

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing, safe and happy holiday.

## Congratulations 4/5B and Mrs Benson

### WINNERS of MURDER UNDER the MICROSCOPE

Congratulations to 4/5B and Mrs Benson who are the winners of Murder Under the Microscope, an online ecological murder mystery for students from **Years 5 to 10**. In 2009, there were 1310 teams enter the overall competition from schools from every Australian state and territory and a number of overseas countries.

4/5B was awarded first place in the Primary Category for our "Blue Banded Bee Rap". You can see our video at Catchment Headquarters at:

<http://www.microscope.edu.au/NonFlash/Plan.aspx?from=f>

It also appears in the 'photo gallery' of the [school website](#) along with the written plan.

Special thanks to Mrs Adams and Mrs Bohannon for their excellent help in making the video.

This program was a fantastic experience for all the students involved. 4/5B students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are very much looking forward to the Awards Ceremony on the 17<sup>th</sup> August at State Parliament House. We are very proud of you!

### Transition Night

I have included a flyer in today's Newsletter about our Transition Night next Monday night. This is an information evening for members of the local community interested in learning more about school readiness and transition from home to school.

If you know anyone with a child starting school next year or anyone who is unsure if they should send their child to school, please ask them to come along. If your child is starting school next year at PEPS, you are very welcome to come too.

Babysitting and supper will be provided.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This year the school is involved in a major initiative occurring in Western Sydney Region schools. The PBL program aims to improve behaviour and learning outcomes by getting participating schools to carefully examine their own rules, procedures and practices in relation to discipline. It relies heavily on an educational approach to teaching students the right behaviour.

Our PBL team, executive and staff have reviewed our school rules. Our school rules are now under three major areas: respect, safety and learning. We refer to this as, "We are respectful, safe learners at Parramatta East."

### Values Education Program and Peer Buddies

We will be explicitly teaching these rules this term through a Values Education program which I am writing to suit the needs of the students at PEPS. The Year 6 students will be trained this Friday as Peer Support leaders to teach the program. From Week 3, they will teach Years 2 to 6 lessons on respect, safety and learning in Peer Buddy time every Tuesday. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be taught the lessons by their classroom teacher.

For the program to be successful, we would really appreciate your involvement by following up the lessons weekly with your child/children at home.

The 1st lesson next week will be on respect ie What is respect? How do we show respect at school?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson in Week 4 will be on respect again ie How do we show respect at home and in the community? Why is it important to treat others the way we would like to be treated? What actions are respectful and disrespectful?

### PEPS First Play Group. How exciting!!

Our first play group for babies to pre school children will be commencing on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August from 9.30am to 11.15am. It will be held in the hall. Everyone is invited- parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, relatives and neighbours. This is a community activity.

The playgroup will be coordinated by the Baulkham Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre and the school. Keep the date free and come along and meet others.

### What a success National Tree Day was last Friday.

Two representatives from each class K to 6 planted trees in front of 1/2M, KA and KG rooms last Friday for National Tree Day. Tanya Gadiel (local member for Parramatta) helped dig the soil and plant the trees with the students.

Special thanks to Tanya Gadiel for her help on the day, to the Year 6 helpers, Mrs Malik for coordinating the event and Robyn and Ray for purchasing the plants.



### Congratulations Mrs Gardner on a successful Transition Grant

Mrs Gardner was successful again in gaining a \$2000 Transition Grant from the Department of Education. Well done! This grant provides PEPS with money to initiate an exciting program of activities for students entering Kindergarten in 2010. Mrs Gardner is working closely with Parramatta East Pre-School, Parramatta City Pre-School and Ardill Family Centre in this project. The activities she has planned are for all students enrolling in Kindergarten in 2010 to make transition to school a happy, positive and enjoyable one. She will also be working with pre-school parents this year to include them in PEPS school community for 2010.

### Kindergarten 2010

The school is now accepting applications for enrolment for Kindergarten and all other grades for 2010. Applications for enrolment forms are available from the school office. If you are aware of families considering enrolment at PEPS in 2010 please encourage them to visit the school, find out more about the school if required and collect an application for enrolment form.

### NAIDOC Week

At Parramatta East Public School we celebrated NAIDOC Week at our special K-6 assembly last Thursday. We paid tribute to famous indigenous Australians and listened to a modern Aboriginal song 'World Turning' by the band 'Yothu Yindi'. We finished off the ceremony with a wonderful reading of the story 'The Kangaroo and The Porpoise' by Dania. Congratulations to all captains and prefects who presented a wonderful assembly and Mr McShane for coordinating it.

