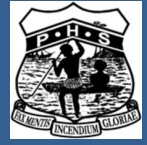




Parramatters



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 Parents/Carers,

Thank you for working with the school through a very difficult and challenging year. COVID-19 has seen us manage difficult circumstances amazingly well. A huge thank you to all the school community for doing your part to keep students on track and engaged with the learning. The staff have engaged with students via online learning and worked hard to keep our students on track.

I wish our HSC students all the best for 2020 and I hope the results you get are what you are expecting. Thank you to Ms Zammit for her hard work as Year Adviser and I am sure the HSC Cohort will come back in 2021 to tell us how they have gone.

Well done to everyone and please look forward to 2021 as a more stable year for us all!!

On a final note, I would like to welcome a new staff member, Mr Daniel Ghossain, who will be our new Head Teacher Welfare from next year. I would also like to farewell some staff who will not be returning in 2021. Ms Mona Bedwany, Ms Yasmin Harrison and Ms Julie Piper will be taking leave next year. I wish them well for 2021 and look forward to their return.

Our TAS faculty will also be losing two members of staff – Mr Bill Denia and Ms Helen Moore are both retiring. I wish them the very best in their retirement and thank them for all the work they have done during their time with us.

Merry Christmas to all my families.

Ms D Splatt

CALENDAR 2021 TERM 1

Week 1

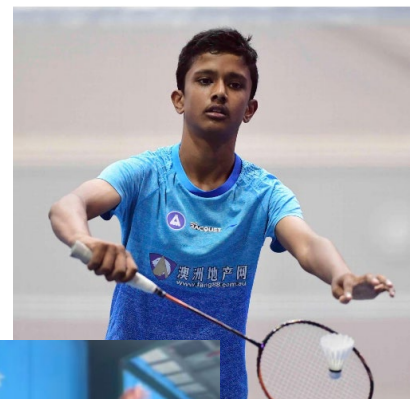
Wednesday January 27th – School Development Day – staff only
Thursday January 28th – School Development Day – staff only
Friday January 29th - Years 7, 11 & 12 students return to school.

Week 2

Monday February 1st – all students back at school.

Badminton Champion

Pushkal Irusumalla, a Year 8 student at Parramatta High School is also an amazing sportsman. He is an expert at badminton and has played at state level, winning a variety of badminton competitions. Pushkal is ranked 130th in Australia; he trains seven days a week including, cardio, strength training and refining his badminton skills. Congratulations Pushkal on your achievements in this sport. The Parramatta High School Community are proud of you.



LIBRARY NEWS



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more widely.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the following students who successfully completed the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge:

YEAR 7:

Keshav	Agarwal
Mayra	Arora
Stuti	Barot
Advay	Bhave
Renesh	Dantu
Abhay	Dhanger
Jheel	Gandhi
Sophia	Glezos Turley
Claire	Im
Krishla	Jayavarapu
Dhruvi	Joshi
Vedant	Joshi
Jamie	Jung
Lakshita	Mehrotra
Azaan	Nadaf
Dyuthi	Anilkumar Nair
Zeel	Patel
Aidan	Perera
Samyuktha	Ranjith
Kaushika	Rathinam
Vinaya	Rathinam
Riya	Shah
Adil	Sheeth
Arnav	Shrivastava
Vishnupriya	Thota
Annojan	Vasanthan



YEAR 8:

Tushti	Bhardwaj
Manasvi	Boocha
Anvesha	Chavda
Rashi	Garg
Arani	Gousihan
Pranati	Gupta
Harman Reet	Kaur
Jaineel	Kesari
Sumedh	Ladsaongikar
Aaron	Macadangang
Yathushan	Muraleetharan
Kabir	Parmar
Riya	Patel
Sai Harini	Seetharaman
Sana	Shankavaram
Neil	Shetty
Eliza	Sutton
Dilnoor	Teja
Ashriya	Varri

YEAR 9:

Naaz	Agnihotri
Thamil	Balakumar
Baskaran	Balakumaran
Zohra	Bardanwala
Geleinne	David
Varshani	Gousihan
Aaditya	Thande
Arnav	Tyagi

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS:

Gold Certificate (Participated for four years) awarded to Zohra Bardanwala, Zeel Patel and Samyuktha Ranjith.

