



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.

ISSUE 5

TERM 1, 1ST APRIL 2021

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT



Dear Parent / Carers

I would like to thank the School Community for your support this term. We are getting back to teaching and learning as usual as COVID settles and I am finding the school is progressing well. We have completed a new strategic Improvement Plan, available on our website and will be looking at further evaluation of our practice next term through a process called external validation.

I wish all my families a safe and happy Easter and look forward to seeing you back Tuesday 20th April.

Best Wishes,

Domonique Splatt
Principal

Transport NSW Bus Route Changes:

From Sunday 18 April, Transport for NSW will be making changes to some bus routes and timetables across North West and Western Sydney, to provide better connections for customers in the local area.

As part of the changes, customers will benefit from better connections to major centres such as Parramatta and the Westmead Health precinct.

To support the improvements, there will also be adjustments to some routes that school students use, however there will be no changes to dedicated school services.

Detailed trip planning information will be available on transportnsw.info in early April.

Please ensure you check if any changes impact you on transportnsw.info so you can plan your trip prior to returning to school in Term 2.

CALENDAR 2021

TERM 2

Week 1

Staff Development Day – April 19

Students begin – April 20

Sydney Thunder Leadership Program – April 21

Sleep Doctor Talk for Years 11 & 12 – April 22

Week 2

NAPLAN Equating Study – April 26

Vaccination Meeting – April 27

Sydney Thunder Leadership Program – April 28

Year 12 UNSW talk – April 28



Respect, Responsibility & Honesty

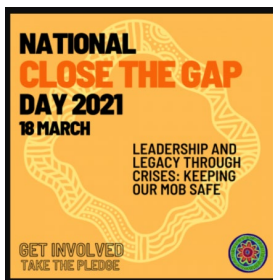
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HARMONY DAY

Thank you very much to the Parramatta High School community for their contributions to the Harmony Day fundraiser for 2021. We were able to raise \$900 to support the Close the Gap initiative, working to establish health equality for all Australians.

Thank you very much to all who donated, and the students who participated in the Harmony Day Mufti.

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BUSINESS STUDIES EXCURSION

On Tuesday 30/3/21 Year 12 Business Studies visited IKEA and Costco. They were able to put the Business Studies syllabus into real life practise and experience the various operations and marketing strategies first hand.

Andriana Kallinikou



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

A new initiative has been introduced at Parramatta High School - Student of the Month. Year 7 students can be nominated by their teachers for achieving the ASPIRE principles of our school.

The recipient for February is Sayana Nandakumar and for March is Yash Agarwal. These students have been positive contributors to their school community. Congratulations!



Yash Agarwal



Sayana Nandakumar

CAREERS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A few very successful excursions have been undertaken this term: Year 12 have visited Sydney University, a mixed group of senior students visited Macquarie University and Year 11 visited UTS. I am very pleased to say that students at all these excursions represented our school in an exemplary manner. Hopefully they all benefited from their time at the university campuses. Next term there will be talks during assembly from other universities and guest speakers for all senior year groups.

All Year 10 students and Year 12 students were given a note on Monday to attend the Western Sydney Careers Expo on June 24th and 25th respectively. These excursions are considered a compulsory part of the Careers Education Program and all students are expected to attend. The cost is \$20 covering bus fares and entry. Payment can be made on line or at the front office. The closing date for payment is April 30th- no more notes/payments will be accepted after this date. Apologies for the early delivery of notes but there is a huge process to go through to make sure all the students will be safe and well - they will all receive a QR code as their tickets before the day. So than you in anticipation of your support.

Year 12 should receive an email from UAC FROM April 1st with their pin number to enable them to start accessing their UAC application. However, if they do not receive the email they need to contact UAC only. There is no rush to do this but it is there for when they wish to start their application. Year 12 have also been given booklets on early entry programs from most universities. There are some early entry programs that have not opened yet so students are encouraged to look at these during the holidays.

There is a lot more to happen next term, so stay tuned!

Happy Easter to you all
Michelle Ibrahim- careers adviser



Music

All students in Year 8 have been studying the keyboard in their Music classes this term. Students have been learning about the history of the keyboard and the piano, how to play melodies and chords, and next term will begin creating their own keyboard compositions. Pictured here is 8C practising with Mr Scanes.



The following link will take you to our final music performance video for this term, Ian Wu of Year 11 performing a Fantasia (BWV 906) by J.S. Bach. Ian has been studying this piece as part of the Baroque Period for the Preliminary Music 2 course, and this performance showcases his virtuosity and an impressive understanding of the style. Well done Ian!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DvzxSGw7zhm6NalcTD-XdRFRAwNrY9MD/view?usp=sharing>

MEET A YEAR ADVISOR



Hello, my name is Ms Player and I have been a teaching Parramatta High School for 5 years now. I am the Year 10 Advisor and a PDHPE and Science teacher; teaching junior PDHPE. I enjoy reading, playing a variety of sports and competing in quidditch tournaments.

I enjoy being the Year 10 Adviser and watching the students develop their leadership skills through peer support and other activities.

