

Newsletter

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS EXCELLENT SPELLING RESULTS

This year 35 students participated in the International Spelling Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Students from all over Australia, New Zealand and 12 other countries entered this competition.

PEPS students did extremely well by gaining excellent results. We received **4 High Distinctions, 6 Distinctions and 10 Credits**. We are very proud of these results, seeing PEPS is a small school.

Congratulations to all students who entered the competition. We are very proud of all students' results.

Special congratulations to the following students who received a **High Distinction (top 1% in the state)**- Melissa, Adam, Angela and Eugene.

Congratulations to the following students who received a **Distinction (top 2%-10% of the state)**- Narys, Leo, Wanzhang, Hu, Jennifer and Rupesh.

Annual School Report We are very proud of it!

We are very proud to send home our Annual School Report. This is an excellent document to showcase what a wonderful school Parramatta East is.

The Annual School Report is a year of work, containing many reports, evaluations and information on school activities. Many, many hours have been spent collating and writing it.

After you have read it, please pass it on to neighbours, friends and relatives to read, so they will see what a great school PEPS is. We have spare copies in the office.

Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Erdogan for the excellent job they did printing the Annual School Reports for us. They do many jobs for the school free, such as our "Caught You Being Good Awards" and merit awards. We appreciate their support very much through their business A to Z Mailing Services.

Another letter of thanks. We appreciate your kind words very much!

As I wrote in the newsletter last week, I have received many words and letters of thanks from parents to the staff for their dedication, hard work, care and commitment.

This is another example of a letter I received this week.

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to you and all your teachers and staff for their kindness and guidance to my son. I am delighted to say that studying in PEPS has been a great enjoyment to my son.

Since the first day of school, my son never stops telling me about the wonderful moments he had in school, such as the fun and happy learning time in different subjects, participating in school activities and playing with classmates in school. I am very confident to say that he is proud of being a student of PEPS".

Play group What a wonderful success it has been!

Our first play group for babies to pre school children was held for the second time last Friday. It was a wonderful success.

For our first play group session, we had 38 parents, grandparents and friends attend with 47 toddlers!!

Play group is on every Friday from 9.30am to 11.15am until the end of the year. Everyone is invited, parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, relatives and neighbours. This is a community activity.

The playgroup is coordinated by the Baulkham Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre, the school and Jenny Kneipp (Transition Coordinator for the Department of Education). Keep Friday mornings free and come along and meet others.





PBL lessons – Playing safely in the playground

The students are participating over the next two weeks in Peer Buddy lessons (Years 2 to 6) and class lessons (Kindergarten and Year 1) on safety in the playground.

This week they will be learning about safety on the playground equipment and how to safely use it. They will learn about what fair and safe play is when they play games in the playground. They will be taught the rules for the playground and equipment and why they are in place to keep the students safe.

Next week the students will continue to learn about safe behaviour in the playground and what makes a safe, positive and happy playground. Respecting each other, being kind, friendly and cooperative will be reinforced. They will also be taught to respect the playground by putting their papers in the bin.

Enrolments 2010 are now being taken

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2010, so if you know of anyone considering beginning or changing school in 2010, please let them know. They are most welcome to visit and find out more about the quality education we offer at PEPS.

Book Week- an exciting week of activities.

Book Week was a great success again this year. The Book Parade, Book Fair, the Technology Display and the Author Visit were enjoyed by all students.

Thank you for your support. Thank you to the many parents and Mrs Venetsanos who donated books to the school library.

Special thanks to Mrs Gee for the wonderful job she did coordinating the many activities for Book Week.

Olympathon- great prizes to be won!

The students are excited about the Olympathon on Friday, 11th September. The Olympathon will raise money for technology. This is an excellent fundraising activity- one the students will enjoy and benefit from. There are excellent prizes to be won!! Your support would be much

appreciated. Special thanks to Mrs Bellamy and Mrs Court for coordinating the Olympathon this year.

School Contributions Thankyou for your contributions

We appreciate the **generous support of the P&C** in providing the six main prizes. Thank you very much!

We raised \$6,507.00. This is an increase of \$4,302 this year compared to last year (\$2205.00). Thank you for your support, especially those who gave extra money.

If you haven't paid your school contributions, you can still pay until the end of the year.

Congratulations to the 6 prize winners. Their names are written in the P&C section of the newsletter.

Special thanks – We appreciate your help very much!

1. To Jenny Fitzpatrick, Lynne James & Donna Dawson for wrapping the Father's Day presents. Thank you also to the many parents who helped on the Father's Day stall yesterday- Jenny Fitzpatrick, Rizwana Badar, Jade Beale, Saleme Dib, Lisa Smith, Jasmin Lukic, Chak Puan Proud, Suzanne Allami, Yogita Chopra, Rosemary Anner, Gerard and Yusra Nayna. Special thanks to Jenny Fitzpatrick who does a great job coordinating all fundraising activities, including the Father's Day stall.
2. 5V and Mrs Venetsanos for the beautiful display on the front wall of our new rules "We are respectful, safe learners at Parramatta East".
3. 6D and Mrs Douglas for organising enjoyable fund raising activities for the school to participate in.

Mrs L. Webb
Principal

Year 6 Fundraising

During this term and until the end of the year, groups of students from Year 6 will carry out fundraising activities such as cake and drink stalls and competitions. During this time your child might ask for \$1 in order to participate in these activities.

Year 6 would be very grateful for your support in their endeavours and hope that you understand when your child seemingly asks for a never-ending supply of money. We hope you understand that all money raised goes towards buying a gift for the school.