Platinum Certificate (Participated for seven years) awarded to Renesh Dantu, Dyuthi Anilkumar Nair, Riya Patel, Aidan Perera and Sai Harini Seetharaman.

PRC medal (Participated every year from Year 3 to Year 9) and **Acknowledgement of achievement letter from the NSW Premier** awarded to Naaz Agnihotri, Varshani Gousihan, Thamil Balakumar and Aaditya Thande.

The City of Parramatta Council Library runs a reading program called the Summer Reading Club to students in the Parramatta local government area to encourage reading and literacy during the summer holidays until 29 January 2021.

You can collect or download a booklet and complete tasks to read, create, write and ultimately win prizes. There are a total of 10 minor prizes to collect for completing challenges and major prizes will be awarded based on the creativity and effort put into the booklet. In order to participate, students (or their guardians) must have a Parramatta library card, which is free and is open to anyone who can provide proof of name and a NSW residential address.



City of Parramatta Libraries:
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



Have a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!!!**

PRODUCTION CREW

The Parramatta High School Production Crew are a fantastic group of students who work tirelessly to make sure every event held at the school runs smoothly. They run lighting, sound, video and photography at school events.

I would like to extend a huge welcome to our new additions to the Parramatta High School Hall Production Crew!

Nandini Patel
Himank Kanal
Aaron Macadangdang
Tushti Bhardwaj
Aditri Guli
Gayatri Dua
Medha Saha
Celia Yoon
Mitchell Main
Sana Shankavaram
Hari Modha
Mohim Saha



We look forward to working with you to make our school events spectacular!

Mr Ben Smith



Volleyball Competition

The Year 9 SRC & SJL students offered to plan a Volleyball Competition as their contribution to Phoenix Week. Our planning for the competition definitely began in the rise of interest in volleyball that we had seen not only within SRC/SJL, but across many different grade groups. We saw this time slot in the school calendar as the perfect opportunity to capitalise on the rising hype surrounding volleyball and thought we could make something really special out of it.

When we started planning, everything was relatively smooth. Sign-ups were simple and straightforward; deciding on how many courts to use and what days games would take place on was all a breeze.

As can often be the case, Day 1 was a bit chaotic but we managed to scrape through and get back on our feet. With more planning and communication between the groups within the SRC and SJL, the rest of the matches ran smoothly and we were able to conclude with some exciting finals matches and glorious victories.

The Round Robin Grade winners were:

Year 7:	Shrek's Disciples
Year 8:	Scooter Ankle
Year 9:	The Big Nik
Year 10/11:	Curvy Bus

At lunchtime on Wednesday of Phoenix Week, Shrek's Disciples and Scooter Ankle faced off in the junior final with the Year 7 team winning 25-18. The senior final between was a tightly fought contest with Curvy Bus victorious in the end winning with a final score of 25 against the Curvy Bus's 22.

David Church



Prefect's Christmas Candy Cane Compliments, Winter Wonderland, and Bake Sale!!

In the lead up to Christmas and the end-of-year holidays, the dedicated Prefects hosted several events to end the year with an extra burst of joy. Firstly, we want to thank everyone who purchased a compliment card and candy cane to send to a beloved peer or teacher. Your contributions will help to bring more fun in 2021 for the whole school.

In week 10, a bake sale was held with Christmas-themed cakes, biscuits, brownies, and chocolate crackles. We hope everybody came down and grabbed a bite to eat to start their holidays off sweetly.

