



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.

ISSUE 1

TERM 1, 11TH FEBRUARY 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome back to our Parramatta families and a warm welcome to our new year 7 families.

We are very pleased to be able to return to a school setting from the beginning of the year where lessons are delivered face-to-face, and we can all reconnect with each other. It is our aim for the school to remain operational through the implementation of several safety measures.

I would like to thank our parents for the positive response in picking up the rapid antigen test kits. The school community has also been responsive in reporting positive cases and close contacts to the school, and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child self-isolates for 7 days.

The Department of Education amended its guidelines, and we were able to distribute the RAT kits directly to students in Years 7 - 12. Students who were absent on the days the kits were handed out can still get their RAT kits from the front office.

A reminder of the Deputies in charge of specific stages for 2022:

Stage 4 – Years 7 & 8 Ms H Kougelos
Stage 5 – Years 9 & 10 Mrs Jones (T1-2) Mrs Johnstone (T3-4)
Stage 6 – Years 11 & 12 Mr A Gokel

PHS HSC Results for 2021

- Top ATAR – 99.4
- Positioned in top 500 schools at 168.

Please read the feature article on the class of 2021 in our next newsletter.

Thank you
Domonique Splatt

CALENDAR 2021

TERM 1

Week 4

School Photos – February 17

Swimming Carnival (competitors only) – February 18

Year 8 Vaccination – February 18

Week 5

School Photo catch up day – February 24



YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Welcome to all our new Year 7 students to Parramatta High School. The first day was an exciting and nervous day for all students but they quickly settled in. On the first two days of school, students participated in a range of activities including: PAT testing, school tours, ice breaker games and PBL lessons. Students quickly started developing friendships and building positive relationships with their teachers. I am delighted to be the Year 7 Year Advisor and look forward to supporting and guiding all students throughout their school journey at Parramatta High School.

All Year 7 students are reminded to join all their Google Classroom classes and particularly the Year 7 Google Classroom (the code is **ydjkcng**). Important information will be posted on the classroom. There is also plenty of support at school if you need anything just ask!

Ms Kassem

Year 7 Year advisor





MUSIC

Year 8 music at Parramatta High has started with arranging, composing and remixing on a Digital Audio Workstation called 'BandLab'. Students have been enjoying incorporating technology into their music making and are aiming to use this to create and record original work later in the term on keyboard



DANCE

A colorful poster for 'Dance Ensembles 2022'. The background is yellow with a white central area containing text. The text is surrounded by illustrations of musical equipment like headphones, speakers, and a boombox. The text reads:

DANCE ENSEMBLES 2022

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE 4 ENSEMBLES - HIP HOP, JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY AND POM. THEY WILL BE RUN ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL AND YOU CAN JOIN AS MANY GROUPS AS YOU LIKE. REHEARSAL TIMES WILL BE FINALISED OVER THE NEXT WEEK AND YOU WILL BE EMAILED ONCE PERMISSION NOTES ARE READY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM - [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/REY8374AKFDQDJWM9](https://forms.gle/REY8374AKFDQDJWM9)

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT DANCE PLEASE SEE MRS HEATH IN THE STAFFROOM OR SEND HER AN EMAIL - DARCY.MCLACHLAN2@DET.NSW.EDU.AU

SPORT

ITS ALL HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

- 14th February – Open Boys and Girls Basketball Trials at Merrylands Oval (3:15pm – 4:15pm)
- 17th February – Open Boys and Girls Soccer Trials at Greystanes High School (3:15pm – 4:15pm)
- 18th February Swimming carnival (COMPETITORS ONLY EVENT) at Merrylands Oval (9am-12pm)



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to 2022! To accommodate both bell times and cohorting restrictions, the library is now available for certain year groups during the following times:

Library Year Group Times 2022

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Before School | Year 12 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 10 | Year 9 |
| Recess | Year 7 | Year 12 | Year 9 | Year 8 | Year 7 |
| Lunch | Year 8 | Year 11 | Year 7 | Year 9 | Year 8 |

VALENTINES DAY / LIBRARY LOVERS DAY

Monday 14th February

Fall in love with one of our library books focusing on the love genre. Come down to the library and borrow a book for your heart!



CAREERS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am hoping we are able to have a better year this year in terms of what we can do in careers - things are looking better so let us keep our fingers crossed.

I sent an email last week to Year 10 parents explaining that we will continue with the work experience program. I will have a meeting with students on February 15th to give them information about the program and am hopeful they will tell you more about the process. A reminder that it is not mandatory, and students must find their own placements. If employers contact me for placements, I can advertise these to students.

