PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NEW SYNTHETIC GRASS AREA
Work on the grass area outside the canteen will start next week. Fencing will be put up and the area out of bounds for the next few weeks. We look forward to having a more usable area shortly. If any dad can assist with replacing the old pine border around the fixed equipment with a nicer brick paver edge, can they let the office know. The assistance from parents and our local community is really appreciated.

YEAR 6 CHOICE OF HIGH SCHOOLS
We have invited a representative from our local high school to address the parents of Year 6 student this Thursday afternoon at 5.30pm in the staffroom. He will talk briefly about the process for applying to high schools. This is a generic talk and not intended to promote any one school. Choice of School application will be made available after this meeting for all parents.

SCHOOL PLANNING
The draft document outlining the plan for our school will be presented at the next P&C meeting on Monday March 9th. Draft documents will be available for parents shortly with the opportunity to make changes if needed. Please take the time to look at the directions the school is taking based on feedback and data we have gathered.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX – WHAT IS IN A BALANCED LUNCHBOX!
Pack the core 4 + 1 for active kids. * Main Lunch * Core Snack * Piece of fruit (seasonal) * Water with an additional small reduced fat milk drink or 99% fruit juice (aim for <200ml serve) for added variety throughout the day ++ extra snack for active kids.
Add extra core snacks or one small extra pre-packed snack once a week.
Keep “occasional” foods such snack food bars, sweet biscuits, flavoured or coated popcorn and savoury biscuits and chips out of the lunch box. Although they can offer a practical convenient solution for lunchboxes, they should not replace the core snack and should be kept for special occasions. Avoid including the ones with added confectionery and opt for wholegrain varieties packed full of whole foods you can see with your eyes.

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AT SCHOOL
The school is working to create a pleasant playground environment. We have equipment which is lent to students, playground markings for games and have just purchased table tennis tables. We do not encourage students to bring their own equipment and games as we have found this can lead to disputes and things going missing.

BEE SAFE
The year has started off well. To minimise the number of students going to sick bay with scratches and cuts due to running on hard surfaces we ask that you remind your child that it is important to follow our school rules and only run on the grassed areas.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
Wednesday 4 March is World Read Aloud Day. This day draws global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. It also promotes the right of everyone in the world to be literate. Students will participate in a class activity to celebrate this day. Please visit the WRAD website for further information about this day and to view some interesting statistics regarding global literacy and the impact that literacy makes.

Have a happy World Read Aloud Day and share a story with someone.

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

NATIONAL TESTING – NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and 5 students will undergo national testing in Literacy, Writing and Mathematics this year. Test dates are: May 12, 13 & 14.

PEDLARS’ PARADE
The K-2 Pedlars Parade is an important and exciting event that is held each year around Easter. This year it will be held on Thursday 2 April. This event is now in its 50th year! On this day there will also be a cake stall, sweet stall and lucky dips. Keep an eye out for more information in coming newsletters.

EASTER RAFFLE
The Parent Auxiliary will be holding an Easter raffle at the Pedlars’ Parade. In order to have a number of prizes, we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs, baskets or items suitable for prizes. These items may be left at the office. We appreciate your assistance with this venture.

Jacki Hogan -CONVENOR

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS
Group photographs are on display in 5M’s room window. If you would like to order any of these photos, please call at the office for an envelope.
**SPARE CLOTHING**
If your child has been lent any clothes, please wash them and return them to the office as soon as possible.

**PCYC PARRAMATTA**
Parramatta Police Citizens Youth Club wishes to advise of a new activity commencing at the club on 6 March. It’s a Blue Star Fitness Program suitable for 6 – 12 year olds. It will run on Fridays from 4pm to 5pm and the cost is $5.00 with after school snacks provided. For further information please call 9635 8242.

Due to the Zone Swimming Carnival there will be no PSSA competition next Friday

**UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS**
Please complete and return to the office **ONLY IF** any of your details have changed

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