

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As I sit here to pen this Newsletter I am reflecting on how quickly the year is passing us by. Before we know it the school holidays will be upon us!

There are a number of things that I would like to let you know about before the 2018 school year draws to a close.

### STAFF NEWS

We have a number of staff changes afoot here at Parramatta East!

Anjulie Allen (EAL/D) teacher has decided to continue teaching in regional NSW and as such has taken leave until the end of 2019.

Fiona Mahon will continue in her role at Guildford West Public School until the end of 2019.

Paula Daniel has decided to pursue a venture outside of the school and as such will take leave for 2019. We wish Paula all the best in her new direction.

Angela Sparks has been successful in achieving the Assistant Principal position at Ringrose Public School commencing in 2019 and as such we Congratulate Angela on her merit selection.

Rebecca Avery has been successful in merit selection to take up a classroom teacher position at Schofields Public School commencing in 2019 and we also Congratulate Rebecca on her merit selection.

Sue Gardner has decided to retire effective Day 2, Term 1, 2019. We wish Sue all the very best in her 'retirement', and use this term loosely as Sue will be back working at the school in a part time capacity in 2019.

Cath Bardwell has decided to retire at the conclusion of Term 2, 2019 and we wish Cath all the very best in her retirement.

Marian Musico is also retiring at the end of 2018 and we wish Marian all the very best in her retirement. Marian tells me that she busier now than ever!

Today, Angela Sparks and a panel interviewed for a new teacher/librarian for our school. I will publish the result of this in the next newsletter.

### 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.

### 2019 INTENTION TO RETURN

A number of weeks ago a note was sent out to all families asking for intention to return information for 2019. It is imperative that we receive this information so that we can correctly enter our numbers for the 2019 school year. Most families have returned this note. If you have not done so, could I ask that this note be returned as a matter of urgency.

### **SCHOOL INVOICING SURVEY**

The results of the school invoicing survey was overwhelming, with nearly 90% of families voting for invoicing per term rather than paying individually for activities. We have signed up with a company called School Bytes, who are endorsed by the Department of Education in order for this to take effect Term 1, 2019. More information to follow.

### **UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE**

Our new uniform procedure was presented at the 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.

### **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. From this week 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 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 onsite 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 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**

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	Merit Award	Honour
Samarveer K Red	Patrick 5/6C	Anirudha 1/2J
Lewis K Red	Udhay 3D	Anh 1V
Adam K Green	Ahnaf 3B	Rose 2M
Adam K Orange	Karan 3A	Brian 3B
Inaya K Red	Avani 3D	Flynn 3B
Claire K Green	James 3A	Grace 1/2J
Selini 1L	Jye K Red	Claire 1R
Dhyani 1L	Shrshved K Orange	Tri 1L
Marcus 1/2J	Mahnoor K Blue	Jasmina K Orange
Terrance 1L	Ella K Red	Vanshika 3D
Florence 1M	Aman 4F	Marcus 5/6C
Timon 2S		Tyler 3A
Gene 1V		Bibor K Red
Zoe 2K		
Josephine 2M		
Ayman 2M		
Arsh 3B		
Siddhant 3B		
Aardarsh 1M		
Ellira 1M		
David 2S		
Raphael 1V		
Allen 1M		
Nadira 1L		
Denis 1L		
Rayhan 2K		
Aarini 1/2J		
Eli 1V		
Emily 1V		
Chitrakhi 3/4P		
Sarib 3D		
Tanvi 5M		
Dhanya 3/4P		
	<b>Principal's Special Award</b>	
	Muhammad K Blue	<b>Pennant</b>
	Arjun 1/2J	Zainab 1L
	Vanessa 1R	Yuvraj 1L
	Nayanika 1M	Ashwin 2M
	Peter 3/4P	Rose 2M
	Mit 4M	Chloe 5/6C
	Saleem 3B	Shaurya 3B
	Gene 1V	Arsha 3A
	Arjun 1L	Noa K Green
	Jacoub 1R	Eliza K Blue
	Souad 1R	
	Akshay 3B	
	Joya 5Z	
	Val 3B	
	Fizza K Blue	<b>Banner</b>
	Athena K Blue	Aryan 3B
	Lewis K Red	
		<b>Medal</b>

**PBL Award Recipients**

Seif 3B	Amelia 1R
Pratyushi 4F	Jahia 2S
Evangelina 3A	Pranav K Blue
Titan 1R	Matias K Red
Timon 2S	Shrshved K Orange
Vania 2M	Utsav K Red
Raksha K Orange	Maya 1/2J
Jye K Red	Leila 2S
Ayan K Red	Shreeya 2K
Laila 2K	Sofia 2S
Samarveer K Red	Darshan K Red
Manha K Red	Rosemary 4M
Kiara 4F	Leo 3B
Krishma K Orange	Niusha K Orange
Yuvraj K Orange	Jordan K Orange

## **P&C NEWS**

### **Community Building Partnership Program**

We are delighted to announce we have secured funding of \$40,535 to go towards refurbishing our school playground equipment and area. Special thanks to Mrs Sparks and Mrs Martin for their help in getting the application right with P&C. We look forward to see the outcome when the project is completed.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Our Christmas Raffle is underway. Tickets and money needs to be returned to school by 7th December. It 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. Please return any unsold tickets to the office. The prize for the most sold tickets is a class party. A winner will be chosen from K-2 as well as 3-6. Good luck!

### **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**

**SALE IS ON NOW!** Uniform prices have been dropped! All bottoms are half price. These prices will continue to the end of the year.

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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