

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome back to everyone. I hope that you all had a relaxing and happy break. What a busy term it will be! There are many exciting activities and events planned for this term.

I am so proud to be the Principal of such an excellent school as PEPS. I am very impressed with the commitment and dedication of our hard working staff, the close support of our parents and the wonderful behaviour of our beautiful students.

Outstanding Mathematics results

Well done students!

PEPS students did exceptionally well again in the International Mathematics Competition. In my career, I have never seen such high academic results like our Mathematics results. Well done!

This year 45 students entered the Years 3-6 International Mathematics English Competition and Assessments for schools. Students from all over Australia, New Zealand and SE Asia entered this competition.

PEPS students gained outstanding results. We received 7 High Distinctions, 9 Distinctions and 13 Credits.

We are very proud of these results, especially seeing PEPS is a small school and not all students entered this exam.

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

Special congratulations to the following students who received a –

- 1. High Distinction (top 1% in the state)-** Leo (Year 3), Hu, Adam, Ella, Wanzhang, Jennifer (Year 4), Eugene (Year 5).
- 2. Distinction (top 2%-10% in the state)-** Narys, Tajmida, Jack (Year 3), Wesley, Rupesh, Angela (Year 4), Al-Aabid, Helen (Year 5), Vidhi (Year 6)
- 3. Credit- (top 25% in the state)** Kate, Collin, (Year 3), Sophia (Year 4), Brooke, Gary, Angela, Bonita, Alexander, William (Year 5), Ben, Fifi, Astha, Kaixin (Year 6).



Parent workshop- “Helping your child with reading at home”.

Our workshops last year were well supported. Parents asked if we could run more this term. On the 6th November at 2pm in the PA room, a consultant from the Department of Education will be running a workshop on reading. She will explain the many ways parents can help their children with reading at home. Child care will be provided. Please come along and bring a friend.

PBL Peer Support - another great lesson.

The students participated this week in a revision lesson based on the work they have learnt in Peer Support. This lesson was led by the Year 6 students or their class teacher (if in Kindergarten and Year 1). They also learnt the behaviour concept of “Stop, Think and Do the Right Thing.” They learnt about “Choice Theory”, ie. that they are the one who choose what to do in regards to their behaviour and work practices. If they choose to do the right thing, they could feel happy, proud, good or pleased. They could get praise and rewards. If they choose to do the wrong thing, then they are choosing to accept the consequences that go with that wrong choice. They could feel guilty, unhappy, sad, embarrassed or worried. They could get into trouble and be punished. The choice is theirs. They were taught to always choose to do the right thing, ie. STOP, THINK and DO THE RIGHT THING.

Students in Years 2 to 6 brought home art paper and a poster about an art competition for PBL. They need to return their entry by next Friday, 6th November. Great prizes will be won. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will complete their competition entry in class.

2010 Planning- important message

I need to submit our numbers for 2010 for staffing purposes. I need to know if students are leaving the school. If your family intends to leave the school before the beginning of the 2010 school year, and you have not yet informed the school office, can you please let us know as soon as possible.

In addition, if you are intending on enrolling your child for 2010 or know anyone who wants to, can you please complete an enrolment form. Enrolments for all grades K-6 are now being taken.

It is very important that Kindergarten students for 2010 enrol now so they do not miss the Kindergarten Orientation Days on Thursday 5th November and Thursday 12th November.

Working Bee - We would love your help, if you have a few hours to spare.

PEPS has been nominated for the "Cleanest School Award". This is a very prestigious award!

We will be having a Working Bee on Sunday 8th November to tidy the gardens and plant more plants.

If you are available, we would love your help from 11am. Lunch will be provided. All you need to bring are- plants (if you have any), wheel barrows, rakes, shovels and other gardening tools. Children are invited too. Please keep this date free in your diary.

Building Update

1. As you will have noticed preparation for the construction of our new hall has begun. Very exciting.
2. Our playground looks beautiful with the new asphalt and painted games. A Federal Government grant of \$90,000 paid for the asphalt. We appreciate this money very much. The new asphalt is much safer for the students to play on.
3. We also received a Federal Grant for the external painting of the school. This will be done this term.
4. KK has new carpet worth \$4,000 from another grant.
5. We have paid for the data projector to be moved to the PA room for teachers to use with their class or grade.

"Night of the Stars" - our first Performing Arts concert.

"Night of the Stars", our first Performing Arts concert, will be held next Thursday 5th November at 6.30 pm. Students in the choir, band, recorder ensemble and individual items will be performing. They are very excited!

Due to the restricted number of seats in our PA room, the tickets are available to the students performing in the concert, however, with our beautiful school hall next year, we will be able to open the concert to everyone!



Boys' Dance Group- a lot of fun!

Every Thursday afternoon for this term, Next Level Generation Dance group are teaching 30 boys from Years 3 to 6 a variety of dance steps. The boys love it. Thank you Mrs MacKenzie for organising this great activity.

Congratulations students for your beautiful singing.

Last Thursday at 11.30am PEPS joined schools across the nation to sing 'The Music Is Everything!' for Music Count Us In. It was a wonderful experience - one the students will not forget. They did an excellent job. Thank you Mrs Adams for the great job you did coordinating this important event.

Bus excursion- what a fun day we will have!

28 parents, grandparents and preschoolers will go on our excursion tomorrow around historical Parramatta. It should be an interesting and enjoyable day - one Mrs Mackenzie and I are looking forward to.

If you would like to come and you have not returned your note, you can still join us tomorrow. We will be leaving at 9.30am.

Tsunami Appeal- thank you Student Council and students.

The Student Council ran a Mufti Day on the last day of Term 3. They raised \$120.00. Thanks to all the students for your kind donation of a gold coin.

