

# Newsletter

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## School Leaders

My son is a House Captain this year. He takes this role of leadership very seriously. He said to me on the weekend "It is very important that I am a good role model to the younger students. They look up to me." I was very proud of him and his positive attitude towards leadership.

We have many students in roles of leadership at PEPS. The House Captains do a great job at the carnivals in cheering on their houses and participating in the different events.

The House Captains for 2009 are- Nabeel, Keirah-Lee, Uzma, Patrick, Dalia and Bharath.

The Student Councillors also do a good job as leaders. They represent their class at council meetings. They have made some very positive changes in the school as a result of their suggestions. The captains do an excellent job coordinating Council meetings.

The student councillors for Semester One are: Dania 6D, James 6D, Uzma 6D, Ibrahim 6D, Susan 5V, Dylan 5V, Andreyra 4/5B, Al-Aabid 4/5B, Narys 3/4L, Vishnu 3/4L, Vanessa 3M and Joshua 3M.

## P&C executive

I would like to congratulate our new P&C executive which was elected last Monday night at the Annual General Meeting. Our new executive is:

Juleigh Luxford - President  
Ian Bruggemann - Secretary  
Veena Hariharan - Treasurer  
Erica Geddes - Vice President  
Jenni Fitzpatrick - Vice President

I would like to sincerely thank our out going executive for their hard work over the past year. They did an excellent job. I really enjoyed working closely with them and appreciate their hard work, support and help:-Lyn James President, Elene Marathocabitis Vice President and Michael Horseman Treasurer.



## School Contributions

Thank you very much to the parents who have sent in their school donations. Special thanks to the parents who have donated extra money to the school. We appreciate it very much.

We have raised \$4,682.00. We are very pleased with this amount so early in the year; however we need to continue to raise more money to pay for the many necessary materials for your child to use.

- We have used in the **last seven weeks** over \$2,500 for exercise books, stationery and photocopying.

This **does not include money** needed for:

- photocopying, stationery, art/craft supplies for the remainder of the year.
- reading and mathematics resources
- library books
- computers for the classroom
- interactive whiteboards
- resources for other subject areas
- PE equipment

We would really appreciate receiving your school contributions if you have not paid. Every dollar counts and will be very much appreciated!

## Canteen re-opening

The canteen reopened last Friday. It was very exciting! After the official ribbon was cut, the students delighted their taste buds with delicious food and drinks. It was a great success!

Special thanks to the canteen manager, Erica Geddes, Ian Bruggemann and Elene Marathocabitis who have worked so hard to prepare the canteen for its opening. Special thanks to Erica who has spent most days working in the canteen organising everything. Thank you as well to Lyn James, Rizwana, Jasmine and Estella for their help in the canteen.

For the canteen to continue to remain open we need parental help. If you have one Monday or Friday morning/day available and you would like to help in the canteen, please see Erica or myself. You can help once a week/fortnight or month. Your help would be much appreciated!!



### Federal Government Funding

Our school is eligible to receive Federal funding under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program. Following consultation with P&C members, staff, Department of Commerce and our School Education Director, I have applied for funding for fourteen projects. The program has strict criteria and prioritises applications according to those criteria. Schools do not all get equal amounts of funding. It depends on their need and their ability to meet the criteria. The 10 top project applications are for:

1. New school hall, canteen and cola
2. Walkway in front of Kindergarten classrooms to the toilet and administration block.
3. Replacement of the demountables with permanent buildings.
4. Upgrading the toilets and increasing the number of toilets.
5. Resurfacing the asphalt, upgrading the back playground, landscaping and erecting new seats
6. Repainting the school internally and externally
7. Upgrading the cable system
8. Upgrading the power supply
9. Office extension
10. Upgrading the library and refurbishing the archive Room.

I will keep you informed of developments.

### Parent teacher interviews

The teachers are very busy preparing for the parent/teacher interviews next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. We have extended the time of the interviews this year until 7pm to allow for working parents.

We trust you will take this opportunity to come along and meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress and to feedback to your child's teacher information about your child. Such meetings allow for a valuable exchange of information and help strengthen our learning partnership!

Your request for interview times is due back by this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### Harmony Day

Harmony Day is tomorrow. The students are very excited. Please remind your child/ren to wear orange. T shirts are available from the office for \$5.00 each.

On Harmony Day, we will be having a visit from Warrimoo Public School as a part of our Multicultural Grant. The Parramatta Sun will be here to take a photo. Many activities have been organised. It should be a great day for the students.

