

# Prairievale Public School

## ***NEWSLETTER***

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**Wednesday 8 May, 2019 - Term 2 Week 2**

Welcome Back!

I hope all our families had a chance to relax and refresh during the Easter holidays and are ready for another very busy term.

You may have noticed the new art that is popping up around the school. The SRC have been working very hard in developing ideas and plans to improve the aesthetics of our school. Over the term, Mrs Nielsen will be working with Mrs Melia and the SRC to design more art with inspirational messages to brighten up our toilet blocks. We will also be repairing dispensers and fixtures within the toilet blocks.

The Kindergarten block has also begun its refurbishment. New carpet will be laid this week to ensure our classrooms are optimal for learning. Currently, KH and KC are using the community languages rooms while these improvements are being made.

Lots of terrific things happening again at Prairievale PS. Keep up to date on our website [www.prairieval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.prairieval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)/or follow us on Facebook.

***Next P&C meeting***

**Wednesday, 8 May @ 2.00pm**

## **NAPLAN Year 3 and 5**

In week 3 our year 3 and 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN provides an indication of academic progress and for a year 5 student it allows the opportunity to see progress over time. I encourage families with students involved to continue with normal routines and not over emphasise the tests. All students learn at different rates and NAPLAN is a snapshot of their performance that can be influenced by many factors.

## **ANZAC DAY**

On Wednesday in week 1 we held a short ANZAC ceremony to honour the day with dignity and show collegiality as a school for the soldiers' sacrifices and courage. ANZAC Day marks an important anniversary of military action over the years by Australia and New Zealand. As a nation, we take pride in this day and show our respect for the lives lost. I believe it is important for our children to take pride in our culture and honour our past by commemorating our ANZACs. I would like to take this time to thank our exceptional school leaders and students for their participation and the pride they showed during our ANZAC service.

## **CARPARK**

Lately I have noticed a lot of parents driving into the school carpark.

I understand that parking around the school can be difficult at times; however it is important to respect the requests of the school to ensure student safety. Parents should refrain from driving into the carpark unless direct permission has been granted.

In addition, we encourage students and parents to enter and leave the school using the paths and pedestrian gates. I ask that you support us in ensuring safety by **NOT WALKING** in our carpark area.

Mrs R Challenor

Principal

## 25 Reading Nights

**KC**

Joseph Hedo  
Sandra Balyos  
Omid Hassani  
Ashton l'Anson

**2P**

Alvin Anyoel

**6S**

Aiden Toma  
Bianka Mickoska  
Jayden Nguyen  
Mahreen Hassani

**KV**

Olian Anyoel  
Jacob Chung  
Mathew McKnight  
Mihrimah Tekin

**3S**

Tuleen Tuffaha  
Ralee Kabula

**6S**

Orlando Jong  
Caroline Quach  
Kimi Cruz  
Isabella Usumaki

**2D**

Davera Akka  
Jonathon lakopo  
Lujain Alkhamesi  
Mostafa Alnajafie

**4A**

Ashourina Israel

**6S**

Ledn Shebo  
Nardeen Hanna  
Lerita Melia

## 50 Reading Nights

**KV**

Jacob Chung

**2P**

Destiny Vera  
Sevak Al Mananee

**6S**

Aabid Degia

**KC**

Angelina Hanna Mikha  
Joseph Moshee

**3S**

Chelsea Jong

**2D**

Angelina Yalda  
David Moshee  
Jasmine Srean  
Sargon Youkhanna  
William Caruana

## 75 Reading Nights

**2D**

Sophie Kozelko  
David Moshee

**3M**

Fabyan Adil

**5R**

Annelise Habib Azuo

# It's back!



It's time to start collecting all your Woolworths earn and learn stickers to support our school.

Collection boxes are in the front office eagerly awaiting your stickers!

There is also a collection box at Woolworths Stockland for anyone to donate their unwanted stickers to our school.

Sticker charts are available from the front office.

# THANK YOU !

## **From the leadership team**

What has the leadership team been up to this past month?