Alongside our Bake Sale, a Winter Wonderland came to Room 45 where students could take photographs and purchase a Polaroid with their friends. A special guest, 'Yanta Claus' visited the snowy scene on Tuesday to hear Christmas wishes and take some snaps. We are so excited about the number of participants and the excited, happy faces that walked through the transformed space!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday Parramatta High School. The Prefects will come back with more exciting new ideas and events in the New Year.

Additionally, I want to thank our 16 school leaders for all their hard work in this short and difficult time, and for being a source of inspiration, support, and enthusiasm for many of their teachers, peers, and the school community as a whole.

Well Done!

Miss K. Giblin



Parramatta Fruit Bats and Indigenous Art Inspiration

Year 7 Visual Arts have been bringing some of Parramatta's natural world into the school environment by drawing charcoal fruit bats and creating a tree filled with these screechy critters in our very own canteen.

The students have been learning to use charcoal as a tonal medium to create depth and realism, and to show the direction of light. They have also been focusing on the history and future of Indigenous Australian Art, linking land and medium, and studying the artist Lin Onus, who is famous for 'Fruit Bats', an important, contemporary, sculptural work in the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

If you saw their batty work, walking through the canteen, we hope you noticed the excellent use of light, dark, and the faces of these cute little critters occupying our local riverside.

Miss K. Giblin



END OF 2020 THANK YOU

Despite a difficult year with many program changes and COVID-safe practices to implement, Music students have flourished in class, instructed by the teaching staff: Ms Piper, Mr Scanes and Mr Secrett and in co-curricular and extra-curricular ensembles taught by our dedicated music tutors:

- Ms Bristow (flute lessons and Flute Ensemble Director)
- Miss Dingwall (string lessons and String Ensemble Director)
- Mrs Gooneratne (vocal groups, singing lessons and Choir Director)



- Mr Hans (keyboard and piano lessons)



- Mr McDonald (group and private guitar lessons),
- Mr Secrett (Advanced Guitar Group Director) and
- Mr Stormer (clarinet lessons, saxophone lessons and Stage Band director).



Thank you also to Mr Smith and the Production Crew who make a magnanimous effort with sound, light, photography and videography at all events where music students are performing.

ANOTHER SPECIAL THANK YOU

Mr Matthew Jones has kindly shared his carpentry expertise and constructed racks for guitars in the Music Rooms. Thank you so much Mr Jones.



END OF YEAR EVENTS

Students have recently had performance opportunities at the Presentation Day Ceremony and the Year 10 Graduation Ceremony. During their Formal at Curzon Hall Year 12 students also performed. Ms Piper is pictured with School Captain Preeti Narayan who was one of the performers. Ms Piper is taking extended leave during all of 2021. We wish her a happy and restful break.



BIG GIG CONCERT COMPILATION

Music students have maintained focus and purpose with the compilation of items for a concert during December music classes, from school ceremonies and from after school rehearsals.

JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

Thank you to the Junior String Ensemble under the direction of Miss Carina Dingwall for providing this **audio file** of their recent Medley of Carols performance for everyone to enjoy listening to during upcoming festivities. Congratulations to students on this fantastic effort as some have only been playing a short time!

Here is the link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rAJh5udNvpPU6iKiGQimE1mCIq4kH5ws/view?usp=sharing>

AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUMENT LESSONS 2021


From the week beginning Monday 1st February all after school music lessons for continuing students will recommence according to the same timetable that was followed in 2020.