The canteen will be open on Harmony Day, however not for lunch orders.

### Easter Hat Parade

We will be having an Easter Hat Parade this year on the last day of this term, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, for Kindergarten

to Year 6 students from 11.45-12.30pm. This will be a fun activity which the students will enjoy.

Students will make a hat or poster at home and bring it in before the last day. It will be a mufti day. You **do not** need to donate a gold coin. The P&C have kindly offered to pay for Easter eggs for all the students.

More information will be sent home next week. Keep the date free in your diary.

### The OOSH

The kitchen of the OOSH is being extended to allow for an office space in the kitchen area. This will mean the office area of the new OOSH will be relocated from the hall's stage to the kitchen/office area. The Department is kindly paying for the building costs, except for \$500 from both the school and the OOSH.

The building works will commence this Friday. The OOSH will still be operating in the hall during this time.

### Staff news

Mrs Diaco has joined us until the end of this term. She will be teaching different classes around the school for teachers' RFF. We welcome her to PEPS and we hope she has an enjoyable time with us.

### Coming events for Term 2

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day (orange) Selective School's test
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher interviews
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5 & 6 Camp
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 5 & 6 Camp
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Yr 5 & 6 Camp
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Parade. School Mufti Day- no coins
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Holidays
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Students return for First Day Term 2

### Mrs Webb - Principal

#### *Voluntary Contributions Update*

Contributed to this  
year's project -  
\$4,682.00

#### *Caught You Being Good*

Andreya 4/5B	Angela 5V
Thomas 1R	Polo 1R
Rosie 1C	Emily 2S
Dylan 2S	Liviya KG
Tajmida 3/4L	Jope 2S
Yanni 1/2M	Vanessa 3M
Robert 1C	Sara 1R
Max 2S	Jason 3M
Nicholas 1R	Connor 5V
Jack 2S	

Congratulations to all the students listed for achieving their awards.

**Merit Award Recipients****Merit award**

Suresh 1R  
 Al-Aabid 4/5B  
 Sinan KG  
 Louise 6D  
 Dillon 6D  
 Dania 6D  
 Linda KG  
 Emily 2S  
 Yanni 2S  
 Fereshta 6D  
 Lara 5V  
 Susan 5V  
 Rahin 2S

**Pennant**

Parisa 4/5B  
 Anagha 1/2M  
 Roya 4/5B

**Principal Award**

Leo 3/4L  
 Isabella 1C  
 Alicia 1/2M  
 Divya 1/2M  
 Tukta 5V  
 Dania 6D  
 Henry 1/2M  
 Adrian 6D  
 Dillon 6D

**Honour Award**

Andreya 4/5B  
 Baris 6D  
 Rupesh 4/5B  
 Uzma 6D

**Banner**

Parisa 4/5B

**Special**

specifically for Harmony Day, but there will not be lunch orders on that day.

**Red Food Day - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The next Red Food Day is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, "Red" foods are those that can only be sold twice each term because they are 'naughty', junk foods and so do not meet the Education Department's requirements for healthy eating. Needless to say, these days are extremely popular!

**Volunteers needed.**

A canteen is such a tremendous asset to the school when it works well, but in order for it to do so, it needs helpers! **If you can help in the Canteen, either on Red Food days, or on any Monday or Friday, please let us know!** Leave your contact details at the Office or in the P&C box in the Office foyer (unfortunately, younger children are not permitted in the Canteen for safety reasons).

**Entertainment books - Orders and money due Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

You only have a couple more weeks to get your order form and money in for the fabulous Entertainment Book. These books cost \$55, (of which the school receives \$11) and they contain potentially thousands of dollars worth of savings. Movies, theatres, restaurants, accommodation, cafes, videos, zoo and wildlife parks are just some of the places you can receive big reductions. If you are not familiar with these books, there is a sample copy at the Office for you to see. I'm sure you'll be very impressed! The books will be at the school by 7<sup>th</sup> April, so you'll be able to use them in the school holidays.

**Easter Eggs Money due back Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Instead of an Easter Raffle this year we are having an Easter Egg drive. Today you will be receiving 10 lots of Easter eggs to sell. Each mini bag will sell for \$3. **If all the boxes are sold, the school will receive \$2400!**

In the previous newsletter it was stated that everyone who sells eggs will get ticket or tickets in a raffle. However it was decided at the last P&C meeting to change this. Instead of being the raffle prize, **a fabulous hamper from Cadbury's worth over \$100 will go to the family who sells the most eggs.**

(Please note that if your eggs come in a box, the box may refer to there being 20 lots. Disregard this. There should only be 10 because half were taken out and redistributed so that all families would get 10.)

