



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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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents / Carers

As the year starts to draw to a close, we have an eye on the past of what we have accomplished, an eye on the present in putting ‘one foot in front the of the other’ with the ‘finish line’ in sight and an eye on the future in

preparation of the hope and possibilities of 2022.

We are all looking forward to a well-earned holiday rest period, though for now, let’s continue to round out an embattled year with quality and authentic learning outcomes and deserved celebrations of everyone’s resilience and effort.

Recognition Assemblies, Graduations, Formals and Awards are all being organised as this newsletter comes to you and along with that, comes the end-of-year reports.

Lastly, well done to all those that were involved in raising the awareness of Men’s health issues, both physical and mental, over the last month with Movember and International Men’s Day.



Lee Wise
Deputy Principal Stage 4

Wellbeing

Prefects 2022

Congratulations to our Prefect Body for 2022. Students in Year 10 and 11 voted for the PHS Prefect Body earlier this term, nominating seventeen students in total.

Congratulations to our School Captains:

➤ Srijan Barik and Jessica Francis

and also our School Vice Captains:

➤ Varun Singh and Annabelle Aung

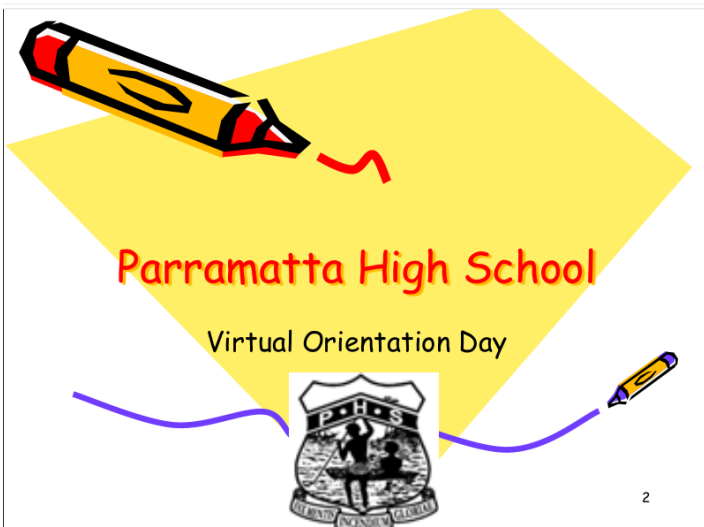
PHS Prefect Body 2022

SRIJAN BARIK School Captain	JESSICA FRANCIS School Captain		
VARUN SINGH School Vice Captain	ANNABELLE AUNG School Vice Captain		
ASHWIN BABU	MALHAR BANDAL	BHUMIKA CHAUHAN	GRACE CHOI
JAI DOUGLASS	ALVIN HE	JENNY DANG	ALAYNA GOKCIMEN
DANIEL WENG	TRISHIKA IRUSUMALLA	SOPHIA NOTT	
SOORAJ VIJAYKRISHNAN	ABARNA SRIRAMANAN		

Year 6 Orientation Day

On Tuesday 23rd November 2021, Parramatta High School had their Year 6 Orientation Day. Due to Covid restrictions, we had to do an online orientation via Zoom this year. The Zoom went well and allowed students to meet a number of key staff that they will be interacting with at the school next year. We look forward to meeting all our future Year 7 students next year in 2022.

