



North Parmelia Now

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Together we will be DARING and ROBUST learners.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to welcome all members of the North Parmelia PS community to the 2023 school year. It is pleasing to report that the year has commenced very smoothly. It is also pleasing to report that the students have achieved some wonderful results in recent times. The results stem from the professionalism and commitment of the staff, the effort of the students and the support of the community. On almost all measures the results achieved by North Parmelia PS students compare favourably to those of students from similar schools.

The one area that could be improved is attendance. Unfortunately, this is an area of concern. We understand that the Covid-19 pandemic has had an enormous impact on families and the community. If parents and carers could advise the school of their child's absence that would be a wonderful starting point to improving our attendance data. This can be done via the school website at <https://npps.wa.edu.au/> or by email to northpamelia.ps@education.wa.edu.au or by phone on 61738500.

The community has now moved to a new phase in regards to Covid-19 – “living with Covid”. We all still need to be diligent in regards to Covid-19 and follow enhanced levels of hygiene and health practices. If your child is unwell please keep them home and seek medical advice. Use the sanitisers readily available in the community or wash hands regularly. The school still has test kits available. These can be obtained from the school office.

As mentioned, a strong strength of our school is the staff. The staff is very stable and experienced. We would like to welcome Mrs Turner back to the school in the role of deputy principal and also welcome Ms Bohan and Ms Kent to the staff. Ms Bohan will be working in Room 3 and Ms Kent will be working in Room 2. Ms Murray has also changed roles within the school and will be in the Administration team from Monday to Thursday's.

We have all been hugely impressed with the manner in which the students have commenced the school year. Their conduct has been exemplary. Given this, we can all look forward to a fantastic 2023 school year.

There are some big events on the horizon. Mr Tang will be organising swimming trials for older students late in February, in preparation for the interschool swimming carnival to be held in the last week of this term. On the 10th March 2023, Mrs Gilewski will be inviting 30 fortunate students to Sculptures By The Sea to view the sculptures, and engage in a workshop, all provided for by ALCOA. From 13th March 2023 to 15th March 2023 the Year 6 students will be on camp at Point Walter and on the 15th March 2023 NAPLAN will commence for Year 3 and Year 5 students.

**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.

2023

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