

Newsletter

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2009 at PEPS

Dear Parents,

It has been a very positive start to 2009 for all staff and students. It has been wonderful to see all the students settle so quickly into their new classes. On my visits to the classrooms I have found enthusiastic students engaging in interesting and enjoyable lessons. I thank all the staff, both teaching and office, for their work in ensuring such a smooth transition.

It has been such a pleasure seeing our new Kindergarten students and new students to the school settle so happily into our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on the level of pride shown in the way they wear their uniforms. I am particularly appreciative of the support of the parents in encouraging their children to wear their hat every day.

New staff

A warm welcome to Lauralee Johnson, our new school counsellor. Lauralee has come to PEPS with a wealth of experience as a counsellor. She works at PEPS every Thursday.

Another warm welcome to Mrs Rosemary Anner. Rosemary is a very experienced music teacher. Rosemary has been employed this year to teach music to each class. She also teaches singing for Kindergarten to Year 2 students this term. Rosemary teaches the recorder group and leads the recorder ensemble.

Victorian Bushfire Support

Special thanks for your kind donations last Friday to raise money to support the students affected by the Victorian bushfires. We raised \$565. Mrs MacKenzie and Ms Kafanelis will be forwarding the cheque from the school on behalf of the school.

Special thanks

- to the P&C for the excellent job they did last Monday night organising the sausage sizzle. Despite the rain, we had 40 parents and 35 students attend. It was a great night!
- Mr Bruggemann for his work with the new OOSH and general gardening around the school.

School Improvements

The Department has replaced the window frames and windows in 2S rooms. The workmen will be finishing the windows in 5V room this weekend. The Department has paid for the cost of the replacement of the windows. This has saved the school a lot of money! We appreciate what the Department has done very much!

The Department has repaired the air conditioner in 1/2M room. The Department has paid for this as well.

The school has purchased a new air conditioner for the library, replacing an old, broken one.

Welcome

Welcome to the staff of our new Parramatta East OSH Care Centre, Dez, Michelle and Kathy. The students have settled very quickly, enjoying the many great activities being offered. We welcome the staff to our school community and look forward to working with them at PEPS.

First P&C meeting for 2009.

The first P&C meeting was held last Monday night. We had 26 parents attend- a great turn-out on a wet night!

All parents are very welcome to come along to the P&C meetings. They are held on the third Monday of every month. It is a great way to find out about what is happening at school and to meet other new parents.

Linda Webb (Principal)

Schools' Clean Up Day

The Annual Schools' Clean Up Australia has nominated Friday 27th February. PEPS will be involved in this fun event on the very day and in doing so enable our students to participate actively in improving the school environment. All students are expected to participate. Gloves will be provided and students will be supervised at all times. Any glass will be collected by staff. Any queries regarding the event, please contact the school.

Mrs Malik

Environment Programs Coordinator

Merit Award Recipients**Merit Awards**

Narys 3/4L
 Mohammed 6D
 Rupesh 3V
 Adam 2S
 Coskun 3/4L
 Zyntaurus 5V
 Jane 1/2M

Principal Special Award

Zyntaurus 5V
 Hiba 4/5B
 Samin 6D
 Dalia 6D
 Leo 3/4L
 Aiden 1/2M

Banner

Narys 3/4L

Honour Awards

Dalia 6D
 Eugene 4/5B
 Tahsin 1R
 Benny 1R

Caught You Being Good

Maryam 2S	Jonathan 1C
Shiven 1/2M	Hunt 2S
Emily 2S	Mika 1R
Mohammed 6D	Natalie 1C
Diantha 1/2M	Amisha 1R
Vlada 1C	Michael 1R
Nicholas 2S	Lanya 2S
Denzel 5V	Shanti 1R
Collin 2S	Melissa 3/4L
	Fan 1/2M

Coming events for Term 1 2009**Weeks 4 & 5**

Friday 27th Feb Red Food Day

High School Transition

During the next few weeks parents will be asked to complete application forms for their year 6 children for enrolment in 2010 in year 7. Parents are asked to start making decisions regarding their child's options. Northmead High School is holding an Open Day on Tuesday 10th March. If you would like a brochure, please contact the office.
 J. Douglas

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Welcome to the year at Parramatta East Public School. We hope that you have had a relaxing break over the holiday period and we look forward to sharing 2009 with you and your family. We are very grateful to the parents and children for the wonderful support the Centre has received!