Ms Kassem
Year 7 Advisor 2022



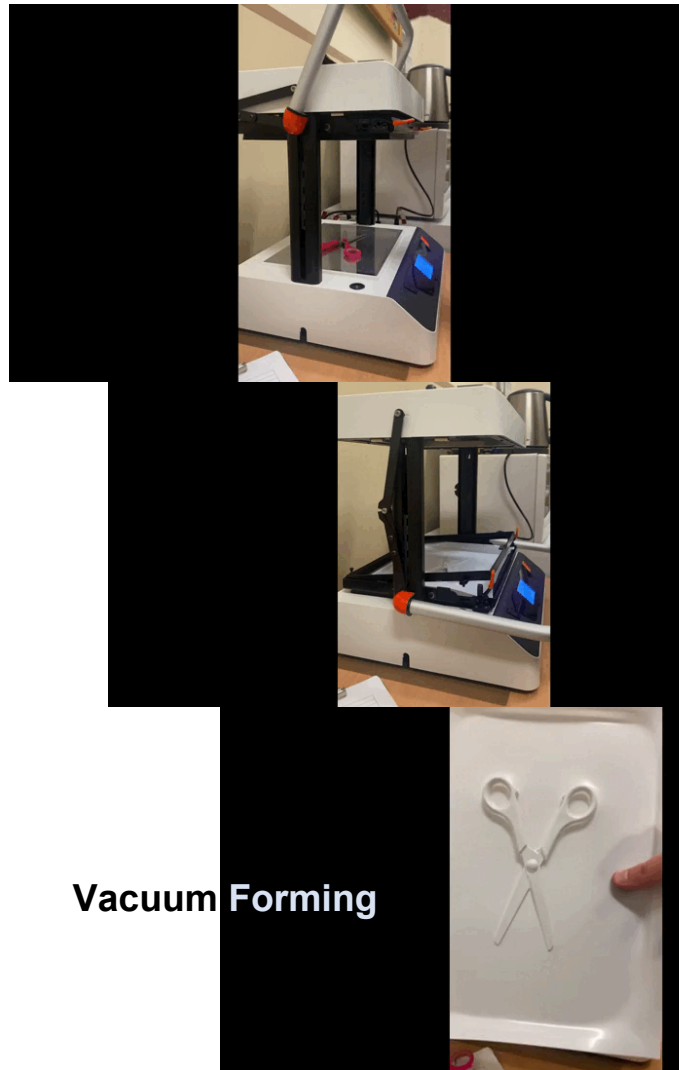
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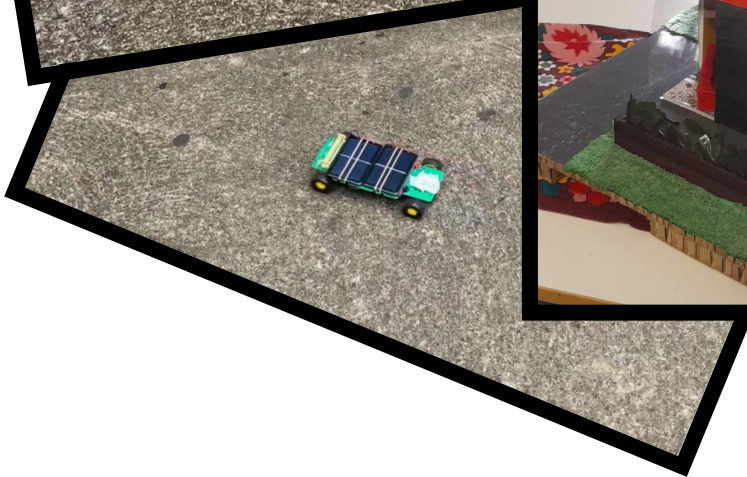
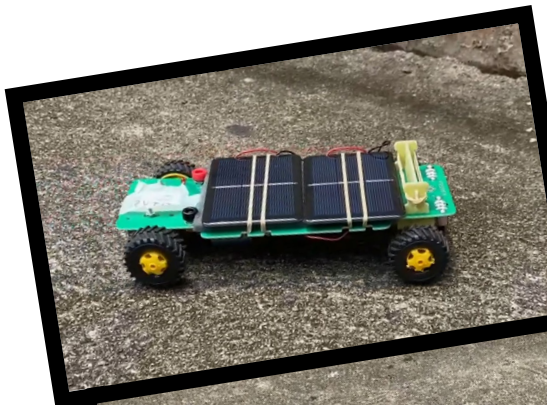
Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)

Sustainability & the Future

As part of developing a forward-thinking future generation of designers, producers and engineers, the TAS department continues to explore the concepts of sustainability and resource usage, as well as investigating emerging and developing technologies. In Year 8 students look into the production of their own food sources, in Year 10 students investigate the application of solar power and other renewable energy sources and in Year 11 students design and appreciate affordable, small footprint, resource and energy conscious "Tiny Houses"



Vacuum Forming



Respect, Responsibility & Honesty

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CAREERS & CALENDARS

Access JobJump (www.jobjump.com.au) [PASSWORD: parra] for all the latest news on all things tertiary and career related coming up in the next few months.



