Dear Parents,

Welcome to another busy week in the life of our school community. It has been another busy term so far for both teachers and students. Our band, dance group, recorder group and junior choir have all been preparing for their upcoming auditions for the Performing Arts Festival to be held in Term 3 at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Our groups audition next Tuesday 9th June. We wish them well and are very proud of their commitment and application to their various activities. I would also like to thank the teachers for the considerable time and energy that they have put into getting our groups ready for the auditions. Teachers are also very busy preparing reports about student attainment and growth that will be sent home on 23rd June.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
On Monday 1st June, Kindergarten had a lovely “Teddy Bear’s Picnic”. All students were encouraged to bring along their favourite bear (or similar soft toy) and joined in a range of activities within the class which culminated in games (duck, duck, bear!), going on a bear hunt (in the bottom playground) and flying teddies (in a parachute). Kindergarten then had a picnic with fairy bread (or bikie bread if you are a boy) as well as a few other treats. A fun day was had by all!

Thank you Kindergarten teachers, for organising a fun way to conclude Kindergarten’s study of bears as characters in text.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. It is completed every three years by the teachers of students in their first year of school. This is a nationwide census of early development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The data can be useful for a wide range of policy, analysis, and statistical research purposes. The kindergarten teachers will complete the census in week 10 of Term 2. Please see information on census on website.

Code of Conduct for use of Technology and the Internet
Parents and students are reminded about the acceptable internet and computer use policy at Parramatta East Public School. Parents are also encouraged to be aware of what programs, games, devices and accounts that their child/ren are using and when they are accessing them. Students are to bring any mobile devices to the office as soon as they arrive at school and not wait until the bell. Mobile devices should not be in the playground at any time.
Walking to and from School
Students and parents are to be encouraged to walk directly to and from school. An elderly neighbour has expressed concerns about rocks and pebbles being spread on the footpath outside the school by students walking home. As this is a risk hazard for all people using the footpath, I would encourage parents to talk with their child/ren about the possible outcomes of this action. As a school community we value the safety of every person.

Arriving late or Leaving Early
There are a number of students who are regularly arriving late to school. Parents and students are reminded that the student must attend the office and get a late slip with an explanation as to why they are late. The Home School Liaison Officer checks these regularly and looks at the patterns of lateness exhibited by the student. If any repeated lateness is noted, it will be monitored and followed up by the HSLO officer.

Starting School Kindergarten Survey
Thank you to the seven parents who have responded to our survey on Survey Monkey. May I ask the remaining parents of our Kindergarten students to log on to www.surveymonkey.com/s/Kindergarten_Parent_2015_Longitudinal_study as soon as possible and complete the brief survey. The survey will close at the end of this term so we would like to be able to have your feedback to aid us in our future planning and strategies at PEPS.

Mr lerioanni
Mr lerioanni sends his regards and assures us that he is enjoying his time away and that he is also looking forward to being back next term. In the meantime, he is in contact with the school as necessary.

Mrs S Gardner
Relieving Principal

Special Art Classes

DRAWING & SKETCHING, OIL PASTELS, WATER COLOURS, ACRYLIC / CANVAS, CARD MAKING

CALLIGRAPHY, BLOCK PRINTING, FABRIC PAINTING & GLASS POT PAINTING

When: 1st June
Where: 10/53 Fennell St
Time: 4.00PM - 6.00PM
Monday to Friday
Other: 6 CLASSES FOR $ 50
For further information pl contact
JABEEN SHARMA
0411639811
On Wednesday the 20th May we were extended an invitation to participate in the annual History of Schools Primary Schools Public Speaking held at Parramatta North Public School. Parramatta East P.S. was proudly represented by Paris Tamaka and Aiden Withers.

The students’ presentation contrasted what it was like attending PEPS in the 1970’s with today. Some of the interesting things that we learnt through researching and looking at old photos were:

- **the changes in the school uniform**
- **how lucky we are today with the amount of technology available in our classrooms**
- **that the school canteen was located where the Before and After School care operates**
- **students were given free milk to drink each morning and often the magpies would take off the lids and greedily eat the cream off the top of the bottles**
- **the hairstyles and the clothes had definitely changed – female teachers wore very short dresses in the 1970’s**
- **an annual toy show was conducted in the Library**
- **In 1972 a whole school production of the Mikado was held at Macarthur Girls High School and all of the boys and girls created their costumes in sewing classes that were part of the curriculum.**

Aiden and Paris were wonderful presenters and received many compliments from the Parramatta Historical Society. I would like to express a big thank you to Mrs Withers who provided photos and memories to assist in putting this presentation together.
We have been chosen to hold this event next year at PEPS. If there are any relatives that attended this school who have photos and memorabilia we would love to hear from you in preparation for next year.

Mrs Sparks & Miss Alan

P&C NEWS

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Two weeks ago a note was sent home in regards to our Chocolate Drive Fundraiser. This included a form that asked you how many boxes of chocolates you wanted to sell and also a NO option for those that didn’t want a box. If the form was not returned, the student will still take home a box of chocolates. These chocolates will be distributed on Thursday 11th June. All money is to be handed in no later than Thursday 23rd July. There will also be a prize draw on the 23rd July for those that have returned their fundraiser money on time, with the family selling the most boxes winning a major prize!

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SCHOOL BANKING
PEPS currently have over 50 students participating in School Banking and already working towards their savings goal and first Dollarmites Reward! For those that want to join in on this exciting program, you will need a Youthsaver account from Commonwealth Bank. Simply visit a branch with photo ID and complete the forms. Don’t forget that School Banking is every Wednesday. If you do not have your deposit wallet from the previous week, please ask your teacher.

P&C MEETING
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 15th June at 7:00pm in the School Library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

QUESTIONS
If you have any questions for the P&C you can leave a message with the office, email ppe.pandc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page “PEPS P&C”.

Regards,
Linda Dunwoodie
P&C Secretary