

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is with great pleasure that I pen my first ever Newsletter as the Principal of Parramatta East Public School. I would like to extend my thanks to the students, staff and parents for their very warm welcome as I settle in to this new position. I have enjoyed chatting to students and parents in the playground and hearing what they love about Parramatta East Public School. I look forward to meeting more parents as time goes on.

Recognition must go to Mrs Sparks who has done an admirable job leading the school during Semester One, until my appointment. Mrs Sparks will continue to work in the office as an off-class Assistant Principal.

## ICAS COMPETITION

Yesterday we had a number of students sit the English ICAS Competition at the early time of 8a.m. It was wonderful to see so many students, up and at 'em, giving this competition their best shot. Mrs Sparks, Mrs Curtis, Mrs Avery and Miss Mahon gave up their own time to supervise the students sitting the test outside of normal school hours. It was a shame that students who had paid to sit the test did not turn up at the allocated time. Mrs Curtis kindly offered to supervise those students later in the day to sit the test, during her own time. Unfortunately, this is not something that the school will be able to sustain due to the already busy nature of our school days.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

One of the things that I have noticed since my arrival at Parramatta East Public School is the large amount of students wearing school uniform. The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniform which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students in the school and in the community.

School approved uniforms can be purchased from our uniform shop which is currently located on the school site, with the opening hours of 9.00am to 9.30am on Tuesday and Thursday. Students are not permitted to wear coloured or patterned jackets/jumpers or coloured tights/leggings under dresses. Coloured sport shoes are to be worn on sport days only. On all other days black school shoes are to be worn. There are two types of school hats that can be worn, one is a wide brimmed style and the other is a cap style with the flap at the back to protect the neckline.

During this week's assembly I spoke to the students about the expectation of wearing the school uniform, in particular the school hat. I appreciate your support in this matter.

## EDUCATION WEEK

Next week is Education Week and the theme for this year is 'Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world'. At Parramatta East Public School we have a number of activities organised to celebrate Education Week. Please find attached to this newsletter the outline for Education Week Celebrations. We look forward to welcoming as many of our families as possible to join in the celebrations. On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August our two Prime Ministers and I are looking forward to attending the Education Week launch at Parramatta Public School.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Due to the growing nature of our school we are outsourcing the running of our carnival this year to Dancefever. The carnival will be held at Barton Park and we will have Dancefever staff working alongside our school staff to run the carnival. The aim is to have all of our students active throughout the day, enjoying tabloid activities when not competing in events. Due to WH&S requirements, we will have an area set aside for parents/caregivers to view their children competing. It will be a prime position without having to do any of the work! We look forward to seeing many parents/caregivers coming along to enjoy the day and enjoy a sausage sandwich or two.

## STAFF NEWS

Miss Allen (EAL/D) teacher has taken up a region position until the end of 2018. We wish her well in new position and look forward to seeing her next year.

Miss Mahon (4F) will be taking a relieving Assistant Principal's position at Guildford Public School until the end of 2018. We wish her well in this new role.

We would also like to welcome Mrs J Devine, Mr D Mitchell and Mrs J Peterson who have joined the staff at PEPS in various positions.

## 2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

The enrolment process for children entering Kindergarten in 2019 is now open. If your child turns 5 years of age before the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019, they are eligible to start Kindergarten next year. Parents who have children close to the cut-off date may be contacted by the school to discuss school readiness. Enrolment forms are available from the office. Please contact the school if you require more details about enrolling for 2019.

## P & C

One of the things that I have noticed since my arrival at Parramatta East Public School is how hard the members of the school P & C work supporting our school. In particular the hard work of Mrs Rajic. I don't think that there has been a day in the last seven days since the term has begun that I have not seen Mrs Rajic at the school working tirelessly for the school community. The role of the P & C President is an extremely busy one and I am sure that Mrs Rajic would love for some extra volunteers!

Congratulations to Papani (KG) and Arsh (3B) for selling the most boxes of chocolates in the school's fund raising chocolate drive.

The next P & C Meeting for the year is on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm in the school library. An important item to be discussed at this meeting is the possibility of moving the Uniform Shop off-site and online, with free delivery to the school. I encourage you to attend this meeting to have your say about pertinent school matters.



