

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What excellent results Years 3 and 5 received in NAPLAN !

Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 have received their National Assessment (NAPLAN) results. The results were wonderful! Students at our school have performed extremely well in Writing, Spelling, Language, Reading and Numeracy. The students' results were at, above or well above the National and State average. The growth rate from 2008 to 2009 was impressive too! Congratulations to students for their fine efforts, teachers for their excellent teaching and parents for your support in your child's learning.

Kindergarten enrolments

At the last count, the school office has received 29 Kindergarten applications for 2010. It is anticipated that more forms will continue to be returned over the next few months. The Kindergarten Orientation Days are planned for Wednesday 5th November and Wednesday 12th November.

Further information and enrolment forms are available from the office. If you are aware of a family who doesn't have a child currently enrolled at PEPS and may not be familiar with the procedure, I would encourage them to visit the school and complete an enrolment form or you can take one for them. It would be appreciated if this note could be brought to the attention of any neighbours, friends or relatives who live within our boundaries. Thank you.

Enrolment Update for all Grades

As we are in the process of updating information to organise class numbers for 2010, we ask parents to let us know if your child will not be returning to our school next year. If for any reason your child will not be returning until *after* the first day of Term 1, we require written notice so that we can hold their place in the year group.

SRC News

This Friday the SRC will be holding a Crazy Hair Day for a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards buying sports equipment to be used at recess.

Eels Grand Final Game

To celebrate the Eels in the Grand Final this Sunday, your child may wear Eels colours and clothes on Friday. They can participate in Crazy Hair Day too and donate a gold coin for this.

What a wonderful success the Olympathon was!

We raised \$6,172.80. This is fantastic! Well done everyone! Thank you so much for your kind support. We will be buying much needed technology items for the classrooms.

KK was the class who raised the highest amount of money (\$956.50). The prizes were won by Yves (KK), Juseio (KG), James (6D), Melissa (3/4L), Amisha (1R) and Isaac (KK).

It was very exciting to have Julie Owens (Federal Member for Parramatta) present the bike voucher to Yves. She kindly donated a \$500 bike voucher to the school. We appreciate her generosity very much.

Thank you Mrs Court and Mrs Bellamy for coordinating the Olympathon. Special thanks to Mrs Joannou for collecting the money.



Our hall begins! How exciting!

Julie Owens (Federal Member of Parliament) and Tanya Gadiel (Member for Parliament) last Friday opened the beginning stage of our hall construction. The school

watched as Julie and Tanya dug the first soil for the new hall. We really appreciate the Federal Government for the \$2,000,000 funding for the new hall.

The fenced-in area is now a construction site. The new hall is not this size. It is smaller than this. This construction area is much larger to allow for sheds and a road for trucks to enter in and out of the school. This area is this large size for safety reasons.



PBL lesson this week

The students in Years 2 to 6 were taught the school rules by Year 6 yesterday in PBL. The teachers of Kindergarten and Year 1 taught the same lesson to the students. The students learnt about:

1. The out-of-bound areas. They learnt we have this rule for safety reasons, so teachers are able to see them at all times in the playground.
2. Respecting the toilet areas by keeping them clean and behaving appropriately.
3. Respecting the silver seat areas by sitting properly and not dropping papers.

The students brought home sheets to show you. We would really appreciate your follow-up of the lesson at home with your child. Thank you.

The PBL program has been very successful. I just walked around the school. The school looked beautiful and very clean. There were only about 5 papers on the ground and in the garden beds. A big improvement!

The students are also playing in the correct areas with the correct equipment. We have been very impressed with the respect they are showing each other and the staff and the safety they show with the equipment.

Free excursion for the parents and grandparents of the school.

An excursion has been organised on Thursday, 29th October to visit Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage. The cost of this excursion is free. We have received a multicultural grant to cover the costs. You are very welcome to come.

Playgroup Opening

Great activities are planned for playgroup's opening on Friday 20th November. Keep the date free, come along and have fun. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!!

We're champion spellers at PEPS!

On Friday 18th September 2009, Eugene, Simon (Al-Aabid and Hu from 4/5B represented Parramatta East Public School at the Regional Finals for the Premier's Spelling Bee. They tried their best and we were very proud of their fine efforts. Well done boys!

Swimming Scheme

Please remember that the Swimming Scheme has now closed and all balances owing need be paid by tomorrow.

PEPS students are TV stars

A number of our students were on Channel 9, 6 o'clock News, promoting the EELS NRL Finals last Friday. The students were very excited seeing themselves on TV. It was a wonderful experience for them!



Great class parties to conclude an interesting unit of work!

2S, 1/2M, 1R and 1C had class parties last week as a culmination to their study of Products and Services. In class they have extensively studied the importance of healthy food and the need for exercise. In the class parties, the students enjoyed a wide variety of delicious, fresh food.

I enjoyed a scrumptious lunch with 1C and 1R. We had healthy rolls, salad, eggs, cheese, watermelon, meat and drinks.



Maintenance

Dead branches were cut down from many trees on the weekend, especially on trees overhanging the footpath around the school. Two cherry pickers were used. The Department is kindly paying for this.

