

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is with great pleasure that I pen the first newsletter for Term 2, 2019. It is hard to believe that we are already in Week 3!

NAPLAN

Yesterday saw Language Conventions and Writing take place, today was Reading and tomorrow will be Numeracy. There will be a catch up session available on Friday for any students who were absent on these days.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

You have probably noticed the enormous amount of work that has happened around the school in the holidays. As part of our tree inspection that is carried out each year by a certified arborist, in line with department policy, a number of our trees have been deemed unsafe, mainly due to storm damage or the fact that the trees are dying. These trees have been removed during the holiday period and the vast majority of the trees within the school were trimmed so as to reduce the possibility of falling branches.

Currently Mr Jordan and Mr Jayden are repainting our equipment ahead of the new artificial grass that will be laid in the coming weeks.

Also starting in the next few days will be the landscaping of the new garden beds at the front of the school and around our Indigenous garden.

The mural committee has met and made final decisions based on the survey feedback to students, staff and parents regarding what murals were wanted to reflect the diversity of school. Mrs Curtis has been in talks with artists to get quotes on these. Watch this space.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS):

The note regarding this year's ICAS tests in Science, English and Maths has been given to all Primary classes. If your child has not received this note and you would like her/him to sit these assessments, there are spare information/permission notes available from the office. Permission notes and money must be submitted by Week 10 this term. Thank you for your attention.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Nest Wednesday, 22nd May is School Photos for K-6. Can you please make sure that your child is dressed in full school uniform with black shoes. Specialist photos will be taken on Thursday, 6th June.

P & C MEETING

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May in the Staffroom. All welcome!



CROSS COUNTRY

Monday 6th May saw all students K-6 run the Cross Country. The weather was beautiful and all students had fun. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support their children, cheering them on from the sidelines. A number of students were successful in making it through to the Zone Cross Country. We wish them well and await some spectacular results.

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. We now have a full complement of Hindu and Ethics teachers. We are still in desperate need of Islamic scripture teachers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should now 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 AND OOSH

A sincere thank you to all of our parents who drop off and pick up their children on time. We have however had a number of students who are turning up at school as early as 7am. Quite simply this cannot happen. Hours of supervision for students are 8.45am – 3.15pm.

OOSH club have spoken to me about the fact that they are being inundated with parents who have not booked their children in to before school care, but then turn up expecting them to be cared for. OOSH have a very strict ratio of educators to students that cannot be deviated from.

As a result, parents are then coming to the office to drop off their children expecting that whichever staff are at school at that time of the morning will supervising their children, or worse still, leaving them in the playground.

Can I implore you to please organise care for your children in advance. It is very unsafe for children to be left in the playground and I have instructed staff that we will not be supervising children prior to 8.45am or after 3.15pm.

SECURITY OF STUDENTS

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

As of this week we have implemented a new policy whereby visitors to the school will need to be verified by the office staff via the speaker at the front gate before being buzzed on to the premises. Please ring the bell once and wait for someone to answer.

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

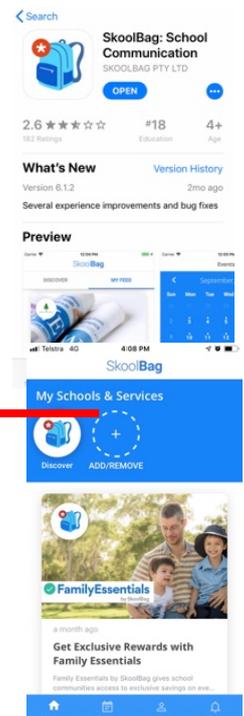
To install it, search for the Skoolbag app in the App Store (iPhone), Windows Store or Google Play (Android) and install it on your phone.

Adding Parramatta East PS

Once you have installed the Skoolbag App on your phone, open it 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 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 school.



Justine Miller
Principal

COMING EVENTS - 2019

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

Merit Award Recipients**Merit Award**

Ben 3M
 Varish 4E
 Olivia K Red
 Camill K White
 Oliver K White
 Arisha K White
 Anika 2B
 Donte 2C
 Vikrant 2C
 Malek 1V
 Tri 2L
 Mahveen 2B
 Eliza 2B
 Leo 2T
 Mohammad 2L
 Sayan 1R
 Muhammad 1V
 Luca 2T
 Eli 2T
 Aleena 2T
 Brayden 2T
 Aardarsh 2B
 Claire 1R
 Utsav 1L
 Sachi 2C
 Dareesha 5P
 Judy 4E
 Justin 5/6M
 Muhammad 3S
 Zahra K White
 Sam K Red
 Sophia K White
 Shaurya K Blue

Souad 2B
 Mahika 1L
 Grace 1L
 Anirudha 2T
 Mrish K Red
 Jayden K
 Purple
 Shree K/1M
 Jia 2B
 Olivia K Blue

Principal's Special Award

Cristal 1R
 Ella 1V
 Oscar 2B
 Allen 2L
 Lewis 1L
 Zac 3/4D
 Jireh 5/6M
 Varish 4E
 Arsh 3/4D
 Lily 3K
 Nayanika 2B
 Samarveer1L
 Hanna 1L
 Claire 1R
 Inaya 1V
 Simone 1L

Honour

Adam K/1M
 Siddhant 3/4D
 Parish 3/4D
 Jason 5Z
 Aadarsh 2B
 Sulaiman 2B

Pennant

Nagar 5/6M
 Aadya 2B

PBL Award Recipients

Will 3/4C
 Laila 3/4C
 Saanvi 3K
 Arsh 1V
 Athena K/1M
 Shrey 1L
 Malik K Orange
 Joshua K P

Scarlett K Orange
 Arad K Blue
 Mataz K Orange
 Jeremiah K Purple
 Joyna K Orange
 Juju K Orange
 Abe K/1M
 Catalina K Orange

P&C NEWS**Mother's Day Stall and Breakfast**

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped with our stall and breakfast to make them both successful events!

Easter Raffle

Thank you for all your support with the Easter Raffle last term. All contributions will be used for the purchase of school resources.

Congratulations to our Mother's Day Breakfast raffle winners: Marianna (KP) who won first place and Jye (1R) won 2nd Place.

After receiving some feedback at the stall and running out of plastic bags, we would like to request that children bring their own bag at our Father's Day Stall later in the year. Thank you.

Next P&C Meeting - Monday 20th May

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

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program his underway. This program delivers pieces of equipment for science and technology, maths, arts and more. Please collect stickers during this time and drop them in the box either at the office or at Rosehill Woolworths location.

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.

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