

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

LOST PROPERTY

Currently, there are many unlabeled items of school uniform and lunchboxes/drink bottles in lost property. During the last week of term, from Monday, 8th April to Friday 12th April, all unlabeled lost property will be on display on the back verandah. Please help yourself to anything you'd like.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our annual Easter Hat/Mask/Poster Parade will be held under the COLA on Thursday, 11th April, from 11.50am to 1.00pm. Students are encouraged to make their hats/masks/posters at home and bring them to school on the day to wear in the parade. The winning entries in our Easter Colouring Competition will also be on display.

SUPERVISION ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We have a number of families who utilise our Playground Equipment in the afternoons. Whilst we are more than happy for you to do so, please be reminded that as parents it is your responsibility to supervise your children while they play. We are having an increasing problem with children who are walking through the garden beds, picking up rocks and throwing them at the equipment area. If this continues to be a problem we will have no choice but to close the equipment at 3.15pm. Just a reminder that the playground equipment is out of bounds before school, it would be appreciated if parents could also keep younger siblings off the equipment in the mornings.

PARKING IN NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS

It is of great concern to me that there are a number of parents in our school who have decided to use surrounding neighbours' driveways to park their cars in whilst they drop off and pick up their children from school. This in itself shows a great deal of disrespect to our neighbours and gives our school a negative reputation in the community. Can I please ask you to refrain from doing this as a matter of courtesy. I have advised those neighbours that have complained to ring the Police should this happen and have the offending cars towed from their property.

ICAS

For those of you whose children sit the ICAS tests, please do not be alarmed that you have not heard anything as yet. ICAS have advised us that all testing this year will be online and will now take place in the second half of Term 3. We will advise you as more information comes to hand.

P & C BBQ

I would just like to sincerely thank the parents, teachers and family members who volunteered with the P & C BBQ last Saturday, whilst voting was happening in our school hall. A successful, but busy day was had by all, with a significant amount of money raised for the school.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Many thanks to those families who have already paid a voluntary contribution to the school in 2019. We are investing a significant amount of money from our budget this year into technology in the school, most significantly in the way of iPads and laptops. We are seeking support from our families to do this.

Each iPad will cost the school \$510. This includes a 32GB iPad, a protective case and a license for Parramatta East to manage the iPad through a Mobile Device Management (MDM) which is required for large scale device use.

Our current goal is to raise \$12,000 to purchase new iPads.

100% of this contribution will go towards the purchase of new iPads and the infrastructure to support and manage their use in the classroom. Your valuable contribution will have a direct impact on your child's access to technology in their classroom.

In each newsletter we will update you on our fundraising progress on the thermometer. Each time we reach the \$5,000 mark we will purchase 10 iPads and get them straight into the classrooms. Keep a look out to see how quickly we can reach our target! If you would like to donate more than the \$45 it would be greatly appreciated!

TRAVEL IN SCHOOL TERMS

We have a large number of families who for various reasons take their children out of school during the term to travel. If you are taking your child out of school for a period of more than 10 days the Department of Education requires you to fill in an Extended Leave form and make an appointment to speak to Mrs Smith, Mrs Curtis or myself **BEFORE** purchasing flights.

ABSENTEE NOTES

It is imperative that if your child is off sick that the school receives a note either via the Skoolbag app or handwritten upon their return. The Department of Education has strict guidelines around absences and the explanations of such. If your child does not return to school with a note explaining their absence then their classroom teacher will be sending an absence note home for parents/carers to fill in and return.

SOAP IN TOILETS

A number of parents have raised with me the issue of soap in the toilets. Could I ask you to please talk to your children about the fact that they only need 1-2 pumps of the liquid soap to wash their hands. We are very fortunate to have the most wonderful cleaner and she fills the soap dispensers in the toilets every single day. We do however have children who think that it is great fun to continually press the dispenser button until all of the liquid soap is dispensed, leaving it empty. If children are taught to use the soap dispensers correctly then this issue should be resolved.

RUBBISH IN TOILETS

Another issue that we are encountering is that we have students who are depositing all sorts of things into our toilets – sandwiches, drink bottles, lunchboxes, pencils, pencil cases to name but a few. Could we ask that you speak to your children about this as again it is causing a great deal of distress to our wonderful cleaner who has to physically remove these items from the toilet bowls.

INCREASED POLICE AND COUNCIL PRESENCE

You may have noticed that there has been an increased Police and Council presence both before and after school. We have requested this due to the increased number of parents who are blatantly disobeying the road rules around the school and putting the safety of our students at risk. Last week alone we had 4 students who had near misses being hit by cars. Can I please implore you to acknowledge the road rules for the safety of all.

P & C MEETING

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May, 2019 @ 7pm in our Staffroom. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible there!