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April the leadership team organised the ANZAC assembly to commemorate all the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for ours. We also introduced ourselves to Mr. Hugh McDermott who is our local member of Parliament; he came to our school to talk about the ANZACS and what it means. We did various activities such as putting down the flowers and wreath, raising the Australian and Aboriginal flags and cutting out red poppies and pinning them to our shirts/jackets. We had a very fun time reading our scripts and meeting Mr. Hugh McDermott.

Our SRC is now in full swing. We go to fortnightly SRC meetings. During the SRC meetings the leadership team contribute to discussions and give our ideas towards helping our school. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May we will be having a pyjama mufti day at school for a gold coin donation as we continue to raise funds for our school. Another thing we're helping out with are the toilets. We suggested brightening them up with some murals which has already started.

The school captains introduced themselves to some principals that were working within the Community Hub recently. They asked us questions about our school and what we do as captains of the school. We answered them truthfully and in the best way possible. As we were talking we were showing them around our awesome school. While we talked to them we tried to be the best image of our school and showed them that we were safe, respectful and resilient leaders.

Finally, we all received congratulatory letters from Chris Hayes MP (federal member for Fowler) to acknowledge our role as school leaders this year.

Until next month,

Lerita, Mahreen and Kimi





# Time online

Help your child achieve a healthy balance in their online and offline activities.

## How much is too much?

There is no magic figure. The right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine.

It can be easy to focus only on the clock, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement, are just as important.

## Signs to watch for:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches, eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- reduced personal hygiene
- obsession with particular websites or games
- extreme anger when being asked to take a break from online activity
- appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- becoming withdrawn from friends and family

Reducing your own screen time sets a positive example.

## Help your child manage their online time

- **Stay engaged and encourage balance** — keep an eye on the games, apps and devices your child uses by sharing screen time with them. Help them stay aware of their important offline activities, like hobbies and sports.
- **Create a plan** — involve your child in creating a family plan that balances time spent sitting in front of screens, with a variety of offline activities.
- **Use the available technologies** — parental controls and tools to monitor online time allow you to measure and set time limits on device use or internet access. But be honest and open with your children about why you want to use these technologies.

[esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online)



# Class in Focus 1C



This term 1C are working with Ms Alderson for our technology lesson every Thursday.

This week we have started to learn how to use the application SketchesSchool.

Ms Alderson has been teaching us how to use the different tools to make our artworks on our iPads.

1C have also been trying very hard in Math.



We have been learning about equal groups and how to share into groups fairly.





## Class in Focus K-6H



This term, K-6H have been enjoying 'Tech Time' with Miss Alderson and learning about new engaging apps they can play with on their iPads. We have been looking at the SketchersSchool app where we have fun drawing pictures, while also learning concepts such as symmetry and shapes.

K-6H are keen learners and look forward to learning more about fun activities on the iPads.





## Bronze Awards

Mark Malki	4A	Razan Kabula	5R
Annelise Habib Azuo	5R	Danela Soko	2P
Anjel Ydkw	KC	Samuel Khanania	1C
Alexandra Franso	2D	Jordan Fenech	2D
Anabella Faraj	1C	Jeovana Warda	2P
Orlando Jong x 2	6S	Lachlan Volpe	4A
Dominic Gould	1L	Andrew Elishaa	1L

## Silver Awards

Sargon Youkhanna 2D



**COME JOIN US FOR**

**zümbini.**



**LET'S DANCE!!!**

**FREE ZUMBA FOR MUMS & KIDS (AGES  
1-6)**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**9AM – 10AM**

Call Rianne at the Hub for more information on 0488 682 764

# Keeping our kids safe around schools

Your child's safety depends on you



## Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run

to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

## Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP ! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK ! for traffic to your right, left and right again.

LISTEN ! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK ! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.



# PPS Calendar

**May:**

**9th            P & C Mothers Day Stall**

**9th            Swimming for years 4 and 5**

**12th          Mothers Day**

**13th          NAPLAN assessments begin**

**15th          SRC PYJAMA DAY**

**16th          Swimming for years 4 and 5**

**18th          Federal Election voting**

**24th          NAPLAN ends**

