

Newsletter

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2009 at PEPS

Welcome back!!

On behalf of the staff of PEPS I welcome all our new families and those who have stayed with us to what promises to be another excellent year. The school continues to flourish as more families appreciate the quality education delivered by our experienced and talented teachers. Our classes are full of excited and enthusiastic children who are relishing the challenges being provided by the teachers. Our student numbers have increased since last year. This is the reason for the extra teacher and new demountable. It is an exciting time to be part of PEPS and I'm certainly looking forward to the year ahead as your Principal.

New staff

As well as welcoming many new children to the school, we have also had the privilege of having a new Assistant Principal join us in 2009. Ms La Faber (3/4L) has come to PEPS with a wealth of experience as an experienced Assistant Principal. On behalf of all of us at PEPS I would like to wish Ms La Faber all the best and thank her for joining our close school community.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten children had an excellent start last Thursday, as we welcomed them to PEPS. Bright and shiny in their new uniforms with matching bags and accessories thanks to the hardworking uniform shop helpers, they had a very positive beginning to their school life at PEPS. Year 6 are doing a great job caring for them and making them feel happy and safe as their buddies. Special thanks to Mrs Gardner for her terrific work with Kindergarten Transition.

Kindergarten will still line up at their doors for the next two weeks and then they will join the big assembly.

Parents are encouraged to take their child to the line and then leave the school grounds.

Teachers

Kinder KG	Mrs Gardner (Assistant Principal)
	KK Ms Kafanelis
	KA Mrs Adams
Year 1 1R	Ms Russo
	1C Mrs Court
Year 1/2	1/2M Mrs Malik
Year 2 2S	Mrs Smith
Year 3 3M	Mr McShane
Year 3/4	3/4Ms La Faber (Assistant Principal)
Year 4/5	4/5 Mrs Benson
Year 5 5V	Mrs Venetsanos
Year 6 6D	Mrs Douglas (Assistant Principal)

Support/Relief Staff

Miss Wilson	Reading Recovery Support Teacher, teacher relief
Mrs Gee	Librarian, Support Teacher
Mrs Mackenzie	English as a Second Language
Mrs Bardwell	Teacher Relief (Tues & Wed)
Lauralee Johnson	School Counsellor - Thursday

Admin and other staffing

Mrs Osborne	Senior Admin Manager – Mon - Fri
Mrs Joannou	School Admin Officer – Mon - Fri
Mrs Ford	School Admin Officer (Library) and office (Tuesday)
Mrs Bohannon and Mrs Giddy	Teacher's aides special
Mr Morrison	(General Assistant) Mon & Tues
Rena	Cleaner Mon - Fri

School Improvements

During the school holidays work was done on the corner behind the Kindergarten rooms. Water drainage in this area has been a major concern over the years. Underground drain pipes were installed to remove the excess water in heavy rain. A retaining wall was built and a boundary fence was installed. Taps will also be installed soon in front of the demountables for the teachers and students to use. We are now looking at different ways to provide ground cover for this area behind the kindergarten

rooms so classes can use it in class time as a quiet area.

Appreciation

Special thanks to Mrs Myers and the parents who did an excellent job working long hours in the Uniform Shop last week. There was a huge demand for uniforms and they opened every day. Thanks to all.

Swimming carnival

The Swimming Carnival was a great success last Friday. The children really enjoyed themselves. I was so impressed with the students' excellent behaviour and the way they "had a go" in the different swimming races. Special thanks to Mrs Benson, Mrs Douglas and Ms Russo for coordinating this carnival.

Vandalism

There is minimal vandalism of PEPS on weekends and during the holidays. I would like to thank parents and neighbours for keeping an eye on the school. This is certainly beneficial in reducing any vandalism at PEPS.

School fees

A Note will be sent home with your child on Monday regarding school Fees.

Linda Webb (Principal)

Coming events for Term 1 2009

Weeks 2 & 3

Monday 16th Feb Kindy Sausage Sizzle 6.30 pm

Monday 16th Feb P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Fri 20th Feb Red Food day

From the Library

Welcome back.

All children are reminded that they need to have a Library Bag when borrowing books. They are available from Mrs Gee at a cost of \$2.00 each.

A note will go home with your child when the Library times are organised.

Happy reading in 2009!!!

Mrs Gee
Teacher/Librarian

Merit Award Recipients

Merit Awards

(From Dec 2008)

Maroa Attayee 1A

P&C News

Welcome back for the new school year. I would especially like to welcome those of you whose child (or children) are starting here for the first time. Parramatta East is a wonderful school, providing high quality education in a warm caring environment.

What is the P&C?

The P&C (Parents & Citizens Association) is a voluntary organisation. Its main aims are to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and staff into close co-operation, and to assist in providing equipment and facilities for the school. The P&C has fundraising events (such as stalls and raffles) and is responsible for the running of the Uniform Shop and the Canteen. We are always keen to have new people become involved. P&C activities, including requests for helpers, are always announced in the newsletter.

Red Food day - Friday 20th February

We will continue to have Red Food days twice each term, in weeks 4 and 8. The first one for the year will be on Friday 20th Feb. (To explain: 'Red food' does not refer to the colour of the food. The Department of Education has a 'traffic light' system of categorising food sold in school canteens. "Red" food is naughty, junk food, and can only be sold twice each term.)

Red Food days are very popular and we will be needing helpers on Friday 20th February. If you can spare an hour or so in the morning from 10.30 it would be much appreciated. Please let us know if you are interested, by leaving your details either at the Office, or in the P&C box in the Office foyer.

Canteen

As far as the Canteen generally is concerned, we are currently looking for a new Canteen manager.

Welcome to Kindergarten Sausage sizzle Monday 16th Feb 6.30 p.m.

Before the next P&C meeting, we will be having a sausage sizzle to welcome new families to the school, especially of course those with children starting Kindergarten. Everyone in the school is invited. To help us know how many people to cater

for, please fill in the form below and return it to the P&C box by Friday 13th Feb. if you intend coming.

P&C meeting Monday 16th February 7.30 pm

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (although not in school holidays) at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom. Babysitting is provided.

Lynne James (P&C President)

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Monday 16th February 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.**

**There will be _____ people coming to the
Sausage Sizzle.**

**(Please let us know if you are coming by Friday
13th Feb.)**

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

A big thank you to all who have helped me during the past week, some at very short notice! Thank you to Lisa Chen, Elene Marathocabitis, Vicki Rhodes, Rosemary Anner, Ian Bruggeman, Dawn Wright, Lynne James and Donna Dawson. It was the busiest week that I can recall.

Opening Times – Term 1

Every **Monday** morning from 9.00 – 9.30am.

Ordering Procedure

If you know your size, please leave your pre-paid order in an envelope at the office and we will process your order ASAP. The clothes will be sent home in your child's schoolbag. New forms are available from the shop and office.

Stock updates

Printed hats and schoolbags are now available. Slouch hats are available in small, medium and large.

Boys' trousers will become a stock item from March onwards.

Jackets: We will advise you of our ordering procedure in March.

Out-of-stock items: It is a good idea to order and pre-pay to reserve your item. When the stock arrives the clothes will be sent home in your child's schoolbag.

Bags needed

If you have any spare shopping bags at home we would love to have them.

Location of Uniform Shop: in the canteen.

Elizabeth Myers
Uniform Co-ordinator