Dear Parents,

END OF TERM 2
Traditionally, Term 2 has always been one of the busiest terms of the school year and this year was the same. The students and staff have worked tirelessly, and need to be commended for their work in the many initiatives that are underway.

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS
Student reports detailing the progress of each child are almost complete. Teachers have prepared some very insightful comments to inform parents of the progress their children have made throughout Semester 1. Reports will be sent home with students next Tuesday afternoon. Please look in your child’s bag for their report. I encourage you to discuss the contents of the reports with your children in preparation for continued learning and engagement in Term 3.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE
The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) recently visited the school and completed an audit on student attendance and lateness to school. A number of students were flagged as being consistently late to school or being absent from school and not supplying a valid reason. Can parents please remember, that it is a legal obligation of the school to request a letter or note from a parent if their child has been absent from school for any period of time. Absences that are not explained are noted on the school records and investigated where necessary. Likewise, students who are late for school need to collect a blue slip from the office before going to class. Parents are encouraged to have their child at school and on time, as the morning session in class is a vital one for learning. We appreciate your assistance in monitoring this issue.

P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE
The P&C chocolate drive has started. Families were given a box or boxes of chocolates to sell as fund raising for the school. This is a major fund raising initiative for the P&C and the communities support and involvement is valued. Please sell your chocolates as soon as possible and return the money to the school. Remember, that if you sample them then you must pay for them too.

STREET LEVEL MISSION – CHARITY FOOD AND BLANKET APPEAL
Once again the SRC have asked for our school community to support this local appeal. Starting at the beginning of Term 3 (14.7.15) and finishing in Week 3 (31.7.15) the classes will be collecting non-perishable food items and blankets to donate to Street Level Mission. Street Level Mission is a joint venture between the Street Level Christian Community, St John’s Anglican Cathedral and Auburn Salvation Army. We have arranged for Mr Greg Hirst, Chairman of the Parramatta Street Youth Project to attend the assembly at the completion of our ‘food and blanket’ drive (6.8.15). National Homeless week starts on the 2nd August. Please keep an eye out for more information to come.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH
A case of Hand, Foot and Mouth has occurred in the school. We request that parents keep an eye out for children showing mild illness, perhaps with fever blisters around, mouth, hands and feet. If affected, students need to stay at home until all blisters have healed. Careful hand washing especially after wiping noses and using the toilet are recommended procedures to follow.

2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
The enrolment process for children entering kindergarten in 2016 is now open. If your child will turn 5 years of age before the 31st July 2016, they are eligible to start Kindergarten next year. Enrolment forms are available from the office. Please contact the school if you require more details about enrolling for 2016.
END OF TERM 2
The last day of Term 2 will be Friday 26th June 2015. Students are expected to return to school for the commencement of Term 3 on Tuesday, 14th July.
Finally, I would like to ask the PEPS community to please watch over the school during the vacation period. If you observe any suspicious people or behaviour around the school, please contact School Security on 1300 880 021.

I wish all students and their families a safe and restful holiday and look forward to more great teaching and learning in Term 3.

Mrs S Gardner
Relieving Principal

NEWS FROM LOST PROPERTY
Attention Students and Parents,
From today until Wednesday 24th June, all items of un-named lost property will be on display on the verandah near the COLA. So, if you have lost a piece of the uniform and would like to replace it, please help yourself to anything you need. All unclaimed lost property will be given to charity. Thank you for your assistance.

From The Lost Property Committee

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PLC DEBATING COMPETITION – Round 2
On Thursday 4th June, the Parramatta East Debating Team delivered and hosted the second round of debates for this year’s PLC Debating Competition. Our team – Seth, Lillian, Heidi and Jonah - presented the affirmative case for the topic “All children should have a pet”. Our chairperson and timekeeper were Jade and Bianca. The negative team from Parramatta Public School presented a strong and convincing case with robust rebuttals which ultimately led them to win the debate. It was wonderful to have some of our Stage 2 and 3 classes come to watch and experience a real debate for the first time. Special thanks to our adjudicator Mrs Dayhew for providing us with feedback that we can work on for our next debate, as well as the Parramatta Public School Team for challenging and enjoyable debate. Our team looks forward to hosting the next debate in Term 3.

Miss Allan – Debating Coordinator

PUBLIC SPEAKING
On Tuesday the 9th of June 2015 Peter, Sumaya, Tijana and Shayma were all lucky enough to be able to represent Parramatta East Public School at Winston Hills Public School and to compete in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Seven schools participated in the competition this year with 26 participants in total. The PEPS students all did an amazing job representing our school from Stage 2 and Stage 3. Students were asked to present a prepared speech on multiculturalism and prepare for an impromptu topic in just five minutes. For Peter and Sumaya their impromptu topic was ‘In the Future’ and for Tijana and Shayma their topic was the ‘Next Step’. The PEPS participants all received positive feedback and also received participation awards. In addition, Shayma Abou-Zeid received a Highly Commended Award. Everyone left pleased with their efforts and more knowledge to use in the future. Big thanks to Miss Allan for giving up her to time to teach them during lunches and providing this opportunity.

Written by Shayma Abou-Zeid 6T
TERM 3 CHESS CLUB

Parents and students please note there are NO positions left for the Term 3 Chess Club. Thank you for your attention.

