

Newsletter

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Dear Parents or guardians,

Thank you for your words and letters of thanks.

I have received many words and letters of thanks from parents to the staff for their dedication, hard work, care and commitment. These words of thanks mean so much to us as a staff.

This is an example of one card I received today.

"Our two children look forward to going to school and the improvements in their English and confidence are fantastic.

I am confident, with the loving and caring environment you have created for our children, Parramatta East School will continue to flourish and the reputation will grow and grow. This letter is given with much gratitude from us."

What a prestigious award 4/5B won

Last Monday, Tereina, Roya, Brooke, Parisa and Bonita from 4/5B, Mrs Benson, Mrs Adams, Mrs Bohannon and I attended the Murder Under the Microscope Award Ceremony at Parliament House, Sydney. The students performed the "Blue Banded Bee Rap" in their colourful costumes.

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, 4/5B was awarded first place in the Primary Category for the "Blue Banded Bee Rap". You can see the video at Catchment Headquarters:

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

and on our school website.

This is such a prestigious award! We are very proud of 4/5B and Mrs Benson for their excellent work. The standard of this competition was very high. In 2009, there were 23,000 students in 1310 teams entered the overall competition from every Australian state and territory and a number of overseas countries.

4/5B won a beautiful trophy and certificate. They are on display in the foyer. They also won a lap top and software. Well done 4/5B and Mrs Benson. Thanks also to Mr & Mrs Adams and Mrs Bohannon for their help with the video and costumes.

Athletics Carnival- what a great day it was!

I was very impressed with the Athletics Carnival last Friday. I have received many positive comments from parents and students about it. The K-2 students certainly enjoyed the new sports equipment in their novelty games. I would like to thank Mrs Benson for her excellent organisation of the event.

The students' behaviour on the day was very commendable and their efforts in all events demonstrated commitment and determination. The staff did a great job carrying out their various jobs with confidence and precision.

Once again, the willingness of all the students to participate in the Athletics Carnival is a wonderful feature of our school and they all deserve congratulations on their efforts.



Play group- everyone is welcome this Friday

Our first play group for babies to pre school children will be commencing this Friday, 21st 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.

PBL- Year 6 are excellent Peer Buddy leaders.

Years 2 to 6 have participated over the last two weeks in Peer Buddy lessons led by Year 6. We have been very impressed by the mature attitude shown by Year 6 in running these groups. Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers have taught a similar lesson to their class.

Students have been asked to bring home the stencils they complete to show you what they have learnt. We would really appreciate your support by talking to your child/children about the content of the lessons.

The lessons are:

Last week- being respectful students to all adults in the school ie teachers, casuals, scripture teachers, office staff, canteen staff, parent helpers, OOSH staff. Using our manners ie "excuse me", "please" and "thank you".

This week- Being respectful students by being kind and friendly to each other.

Next week- Being respectful students by looking after our beautiful school.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition-**Congratulations Melissa! What an achievement!**

On Thursday 14th August, Melissa (3/4L) competed in the **District** Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Lewisham Public School. She received a **Highly Commended** award for the impromptu speech about "A New Adventure". This was an excellent achievement against 10 students from various other schools. Special thanks to Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Douglas.

Enrolments 2010 are now being taken

I have had a number of parents enrolling their student/s in PEPS because they have heard from other adults and children what a great school PEPS is. This is the best form of promotion for us ie the recommendations from existing families. We are very proud of our school, our achievements, our staff and of course our children. Thank you for spreading the word that PEPS is a school that cares, provides opportunities and achieves excellence.

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.

Grants

We were successful with another grant last week for \$2,300. This is one of the 5 grants we have received this year from the Department of Education. We appreciate this funding very much.

School contributions- Over one week to pay the school contributions to win excellent prizes!

Thank you very much to the parents who have sent in their school donations. However we have had 109 of our 230 families pay.

The P&C have generously given us 6 prizes in a raffle for those who have paid. Thank you very much P&C for your excellent support. To be in the draw for the raffle, you will need to pay your school contributions by Friday, August 28th.

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

Uniform shop- new management

Special thanks to Kristina Bartolotti (Thomas, KA) for offering to run the Uniform Shop. Her help is greatly appreciated to keep the Uniform Shop open and running weekly.

Mrs Myers has done an excellent job over the years co-ordinating the Uniform Shop. Thank you so much for your time, effort and care.