Special thanks

1. Nicholas' grandfather Mr Kirby who gave us coloured paper. He has been kindly giving us paper and books for years. We appreciate it very much!
2. A to Z Printing for doing an excellent job printing our brochure and Kindergarten books. Thank you very much.
3. Ian Bruggemann for doing so many jobs around the school.
4. Erica Geddes, Ian Bruggemann and the many wonderful parent helpers who help daily in the canteen. Without your wonderful help, the canteen would not operate. We appreciate it very much!
5. Dania and Bianca for your kind donation of toys for playgroup. Much appreciated.

Mrs Webb - Principal

Recipe Book

What a great idea for Christmas!!

The SRC is thinking of compiling a recipe book with PEPS student's favourite recipes. The recipe books will be available for sale at Christmas time. We need to have 100 recipes before publishing. Please email your recipe to: parramatte-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child's name and class.

SRC Teachers
Mrs MacKenzie & Miss Kafanelis

Congratulations to all the students listed for achieving their awards.

Merit Award Recipients

Merit Award

Thomas 1R
Jordan KA
Yanni 2S
Lanya 2S
Aavesh 6D
Jonathan 1C
Cosmica 1C
Nikola 2S
Benny 1R
Samin 6D
Ben 6D
Paige 5V
Adrian 6D
Eva 3/4L
Narys 3/4L
Ebony 4/5B
Robert 1C
William KG
Gary 5V
Adam 4/5B
William 4/5B
Levana 3M
Emily 2S
Denis KA

Honour Award

Lara 5V
Brooke 4/5B
Amisha 1R

Banner

Collin 3/4L
Ella 4/5B

The School Medal

Eugene Lee 4/5B

Principal's Special Award

Kristen 1/2M
Yewon 1R
Suresh 1R
Milica 1R
William 1C
Vikki 1C
Gary 5V
Levana 3M
William 4/5B
Mohammed 6D
Alvin 6D
Lara 5V
Rjay 5V
Melissa 3/4L
Neilob 6D
Wesley 4/5B
Leon 1C
Jordan KA
Zyntaurus 5V
Angela 5V
Angela 4/5B
Lanya 2S
Andrew KA
Eva 3/4L

Pennant

Rahin 2S
Justin 3M
Parissa 4/5B
Leo 3/4L
Jennifer 4/5B

Caught You Being Good

Khatera 4/5B
Tahsin 1R
Hunt 2S
Dalia 6D
Isabella 1C

Anagha 1/2M
Maryam 1/2M
Maroa 2S
Jonathan 1C
Kevin 3/4L

PBL

Tahsin 1R
Iman 5V
Zeal KK
Emily 2S
Pisa KA

Paige 5V
Juliana KA
Paris KG
James 6D
Suresh 1R

Canteen News

As of Term 4, an updated lunch menu will be available. Due to price increases we have to add 20% to some items. The canteen will be open every day at lunch time to allow the children to buy ice blocks and cold drinks because of hot weather expected in Term 4. Remember, Tuesday and Thursday will still remain closed for lunch orders. Drinks and ice-blocks will be available on these days from 1.25 - 1.55 pm **ONLY**.

PEPS Adult Community / Social Club

Hey parents! Get involved in our Social Club. It is held every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Everyone is welcome. We meet under the COLA. We are happy to listen to all suggestions and ideas. So if there is a restaurant or a walk you would like to do let's talk!!! 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 is 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

Volunteers needed.

A canteen is such a tremendous asset to the school when it works well, but in order for it to do so, it needs helpers! **If you can help in the Canteen, either on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday, please let us know!** Leave your contact details at the office or in the P&C Box in the office foyer.

Some exciting news for our Year 6 and some Year 5 children - we will be asking for their assistance as "work experience" in the canteen at recess and lunch. Interested children older than 10 should put their names down at the canteen with Erica.

Family Photo Day

With the wonderful planning from Jenni Fitzpatrick we again are able to have the Family Photo Day at PEPS.

When: Saturday 14 November 2009

Where: PEPS

COST: Sitting fee of \$15.00 for every sitting fee.

WHAT DO YOU GET: A beautiful framed photo of your family.

As Christmas is approaching so quickly it would be a wonderful present for the grandparents.

A notice will be attached to this newsletter. Please get them back in to us as soon as possible.

Father's Day Stall

A sincere thank you to all of the parents who came and assisted Jenni with the Father's Day stall. It was wonderful to see so many people show up to help in such a fun event for the children.

In Between P & C Meetings

The P & C would love some extra suggestions on fundraising and other things you would like to bring up at the meetings but cannot come to the 7.30 night sessions. We will be holding a morning gathering with a morning tea 2nd week back next term on Tuesday 27th October 2009. Please bring a plate and suggestions you have. We are always looking for more ways to make the P & C work better for PEPS.

If anyone cannot make the P & C meeting or the in-between session and would love to give suggestions you can contact me on mobile 0401 000 585 or networkconvey@optusnet.com.au

Some great classroom work on display!

