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Issue 2 Term 1 Week 11

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As the Term draws to a close it's hard to believe that eleven weeks have flown by so quickly! It has been an extraordinarily busy term but a satisfying one as well. I wish all of our students and families a safe, relaxing and happy holiday break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday, 30th April, 2019.

12th April 2019

WORKING BEE

A huge thank you must go out to all of our wonderful families and staff members who gave up their time last Sunday to assist with our working bee. We cannot thank you enough for giving up your valuable family time to donate to the school! It is greatly appreciated.

This is the first of a series of working bees that will happen this year to bring our gardens back to life. You may have noticed that Mr Bill, Mr Jordan and our two newest general assistants, Mr Jayden and Mr Danny have all been working very, very hard to establish new garden beds around the school.

Could I please ask that you DO NOT allow your children to walk in or play in the garden beds as we try to bring our gardens back to life. There has been and will continue to be hours and hours of work by our school staff and volunteers and it is disappointing to watch children (and some parents) walk straight through the garden beds.

If you are passing the school in the holidays you will notice that we will have some arborists working in the school. As part of our tree inspection that is carried out each year by a certified arborist, in line with department policy, a number of ours trees have been deemed unsafe, mainly due to storm damage or the fact that the trees are dying. These trees will be removed during the holiday period and the vast majority of the trees within the school will be trimmed so as to reduce the possibility of falling branches. Rest assured that as part of our improvement process for the school grounds, new and more suitably sized trees will be planted in due course to replace those that are being removed for safety reasons.

STAFF AND CLASS CHANGES

From the beginning of Term 2 we will be welcoming some new staff members to our school, farewelling others, and there will be some changes to our existing classes.

Through the merit selection process, we have two new Assistant Principals commencing in Term 2.

Natalie Orlando will take over the supervision of Early Stage One (Kindergarten). Will Carr will take over the supervision of Stage Two (Years 3 & 4). I would like to congratulate both Natalie and Will on their appointments and look forwarding to welcoming Will to our school.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Natalia Mourad who leaves us to become the Assistant Principal of Arncliffe Public School. Natalia was selected through the merit process and is most deserving of this role. Jenny Chang will become the new classroom teacher of K Green.

Fiona Mahon, who is substantively a classroom teacher at Parramatta East, but has been relieving as Assistant Principal at Guildford West Public School, has been successful in achieving the substantive Assistant Principal position at Samuel Gilbert Public School starting in Term 2. We wish Fiona congratulations and all the best in her new role.

Due to the continual growing numbers of students in our school it has become necessary to create another class in Stage 2. Will Carr will be the teacher of 3/4C starting in Term 2. All parents and students who will be part of this class



have been notified and we thank both the students and the parents for their positive response. The end result will be smaller class sizes across Years 3 and 4, the benefits of which are numerous for all concerned.

ANZAC DAY

On Tuesday we held our ANZAC Day service in the school hall. Students are to be commended for their outstanding and respectful behaviour during the service. We were joined by two representatives from the RSL who spoke to students about ANZAC day and its significance. Wreaths were laid during the service and flags lowered.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Thursday saw us celebrate Easter with our Easter Hat Parade! The P & C drew the prizes for the raffle and the lucky winners were:

We even had a visit from the Easter Bunny!

SRE and SEE

We have had an overwhelming response to our call for Hindu, Islamic and Ethics teachers for SRE and SEE which is wonderful. Mrs Curtis and Mrs Smith are continuing to work on creating more classes and reducing the sizes in existing classes. All information regarding SRE and SEE is on our website.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The weather has started to change, daylight savings has finished and the mornings are much cooler. The changeover date for winter uniform will be Monday, 13th May, 2019 (Week 3). From this date the expectation is that all students will be in FULL winter uniform.

For girls, this will be the new tunic and a long sleeved polo, jacket, navy stockings and black shoes. For boys this will be long pants, long sleeved polo, jacket, and black shoes. Sports uniform remains the same.

