage with real life issues

BULLYING and overcoming differences are some themes Parramatta High School students hope to express when they hit the stage at Riverside Theatres today.

The showcase is part of the Sharp Short Dance festival and will see a group of Year 7 students present *Lose Control* about bullying while a trio of Year 10 performers will deliver *UnMasked* about uncovering the truth.

The 12th annual festival gives young dancers and choreographers the opportunity to present their own works in front of industry professionals.

The annual event will see dancers vie for multiple awards including outstanding male and female performers; most innovative choreography; outstanding solo and ensemble performances.



Parramatta High School dancers will perform at the Riverside Theatres today. Picture: Angelo Velardo

MUSIC News

Remembrance Day – Performance Awards

Awards were presented to Year 7 Junior Choir students at Choir Rehearsal and the selected Elective Music Students from Year 9 were presented with their awards by Mr Gokel on assembly.

Congratulations again to all students who so successfully represented Parramatta High School with their excellent performances on Remembrance Day.



Assembly Performances

Ian Wu from Year 9 Elective Music is an exceptionally talented solo pianist and gave a virtuosic performance of Chopin's Étude Op. 10 No. 12, also known as the "Revolutionary" Study at assembly last week. Chopin was deeply upset by the Russian attack on Warsaw in 1831 and he dedicated this piece to Franz Liszt.



At this week's assembly, **Muntaqim Chowdhury** from Year 11 Elective Music gave a very expressive and stylistic performance of *Wagon Wheel* by Darius Rucker.



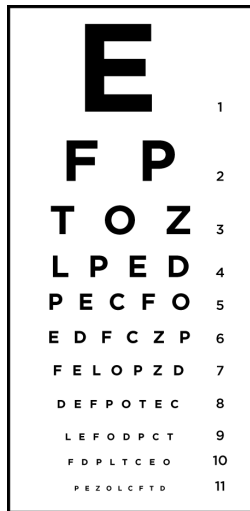
Year 11 LIFE READY CAMP 2020

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





The school is pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will be running next year. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a **free comprehensive eye examination** that is covered through **Medicare Australia**. **1 in 6** students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every student will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don't let your child miss out on this worthwhile health program!



student eyecare

Free Eye Tests

Covered through Medicare

Haven't had your eyes tested in a while?

According to the Optometry Association of Australia, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two years.
Full eye tests will be conducted at **Peramatta High School**.
At least **1 in every 6** students have vision issues that go undetected.
Typical symptoms that go undetected are **quick loss of concentration, reading avoidance, blurry vision, tired eyes and headaches**.
All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.
Find out if your child's eyes are in good condition!

Don't miss out

For more info, please visit www.studenteyecare.com.au (02) 8188 1336



With year 12 finishing up last term we will be starting all over again with the new group of year 12 student! I will look forward to meeting them all in the early weeks of next year to start work towards their tertiary preparation and future career choices.

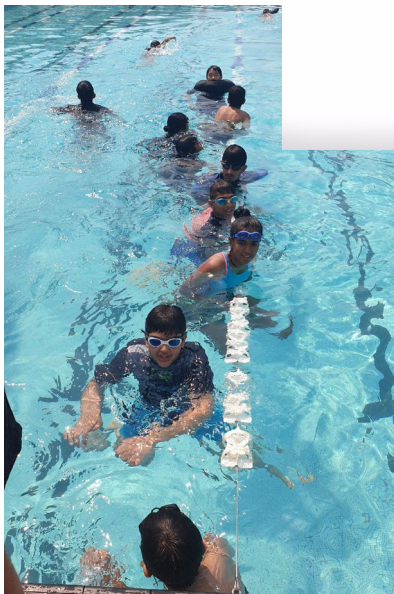
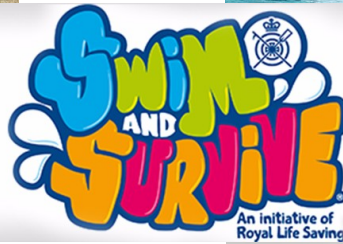
Several excursions are coming up in the next few weeks. Firstly 20 students will attend the Business/Law/IT excursion To UTS next Wednesday focusing on careers in these areas and workshops to enhance students understanding of the educational requirements of these jobs and how they can pursue careers on these areas.

The following week several students will attend WSU to partake in a tertiary information day. WSU is our local university and I hope more of our students consider it as an option in the future.

On November 21st there will be two excursions: one to spectacular science and Sydney University and the other to Careers in engineering and IT day at UTS. December will see a few of our year 8 girls attend a Stem careers day for girls at a company called Resmed at Bella vista. The program for the day looks exciting and fun and hopefully will inspire our young women to consider career in STEM related areas. A final excursion will go to Taronga zoo for a day exploring careers with animals and careers at the zoo. I am, particularly looking forward to seeing the meerkats! So cute! Year ten students have undertaken work experience this year with students in the next few weeks attending programs at Lend Lease, Barangaroo, UNSW science, and a local school.

I am currently in the process of planning more exciting excursions and projects for next year and I look forward to working with all students again next year.

Mrs Ibrahim
Careers



Parramatta High School

SIGN UP NOW

Thank you for attending our Parent Evening.

We look forward to working with you and your child to get them through the Duke of Ed program, a fabulous and rewarding journey!!

We apologise for the delay in getting this registration form up and running. We have had some staffing changes and have made some alterations to our registration process to make it more seamless.

Please click on the SIGN UP NOW button to register with YouthAdvance.

More details regarding the AJs will follow as we liaise with the school on the preferred dates.

Please feel free to contact us at any stage through the registration process if you have any questions:
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