Regards,
Ann Bellamy (School Chess Co-ordinator)

PARRAMATTA EAST LIBRARY

After 25 years of using a DOS based library database our school library has moved into the 21st century. Last week we migrated to a new library database called Oliver. When your child logs on to the portal at school and at home, they will now see an icon in Kidspace called “Oliver Library”.

I would encourage you to explore this database with your child. When logged in Oliver opens to a standard home page. On the top right hand corner near your child’s name is a small button – if you hover over it, it says Orbit. This is the link to a very child friendly interface for the program. Students will be able to see what books they currently have on loan and their loan history for the past couple of years. Also any new items recently added to the library will be shown. This will also show what books are overdue by being highlighted in red. (Currently there are 165 overdue books across the school.)

This is very new at the moment but eventually it will contain reading lists for some class topics, Premier’s Reading Challenge books and websites with active links. Currently there are many items available in the “online links” and “ebooks” on the Orbit homepage.

Enjoy having a look around and see what our library has to offer for your children!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

There are 33 students that have completed the Challenge and received an assembly award. All data entry is to be completed online by 21st August. There are many students who are half-way there, so please encourage your child to complete the Challenge and receive a certificate from the Premier. The school holidays are a great time to keep on reading – all children in Yrs 3-6 will be able to borrow over the holidays if they have no overdue books.

Mrs Gee – Teacher Librarian

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I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly last Thursday morning to get boxes of chocolate out to our students. Please see the office should you require more boxes to sell.

**Prizes**
- First prize for most chocolates sold: Samsung Galaxy Tab 4
- Second prize for most chocolates sold: Net Green Quad Core Tablet
- Raffle ticket prize for those that brought in their money on time: Digital Photo Frame

**Important dates to remember**
- Monday 20th July – Last day to return unsold chocolates.
- Thursday 23rd July – Last day to return money to be in draw for prizes.
- Friday 24th July – Prize draw during morning assembly.

**School Banking**
PEPS now has 70 students that are participating in the School Banking Program! I would like to welcome Mrs Helen Rahaman (Arnaf and Yousa’s mum) and Mrs Sudha Pullakhandam (Akshay’s mum) who will be joining me as volunteer School Banking Coordinators and will take over the job from Term 3. For information on how to join School Banking, you can obtain an information pack from the office or email ppe.pandc@gmail.com.

Linda Dunwoodie
P&C Secretary
SRC is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea.

When: Thursday 25th of June 2015 During recess time.
Lots of yummy cupcakes, muffins and cookies to be bought.

Prices from 50c to $2
All money raised will go to the Cancer Council.
Any donations of cupcakes, cookies or muffins would be greatly appreciated.
Please let Mrs Venetsanos or Mrs Daniels know if you can help.
The PEPS Recorder Ensemble is a fun, exciting way to learn to read, play and perform music. The children are expected to practice regularly at home, so they are able to progress well throughout the term. Through games and lots of group participation, recorder and ensemble skills are developed. It is an excellent first step in preparation for learning other instruments, and is an easy and fun instrument to begin with. The children in the recorder ensemble participate in a number of concerts each year, including the Opera House, Riverside Theatre, assembly items, A Night with the Stars, and Presentation Night.

Each year there are only 2 intakes to the PEPS Recorder Ensemble – at the start of terms 1 and 3. This is to allow the students the best opportunity to grow their skills in a progressive program. New enrolments are now open to any student in years 1 to 6, who wishes to learn recorder. The ensemble is open to all levels of experience, and Mrs. Anner aims to inspire, challenge and grow each student at their individual level of skill and experience.

The fees for new enrolments of $85 will cover the lessons for a term, a recorder and the music. (That works out at approx. $6 per week for music lessons!!) We are using recorders supplied through the school, to ensure the recorders are in tune with each other (a vital ingredient for a nice sound!!!!). New students returning their notes this term will be assured of receiving their recorders and books in the first lesson next term.

Returning student fees are just $60 per term. Returning students are also able to hire alto or tenor recorders to learn if they wish. The hire fees are: alto - $10 per term, tenor - $20 per term, bass - $30 per term.

LESSON FEES ARE DUE THIS TERM, or by Friday 17th July (week 1 next term) at the latest. Please note that the fees for each term are non-refundable.

FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC UPDATE
REHEARSAL – Our first combined rehearsal is next Tuesday morning! All students who are performing in the Opera House concert need to be at school at 7:30am on Tuesday 23rd June. TICKETS also go on sale that same day – a note regarding ticket sales will be coming home this week.

Mrs Anner

PEPS RECORDER ENSEMBLE
Term 3, 2015
PERMISSION NOTE

I would like to enroll my child, ___________________________________________ of class ___________ in the PEPS Recorder Ensemble in Term 3 2015.

NEW ENROLMENTS: ___ I enclose $85, being the full fee for the term.

FOR THOSE RETURNING: _____________________ I enclose $60, being the full fee for the term.
Optional recorder hire: ___ I would also like to hire a recorder (Please circle one and include payment).
  Alto - $10  Tenor - $20  Bass - $30

Signed ......................................................... (Parent/Guardian)  Date ..................................