### Excellent Projects by 1/2M and 2S

Well done 1/2M and 2S on your projects last term. 1/2M projects were on their COGs unit on "What will the school be like in 60 years?" 2S projects were information reports on animals. Some of the 1/2m projects are on display in the foyer. Well done both classes, Mrs Malik and Mrs Smith.

### Jeans for Genes Day

The SRC are co-ordinating Jeans for Genes Day this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Students are to bring a gold coin donation to wear jeans and mufti. All proceeds will go to charity.

**Linda Webb**  
Principal

### FROM THE LIBRARY

#### Premier's Reading Challenge



This finishes at the end of this month.

All student reading records are to be **completed on or before 31 August.**

All K-2 books are being looked after by the classroom teachers. Students in years 3 – 6 are to enter their own records.

If they have difficulty in this area please see Mrs Gee as soon as possible.

Thank you to those children who have completed the challenge already – there are many of you who are nearly there!

#### Book Week

Separate notes have gone home with the newsletter about Book Week. It is a very busy and exciting time for all our students. In particular I'd like to draw your attention to the author visit that is also on a separate note. Please send the payment to the classroom teachers as soon as possible.

#### Classes in Term 3

There have been some changes to the times classes have library this term. Please remind your child to bring their library bag on the allocated day so they are able to borrow from our great range of books.

Monday: KG and KA

Tuesday: 3M, 4/5B, 1/2M and 3/4L

Wednesday: 1C, 1R, 5V and 6D

Friday: 2S and KK

Mrs Gee – Teacher Librarian



Coming events for Term 3

<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Jeans for Genes Day</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Stewart House bag p/up</b>

**Voluntary Contributions**

Contributed to this year's project – \$5537.00

**Caught You Being Good**

Corey KK  
William 1C  
William KG  
Polo 1R  
Coskun 3/4L  
Thomas 1R  
Vikki 1C  
Emily 2S

Congratulations to all the students listed for achieving their awards.

**Merit Award**

Aiden KG  
Jade KK  
Iman 5V  
Anagha 1/2M  
Ainisha 1R  
Sara 1R  
Vidhi 6D  
Levana 3M  
Benny 1R  
Fifi 6D  
Baris 6D  
Kay 5V  
Sarah KK

**Principal Special Award**

Flavia 1R  
Samin 6D  
Tajmida 3/4L  
Sophie 1R  
Vidhi 6D  
Anagha 1/2M  
Eva 3/4L  
Thomas 1R  
Suresh 1R  
John 1/2M  
Rachita 5V  
William 1R  
Suresh 1R  
Hu 4/5B

**Honour Award**

Aavesh 6D  
Uzma 6D  
Dalia 6D  
Eva 3/4L  
Sophie 1R  
Neilob 6D

**Pennant**  
Sophia 4/5B

**PEPS P&C FITNESS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Mrs Geddes will be starting up an exercise social club from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. It will be held every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

All welcome, we will meet under the cola and begin exercises immediately. 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.

If further information is required please ring:

Erica on 0408 019 712.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

I am pleased to inform you that the Uniform Shop will remain open! Kristina Bartolotti (Thomas, KA) has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the shop. Please make her welcome next time you visit.



The school website now has a uniform order form available to download, at [www.parramatta-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramatta-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). It is under the heading of 'P&C'.

Elizabeth Myers

VIP Music 9am-5pm (Mon-Fri) during school term

**Call to Enrol 9411 3122**



- \* 45 minute lesson weekly. Small group.
- \* \$22 per session.
- \* Music material provided.
- \* Instrument not required initially.

\* Beginners & children of all levels welcome



## KUMON-NORTH PARRAMATTA WILL BE OPENED NEAR YOU SOON

Would you like your child to have good study habits, life skills for future success as well as excel in English and Mathematics?

We can show you how. Come to our obligation free information meeting and assessment on 13 July 09 4.00p.m. to find out more.

Seats are limited, call us on 0430 80 3383 now to reserve a seat.

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The Kumon Method was established for more than 50 years. Using Mathematics and English as a base, Kumon encourages each child to learn at a pace with which they feel comfortable. This develops the will of the student to advance independently through his or her individual effort, thereby providing a genuine feeling of accomplishment. The possibilities of each child then become endless.