## CANBERRA EXCURSION

We don't have long now before Stage 3 will be off to Canberra. All outstanding money will need to be paid by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August in order to hold your place for the excursion.

Mrs Curtis

## EDUCATION WEEK

Come and join us on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August as we celebrate Education Week. Activities will start at 9:15 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. Cakes will be on sale at recess and you can also purchase a coffee from the coffee van. At lunchtime you will be able to have a picnic with your child/children. The canteen will be collecting pre-ordered lunches for the day. All orders must be placed by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August and should be given to Mrs Badar in the canteen.

Mrs Curtis

## CAKE STALL

To help the SRC raise money for their next project, they will be holding a cake stall during our Education Week celebrations. If you can help out by donating cupcakes etc. we would really appreciate it. Just remember no nuts and a list of the ingredients used should be provided if possible. Please bring your cakes to the staffroom on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August before school or in the afternoon on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Curtis

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Every year, Year 6 hold a sausage sizzle to raise money for their farewell and the gift that they purchase for the school at the end of the year. All students from K-6 will be able to purchase a sausage sandwich. There will be beef and chicken sausages available which are all Halal. Water will also be on sale.

Mrs Curtis

## CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that the school canteen will be closed on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August** due to the Athletics Carnival being held at Barton Park.

**Merit Award Recipients****Merit Award**

Gene 1V  
 Abdullah 2K  
 Ben 1/2J  
 Ashwin 2M  
 Laila 2K  
 Chloe 1V  
 Naveenan 1R  
 Henry 1/2J  
 Ijay 1R  
 Anirudha 1/2J  
 Beste 2S  
 Kunjal 2M  
 Ella K Red  
 Samarveer K Red  
 Wilson K Green  
 Dhanya 3/4P  
 Karan 3A  
 Zac 3/4P  
 Valera 3B  
 Judy 3A  
 Venus 4M  
 Rayan 5Z  
 Kinpreet 5M  
 Malek 1L  
 Sanah 2M  
 Vaishnavi 1L  
 Maya 2S  
 Claire 1R  
 Ryanna 2S  
 Dennis 1L  
 Eric 1V  
 Vanshika 3D  
 Elliannah 3B  
 Brian 3B  
 Siddhant 3B  
 Inaaya 3B  
 Pratyushi 4F  
 Elijah 2K  
 Annelise 3/4P  
 Sara 5Z  
 Jireh 5/6C  
 Ethan 2K  
 Aishani 2K  
 Manasvi 1R  
 Eli 1V  
 Adam K Green  
 Noa K Green  
 Ryan K Red  
 Leilani K Orange  
 Celena K Blue  
 Emily 1V  
 Mohanad 2S  
 Tremaine 1L

**Principal's Special Award**

Ekamdeep 1M  
 Sulaiman 1V  
 Zara 1/2J  
 Ibrahim 2K  
 Jye K Red  
 Kunjal 2M  
 Vikrant 1V  
 Hrrishi 3/4P  
 Ashwin 2M  
 Zarina 1/2J  
 Patrick 1V  
 Lily 2M  
 Jack 2M  
 Souad 1R  
 Persi 5/6C  
 Katie 5/6C  
 Innaya K Red  
 Miranda K Red  
 Lewis K Red  
 Aradhya K Green  
 Claire K Green  
 Luca 1/2J  
 Siya 2K  
 Marcus 5/6C  
 Kinpreet 5M

**Honour**

Denis 1L  
 Aryan 3B  
 Sharurya 3B  
 Akshay 3B  
 Sachi 1M  
 Luke 2M  
 Rizul 1R  
 Arsha 3A  
 David 2S  
 Kunjal 2M

**Pennant**

Mudit 1V  
 Riana 3B  
 Ulrich 5M  
 Sasha 2S  
 Zara 1/2J  
 Janai 3/4P

**Banner**

Isabella 3B

**PBL Award Recipients**

Athena K Blue  
 Austin K Green  
 Sayan K Orange  
 Manha K Red  
 Jye K Red  
 Lewis K Red  
 Lily 2M  
 Ryanna 2S

