Deputy Principal’s Report

We hope all our year groups have settled into the term and are working towards their individual goals for the year. There have already been significant events this term with a very successful swimming carnival, valuable peer support activities and worthwhile camps for Year 7 and 11. These activities are a success due to the organisation skills and commitment from our dedicated staff.

We plan this year to introduce more parent forums addressing topics such cyber-awareness, Helping you child with HSC assessment and HSC stress just to name a few. Information will be sent closer to date for these events.

Parramatta High School Parent Portal

Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the Student and Parent Portal, to provide both parents and students discreet information about each student's progress in our school.

Parents can log onto the Portal through this website http://web3.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login once they have registered. Parents who have given the school their email addresses should receive instructions on how to do this shortly by email. If you have not received this email or are having difficulty with the process, please contact the school.

You must ensure you keep this key private, otherwise other people will be able to log in and see information about your child.

One you have access, initially you will be able to view information about your child’s attendance, timetable, reports and also homework that has been set. Other features may be added later.

Students also have been given access and they can log onto the website by using their DEC Portal Login details.

We welcome your feedback on this initiative.

Opal cards arrived in the school for eligible students. If your child has not received their opal card, parents can contact 131 500 or concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au for more information.

CALENDAR events

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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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RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & HONESTY
Dear Parents,

Advanced Life School Photography will be taking our school photographs on **Thursday, February 25**.

Students **MUST** wear the NEW school uniform with no excessive jewellery or make up to be worn.

Years 7-10 **must** wear the blue school shirt. No excessive jewellery or make-up.

Years 11-12 **must** wear blazers. If you do not own a blazer, there will be a few blazers available for you to wear for your portrait photo. Seniors **must** wear the white school shirt. Boys **must** wear the school tie.

To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all photographs will be supplied on a pre-paid basis only. All students received a photo envelope last week in roll call. If your child did not receive one, please send them to collect one from the PE staffroom.

**You are strongly encouraged to pay online** (instructions on how to do so are on your child’s envelope that they received in roll call). Alternatively, if you are paying by cash, payment envelopes must be returned ON PHOTOGRAPH DAY ONLY with the correct money enclosed.

If your child is a member of any of the following special groups, they are required for a group photo to be taken at recess with the teacher in charge of that group. These photos will be available to purchase once all photos have been made available in Term 2. These groups are:

* SRC
* School Captains
* Prefects
* House Captains
* Social Justice Group
* Family

Advanced Life will accept late orders for individual and group photographs. A late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Advanced Life’s customer service department on 1300 728 972.

Thank you,

E. Smith
School Photo Organiser

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**Skoolbag Complete communication solution**

**For iPhone and iPad users:**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
PARRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL 2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday saw the completion of another highly successful Parramatta High School swimming carnival, where both attendance and participation numbers where the highest they have been in many years. A big thank you to all those students who attended the day, all were exceptionally well behaved and school spirit was high. It was great to see students proudly displaying their house colours, and a very big congratulations to all those students who got in the pool and did their best. Congratulations to the winning house Fitzroy, who were too strong this year.

House teams and points:

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AGE CHAMPIONS 2016

12 YEARS BOYS – Troy lin
Runner Up : Mohit Tholu
12 YEARS GIRLS – Michelle Toisuta
Runner Up : Ellen Li
13 YEARS BOYS - Mohammad Hatami
Runner Up Sean Kim
13 YEARS GIRLS - Ashleigh Walters
Runner Up : Vivian Zeng
14 YEARS BOYS - Joshua Toisuta
Runner Up : Vithushan Muraleetharan
14 YEARS GIRLS – Hannah Prado
Runner Up: Cynara-Jan De Guzman
15 YEARS BOYS – Marlan Heiyantuduwa
Runner Up : Manoj Ramalingam
15 YEARS GIRLS – Miranda Cunanan
Runner Up : N/A
16 YEARS BOYS - Morgan To
Runner Up : Justin Tran
16 YEARS GIRLS – Olivia Chung
Runner Up : Vasvi Gupta
17+ YEARS BOYS – Sahil Hadwani
Runner Up : Andy Mai
17+ YEARS GIRLS – Shera Huang

Congratulations to the following students who broke some of Parramatta High Schools long standing records!