**Mothers Day mufti - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May (First Friday of Term 2)**

Every year the P&C runs a Mothers Day stall. We hold a mufti (which means that the children wear casual clothes rather than school uniform) and the children are "fined" a donation towards the Mothers Day stall.

Suggestions of donations which are suitable include soaps, perfumes and other "pamper" products; stationery; kitchen and gardening items; plants and jewellery. These are only suggestions; it is really up to you. A gold coin donation is also suitable. (It may seem strange to be

**60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

PEPS 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations are not far away. The Celebrations will be held during Education Week in Term 2 on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 from 10.30 am.

If you have any memorabilia in regards to the history of the school or if you attended PEPS or know someone who did, can you please contact Mrs Bardwell at school.

**District Swimming Carnival 2009**

Congratulations to the 20 PEPS students who competed in the 2009 District Swimming Carnival. The standard of swimming was extremely high this year with district records being set in several events. Some of our best swimmers had a very exciting and tiring day swimming in six events! Well done to everyone for their fantastic effort and behaviour on the day. Thank you very much to our parent helpers, Mr Bohannon, Ms Murray and Mrs Astill. A very special thank you to Ms Murray and the P and C who helped our team look its best with brand new PEPS swimming caps.

Mrs Benson

**P&C news  
Canteen**

After many hours of work by our new canteen manager, Erica Geddes, and with the help of Ian Bruggeman and Elene Marathocabitis, the Canteen is now open again for business! The first day of trade was extremely successful. Many thanks to those parents who helped, to Mrs Webb who was very adept at using the brand new, and extremely popular slush puppy machine! The canteen will be open on Mondays and Fridays at lunchtime and recess, and there will be special lunch orders this term. It will also be open on Thursday

mentioning this now when it is still only March, but we like to give parents lots of notice, especially when the mufti is so early in the next term.)

I'd like to congratulate all the new executive and wish them well for the future. I want to thank Mick Horseman who has been the Treasurer for the past two years and Elene Marathocabitis who has been one of the Vice-Presidents for several years for all their work. I would also like to thank Mrs Webb for all the support she gives to the P&C. May I encourage other parents to become involved in the school. There are many opportunities to do so, even for people who work full-time and/or have very young children. So much of what makes this such a terrific school has been due to the efforts of parents. Please think about what you could do to help.

Lynne James Outgoing P&C President

### PARRAMATTA EAST OSHC NEWS

[peoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au](mailto:peoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au)

Vacation Care will be offered at the Centre during the April school holidays. We have a great fun packed program with both in centre and excursion days planned. As a sneak peek we will be going to Sydney Wildlife World, having a Party & Disco Day, an Electronics day and a Cooking Day.

An early bird discount of 10% is available for those bookings and payments made before April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Places are available but filling fast so get in quick.

Vacation Care programs and booking forms are available from the OSHC centre located in the school Hall

Our Centre program offers a wide variety of arts and crafts, imaginative and quiet play, games and social interactions. The program is created by children and staff together and therefore reflects the changing interests and skills of all those enrolled. Children are engaged in forming their own clubs such as Arts Club, Science Club, Olympic Sports Club, Knitting Club and So You Think You Can Dance Club.

We have been learning about aboriginal culture and we were fortunate enough for the boys to experience blowing into an indigenous didgeridoo - we took many photos. The children are now teaching each other greetings from their own culture.

There are still a few places available in both the morning and afternoon sessions so please call the Centre on



0430 365 939 or call in, collect an enrolment form and meet the staff.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Dez Loustos  
Co-ordinator

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

#### OUT THEY GO!

- **Unprinted hats:** slouch were \$8, now \$5; caps were \$6, now \$4 (would suit as spare hats)
- **Girls' cotton tights:** were \$10, now \$7 (sizes 4-6, 8-10, small ladies)
- **Girls' slacks:** were \$20, now \$10 (size 16 only, slim fit)

**Jacket orders due:** Wednesday 29 April and Wednesday 10 June (see previous newsletter for order form)

The Uniform Shop will be **closed on Monday 6 April** (last week of term 1).

Elizabeth Myers