Years 10 and 12 should have the opportunity to attend the Western Sydney Careers Expo in June this year. A note will come out in the next week or two and payment will be required by April 1st as it is a long process to get all students registered. Only vaccinated students can attend the expo and proof must be shown at the venue on entry. I will have more information on the expo later in the term and will meet with Year 12 this week to let them know what I have planned for them.

I also encourage Year 12 students to regularly visit the UAC website to get all up to date information throughout the year. The website can be accessed at www.uac.edu.au

Students who wish to study Medicine and/or Dentistry need to enrol in the UCAT test as this is a pre-requisite for these courses. You can find more information at www.uac.edu.au

Many students will be interested in early entry into university. I will always give out the information as it comes to hand and will keep students updated on all the university information I receive. I am starting to attend all the University Careers Advisers days this week and I look forward to getting some useful information for all Year 12 students.

Normally at this time of year, I take Year 12 to Sydney University but we are unable to attend any excursions at this stage. However, if anything changes I will happily take students to learn more about the tertiary institutions they are interested in. It is so much better to visit a university campus in person.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be sent newsletters each week from our careers websites, *Study, Work, Grow* and *Job Jump* - these are endless sources of information. I encourage you to have a look at these when your child receives them.

Mrs M Ibrahim
Careers Adviser

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.

If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please contact Parramatta High School on:

Telephone: 02 9635 8644

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

EMAILING THE SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you email the school, it is important that you include the full name of your child or children and the year they are in. This will allow us to forward the email to the appropriate staff member or to contact you directly.

EARLY LEAVERS

It is important for students to remain at school. If there is a reason why a student must leave early, please have a written note explaining the reason and the time the student needs to leave. This note must be taken to a Deputy Principal to sign before roll call.

For further information you can visit the following site:

<http://www.rsc.nsw.edu.au/resources/DepEdNSW-Attendance.pdf>





Naval Association of Australia

PATRON-IN-CHIEF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

PARRAMATTA MEMORIAL SUB-SECTION

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15 December 2021

Dear Ms Splatt,

Many thanks for accepting the invitation on behalf of Parramatta High School to once again attend our annual Memorial Service commemorating the loss of HMAS Parramatta II. This year marked the 80th anniversary of the ship's sinking with the loss of 138 crewmen including all the officers.

Amongst those who attended and laid tributes on the monument were the Governor of NSW, the Commander of the Australian Fleet, Lord Mayor of Parramatta Federal & State Members for the electorate of Parramatta and Presidents of seventeen ex-Services Associations and Clubs.

Relatives of those who were lost with their ship also attended – including 101 year old Mrs Jean Fryer whose husband Able Seaman Ted Fryer was killed in action.

Your School Captains acquitted themselves admirably and were an important addition to our guest list representing, as they do, not only Parramatta High School, but are a crucial generational link to those who were honoured at that service. It remains a personal hope that my generation is able to convey to latter generations that these memorial events serve to remember that many of today's freedoms were protected by those who went to war. They may also spark enquiry into how wars start and how those circumstances might be avoided.

You may remember that tributes on the day included books which are later donated to local schools. It is always hoped that the books will be related to Australian Military history, but attendees give what they deem appropriate.

This letter accompanies a number of such books, some of which are inscribed, others not.

Very best regards, MK

Michael Kielty JP
Honorary Secretary
Parramatta Memorial subSection
Naval Association of Australia

Respect, Responsibility & Honesty

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School submission: Email your entry to Miss Mellas (eufemia.mellas@det.nsw.edu.au) by **Monday 2nd May**.

Otherwise, you have until **Friday 6th May** to submit your own entry to whitlam.org/whatmatters



WHAT MATTERS?

NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION

Tell us, in up to 600 words, what you think is important or needs to change and why and you could win a great range of prizes, including \$1,000!

It's time to raise your voice.

whitlam.org/whatmatters

Whitlam Institute
WITHIN WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Go to this website to explore entries from previous competition finalists and to access their top tips for writing your entry.

school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code: **YRA XZG 5E2** in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



COMMUNITY NEWS



INTERNATIONAL PARRAMATTA FOOTBALL CLUB
ONE CLUB FOR ALL

PLAY FOOTBALL

Teams for U6 to U15,
AA Men and Women
U6 to U10 and all Girls teams
FREE* registration (*with Active Kids Voucher)
FREE REGISTRATION FOR INTER TOTS
(pre school program)

INTERNATIONAL PARRAMATTA FOOTBALL CLUB
For More information or to Register Online:
www.interparrafootball.club