Welcome Back

I hope that all the students and their families had a wonderful and restful school holiday and welcome everyone back to school as we commence Term 3.

I would like to officially welcome our new Spanish Teacher Mrs Nadia Giglioli Mulroe who has joined our Prairievale community. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Coundouris and Ms Pham who have been on leave.

This term will be full of exciting activities including our 30th Birthday party in September. Please check your children’s bags for information or visit our website to find out about up and coming events.

During the holidays a new electric security gate was installed at the front of the school. Please be careful when using this gate. You will need to press the control and the office staff will open the gate. Do not push on the gate as this will damage the mechanism. The car park area has also been fenced off to keep our students safe from vehicles.

We also had a new seating area covered in synthetic grass. There is still some work to be completed around this area which will become a beautiful area for students to sit and talk.

You may have also noticed our beautiful new front garden. This was generously donated by Bunnings at Bonnyrigg.
Come and celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Prarievale Public School

Thursday 31st July

9-10am
Parent Coffee Club
in Community Language room

1pm – 1.35pm
Open classrooms
visit your Childs classroom

1.35-1.55pm
Afternoon Picnic
Bring a rug and have afternoon tea with your children

2.00pm
Whole School Assembly
Hall

2-3pm
Parent ICT workshop
Athletics Carnival

I would like to thank Mr Chand, Miss Penman and Mrs Dyga and all the teachers who helped organise the Athletics Carnival. It was a great day and it was good to see so many students participate and the wonderful sportsmanship. I would also like to thank the parents who came to support.
World Cup Shoot Out

The World Cup competition held in the last week of term 2 was a great success. It was a well organised event that many students participated in. The prizes were donated by club Marconi and will be distributed soon. A special thanks to Miss Michetti for organising this event.
Stage 3 Camp Payments
This is a reminder that you need to make regular camp payments to ensure the camp is paid for prior to the scheduled date of departure. The Camp is on during the last week of Term 3. All payments must be paid in full by the end of week 9 Term 3.

Attendance
Each fortnight school attendance is monitored using our school SENTRAL system. Students who have 3 or more occasions of absences and/or lateness within a fortnight will receive a letter. Parents need to return this letter stating the reasons. Absences or lateness to school disrupts children's learning. Students should only be absent from school if they are sick. Lateness to school even for just a few minutes disrupts the learning of the students and others in the class.

Maths Groups
The teachers spent the Staff Development Day last week learning about the new Maths Syllabus in preparation for the implementation in 2015. The changes to Maths is basically in the approach to teaching and includes greater investigations and an increased emphasis on working mathematically. To assist teachers in increasing their knowledge of the syllabus the maths groups will no longer operate and all students will remain with their class teacher for learning mathematics.

In K-2 the students have been working on a Mathematics program called TEN in their classroom. The program aims to increase students numeracy skills. There will be some information sessions held for parents on the new maths syllabus early in 2015.

Swim School
We have been very fortunate to be given 2 sessions for swim school this year. There are only 90 positions available for students year 2 to year 6. This is a 10 day commitment in weeks 9 & 10 of this term and the cost has been subsidised by the school. Part payments are not accepted.
Class in Focus

4/5N along with the rest of the school is a wonderful blend of different cultures and religions. Collectively, the students in 4/5N are from 18 different countries and celebrate 6 different religions. Learning about other people’s cultures and religions is important in promoting acceptance and tolerance, and as we’ve realised in 4/5N – it is a lot of fun too! Recently we have looked at the Muslim celebration of Ramadan and have found out that as well as fasting, doing good deeds in this time is particularly important. In light of this, students in our class have been trying hard to do our own good deeds and document them on a chart.

World Cup fever has spread throughout 4/5N! Not only have we followed the games, we studied the flags of the different countries involved in the tournament and looked closely at its host country Brazil. We also looked into the cultural backgrounds of our very own Soceroos Players and found out that the majority had roots from different places around the world – just like the students in 4/5N.
Class in Focus 4/5N
**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**P&C Pyjama Disco**

The disco will be held on Monday 4th August. Payments must be made by Friday 1st August and no tickets will be sold on the day of the disco.

No entrance without tickets will be permitted on the Monday.

**Next P&C Meeting**

Wednesday 30th July 2pm in the staffroom.
25 Nights Reading

2M
Ashtyn Nget

2/3L
Ninos Issa
Aaliyah V. Tran

50 Nights Reading

KP
Mathew Noona

2S
Luka Topalovic

2/3L
Ninos Issa
Alicia Tir
Aaliyah V. Tran

75 Nights Reading

3N
Merry Shamoon

1SE
Jayden Le
Leo Jebbo

2M
Cynthia Boun

2/3L
Alicia Tir
Trisha Tran
Aaliyah V. Tran
Corina Rodriguez

100 Nights Reading

2S
John Oraha
Anderias Shamoon
Onel Shamoon

2/3L
Gordon Ung
Alicia Tir

3N
Angelica Yousif
Merry Shamoon

3/4H
Sain Azmaro

125 Nights Reading

2/3L
Gordon Ung

3/4H
Sophie Condell

1SE
Stephanie Matti

2S
Sharokina David
Onel Shamoon

150 Nights Reading

175 Nights

KP
Lerita Melia

2M
Gordon Ung
Daniel Usumaki

3/4H
Sophie Condell

Uta Fifita
PPS Calendar

Week 2 Term 3

Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July - School Banking
   - Scripture
Wednesday 23rd July—Naidoc Celebration at Bonnyrigg PS
Thursday 24th July— SRC Pyjama Day
   -Parent Coffee Club 9-10am (CL room)
   - Dance2BFit K-2
Friday 25th - PSSA sport

Week 3

Monday 28th July
Tuesday 29th July - School Banking
   -Scripture
   -University English Test
Wednesday 30th July -Stage1 Excursion National Park
Thursday 31st July– SRC Jeans for Genes Day
   - Education Week Open day
   - Parent Coffee Club 9-10am (CL room)
   - Open classroom 1pm-1.40pm
   - Parent ICT workshop 2-3pm
   - Whole school assembly 2-3pm
   - Dance2BFit K-2
Friday 1st August - PSSA sport

Week 4

Monday 4th August– P&C Disco K-2 4pm to 5.30pm 3-6 5.30pm –7pm