Dear Parents,

It is great to be back at school for the commencement of Term 3 after a brilliant European holiday. I would like to thank Mrs Gardner and Mrs Sparks for their excellent work as relieving Principal during my absence and Mrs Curtis and Mrs McCorquodale for their outstanding leadership and executive support. Along with our staff, I hope all our students and their families enjoyed a restful vacation and are now ready to continue drive their learning forward. Term 3 is always a very busy term, so I encourage you to read the newsletter each fortnight to keep up with what is happening around the school.

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORT: – A QUICK EXPLANATION

In recent days, we have had some enquiries about the Semester 1 Student Reports which went home at the end of Term 2. As a result I will attempt to further clarify the reporting scales and what they actually mean.

Student Reports are sent home at the end of each semester of learning, as a Semester 1 Student Report at the end of Term 2 and a Semester 2 Student Report at the end of Term 4. They are designed to communicate information about your child’s learning and progress in all six Key Learning Areas, using the NSW Department of Education prescribed scale of achievement.

**English**

**Mathematics,**

**Science & Technology**

**Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)**

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)**

**Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA)**

In Years 1-6, reports communicate individual achievement using this five-point scale:

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Similarly, your child’s effort is reported on a three-point scale:

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Listed in the table below is an example of achievement (Years 1-6) for parents, relating to their driving skills. The majority of the parent community would demonstrate SOUND achievement and this is what we would expect the majority of drivers to achieve. This analogy may assist you to better understand your child’s report.

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<td>Learner driver with guidance who require continuous support, practise and monitoring.</td>
<td>Provisional: Able to drive but lacks experience. A basic driving ability.</td>
<td>Sound driver: Experienced in various situations. Accounts for the majority of people driving on the roads.</td>
<td>Attended advanced driver training course. Experience and tested in various situations.</td>
<td>Formula 1 racing driver. Experienced and tested in various challenging situations at high speed.</td>
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EDUCATION WEEK 2015
During Week 3 of this term (next week) we will once again celebrate Education Week, a time in which to showcase education and the excellent work of students, teachers, administrative and school support staff. At PEPS, Education Week will be packed with activities spread across the week and parents are invited to visit and participate in planned events. A timeline for Education Week is included below:

**Tuesday 29th July:**
ICAS English Competition

**Wednesday 30th July:**
School Photo Day – Please ensure students attend school in full school uniform.

**Thursday 31st July:**
10:30 - 11:15 Open Classrooms – Parents welcome to visit their child’s class and view the work that is being done.
11:15 – 11:35 Parents are invited to share recess with their children.
11:45 – 1:00 Whole School Education Week Assembly.

OPEN CLASSROOMS & EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY
As a part of our 2015 Education Week celebrations, classrooms will be open for visitors from 10:30am on Thursday 30th July. This is a great chance to see the children engaging with their school environment and to see the work they have completed this year. Following the open classrooms, we invite visitors to stay for recess and then our whole school, Education Week assembly in the school hall from 11:45am. Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
As mentioned above, School Photos for 2015 will be taken on Wednesday 29th July. All classes will have their class photo taken on the day and individual student photos are available for families to purchase. Photo envelopes with information about prices and packages available were sent home last week. Please ensure your children attend school in their full summer school uniform on the day. Thank you to Mrs Curtis for her organisation of this event.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The 2015 PEPS Athletics Carnival will be held over two days this year. On Friday 7th August, the field events carnival will be held at Barton Park, commencing after PSSA sport, at approximately 11:30am. The Track events and K-2 Athletics carnival will be held on Monday 10th August at Barton Park. Permission notes for the athletics carnival were sent home last week. We invite parents to join us for the fun and excitement of the carnival and look forward to a wonderful day.

CELEBRATING THE ARTS – RIVERSIDE THEATRE
In 2015, our school will once again celebrate the musical talents of students through the Celebrating the Arts Concert which will be held at Parramatta Riverside Theatre on the evening of Tuesday 1st September. This year, we will present an increased repertoire of performers showcasing the Recorder Ensemble, the PEPS Dance Group, School Band and our primary choir will perform as part of the Schools Combined Choir. **Tickets for Celebrating the Arts will go on sale on Monday 3rd August at the Riverside Theatre ticket office, online or over the phone.** Tickets are $18 each and are very limited, so please be sure to get down there early to avoid disappointment. More details below.
On Wednesday 2nd September, four students who are part of the special PLC Dance Troupe will perform as part of the Celebrating the Arts Concert.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION RESULTS
The results from the 2015 ICAS Science Competition were received yesterday with some outstanding results from the students who participated. The competition was open to students in Year 3-6. This year, of the fifty-eight students who participated, 6 students received High Distinctions, 6 students were awarded distinctions, 19 were awarded credits, 5 were awarded merit certificates and 21 were awarded participation certificates. This is an excellent result! Well done to all the students who participated in this year’s Science competition.

**HIGH DISTINCTIONS:**
YEAR 4 – Jonah, Lashan, Geoffrey, Peter
YEAR 5 – Alex, Kai Nan

**DISTINCTIONS:**
YEAR 3 – Shaunak
YEAR 4 – Joshua, James, Oscar
YEAR 5 – Maanya, Emily

**CREDITS:**
YEAR 3 – Krish, Dorothy, Keyan, Sakhi,
YEAR 4 – Sanjam, Wendy, Shijiu, Alice, Ashley, Hayes, Dieter, Wilson
YEAR 5 – Eunice, Karan, Bill, Mona, Mila, Renna
YEAR 6 – Sinan
**MERITS:**
YEAR 3 – Cindy, Khai
YEAR 4 – Shayan, Saanvi
YEAR 5 - Manav

**BOOK WEEK PERFORMANCE**
Each year Parramatta East Public School celebrates the love of reading throughout Book Week. This year, Book Week will be celebrated from Monday 24th August. Our annual Book Fair will operate in the Library and our Book Parade will be held on Tuesday 25th August.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENTS FOR 2016**
Once again, Year 6 children have maintained the proud tradition of Parramatta East students successfully applying for placement at a Selective High School. For 2016, of the 20 students who applied, four were made an offer to enrol and a further three are on a reserve list. This is another very pleasing achievement and we are very proud of these students.

**LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM**
Life Education will once again be visiting PEPS in Term 3. Students will participate in Life Ed sessions in the van and follow-up activities will be conducted in classroom. Life Ed covers issues relating to safe use of medication, alcohol, drugs and tobacco in a Stage and age appropriate way. The program has been around for many years and continues to be relevant and worthwhile.

**INTERRELATE – YEAR 6**
Later this term we have scheduled the Interrelate program for Year 6. Interrelate is similar to Life Education, only it covers learning issues around sex education and puberty. This program is delivered by trained specialists and is highly recommended for all Year 6 students. A parent session to understand the Interrelate Program and its content has been scheduled for Thursday night, 13th August, in the school hall, commencing at 7:00pm.

**ETHICS CLASSES AT PARRAMATTA EAST P.S**
We are fortunate to have Mrs Linda Dunwoodie volunteer to teach Ethics classes to Stage 1 and Stage 2 students commencing this term. The new ethics program will operate parallel to scripture classes and will only be available to students who attend non-scripture each Thursday. I would again like to make it very clear that ethics classes do not replace scripture classes at PEPS. The scripture program will continue to operate in its current form and non-scripture classes will continue to be available. Ethics classes are another alternative for families.

Mr Robert Ieroianni
Principal

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 - 2015**

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Congratulations to all the children who have been chosen to represent our school at the Celebrating the Arts festival which will be held at Riverside Theatre on Tuesday, 1st September. This year, we will showcase a number of items during the concert including our Band, Senior Choir, Dance and Recorder groups. Tickets for Celebrating the Arts will go on sale on Monday 3rd August at the Riverside Theatre ticket office, on-line or over the phone on 8839 3399. Tickets will be $18 each and are very limited, so please be sure to get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

SRC News
Mrs Daniel and I would like to welcome our new SRC students for this semester. Congratulations to the following students, Lanah 3V, Jennifer 3V, Tyson 3M, Sakhi 3M, Liana 4W, Oliver 4W, Sumaya 4M, Peter 4M, Lana 4/5M, Jonah 4/5M, Manav 5G, Sophia 5G, Julianna 6C, Denis 6C, Monika 6T, Daniel 6T and our school prefects remain in the SRC. We look forward to meeting with you every Wednesday during the first half of lunch. Our first major fundraising activity is the annual Street Level Charity. The aim for this drive is to collect non-perishable items such as canned food, long life milk and blankets which will coincide and support Homeless Persons Week.

Mrs Venetsanos and Mrs Daniel
SRC Co-ordinators

WRITERS CORNER

Why snakes lost their legs!
By Esha Gupta 3V

Centuries ago, existed a kingdom of snakes. To begin with, the snakes were the only snakes here on earth. They were all very happy until one day the king disappeared. The snakes were all worried except for the brave snake soldiers. They said with pride, “We'll save the King.” So the soldiers set off on their exciting journey.

They had to go to the “Savanas” of Africa, swim the deepest rivers of China and cross the jungles of Europe. First stop – The Savanas of Africa. It was very hot but they managed to cross the desert. But while they were crossing the desert, they had run out of food supplies, so their legs started shrinking.

When they crossed the rivers their legs started falling off. At last they reached the jungles but they were in for a big surprise. Instead of finding the King snake, they found a Tiger. It had big claws and sharp teeth. The soldiers were so scared that they ran all the way back to their home land. They passed the jungles of Europe, they swam into the deepest rivers of China and they crossed the Savanas of Africa and finally reached their Island.

Through this journey, they lost all their legs, Group by group every single snake had lost their legs and in the last group, the King was finally saved. This day onwards all young snakes grew up with no legs at all.
HEALTH TIP

Whilst sugar is naturally occurring in many foods, manufacturers also add sugar to many processed foods. It is important to know what to look for when reading nutrition labels to know exactly how much sugar you are consuming. Sugar is often disguised as honey, rice syrup or juice concentrates. They may sound like healthy alternatives, but your body doesn’t care what the label says, in the end it is all sugar !!!

P&C NEWS

Chocolate Drive
Thank you to everyone that has sold chocolates over the last few weeks. Please hand in all fundraising money to the office by this Thursday 23rd July. On Friday 24th July, during morning assembly, we will be announcing the First and Second prize winners of most chocolates sold as well as drawing the raffle. Best of luck to everyone!
We currently have 2x boxes of chocolate left for someone to take and sell. Please ask at the office if interested.
School Banking

During Term 3, School Banking is holding a competition. Prizes include,

- 75 x iPad mini's Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

To enter, School Banking students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3. They will then automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of these prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize!

To be part of School Banking, you will need to open a Youthsaver account from the Commonwealth Bank. Simply visit a branch with your photo ID and child’s Birth Certificate then bring your deposit book along with your deposit money to school every Wednesday morning.

P&C Committee and Membership

The P&C held their July general meeting last Monday. Our next meeting will be on 17th August and I would like to invite all parents and carers to join us. We are always looking for volunteers to help with exciting new programs and initiatives for our students. If you would like to stay informed or further contribute to the school and the education of your child, please contact us on ppe.pandc@gmail.com or complete a P&C Membership Form at the office. Alternatively you can contact us through our Facebook page “PEPS P&C”.

Linda Dunwoodie
P&C Secretary