PEPS students were on Channel 9 and Channel 7 News last term.

Channel 9, Channel 7 and The Daily Telegraph interviewed our students in their EELS gear last term. It was a great experience for our students. They watched themselves on the Channel 9 and Channel 7 News.

Everyone is welcome to playgroup

Parents, guardians, neighbours and friends are welcome to bring their children to playgroup. It is held every Friday at 9.30am in the hall. There are fun and educational craft activities every week.

The **official opening of the playgroup will be held on Friday 20th November from 9.30am**. There will be face painting, a jumping castle, great craft activities and fun games. Please let your friends know and come along.

School Development Days - last 2 days of this term

The last two days of this term, Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December are School Development Days. They are pupil free days for the staff to undertake professional development.

Mrs L. Webb
Principal

PEPS Joins The Song Of The Nation!

On Thursday October 22nd at 11:30am PEPS joined schools across the nation to sing 'The Music Is Everything!' for Music Count Us In. The students worked hard rehearsing this song for many weeks and successfully sang as a mass choir, singing different parts and harmonising beautifully! Music Count Us In is an initiative to celebrate the role music has in our society and to campaign the benefits of music education in Australian schools. Everyone should be proud of their efforts and we look forward to singing this fantastic song for you at our school Presentation Night in December! To find out more visit <http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/> to see some of the exciting moments that happened as a result of this unique project.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Library Times

There have been some changes made to the class library time for this term. Please check the list and ensure your child has their library bag on the correct day.

Monday: 4/5B

Tuesday: 3M, 2S, 1/2M, 3/4L

Wednesday: 1c, 5V, 1R, 6D

Friday: KA, KK, KG

Collie's Helpers

Last term during their library time and technology time, 2S and 1/2M took part in an online research project. Mrs Smith, Mrs Malik and Mrs Gee worked together in delivering this program. Students had to investigate helpers in our community and take notes from set websites. Towards the end of the project students had to follow clues to work out the some of the jobs they had researched and submit their responses. They also collectively constructed an information report on Bus Drivers. Our classes were able to get all the responses correct and came 27th out of the 122 schools that participated.

Winners were allocated according to when responses were received, so it was all down to bandwidth of the network in the finish.

Congratulations to both classes – it was a great effort and the skills you learned along the way were very worthwhile.

Library Monitors

I was very pleased this week to be able to present the Library Monitors with their badges. They are a very dedicated group of students who help make the activities in the library possible by helping the teachers and younger students.

Congratulations to Dania Lukic, Tana Josopovic, Al Abid Chowdhury, Parisa Marathocabitis, Heln He, Angela Kim, Darshini Vyas, Iman Saj, Dalia Qasem, Vidhi Bansal, Mohammed Attayee, Louise Aw, Samin Norouzi, Sania Farooq, Eugene Lee, Lara Rasul and Uzma Sirguroh.

Did you know...??

Each student has what is called a 'portal login, which is a user name and password from the Department of Education so they are able to access the internet safely from school. Many of the students are required to use them as part of the work done in technology lessons. Most often the user name is the first name and surname. When students login to the Kidspace home page, there is a link titled 'My Library'. This is a data base of all the books available for children in the library. Some students check it out to from home to see if we have books available for completing projects or to see what they may be able to borrow on their library day.

Mrs Gee – Teacher Librarian



Coming events for Term 4

Thurs 29 th Oct	Parent excursion
Thurs 5 th Nov	Kindergarten Orientation Day 9.30-11.30
Thurs 12 th Nov (9.45 start)	Kindergarten Orientation Day 10.00-11.30
Thurs 5 th Nov	"Night with the Stars" – concert
Friday 6 th Nov	"Reading at Home" workshop
Sunday 8 th Nov	Working Bee

Congratulations to all the students listed for achieving their awards.

Merit Award

Rahin 2S
Nordashinia KK
Wesley 4/5B
Tereina 4/5B
Zohhal 4/5B
Jason Tung 3M
Rony 5V
Robin 1C
Anagha 1/2M
Shiven 1/2M
Alicia 1/2M
Linda KG
Jonathan 1C
Sania 5V
Parisa 4/5B
Rupesh 4/5B
Zeal KK
Dania 6D
Lawrence 2S
Gary 5V
Sophie 1R
Bonita 4/5B

Principal Special Award

Denis KA
Robin 1C
Andreyka 4/5B
Brooke 4/5B
Dania 6D
Thomas 1R
Benny 1R

Honour Award

Cosmica 1C
Lanya 2S
Vidhi 6D
Hiba 4/5B
Yewon 1R

Pennant

Lara 5V

Banner

Leo 3/4L
Jennifer 4/5B
Andreyka 4/5B



Caught You Being Good	William 1C	Thomas 1R
	Wesley 4/5B	Isabella 1C
	Nicholas 2S	Collin 3/4L
	Avesh 6D	Liviya KG
	Louise 6D	Adrian 6D



PBL Awards for being “safe, respectful learners”.

Sajad 3M	Hxe KK
Hanosh 3/4L	Yves KK
Amisha 1R	Coskun 3/4L
Flavia 1R	Pramod KK
William 4/5B	Joep 2S

**Voluntary
Contributions**

Contributed to this year’s project – \$ 6752.00



PEPS ADULT COMMUNITY / SOCIAL CLUB

Hey parents get involved in our Social Club. It is held every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 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 lets 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 supplied on joining.

Automatic cancellation if it is raining. Children are welcome.

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

Canteen News

Remember Tuesday and Thursday will still remain closed for lunch orders, drinks and ice-blocks will be available on these days.

Excursion end of Term 3– Fairfield City Farm