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<td>Miranda Cunanan – 2015 (1:37.64)</td>
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PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

To All PHS Students

I am pleased to announce that Problem Of the Week Is starting this week and I have included a question for last week as well. This year the Problem of The Week has gone interactive in Moodle and it opens up on Friday and closes on Saturday. Maximum time for each problem is 30 minutes and you need to submit your responses electronically.

In Moodle you login as normal, go to Problem of The Week 2016. No enrolment key is required. Problem of the week is an extracurricular activity, NOT compulsory and it is not part of your assessments.

It is designed for people who enjoy Problem Solving and get involved with the High Order of Mathematical Thinking. The 1st correct contributor each week will be acknowledged in Moodle and in other School publications each week. A prize will be assigned to a student with the most correct contributions at prize Giving Night in December.

HAPPY MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING!!!!

Mr. Paleologos
Year 12 Drama goes to OnSTAGE

On Tuesday the 9th of February 2016, Year 12 Drama students were given the opportunity to attend a matinee of the project called OnSTAGE at the Seymour Centre which showcased the best Band 6 drama works from 2015. This excursion provided the students with a greater understanding of the requirements and high expectations for the Drama Individual and Group major works. The design projects on display were simply sublime and widened students' views. It provoked interesting ideas for their own projects as they explored exciting surprises and touching moments from the exemplary live performances that were unforgettable.
‘Oh my Godot!’ Some of our favourite performances included Tallulah’s awkward comedy which was brought to life with her unique laughter that had the audience in stitches. Others made us imagine living with our worst enemy; Mr Cockroach, being a postmodern actor in a past-modern world, surviving as a convict in colonial Sydney, or the ultimate... being sacked from Starbucks and having to work at Maccas! The variety of performance styles and storylines were captivating, taking the audience on an emotional roller coaster that we just did not want to get off!
It was an extremely worthwhile and inspiring experience that has indeed prepared us for the big year ahead. Thank you Miss Heron for organising first class seats and giving us this opportunity to see our potential.

Year 12 Drama Students: Tiana, Jasmine, Uma, Tammy

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Our prefects attended this conference that concentrated specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. They participated in a variety of forums, listening to guest speakers and small group workshops. Students left the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.

Thank you Ms. Jones
YEAR 7 CAMP

On February 15th of 2016, 118 Year 7 students and 7 teachers made their way to Morisset Outdoor Education Camp for three very big days of fun and educational activities! There were four groups which students were arranged in, and in those groups each student attempted many different challenges under the guidance of a trained instructor and teacher from Parramatta High School. I'm proud to say that every single one of Year 7 students who attended the camp conquered at least one challenge or fear which required them to take risks, push out of their comfort zones and make new friends! Without doubt, the highlight would have to be our mud run! We can now look back in the future, and know that this is where many new experiences were had, and many new bonds developed and use this moment as motivation to push forward in future years at Parramatta High School. It was my pleasure to be on this camp with such a great group of kids! Thank you to Mrs Walters for your wonderful organisation. As well as Mrs Bedwany, Miss Williams, Miss Hough, Mrs Massey, Mr Smith and Mr Hammoud for all of your help on this camp. Thank you. Mr Walsh Year 7 Adviser, 2016.

Study Skills Handbook

Parramatta High School has subscribed to the ELES Study Skills Handbook.

This is a valuable online resource that allows parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns as well as learn new ways to improve student achievement at school.

Please follow the link to access interactive activities, multimedia experiences and useful resources.


All students at the school have been issued with a login and password which will allow them to login as a subscriber.