A reminder that if students or parents have concerns I can be contacted via the school number 96358644 or via email: chrystal.player5@det.nsw.edu.au

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Have you moved recently?

Have you changed your mobile phone number or email address?

If the answer is yes, have you contacted the school to update your contact details?

It is important that we have the correct details in our system so we can contact you if your child is sick, absent, truanting or late to school.

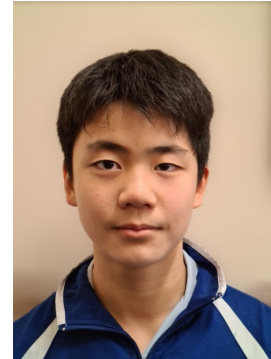
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Telephone: 02 9635 8644

Email: parramatta-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

A TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION

Parramatta High School Year 7 student, Won Bae, of House Batman is a champion table tennis player, competing in the NSW Table Tennis State competition.



Won attended the 2021 NSW Junior Open Championships the past weekend. For Further information about this competition, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.tnsw.org.au/events/83174/>

As a result, Won became the winner of the Under 13s group and the runner up of the Under 15s group simultaneously. He is now qualified as a NSW table tennis junior representative. He is one of the Junior National Squad Members.



LIBRARY NEWS



State Library of NSW Resources



Just a reminder that all students can obtain a free online library card from the State Library of NSW and gain access to their very large collection of e-resources and databases.

You can find out more about their e-resources here:

<https://www2.sl.nsw.gov.au/eresources/>

ERESOURCES

Find full-text articles, newspapers and images

Research and collections link:

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections>

RESEARCH AND COLLECTIONS

Explore the rich resources of your Library

Business	2
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Family History	5
Government	7
Health	1
History and biography	5

HSC	5
Indigenous Australia	2
Law	8
Literature and language	2
Social sciences	1

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Let's find out about **Instagram**. This information has been obtained from the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner's website.

13+ is the minimum age according to Instagram

What is Instagram?

Instagram is a social media service designed for people to share photos and videos. You can upload and share photos, images or videos using a range of specialist filters, and receive likes and comments. You can follow other profiles so they appear in your feed and your profile can also be followed by others. Instagram Stories allows you to post photos and videos that vanish after 24 hours and do not appear in your profile grid or in the main Instagram feed. The app also features direct messaging and video calling.

Website: www.instagram.com

Apps: Android app, Apple iOS app

What is the App logo?



<https://www.stickpng.com/img/icons-logos-emojis/tech-companies/instagram-logo>

How do people use Instagram?

Learn more about the benefits and risks associated with how people use image and video sharing services like Instagram.

Instagram is used for: content sharing, messaging/online chat, photo/video sharing, online relationships and video calling.

How can you report online abuse, ask for content to be removed or block someone?

A photo or video can be can be flagged by tapping the icon 'report inappropriate' under the image you wish to report. An inappropriate comment can be flagged by tapping on the 'comment' button, tapping the exclamation point and tapping 'Report Abuse'

- Report something to Instagram
How to report abusive images or video or request the removal of content.
- Block someone
How to stop someone from contacting you and how blocking works on Instagram.
- Addressing abuse
Advice on how to deal with negative experiences on Instagram.

Would you like further information about Instagram and how to protect your personal information on this site? Please visit

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/instagram>

Important information about other social media services can also be accessed on the safety site

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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WHAT IS A STUDY HALL?

A study hall is like a study camp but local. From July 5th-8th in the second week of the holidays, we want to make a place for you to come and **study, make friends around the local area, learn about God and be CALM!**

WHY SHOULD I COME?

We know that Year 12 can be a really stressful time with all the different pressures coming from cramming in content for trials, not understanding topics, wanting to hang with friends and all the other things that life throws at us. We get you.

Firstly, study will be done with our experienced mentors! You will get a minimum of 4-5 hours supervised study each day. We will do our best to track down experienced mentors who can help you with your subjects. All of our mentors will have experience working in a tutoring company, privately or at a school. There will be a discussion space for those who study well in conversation and a silent space for those who need it.

Secondly, it'll be fun! There will be time to make friends with other local Year 12s and we will be hosting fun activities. There will also be an engaging Bible talk from one of our speakers.

Thirdly, it's super affordable! For an affordable price of **\$20 a day or \$60 for 4 days (early bird price ends 31st May)**, you will get high quality mentors and all food provided for.

So come for a day or all 4! We care about you and are hoping that this is a helpful time for you and your friends in the midst of HSC stresses.

But get in quick, there are limited spots available!

Sample Program (TBD)

9:30 am	Welcome and Study Session 1
11:30 am	Fun Break
12 pm	Study Session 2
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Bible Talk
2:30 pm	Optional Exam Strategy Session
3:10 pm	Study Session 3
4:10pm	Fun Break
4:30 pm	Home time!

Facilities

Parking onsite and easy public transport (2 minute walk from Parramatta Westfield!)
COVID-safe plan in place
Silent and discussion spaces
Mentoring (we will do our best to accommodate for a range of subjects)

This event will be free from alcohol, drug and smoking use on premises.

Contact us for any queries or financial sponsorship requests:

Victor Jong

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