Year 12 Key Dates 2021

<u>OPTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
HSC	3 Dec	<u>HSC written examinations finish</u>
EAS	17 Dec	<u>Closing date for EAS applications</u>
ATARs	20 Jan	ATARs released
EAS	20 Jan	<u>EAS: Eligibility letters released</u>
UAC APPLI-CATIONS	21 Jan	<u>Deadline to change preferences for January Round offers</u>
HSC	24 Jan	<u>HSC results released</u>
UAC APPLI-CATIONS	26 Jan	<u>January Round offers released</u>
EAS	4 Feb	<u>EAS: Closing date for EAS applications</u>



CALENDAR 2021

TERM 4

Weeks 8-10

Check-in Assessments Yrs7-9

Week 9

3rd Elective Project Day 29 November
Yr12 Graduation & Formal 1 December
Year 9 Peer Support Training 2-3 December
Yr12 Sign-out Day 3 December

Week 10

Yr10 Activity Week
Yr11 Recognition Assembly 7 December
NAPLAN Readiness Test 9 December
Yr10 Graduation 10 December

Week 11

3rd Elective Digital Showcase
Yr7 Recognition Assembly 13 December
Yr8 Recognition Assembly 14 December

LITERACY & NUMERACY



DEAR in 'action'

Check-in Assessment for Years 7-9

Years 7-9 students continue with their reading and numeracy Check-in Assessments, until the end of Week 10, to support schools to assess and monitor student learning and use the diagnostic data for future planning.

Students – don't forget to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable you to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. If your child needs headphones, the school will be able to provide them. Also, you are allowed and may wish to use a calculator for your numeracy assessment

NAPLAN Readiness Test

Next year's Year 7 and Year 9 students will be completing their NAPLAN tests online at school. As part of the preparation process for the school to transition to online testing, we are required to conduct a NAPLAN Readiness test this term. All current Y 7 students will be involved in this test. On Thursday 9th December they will sit a practice exam during Period 1 or Period 2. The main purpose of this test is to check the capacity of our internet and other technology before the actual NAPLAN tests. Results will not be recorded or given to us, and students may not even be required to complete the whole test. Therefore, there is no need for students to prepare in any way or become anxious about the test. We do ask them to bring their own headphones if possible.

Next year's Year 7 and Year 9 students will have an opportunity to practice the online tests at school during first term.

LIBRARY NEWS



NEWS SPORT KEY TOPICS Reading Levels ▶ Green Orange Red Search

Kids News is a free, ready to go resource using current daily news stories for students. Articles are divided into three categories:

1. Key Topics
2. Sport
3. News

A traffic light system helps direct readers to appropriate content depending on reading level:

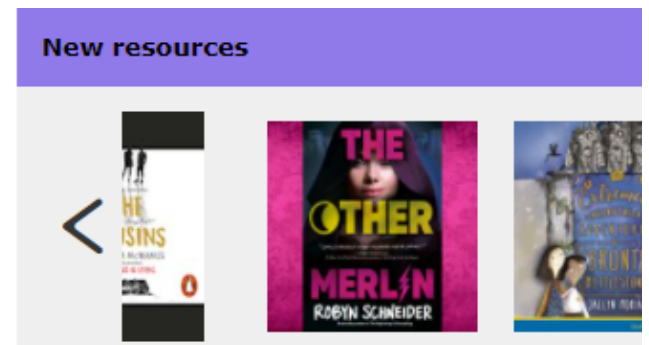
- **Green** – Simple to medium vocab, story content easily understood, accessible to all readers (especially with audio option)
- **Orange** – medium level of vocabulary, story content a little more complex (audio option and glossary available)
- **Red** – contains complex vocabulary and content that is of a higher level, suited to more able readers.

<https://www.kidsnews.com.au>



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Have you explored the helpful links on our OLIVER [News page](#)? Click any of these images to find **Research Support, Subject Support, and other Library News Resources!** (More items will progressively be added in the future)



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Links you will find useful

World Book eBooks

World Book Online

Fact Monster

ABC Splash

Trove and State Library

Australian Museum

Clickview

Research Skills

Parramoodle

Project Gutenberg E-Books

Scout24

Kidsnews

Open Textbook Library

HSC Hub and NSW HSC

7news.com.au (7 news)

SUBJECTS

HSC

What is the ATAR? and do i need one?

Stay Healthy during the HSC

Guide for HSC students: Past Exams & Study Guides

NESA past HSC exam papers

Stage 6 Syllabus A-Z

How the State Library helps me with my HSC.

PDHPE

PDHPE Drug and Alcohol Information

HSC PDHPE GUIDE. - a comprehensive guide to PDHPE sub-links to relevant websites

CAPA

CAPA HSC GUIDE. a comprehensive support guide to Music, Drama