MOBILE PHONES

I would like to advise that from the beginning of the 2019 school year student mobile phones will no longer be able to be dropped off and picked up from the office during the school day. Should you wish to send your child to school with a mobile phone it will need to be securely stored in their school bag from the time students enter the school grounds until the time they leave the school grounds. The school will not be liable for any phones that are damaged or go missing. I thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Just a reminder that the playground equipment is out of bounds before school, it would be appreciated if parents could also keep younger siblings off the equipment in the mornings.

SANDPIT

Our sandpit continues to be a huge success offering our students an extra activity to do in the playground. We are investigating getting a cover for the sandpit in the near future. It would be appreciated if outside of school hours children do not play in the sandpit as this becomes a duty of care issue. Not to mention the fact that the sand is very quickly depleting as the children scoop it up and drop it on the ground outside of the pit.

SKOOLBAG APP

The number of PEPS community members who have added the app continues to grow and we are looking forward to continuing to share the latest information with you.

Downloading the App

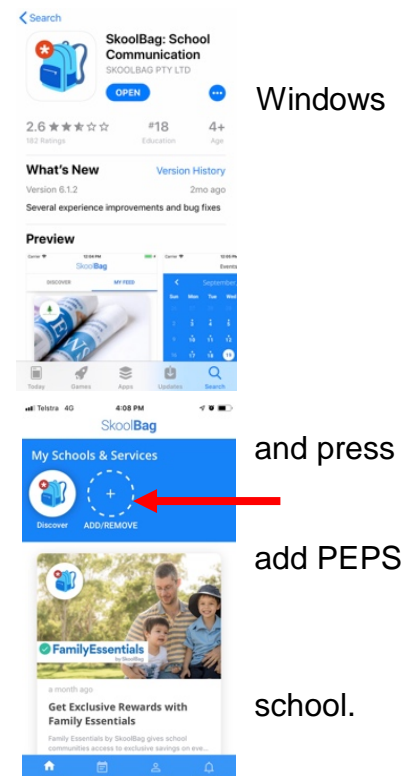
To install it, search for the Skoolbag app in the App Store (iPhone), Store or Google Play (Android) and install it on your phone.

Adding Parramatta East PS

Once you have installed the Skoolbag App on your phone, open it the ADD/REMOVE button on the front page.

Type 'Parramatta East' into the search bar and click the + button to to your 'My Schools' page.

You are now all set to go! Make sure you allow the app to send you notifications to stay up-to-date with all the news and events of our



Justine Miller
Principal

COMING EVENTS - 2019

Thursday 28 th March	Disco – K-2
Tuesday 2 nd April	Years 1 – 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 11 th April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12 th April	Anzac Day Service Last Day of Term 1
Monday 29 th April	Staff Development Day – No Students
Tuesday 30 th April	Students return K-6
Wednesday 1 st May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 3 rd May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 7 th May	Cross Country
Tuesday 14 th May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 15 th May	NAPLAN
Thursday 16 th May	NAPLAN
Monday 20 th May	P & C Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd May	School Photos
Monday 17 th June	Stage 1 Excursion – Rouse Hill Farm
Tuesday 18 th June	Stage 1 Excursion – Rouse Hill Farm

*Dates Subject to change

Tightening the Tension Paragraphs by 3/4D

Click! Clack! Click! I was running out of the house as the storm roared. The land was flooding. The hail damaged the roof and the trees were breaking as fast as light. My feet were starting to freeze. I called, "Mum! Dad!" but they were gone. Will I survive this storm?

By Ethan and

Luke

Splash! I drifted off into a pool of gloomy darkness. I tried to swim but it was no use. I was sinking deeper and deeper. Will this end like the Titanic?

By Ashwin and Shaurya

I stood on the edge of the belching giant. Waves of burning hot air slapped at my face as I stared into the ocean of splashing liquid fire. I threw myself into the centre of the burning vortex. My eardrums were banging frantically. Rocks pelted into my mouth like shotgun bullets. Flames licked at my body. Will I get my mission done? Will I at least survive?

By Peter

Ice and frozen water was surrounding me. Second by second, the house was drifting away. The smell just made me feel dizzy. Petrified, I opened the door and water gushed out. Will I make it out or not?

By James

"Brrr" it is freezing cold. I was running back to my home when..... "CRACK" trees started drifting away as my house drifted with them! What am I going to do as all my hope flew away.....

