



September Newsletter

School Calendar

TERM 1	
September	
Wednesday 21st Sept	PTA Meeting—6pm
Friday 23rd Sept	Dress Down Day— Free Choice
Friday 30th Sept	Public Holiday - National Youth Day 2011
October	
Saturday 8th Oct	PTA Yard Sale
Monday 10th Oct	Public Holiday - Columbus Day 2011
Friday 21st Oct	Yr 3—6 Sports Day National Stadium 9:15am
Monday 24 th - Wednesday 26 th Oct	Mid Term Break - school closed (Friday 22nd Oct Public Holiday - International Human Rights Day)
Friday 28th Oct	Dress Down Day — Orange and Black
Monday 31st Oct	K—6 Reports sent home
November	
Tuesday 1st —Thursday 3rd Nov	Parent consultation Meetings
Friday 25th Nov	Dress Down Day— Free Choice
December	
Friday 9th and Saturday 10th Dec	Yr 2-6 End of Term Show
Wednesday 14th Dec	K-1 and EYFS End of Term Show
Friday 17 th Dec	Dress Down Day— Festive Colours Term 1 ends at 12.30pm
TERM 2	
January	
Monday 9 th Jan	Teachers' In-service Training
Tuesday 10 th Jan	Term 2 begins

Welcome, Everyone to a New School Year

Welcome back to Provo Primary, both to our existing families and those who have joined us this year. We also welcome our new teachers who have made a great start to the year and are already proving to be valuable members of our team.

The children have settled in really well during the last few weeks, re-joining old friends, making new ones and getting acquainted with teachers and daily routines.

We wish you every happiness and success in our school community. We look forward to working in partnership with you all, providing the best

Keep up-to-date with all our school news on our new website:

www.provopprimary.com

Our School Handbook, Class Information Booklets and Club details are all recent additions for you to access online.

New School Resources:

We are pleased to share with you some of the new resources that have been purchased to aid our teaching and learning this year.

Information Technology

Our strong commitment to the access of information technology for all children within the school has led to us making the following major investments:

- * We have committed over the last 3 years to having an Information Technology specialist network our computer system for us.
- * Over the summer, we replaced our existing computers with 20 new systems.
- * PTA funds allowed us to purchase 2 new interactive whiteboards (IVB) and mini boards bringing our total to 5 IVBs throughout the school. Please note that classes that don't have an IVB at present, are accessing them in other classes throughout the day.

We have been fortunate to secure a loan enabling us to buy one additional board which will be ordered ASAP. Look out for details of a future fundraiser to repay this generous donation and to enable us to buy additional boards.

New Resources Continued...


PE and Playground Equipment

Each year we aim to make improvements and develop our school. Within our school improvement plan, we choose a main focus for the upcoming school year. Last year our focus was Mathematics and we had a very successful year improving our teaching and learning in this subject area.

This year one of our curriculum focuses is **PE**. We are excited to have already purchased additional PE equipment to supplement the equipment that we already have in place.

Our New PE Equipment includes:

Youth Track & Field Easy Pack x 1
Rubber Discus 1 kilo x 2
Rocket Javelin x 4
Shot puts x 2
Cushion Soccer Ball-Size 3 x 18
Rubber Soccer Ball Set (set of 6)-Size 4 x 2
Rubber Football Set (set of 6)-Intermediate x 2
Rubber Basketball Set (set of 6)-Intermediate x 2
Rubber Basketball Set (set of 6)-Junior x 2
Stopwatch Timers x 12
Diamond Foam Softball Size Practice Balls, set of 12 x 2
Spalding Backboard/Rim Combo Basketball Hoop- 52" x 1
Pro Mini Hoop and Ball x 1
Extra Soft Tetherball x 1



Look out on our blog for photos and information of the children utilising some of these items and demonstrating the skills they are learning.

Parent Volunteers

Ted Weldon has kindly offered to put up our new basketball hoop. If you are a DIY inclined individual who would like to assist, I am sure he would appreciate the extra help. We would also like to hear from anyone who could help set up our new tether ball. We have the ball and the string and now need a pole fixed into the ground to attach it to.

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank Whent family for donating a play fort to our Early Years department.

P.E Teachers

In addition to our P.E resources, we have also increased our commitment to improving the teaching of P.E by hiring a P.E specialist. Mr. Toby will be assisting teachers in improving their own teaching skills and will be heading the P.E school development plan. Teachers are encouraged to develop their skills by attending courses outside school hours and doing personal research into furthering their skills. This year, Shara will be working alongside teachers, so that during P.E sessions, children can be split into smaller groups, which will really assist children with their skill development.

We are also looking for Parent Volunteers who have expertise in the area of sports, to come and work with our children either on an ongoing basis or for a few "special" sessions. Please let us know if you can help.

Sports Day

Our **Year 3 – 6 Athletics Sports Day will take place on Friday 21st October starting at 9:15am** until 10:45ish. Come along to see your child demonstrate their athletic skills, with sprints, relays, hurdles, long jump, javelin, shot, discus and triple jump all being part of this term's athletics programme.

New Resources Continued...

Music

Our commitment to music is ongoing. As you are aware, we have hired a Music Specialist, Mr. Brentford, to teach music throughout the school.

We have purchased 5 additional Jumbie pans this year, so that more children can participate in our steel band sessions. These are already a big hit, especially with the younger children.

We will need to think about purchasing additional standard size drums in the future. In particular, Brentford sees the addition of another bass/guitar and a tenor drum as a good investment to help balance and enhance the sound of the band. Each drum costs about \$1,800, so this is a huge investment. As some of the drums are now quite old, this is one which we need to consider for the continuation of our steel band programme. We are hoping that our steel band will play for community events, as they have done in the past. A Night of Music will be organised this year, with this in mind. This event will not only be a chance for our children to show the community how talented they are, but it will also offer an opportunity to raise funds for our steel band programme. Other events may include playing for weddings, or other hotel entertainment for which the funds will come from tourists rather than directly from our school community.

We realise that there are many talented parents and we appreciate you getting in touch with Alison if you would like to participate in a Night of Music event.

Further School Info

Clubs

Details of additional clubs will go out on Tuesday. Starting in October, they will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We have openings on Friday afternoons for clubs that parents or community volunteers would like to hold at the school. In particular we would be interested in sports related clubs. Let us know ASAP if you have a club idea.

PTA News

We would like to thank everyone for coming to the PTA meeting on Wednesday evening, particularly those of you who are new to our school community. Our PTA is currently working on a PTA information booklet which will outline roles and responsibilities of the committee. They are also looking for Class reps, so please contact Vicky Chaplin, if you are able to help.

Look out for further PTA news which will be sent out next week that will include details of an upcoming PTA welcome coffee morning and family beach afternoon.

Lunch

Look out for further details of our new October lunch menu. Fruits wraps and salads are now available.

Thank you

Thank you everyone for your continued support and assistance as we strive to make our school better and better every year.