Just a reminder that joggers are ONLY to be worn on sports/fitness days and the school uniform colours are navy blue and gold. If you are still in the changeover phase from the old uniform the colour is royal blue and gold.

Any other colour is not school uniform. Netball skirts and leggings are not school uniform.

OFFICE HOURS

School office hours are 8.45am – 3.45pm. Outside of these hours the phones will be switched onto night switch. Should you need assistance from the office staff please make sure that you attend the school inside of these hours.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

It has been brought to my attention that a number of our parents are using our neighbours driveways to park their cars in order to drop their children to school. Could I kindly request that you please do not do this as it is highly disrespectful.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

I would like to sincerely thank those parents who have made an extra effort to pick up their children on time in the afternoons. 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. 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.

CONTINUED LATE ARRIVALS

Unfortunately we have noticed an increase in the amount of students arriving to school late in the mornings. Not only is this detrimental to your child's learning, but it is disruptive to other students in class as students arrive late. Could I request that you allow extra time in the mornings to get your child/ren to school on time. If your child is consistently late then their lateness will be referred to the Home School Liaison Office for the Department of Education. 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.

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.

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), Windows Google Play (Android) and install it on your phone.

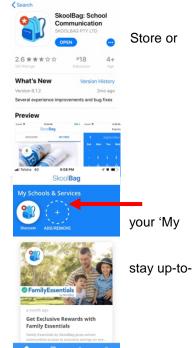
Adding Parramatta East PS

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

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

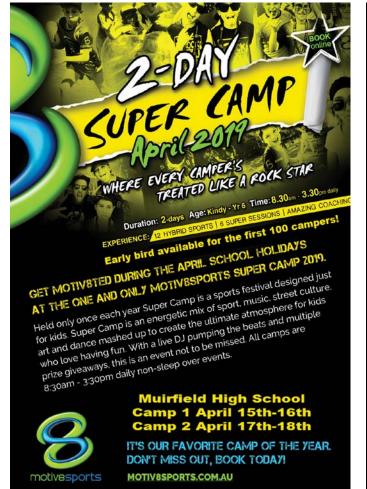
You are now all set to go! Make sure you allow the app to send you notifications to date with all the news and events of our school.

Justine Miller Principal



COMING EVENTS - 2019				
Friday 12 th April	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



Muirfield High School Camp 1 April 15th-16th Camp 2 April 17th-18th



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during this time and drop them in the box at the office next term.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 <u>ppe.pandc@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>ppe.pandc@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>www.primaryethics.com.au</u> or contact ethics coordinator Linda Dunwoodie on 0420221424 or email <u>pepsethics@gmail.com</u>. 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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Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smart phones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings can not be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au.

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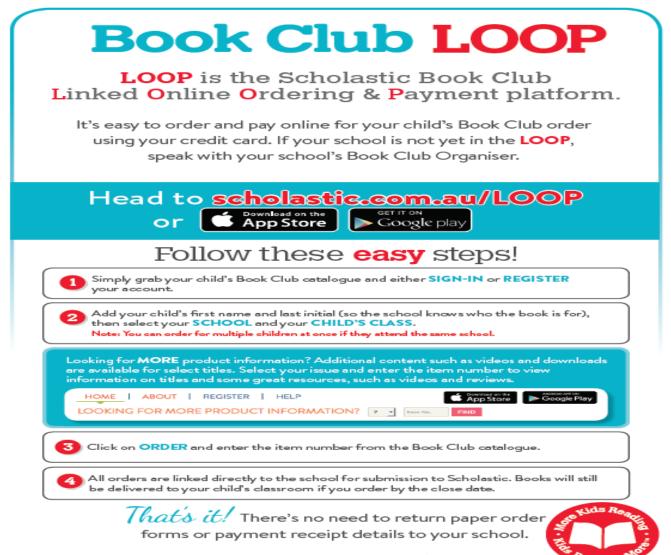
Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit https://www.education.gov.au/new-childcare-package-frequently-asked-questions.



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