Brian 3B  
 Aditi 4F

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 - 2018**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week Open Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Author Visit – Tim Harris & Leslie Gibbs
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Athletics Carnival K-6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Father's Day Mufti Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Fair (3:15 – 5:00pm)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Book Fair (3:15 – 5:00pm)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Book Parade – Book Fair open after the parade
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Father's Day Stall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Swim School commences
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Swim School concludes
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 3 – Canberra Overnight Excursion
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 2 Excursion – Taronga Zoo
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Kindergarten Excursion - Featherdale Farm

**P&C NEWS****Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thank you for the support in our Chocolate Fundraiser and helping raising funds for our school. Congratulations to our incentive prize winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Super Nintendo Mini Console: Papani – KG
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Kids Fitbit: Arsh – 3B

All monies need to be returned to school ASAP. **No unsold chocolates will be accepted.**

Father's Day Stall and Breakfast

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

Our Father's Day stall is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August with a range of gifts priced between \$1 and \$15. A gold coin donation Mufti Day will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August – theme to be advised closer to date. Due to lack of volunteers our Father's Day Breakfast, which was to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, will not go ahead unless at least 8 volunteers can commit to helping leading up to the day and during the breakfast. Please contact us via email [ppe.panc@gmail.com](mailto:ppe.panc@gmail.com) or our Facebook page 'PEPS P&C' if you can commit to helping.

**Uniform Shop**

Our Uniform Shop is open Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9-9.30am. Cash and card accepted (2% surcharge on cards).

**Facebook Page**

Please look up "PEPS P&C" on Facebook and hit "LIKE" to keep updated on the latest news, fundraising and special offers. This tool can be used to provide us with any ideas, feedback or questions you may have. Alternatively, you can email us at [ppe.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:ppe.pandc@gmail.com)

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# ANACONDAS

Students in 4F shared their facts on anacondas to collaboratively write an information report.

## CLASSIFICATION

Anacondas are a type of snake, which is a reptile. The scientific name of the Anaconda is Euneclis. They are carnivores and they are also vertebras, meaning they have a backbone.

## APPEARANCE

Anacondas are the largest and heaviest snakes. They can grow up to 8m in length, which is approximately the size of a school bus. Anacondas can be yellow, black, white or green in colour. They have black beady eyes, as well as a scaly body and razor-sharp teeth.

## HABITAT

Most anacondas live in South America. They can survive in green areas like bushes, long grass and places where there are lots of trees. Anacondas can shelter where there are cracks in rocks and live in basins and amazon jungles. The majority of anacondas live near or in the water however, they can't breathe under the surface.

## MOVEMENT

When Anacondas move, they use their muscular body to slither. They rarely like to venture up trees. On land Anacondas move at 15km per hour but in the water, they move at 17km per hour. They have four methods of moving; caterpillar, concertina, serpentine and side-winding.

## Information Report "Animals"

Talk about...

Appearance

Food

Habitat

Breeding

Behavior



## A great information report has...

A **title** that tells the audience what they will be reading about.

**Facts**

**Subheadings** to organize the information.

**Pictures** and diagrams that match the text.

## DIET

An Anacondas diet is made up of fish, a variety of birds, wild pigs, caimans, taipers and turtles. They hunt their prey by constricting, squeezing or drowning their prey if near water. Did you know that caimans can eat a baby, sick or weak anaconda?

## REPRODUCTION

Anacondas usually mate during spring time. Snakes lay eggs, except anacondas give birth to live young because they are mammals. The newborn babies are called neonates. When the neonates are born they are on their own. A newborn anaconda knows how to swim and hunt by itself.

## INTERESTING FACTS

Anacondas are nocturnal animals. They grow constantly their entire life, unlike other reptiles. Anacondas can weigh up to 249kgs, which is approximately equal to 11 children. When they hunt on a smaller meal they eat 25kgs of food per day. Anacondas hunt on the ground and in the water, but spend most of their life in the water where they move easily. They can stay under water for roughly 10mins, without resurfacing for air. An anaconda has very stinky poo which can fill a three storey house.

# TERM 3

## ON DEMAND INFORMATIVE WRITING TASK



### What is an Information Report?

An information report is a **factual text** that **tells us information** about something.

We can write information reports about **people, animals, objects or places.**

### Structure

#### Introduction

A definition, description or classification.

#### Description

Important facts about the subject. Use subheadings to organise your information into paragraphs. Support your writing with drawings and diagrams.

#### Conclusion

Summary or personal opinion (optional.)

