



# North Parmelia Now

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*Together we will be DARING and ROBUST learners.*

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the 2022 school year at North Parmelia PS, our 51<sup>st</sup> year of serving the families of Parmelia. 2021 was a wonderful year, as we navigated COVID-19 and still managed to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. In 2022 we hope to continue in the same manner. Our focus is on maintaining the school program as normally as possible, whilst keeping everyone as safe from COVID-19 as possible. There will be some challenges as the Omicron variant spreads in the community and as our borders open.

The government, Department of Education and the school are working together with the community to endeavour to maintain a normal program and keep everyone as safe as possible. Currently parents and carers have full access to the school, albeit that masks are required when entering indoor areas. Anyone that works or volunteers at the school on a regular basis (one session per week) is required to be double vaccinated, and triple vaccinated when they are eligible for their booster. There is a requirement to show vaccination certificates in the front office if you are a regular worker or volunteer at the school. Parents and carers dropping of students and picking them up are not required to show proof of vaccination. The school has been advised to contact parents and carers if students present at school with cold or flu-like symptoms. Parents and carers will be requested to pick them up and seek medical advice. If students are required to self-isolate a work package will be provided. Given this, parents and carers are requested to keep their children home and seek medical advice if their children are experiencing flu-like symptoms. As matters evolve the government, guided by the Chief Health Officer, will adjust these conditions.

Parents and carers are reminded, that for security reasons, the gates to the school will be closed at 3.15 pm. There were a number of incidents at the end of last year, where people with no business at the school, were on site after the students left.

As mentioned, we are keen to keep the educational experience for students as normal as possible. Mr Tang has organised a wide range of sporting activities to engage students and build their fitness and skills. These include hockey clinics, winter sport training, cricket training, swim trials, swim training and cricket and swimming interschool competitions. Harmony Week will be celebrated, but we are yet to confirm the BBQ / picnic event. Mrs Gilewski will be inviting 30 students to Sculptures By The Sea and the Year 6 Camp is planned for Week 7. The Easter Hat Parade is planned for the Thursday morning of Week 10, whilst the ANZAC Observance is planned for the afternoon of Friday 8 April, 2022.

North Parmelia PS is blessed with a professional, competent and committed staff. Our staff is very stable and although some of the roles have changed in 2022, the staff is essentially the same as it was at the end of last year. We do welcome Mrs McCoy back to us. She will be working in a specialist teacher capacity.

Alongside our stable and competent staff, the school will continue the NPPS Common Curriculum approach, with our focus of explicit instruction and engagement. The specialist programs of Visual Arts, Indonesian, Physical Education and Technology will continue. The school is fortunate to be supported by the WA Symphony Orchestra Crescendo program, The Institute of Indigenous Well-Being and Sport Young Achiever Club, the Smith Family, AIEO (Cultural Support) and the School Chaplain. The school is also well supported by the City of Kwinana and state and federal government programs.

**Peter Elsegood  
Principal**

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and waters of Australia and the Torres Strait. We respect all Aboriginal and Torres Strait people - their customs and their beliefs. We also pay our respects to elders past and present with particular acknowledgement to the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional owners of the land that our school is built upon.



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# **STRANGER DANGER**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

**It is a timely reminder to parents at the beginning of the school year to heed advice from the WA Police Service regarding safe practice for children:**

**We urge all students to take care when going to and from school, and to report anything suspicious to parents, school and the police – call 000 in an emergency or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers.**

**What children should do:**

- + Always travel in company**
- + Walk on the right hand side of the road so you face oncoming traffic**
- + Wherever possible, leave space between yourself and the roadway**
- + Stay in areas that are well lit**
- + Stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden from view (such as parkland, bush or behind shopping centres) and plan trips to avoid such locations**
- + Be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably**
- + If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number**
- + If a passing car stops nearby never get too close**
- + Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk**
- + Provide this advice to brothers and sisters, especially if younger**

**Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police, noting number plates of cars and/or clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.**

# Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to another exciting year at N.P.P.S. My name is Rebecca Birch and I will be your school chaplain again this year. I am looking forward to meeting and helping as many students and families as I can and will be at school on a Monday.

One of the wonderful things about sending our kids to school is that they get to experience a whole world outside their life at home. However, we are curious what they are learning and experiencing when they are away from us.

Do you ever get frustrated when you ask your child how school was today and they say “fine” or asking what they did results in a “nothing”?

The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Move beyond "fine" and "nothing" by asking your kids to describe their world. Be genuinely interested and keep it casual, too many questions can feel like an interrogation and we don't need that. Share about your day, communication goes both ways.

Try one of these conversation-starters:

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. What was something funny that happened today?
4. Tell me about what you read in class.
5. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
6. What was your favourite lesson today and what did you enjoy about it?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. What is the schools behaviour expectation focus this week?
9. Who did you sit with at lunch?
10. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

And as with everything, practice makes progress. Ask 1-3 questions a day and see how you go.

Rebecca Birch

School Chaplain

# *Congratulations School Leaders 2022*

*Congratulations to the following students who received their badges at the Christmas and Book Prize Assembly at the end of 2021.*

*We look forward to seeing our young leaders in action and hope they enjoy the responsibilities they will hold in the School in 2022.*

## **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS - 2022**

*Kaylee Knight  
Lydia Savinykh  
Isla Baker  
Ebony Maitland  
Zac Heedes  
Indyah Donnelly  
Crystal Whimp  
Payton Morgan*

## **FACIION CAPTAINS - 2022**

**GILMORE - RYAN SELLERS**  
**PARMELIA - JON MORRIS**  
**SULPHUR - KOREE BAYLEY**  
**CHALLENGER - DEXTER NIVEN**