Linda Webb
Principal

SRC News-Congratulations to our new Student Counsellors

This semester, the new students for the SRC are: Josie (3M), Angad (3M), Melissa (3/4L), Nathan (3/4L), Helen (4/5B), Eugene (4/5B), Karina, (5V), Rjay (5V), Kaixin (6D), Alvin (6D), Dania (6D) and James (6D).

The SRC raised \$206 from Jeans for Genes Day. Thank you everyone for your kind gold coin donation.

Mrs McKenzie and Miss Kafanelis

Year 6 Fundraising

From this Thursday 13th August, 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

P&C Message**Father's Day Mufti**

Father's Day is just 2 weeks away. The P&C will be running a Father's Day stall to help buy that special something. This Friday will be Father's Day mufti where your child can come to school in mufti (out of uniform). To

wear mufti, your child will need to bring a suitable gift / item that can be sold at the stall or a gold coin.

Wrapping Day for the Father's Day stall

To ensure the Father's Day stall is successful, there will be a wrapping day on Friday 28th. Many helpers are needed to wrap all items/gifts donated. This will be held in the school's PA room from 9.15 am. Everyone welcome.

Father's Day stall

The Father's Day stall will be held on Tuesday 1st September. To run the stall successfully, your help is needed. The stall will run from 9.15am in the PA room. Everyone is welcome. We will have a variety of items for sale, with prices starting from \$1. Come along and help the children buy that gift for someone special.

Book Week

A separate note has gone home today with the newsletter about Book Week. It is a very busy and exciting time for all our students. The author visit money is due in now.

Mrs Gee
Librarian

Coming events for Term 3

Friday 21 st August	Mufti Day – gold coin / gift item
Tuesday 25 th August 3pm – 6pm	Book Fair and Computers available to show parents
Wednesday 26 th August	Book Parade and Book Fair
Friday 28 th August	Father's Day gift wrapping
Tuesday 1 st Sept	Father's day stall

Voluntary Contributions

Contributed to this year's project – \$5736.00

Caught You Being Good

Isabella 1C	Kathleen 1/2M
John 1/2M	William 1C
William 1R	Adam 4/5B
Jarod 2S	Zubin 5V
Adam 4/5B	Jarod 2S
Lawrence 2S	Ebuka 5V
Nathan 3/4L	Suresh 1R
Jonathan 1C	Jane K/1M
Leon 1C	Angela 5V
Nicole KK	

Congratulations to all the students listed for achieving their awards.

Merit Award

Vikki 1C
Hunt 2S
Kristen 1/2M
Jarrod 1/2M
Andrey4/5B
Vidhi 6D
James 6D
Sinan KG
Yewon 1R
Anagha 1/2M
Angela 5V
Helen 4/5B
Nabeel 6D
Sophie 1R
Adrian 6D
Prمود KK
Jhana KK
Aidan 1C
Divya 1/2M
Robin 2S
Benny 1R

Pennant

Alvin 6D
Adams 4/5B
Tereina 4/5B

Principal Special Award

Nathaniel 1/2M
Thomas KA
Yves KK
Natalie 1C
Thomas 1R
Sara 1R
Juliana KA
Alexander 4/5B
Hunt 2S
Yanni 2S
Sania 5V
Jonathan 1/2M
Isabella 1C
Vikki 1C
Tahsin 1R
Nicholas KG

Honour Award

Flavia 1R
Eva 3/4L
Hu 4/5B
Nixon 1R
William 1R
Thomas 1R

PEPS P&C FITNESS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Geddes will be starting up an exercise social club from Monday 10th 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 do download:

www.parramatte-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

It is under the heading of 'P&C'.

Elizabeth Myers

Cricket Season 2009

Cricket season is only weeks away. Do you have a child from the age of 8 to 12 years of age who would like to play cricket?

The aim of cricket is to teach boys and girls the basic skills of cricket in a fun, competitive environment. It's also a great way for your child to make new friends.

Children will receive awards at the end of the season for all their hard efforts. If interested, please ring Ross on 0419376169 or Donna on 0410994394.

**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

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**Address: Church Hall
Centenary United Church
Corner of Sorrell St and Fennell St
North Parramatta
Supervisor in charge: Diana Chang**

Email: kumon.northparramatta@yahoo.com.au

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.

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*Saxophone *Violin *Clarinet *Singing
*Guitar *Piano *Drums *Flute

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