Wishing everyone a safe holiday.
Ms Piper, Mr Scanes & Mr Secrett

Parramatta High School
proudly presents

THE BIG GIG

December 2020



Compilation Concert

THE BIG GIG COMPILATION CONCERT

1. The Chicken	Alfred James Ellis Arr. Wesley Stormer	
2. Dancing in the Moonlight	Toploader Arr. Wesley Stormer	
3. Lost in Japan	Shawn Mendes Arr. Wesley Stormer	
4. New York, New York	Fred Ebb & John Kander Arr. Wesley Stormer	
5. Don't Start Now	Dua Lipa Arr. Wesley Stormer	
6. Slow Dancing in the Dark	Joli Arr. Wesley Stormer	
7. Bennie and the Jets	Elton John Arr. Wesley Stormer	
8. Dreams	Fleetwood Mac Arr. Wesley Stormer	

STAGE BAND: Directed by Mr Wesley Stormer

Block Flute: Divya Shrestha, Melody Song & Dev Yadav (vocals), Govindappa Nagaraj (flute), Gauri Gauri, Gauri, Jamie Jung, Aaron Maccandless & Diwanisha Sharma (saxophones), Dominica Mendez-Hurtado (saxophone), Jeremy Ho & Abhishek (trumpets), Claire de (saxophone), Adan Bousa (keyboard), Subash Chakrabarti (electric guitar), Benjamin Kim & Subash Chakrabarti (bass guitars), Aden Chen & Subash Chakrabarti (drums and percussion)

1. Prelude and Fugue	from Well-Tempered Clavier Book 2, No. 8 BWV 873	JS Bach Year 10: Ian Wu (piano)
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2. Astronomia (Coffin Dance)	Year 10: Ian Wu (keyboard), Paddy Donoghue & Pratik Shah (electric guitars) and Dan Jacob (bass guitar)	Viceton & Tony Iga
3. Bad Guy	Year 10: Subash Chakrabarti (electric guitar)	Billie Eilish
4. Perfect	Year 10: Vedant Chakrabarti (vocals)	Ed Sheeran
5. Feeling Lonely	Year 10: Jacob Singh (vocals), Ian Wu (keyboard), Paddy Donoghue & Pratik Shah (electric guitars), Dan Jacob (bass guitar) and Subash Chakrabarti (drums)	Boy Pablo
6. Paper Hearts Graveyard	Year 10: Shreyya Rajeev (vocals)	Tori Kelly Halsey
7. Feel It Still	Year 10: Jessica Francis & Abhishek Divyanshirajhan (vocals), Ian Wu (keyboard), Paddy Donoghue & Pratik Shah (electric guitars), Dan Jacob (bass guitar) and Subash Chakrabarti (drums)	Portugal
8. Someone Like You	Year 10: Jessica Francis & Abhishek Divyanshirajhan (vocals) and Ian Wu (piano)	Adele
9. Like I'm Gonna Lose You	Year 10: Jessica Francis (vocals), Harish Babu (electric guitars) & Mr Secret (acoustic guitars) and Shreyya Chauhan (drums)	Meghan Trainor & John Legend
10. Tango Argentino	Advanced Guitar Group: Directed by Mr. George Year 8: David Lin, Kavin Eswar, Sarav Subash Chandra Bose Year 9: Kevin Chen, Eric Li, Vedant Chakrabarti, Victor, Bala Suresh, Ishaan Subash Year 10: Jessica Francis, Avinav Subash, Harish Babu, A. Suresh Chandra	Joan Wanders
11. Rhapsody No. 1 Op. 79, No.1	Year 7: Alan Adar (piano)	Brahms
12. American Idiot	Year 11: Dev Yadav (vocals), Yathavan Selvaruban (electric guitar), Benjamin Kim (bass guitar) and Subash Chakrabarti (drums)	Green Day Radiohead

Please refer to the program above to enjoy the performances at this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/CmHi8FiERP3agDFr6>

Snapshots of the performers in THE BIG GIG concert compilation:





Congratulations to our graduating class of 2020!

The Year 12 Formal took place on Thursday November 26th at Curzon Hall, Marsfield with the Year 12 students and many staff in attendance. While it was quite a warm evening, all guests were looking very glamorous and relaxed. The night was a fun and memorable celebration for the students. We would like to thank everyone who attended, especially our very dedicated teachers, and our talented performers who entertained us on the evening.

We wish Year 12 all the very best as they embark on life outside Parramatta High School.





