

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we already in Week 4 of Term 4, the year is swiftly getting away from us! Whilst most people are planning for the holiday season, schools are very busy planning for the 2019 school year! Crazy, but true!

## RETURN TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Thank you to those families who have already returned the 'Return to School' note. It is imperative that we receive these back ASAP as it helps us to form our classes for 2019. If you have not returned the note can you please do so as a matter of urgency.

## 2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

The enrolment process for children entering Kindergarten in 2019 is now open. If your child turns 5 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. If you know of a family who has not yet enrolled their child can we ask you to encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

## CUT OFF DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Thank you also to those families who have returned the notes regarding the cut off payment dates. If you have not already done so, could I kindly ask you to fill in the response and return it to the school so that we are able to ascertain that all parents are aware of this new and necessary procedure.

## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2020

Just a reminder for parents of our Year 5 students who wish to apply for their child to attend a selective high school in 2020, you must register online no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

## INVOICING SURVEY

Thank you to those families who returned our invoicing survey. The purpose of this survey was to determine whether our wider school community would be supportive of us moving to an invoicing system in 2019 whereby payment of invoices happens online or via credit card over the phone or at the front office, reducing the risks associated with sending cash to school. We had an overwhelming response to move to this system. Stay tuned for more information as it comes to hand.

## STRONG MINDS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

As part of the 2018-2020 Parramatta East Public School Plan, we have identified that developing resilience in our students is a priority to ensure that they are equipped with the ability to cope with unexpected changes and challenges throughout their lives.

Commencing in Term 1 2019, we will be implementing a wellbeing package called 'Strong Minds', a health promotion initiative to build resilience. This program will be delivered by the classroom teacher as part of the PDHPE curriculum.

You are invited to attend the **Parent Information Session on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm** in the school hall. We are hoping **that at least one parent from each family** will attend this session to support the development of resilience in their child/ren and support/discuss the strategies that they are learning at school.

A note has been sent home with your child today. I would appreciate if you could please RSVP to this event, indicating if you will/will not be attending, no later than Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Prior to this session, you are encouraged to complete the VIA Survey of Character Strengths by accessing the link:

<https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register>

[Please bring a copy of the report with you to the parent information session evening.](#)

**DEBATING**

On Monday of Week Three, the Parramatta East debating team B attended the debating Grand Final at Parramatta Public School. Both debating teams have been working hard over the semester to compete in a friendly competition against other schools in the area. The effort of our dedicated debaters paid off with team B progressing through to the final round!

The topic of the debate was 'Parents should limit the amount of time their child uses technology outside of school' with the PEPS teaming taking the affirmative position. This proved to be an interesting and relevant topic with both our team and the opposition, Burnside Public school, making a strong case. The adjudicators from James Ruse High school deliberated over the result for some time before giving the victory to PEPS based on the convincing arguments for limiting children's screen time.

We are very proud of Medha, Siya, Zayad, and Rayan for their Grand Final win! Also we congratulate the solid effort of our team A students; Esha, Gisela, Zarah and Joanna. Thank you also to all the parents and families of our debating students for supporting your children in this worthwhile event!

**UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE**

Our new uniform policy has been updated and will be presented at the next P & C Meeting. There are a couple of things that I would like to clarify:

- There is a 3 year transition period from the current uniform to the new uniform.
- A large order has been placed for the new uniform with an anticipated arrival date of Week 8 or Week 9 this term. We will advise via the Skoolbag App when it arrives and the P & C will be opening extra hours to allow parents to purchase for 2019.
- 2019 Kindergarten parents are under no obligation to buy the superseded uniform should they wish to wait and purchase the new one.
- In the next newsletter I will attach an old and new price list so that it is very transparent that we have indeed reduced prices in every way possible.

**SCHOOL FENCING**

Parramatta East has security fencing around the perimeter of the school. This is to ensure that our students are safe on a daily basis. I have asked Miss Rena, Mr Geoff and our student helpers to lock all gates, except the two at the front of the school at 9.15am. These will then reopen at 3.00pm in the afternoon to allow pickup of your children, being locked again at 3.45pm.

**REPORTING TO OFFICE**

It has come to my attention that there are still a number of parents who enter the school grounds during our school day and do not report to the office. This poses a huge Work, Health and Safety risk for us as a school. Should there be an emergency, we need to know who is on site so that we can make sure that everyone, including parents are safe. To this end, could I ask that if you are coming into the school grounds during the school day that you sign in at the School Office to obtain a visitor's pass and then sign back out at the office as you leave. This is standard practice in any school and is a requirement of the Department of Education.