We would like to introduce all of our staff. Dez Loustos is our experienced Coordinator. Dez has been part of the Primary OSHCare team for over twelve months and is very pleased to be working at the Parramatta East OSHC Centre. Michelle Daley is our Assistant Coordinator. Michelle is currently studying a Bachelor of Education in Primary and an Associate Diploma in Indigenous Studies. Kathy Livingstone is the Centre Manager. She will visit the Centre on a weekly basis to work with staff and the children.

Our program is reflecting the interests of all our children as well as the different cultures. We are currently working on aboriginal culture and we are celebrating Chinese New Year. We are also discussing and promoting Leadership qualities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that attended our 'Welcome Breakfast' on Thursday 12th of February especially Mrs Webb and all teachers and parents.

We look forward to meeting you, please do not hesitate to call in and see us or call us on

0430 365 939 or email us on

peoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au

Dez, Michelle and Kathy

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who came to the Welcome to Kindergarten Sausage Sizzle on Monday night. It was lovely to see so many people there. I would especially like to thank those people who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

We will be having two main fundraising events this term ie Entertainment Books and an Easter Egg Drive.

We will soon be sending home order forms for the Entertainment Books. These books offer discounts and two for one offers to an enormous variety of venues, movies, cafes, restaurants, theatres, museums, the zoo, the aquarium, ice skating and accommodation are just some of the places you can use the vouchers. The books are just \$55 (of which the school receives a percentage) and you can save that much in only 2 or 3 outings. Fantastic value!

The other Fundraising event is an Easter Egg Drive (it will be similar to our annual Chocolate Drive later in the year). This event replaces the Easter Raffle we have held in previous years. More details will be available later in the term but please be aware that it is taking place.

Red Food Day Friday 20th February

This Friday is Red Food Day! We only have these on two days each term. The children are able to buy a variety of "junk" food, such as hot chips \$2, ice creams \$1, lollies, chips and chocolate for various prices.

Red Food Days are very popular and so we will be needing people to help, mostly between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm. If you have any spare time on the day please consider coming along (It doesn't need to be the whole time). It would be much appreciated.

Please note that for safety reasons younger children are not allowed in the Canteen.

Lynne James
 P & C President

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**Uniform Shop****Opening Times – Term 1**

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

PARRAMATTA CITY SC (Soccer Registrations)

Under 10, 11 and 12 players required to fill their teams. Registration Day this Saturday 21st February For further details please call David STANSFIELD on 0412 862 617

FROM THE LIBRARY**Library Borrowing Days**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KG	3M, 4/5B, 3/4L, 1R	1C, 1/2M, 5V, 6D	KA	2S, KK

Children need a library bag in order to borrow books. Please ensure they have one so they don't miss out on the opportunity of borrowing – especially those children in K – 2.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Premier's Reading Challenge is a reading initiative in NSW where students are rewarded for reading. Students must read a number of books and are rewarded with a certificate from the Premier of NSW.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge runs from **1 February to 1 September 2009**. Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1 September 2008 can count towards the 2009 Challenge. It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	7-9

At Parramatta East in K - 2, the classroom teachers read the required number of books to the students and data is entered online by the school.

For Years 3 – 6, all students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own reading by keeping a record of PRC books they have read and then entering the

data themselves. Students will be able to commence entering data in early March.

Parents and care givers need to be aware that all students entering the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll. The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only the students' name will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors.

Participating schools appear as a separate list and home schools are not listed individually.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or be on the Honour Roll should not register for the Challenge. These students may do the Challenge unofficially, they may use the PRC booklists and can seek recognition in their local school community but they cannot enter an official record. Please contact Mrs Gee if you do not wish your child to take part in the challenge.

Last year we had 2 students receive gold awards for completing the challenge 4 years in a row. We look forward to many more of those in 2009.

Please have a look at the Premiers Reading Challenge website for more information and reading lists. It can be found at

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Happy Reading!

Mrs Gee