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North Parmelia Now

Together we will be DARING and ROBUST learners.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2022 has been an outstanding year at North Parmelia PS. On the sporting field the school has won two Spirit Shields and both netball competitions at the Winter Carnival. Academically the school has maintained a consistent positive result with the 2021 and 2022 NAPLAN results being above expectation. The Crescendo program has delivered superb outcomes for the students, whilst the school has enjoyed massive support from local organisations and businesses that have further enhanced the operation of the school. I would like to once again acknowledge the Smith Family, the City of Kwinana, Tronox, Coles and the Institute of Indigenous Well-Being and Sport for their support.

Since the reopening of the community following the COVID-19 lockdowns the school has recommenced assemblies. The assemblies have been an ongoing highlight. The quality of the items, the public speaking of the students and level of team work has been superb. Assemblies provide a snapshot into the operation of the classroom, so if assemblies are anything to go by, the students are engaged in relevant and motivational experiences.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the P and C. One year on from the 50th Anniversary Festival Celebration the P and C continue to provide enormous support to the school. The P and C enrich the school and provide significant funds that support the creation of infrastructure and resources. They are a committed and energetic group of parents and carers and they do a mighty job.

Schools function best when a triangle of support is in operation. This is when the student, parent and carer and school staff are working in unison for the benefit of the students. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support throughout 2022. As a result of the impact of COVID-19 it has been a challenging year, but the support of the school community has been marvellous and assisted the school to prevail and triumph, and as mentioned, for the students to achieve superb results.

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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STEAM

This term in the STEAM room we have been using our Lego Spike Essential and Prime kits. These were kindly donated by TRONOX, and we would like to thank them for their continuing support of our STEAM programs at NPPS. During sessions, students work together to solve real world problems in creative ways. These amazing kits build on the premise of Lego by adding things like motors, lights, and even a camera. All which can be programmed by writing some code in the Spike app. We follow a step-by-step plan to build the model. Then the students are guided through how to write the code to get the model to do what we want. After they have completed their model, the students are asked to add more detail surrounding the model to really make the scene come to life. At the end of the session each group must present and show/talk through their creation with the class. It is really pleasing to see how different groups each come up with creative ideas and ways to personalise their project. These projects encourage the students to think about problems in different ways and will prepare them for a future that will rely on technology.

Years 1,2,3 have been looking at the Great Adventures unit. This unit introduces students to computational thinking. They're beginning to understand what a sequence is, how to follow instructions to create a sequence, and describe the sequence to their peers. They're learning how to break problems down into smaller parts, identify cause and effect, and understand simple loops. Finally, they've explored the process of testing and debugging programs to ensure that their programs work as intended.

Years 4-6 have been looking at the Quirky Creations unit. This unit develops students' engineering design skills as they investigate ways of defining problems, brainstorming solutions, and testing and refining prototypes. Refining their problem-solving skills as they create a solution to a problem that has constraints and improve on others' ideas. All while honing their ability to identify failure points and success criteria when comparing, modifying, and evaluating a solution.

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Orelia Dental Therapy Centre News

As we approach the end of another school year, we would like to take this time to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!

If you are planning on moving over the holiday period, can you please let the staff in the dental clinic know so we can update your contact details. Furthermore, if your child is heading off to high school next year, we will continue to see them here up until the end of Year 11 or the age of 17, whichever comes first.

To all our families with children starting pre-primary in 2023, we will be sending dental enrolment forms home early in the school year for you to enrol in our service. Keep an eye out for these in your child's school bag early next year.

Lastly, we will be closing for the school holidays with the last day Thursday 22nd December 2022. If you have any dental emergencies over the holiday period, please call the clinic phone number on 9419 1468 as all the emergency contact information will be on there. There will also be a sign on the clinic door.

Once again, have a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous new year. Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you next year!!