**LATE ARRIVALS**

We still have a large amount of late arrivals to school each day. If your child is late to school, it is a requirement of the school that you accompany your child to the office to get a late slip. Could I kindly ask that you do not drop them at the gate and then leave.

**SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

The school day begins promptly at 9.15am and finishes promptly at 3.15pm. Playground supervision does not begin until 8.45am. Could I kindly ask that you do not drop your children off at school before this time. Again, it is a Work, Health and Safety issue. Similarly, we have a number of students who either sit in our office area, or of greater concern, stand outside the school waiting for parents to pick them up. We often have students still waiting for pick up as late as 4.00pm. We are fortunate enough to have an OOSH onsite. If your work commitments do not allow for prompt drop off and pickup, could I suggest that you investigate this option.

**Justine Miller**  
**Principal**

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 - 2018**

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Band Demo
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage 3 Big Day In
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Growing Strong Minds Resilience – Parent Information Session 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	High School Orientation
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Scripture Service
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Money Cut Off Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Day for Students

**Merit Award Recipients**

Merit Award	Principal's Special Award	Honour
Henry 1/2J	Eric 1V	Rose 2M
Saanvi 2K	Gideon 1L	Timon 2S
Aarini 1/2J	Eliza K Blue	Allen 1M
Anika 1M	Atharva 5Z	Aadrit 1/2J
Shreyas K Blue	Tyler 3A	Ashwin 2M
Mahnoor K Blue	Aaryan 5Z	Zainab 1L
Mohammad K Orange	Riana 3B	Yuvraj 1L
Ryan K Red	Idris 3A	Manha K Red
Minnah 3D	Jessica 3/4P	Simone K Blue
Varish 3B	Luke 2M	
Patrick 5/6C	Zoe 2K	<b>Pennant</b>
Yue 3B	Saanvi 2K	Brayden 1L
Mudit 1V	Henry 1/2J	Emily 1V
Vanessa 1R	Imran 2M	Beste 2S
Nayanika 1M	Ryleigh 1V	
Souad 1R	Lucas 2S	<b>Banner</b>
Aryan 1R	Kingkini 1/2J	
Grace 1/2J	Anirudha 1/2J	Ben 1/2J
Akhil 2K	Darshan K Red	Daisy 1V
Tara 2K	Marcus 5/6C	
Riya 2K		<b>Medal</b>
Vihaan K Blue		
Ivory K Blue		
Muhammad K Blue		
Quincy K Orange		

**PBL Award Recipients**

Sunny 1V	Jye K Red
Noah 1M	Aditi 4F
Aryan 1R	Lama 4M
Timon 2S	Yassin 3A
Lucas 2S	Theresa 5M
Utsav K Red	Beste 2S
Serena K Green	Ijay 1R
Samarveer K Red	Alex K Orange
Rushda K Blue	Adam K Orange
Allen 1M	Fizza K Blue
Mikaaal K Blue	Adam K Blue
Hannah 3D	Josephine 2M
Sarib 3D	Mohanad 2S
Lara 4M	Trey 1L
Sarah K Red	Inaya 1/2J
Ryan K Red	Shrishved K Orange
Shreyas K Blue	Lucas 2S
	Zac 2S

**P&C NEWS****Family Portraits**

We are pleased to have Little Images Photography offering their services to the PEPS community again on **Saturday 10th November**. They offer us a fantastic deal - for **\$15** your family will receive a beautiful **framed portrait**. After viewing the shots taken, you will have an opportunity to purchase all photos taken of your family as a package for a

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special price. The package includes prints and digital copies of the shots. However, there is no pressure to do this. Many families that have used this service do it year after year to have a wonderful keepsake that shows their family as they grow.

Last chance to book for this Saturday, please text Belinda on 0433502806 ASAP

### **Christmas Raffle Tickets**

This week students will receive a book of 15 raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn during the Presentation Assembly on 10th December. Each ticket will cost \$1, or 3 tickets for \$2, or a book of 15 tickets for \$10. More raffle ticket books can be obtained from the front office.

### **Mufti day**

We will be holding a 'Christmas' themed mufti day on the 29th November. Students are asked to come dressed in their Christmas best. In return we ask that students bring an item to be included in the Christmas Hampers.

Some suggestions: cookies, tinned food, novelty items, bonbons, etc. Please be mindful of use-by dates and the heat when selecting items for the hampers.

### **Uniform Shop**

Our Uniform Shop is open Tuesday's afternoon from 3.00 – 3.30pm and Thursday morning from 9.00 - 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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