Mrs Douglas
Year 6 Teacher

FROM THE LIBRARY

PARADE

Thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members for making this yet another successful celebration of books and reading.

It was a delight to see so many children take part in our parade and we all value the effort that went into creating some wonderful costumes. The "best dressed" winners were Adrain, Vanessa, Thomas, Bianca, Jhana, Lily, Deearna, Caleb, Dylan, Yanni, Kate and Uzma.

BOOK FAIR and LIBRARY

It's always an exciting time when the library becomes a shop for a Book Fair. This time was no exception. Thanks to the staff that helped in the afternoon and all families that were able to make purchases. Special thanks to these people who also donated a book to the library: Nicholas 1R, Juliana KA, Mrs Venetsanos, Nathaniel 1/2M, Jordan 3/4L, Cosmica 1C, Ben 6D, William 1C, Thomas 1R, Vidhi 6D, Shiven 1/2M, Cody KK, Amelia 3/4L, Rosie 1C, James 6D, Thomas KA, Sophie 1R and Zyntaurus 5V.

These books have been processed and once covered will be available for your child to borrow first.

This year I was particularly pleased at the numbers of parents who took specific note of the art/craft work displayed in the library. Classroom teachers and the students do a marvellous job each year in recognising some of the award winning books.

Mrs Gee – Teacher Librarian

Coming events for Term 3

Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Lisa Shanahan – Author Visit
Friday 11 th Sept	Olympathon
Monday 14 th Sept	District Carnival – Track event
PLEASE BRING ALL SWIMMING MONEY IN ASAP	AS PLACES ARE FILLING VERY QUICKLY

Voluntary Contributions

Contributed to this year's project – \$ 6507.00

Caught You Being Good

Paige 5V	Yewon 1R
Thomas 1R	Narys 3/4L
Tajmida 3/4L	Helen 4/5B
Kevin 3/4L	Isaac KK
Yves KK	Jarrod 1/2M
Tahsin 1R	Ebuka 5V
Nikolas 1R	Linda KG
Karen 1/2M	Yves KK
Rupesh 4/5B	Coskun 3/4L

Congratulations to all the students listed for achieving their awards.

Merit Award

Coskun 3/4L
Wesley 4/5B
Hu 4/5B
Samin 5V
Dalia 6D
Nixon 1R
Yewon 1R
Alicia 1/2M
Samantha 5V
Vikki 1C
Eva 3/4L
Sophie 1R
Stefania KG
Susan 5V
Sarah KA
Dania 6D
Uzma 6D
Keerthana 4/5B
Rupesh 4/5B
Sophia 4/5B
Alvin 6D

Principal Special Award

Sinan KG
Ella 4/5B
Samantha 5V
James 6D
Cosmica 1C
Parisa 4/5B
Leon 1C
Kepei KA
Eugene 4/5B
Jonathan 1/2M
Jane 1/2M

Honour Award

Thomas 2S
Adrian 6D
Hunt 2S

Pennant

Eva 3/4L
Thomas 1R
Jonathan 1/2M

Banner

Zohhal Kakall 4/5B
Uzma Sirguroh 6D

Olympathon Friday 11th September

Please keep collecting sponsors for our Olympathon to be held next week. The money raised will be used for technology resources. There are some great prizes to be won by the students who collect the most money by Friday 25th September. These prizes include;

A bike, kindly donated by Julie Owens (MP Member for Parramatta)
An MP4 player.
A digital camera.
A \$50 gift voucher for Toys R Us.

There are prizes for every \$10 collected and special prizes for every \$50 collected.

Parents are welcome to come along and join in what should be a fun day for everyone!
Activities start 11.45am and there will be the opportunity to share a picnic lunch with your children following the activities.

PEPS ADULT COMMUNITY / SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Geddes will be starting an Adult Social group. It will be held every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Everyone is welcome. We will meet under the cola. All ideas and input are valued. We plan to exchange recipes, have social walks, trivia nights and perhaps even a dinner together.

There is no joining fee, just a gold coin donation which will go towards social functions within the club. Free bottled water supplied on joining.

Automatic cancellation if it is raining. Children are welcome.

If further information is required please ring Erica on 0408 019 712.

P&C News Canteen

After many, many hours of work by our canteen manager, Erica Geddes and with the help of Ian Bruggeman, we have a very strong and productive canteen. However we require helpers on Fridays. If you are available, please leave your name at the office.

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to all that supported the Father's Day stall by either giving a donation, or by sending your child in mufti clothes.

The Father's Day Stall was very successful and we would like to send a very special thank you to Jenny Fitzpatrick for all of the work and devotion she does for our fundraising.

On a sad note – on the wrapping day Jenny had only 2 helpers show up. Your children love to be able to purchase mum and dad gifts at these stalls. Without assistance and volunteers, these stalls and events will not be able to take place.

Our school is known for its community and family spirit. We would love for parents to volunteer every now and then – many hands make light work

School Contributions raffle

The raffle was drawn today. The following winners were drawn: -

1st prize- Weekend at Fingal Bay for a family for 2 nights: Wei sley Nie (4/5B)

2nd prize- Family pass to Luna Park- Benito Machado (1R)

3rd prize- Family pass to the Zoo- Ayisha Hayat (5V)

4th prize- Bridge Climb ticket- Tristen Luong (KK)

5th prize- Family pass to Ocean World, Manly- Roya Ali (4/5B)

6th prize- 2 tickets to Riverside Theatre- Ben Leung (6D)

We congratulate all of the winners and thank all of the families who contributed to PEPS. P & C Fundraising together with Family Contributions are invaluable to the growth of our school.

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