By Siddhant, Abheer and Sabhaan

Merit Award Recipients

Merit Award	Aarini 3S	Tanishq 5Z
Helena 1V	Laila 3M	Salman 4E
Tania 2T	Akhil 3K	Minnah 4P
Florence 2B	Jason 5Z	Theresa 3S
Brian 2B	Maya 3S	Mohanad 3S
Aadarsh 2B	Daniel 5P	Aoife 5Z
Zarina 2C	Laila 3M	Vania 3K
Raphael 2C	Seif 4E	Zara 3M
Karthikeya 2C	Shreeya 3/4D	
Mudit 2C	Parishi 3/4D	Honour
Ellira 2T	Jireh 5/6M	Akshay 4P
Henry 2L	Grace 3K	Aryan 4P
Jasmina 1V	Rose 3S	Hrrishi 4P
Aadya 2B	Mit 5P	Nagar 6D
Alan 2B	Syon 3S	McHenzie 5/6M
Eliza 2B	Leila 1R	Imran 3M
Millie 5P		Aishwarya 3M
Avani 4P	Principal's	
Akshay 4P	Special Award	Pennant
Eddie 4P	Leo 2T	Peter 3/4D
Vanshika 3/4D	Nayanika 2B	
Aabheer 2S	Manha 1V	Banner
Jireh 5/6M	Oscar 2B	Zainab 2B
Simin 5Z	Jia 2B	
Siddhant 3/4D	Ijay 2B	Medal
Luke 3/4D	Kieran 4P	Zac 3/4D
Archit 3M	Hoor 3S	
Zoe 3M	Timon 3K	
Aditi 5P	Anastasia 5Z	
Tara 5Z	Hannah 6D	
Shaurya 3/4D	Varish 4E	
Kingkini 3K	Ahnaf 4E	

PBL Award Recipients

Ritika K Blue	Imran 3M
Arad K Blue	Surabhi K Purple
Olivia K Blue	Jena K Red
Abe K Blue	Fatima K Blue
Erik K Blue	Amelia 2B
Misha 1V	Malek 1V
Aleksija 6D	Amira K White
Abhi 3S	Pranjal K Purple
Diamond K Green	
Amelia K Blue	

P&C NEWS**Next P&C Meeting - Monday 30th May**

The next P&C Meeting is next week in the Staffroom at 7.00pm. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who helped at the Election Day BBQ and to the people who donated cakes and cookies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:**Easter Raffle Tickets - Due Tues 9th April**

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the 11th April. You can collect extra raffle books from the office at any time.

Pajama Mufti Day – Tuesday 30th April

The first day back of Term 2 will be the Pajama Day Mufti on Tuesday 30th April to raise money to go towards gifts for the Mother's Day stall. We look forward to a fun day but remind everyone to dress sensibly and wear **closed in shoes**. Please bring a gold coin donation on the day.

Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 1st May

Students can get their Mother's Day shopping done without the hassle of heading to the shops! There will be a variety of items available on the day. Most gifts will be priced between \$1 to \$10 however, we also have hampers that are priced \$25 and under.

Volunteers are needed to set up in the morning from 9am and help on the stall, which will start at 11am. If you are available, please let us know via the Facebook page or email us on ppe.pandc@gmail.com.

Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 3rd May, 7.30 - 9am

The P&C are holding Mother's Day breakfast in the hall on the 3rd May. We hope this will be a chance for Mum's to share a light breakfast with their children before starting work or heading off to whatever they may have planned for the day.

Volunteers are needed to set up in the morning from 7am. If you are available, please let us know via the Facebook page or email us on ppe.pandc@gmail.com.

Please bring a gold coin donation along to the breakfast on the morning. Notes for RSVP will be going out next week.

Facebook Page

Please look up "PEPS P&C" on Facebook and hit Like to keep updated on the latest news and fundraising events from the P&C. This tool can be used to provide us with any ideas, feedback or questions you may have. Alternatively, you can email us on ppe.pandc@gmail.com

Could you be an ethics teacher at Parramatta East Public School?



We are excited to welcome four new ethics teachers in 2019. Two ethics classes have started and we are expecting four more classes to begin by Term 2. However, as we continue to have a waiting list, it would be wonderful to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer. Ethics classes run on Thursdays from 9:15-9:45am for Year 3-6 and 9:45-10:15am for K-2. More teachers will also allow us to open up more classes for those years in which our class sizes are at their maximum (i.e. 22 students).

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills. Ongoing training and support is available.

In ethics class, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- Imagining how others feel
- How do we treat living things?
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact ethics coordinator Linda Dunwoodie on 0420221424 or email pepsethics@gmail.com. Alternatively, you may leave your contact details at the school office if you would like to be contacted for more information.

Do you have a child in ethics class?

Visit the new Primary Ethics parents' page to learn more about the program. Read about the topics that were covered in your child's class in term 1 and sign up to the mailing list so you can find out what topics will be covered in term 2.

[Click here to view the Information for Parents Webpage](#)

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With a live DJ pumping the beats and multiple prize giveaways, this is an event not to be missed. Our 4 teams THE ROCKERS, PUNKS, HOPPERS & ELECTRO's will do battle to be crowned the Champions of Super Camp 2019.

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