Dear Parents

**Head Lice**
The month of September is a notoriously bad month for cases of head lice. The Department of Education has a clear policy to be followed by schools regarding this issue. It is also extremely important that parents are vigilant in treating any cases of head lice. It is sometimes the case where students are sent back to school not adequately treated, therefore continuing to spread the problem to other students in the class. It is therefore required that parents provide evidence regarding the treatment used upon their child entering school after being away for treatment. This can be communicated to the teacher or front office. If parents have elected to use the hair conditioner method it is crucial that this is followed through for the required amount of time.

Incidences of head lice are classified as a medical issue and therefore the school is not able to treat students. There are however a number of programs that parents as part of the P&C can elect to organise which can assist in reducing the incidences of head lice.

**Attendance**
Recently we received information from the Department of Education regarding our student attendance rates. Our data shows that lateness of some students and families going away on holidays are factors influencing how well we are going in this area. Whilst I acknowledge that taking students out of school for holidays is unavoidable, you can see from the information provided below that together with illness and other absences that this can amount to a significant impact on your child’s schooling.

### How much school your child has missed when they are ABSENT for only ONE DAY PER WEEK

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From the beginning of **Year 1** to the end of **Year 7** (i.e. 1 day per week for 7 years) your child will have missed...

**1 Full School Year and a Half Term of Quality Education**

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Regards
Cheryl Parkin
Principal
Helping your Child with Mathematics

Mathematics: families working it out together

Below is a game designed to work on sequencing in ascending or descending order.

Up and Down
A deck of cards 1 -10
Each player is dealt four cards face up. The remaining cards are placed in a pack in the centre.
The aim of the game is to be the first player to arrange the cards in ascending or descending order.
Starting with play to the dealer’s left, each player takes turns to exchange cards from the pack or discard pile to arrange their four cards in order.
The first player to arrange his/her cards in order is the winner of that round and receives a point.
The first player to accumulate five points is the winner of the game.

PARENT FUNDED 1 TO 1 LAPTOP PROGRAM
In 2012 Piara Waters Primary School and Winthrop Australia have entered into a partnership to establish a Parent Funded 1 to 1 Laptop program in Years 4 -7.

The program will provide students in Years 4 - 7 with the option to purchase or lease a laptop which they will be able to use both at home and at school. Please note that the current round will allow Year 3 students this year to enter the program ready for 2013.

We have had several families take up the offer so far. If you are interested in purchasing or leasing a laptop please visit https://portal.winaust.com.au/a/PiaraWatersPrimarySchool or contact Winthrop Australia on 6488 2777. Please note that this website will be open for ordering on Monday 10th September until the 14 of October 2012.

Information on the various bundle options is available at the front office.

If you are already part of the program we thank you for your ongoing support with this initiative. We look forward to welcoming more families into the program ensuring we provide our students with 21st Century learning environments conducive to high educational outcomes.

On Writing
"A writer is a person who cares what words mean, what they say, how they say it. Writers know words are their way towards truth and freedom, and so they use them with care, with thought, with fear, with delight. By using words well they strengthen their souls. Story-tellers and poets spend their lives learning that skill and art of using words well. And their words make the souls of their readers stronger, brighter, deeper." Ursula K. LeGuin
MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Students for being chosen for Week 8 Merit Award.

Amy Pyrc          Pre Primary 1
Gladson Sam       Pre Primary 1
Sai Nivedan       Pre Primary 2
Kade Morris       Room 3
Riley Ditchburn   Room 3
Jack Conrad       Room 4
Anastasija Matesic Room 4
Courtney Atem     Room 5
Carron Smethurst  Room 5
Breanna Greenaway Room 6
Ethan Groom       Room 6
Abby Dean         Room 8
Asfi Meraj        Room 8
Kezia McKeown     Room 11
Dylan Curtis      Room 11
Tahlia Seymour    Room 12
Ashley Bayliss    Room 12
Manya Nayak       Room 13
Simisa Briggs     Room 13
Lucas Martignago  Physical Education
Hannah Wilkinson  Physical Education

EFTPOS HAS ARRIVED AT PIARA WATERS

We are very pleased to announce the long awaited arrival of an Eftpos machine at Piara Waters Primary School. It should be up and running by Monday September 17. Parents wishing to pay any Outstanding Contributions, this would be an ideal opportunity in a quick and easy way.
SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION!

This term we are running a competition for all school bankers, with first prize being $25 deposited into your Youthsaver Account!

In order to be eligible, you just need to make a deposit, and you will be given a raffle ticket to go into the draw. The more deposits (max 1 per week) you make, the more chances you have to win! The draw will be made in week 10 of Term 3 and the winner advised that day and printed in the newsletter. Good luck to you all & we look forward to seeing you banking!

WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday each week in the School Library from 8am to 8.20am

If you have any queries or questions, or wish to open an account, please contact School Banking Co-ordinator, Lisa Winduss on 0409 685 454 or lisa.winduss@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

ECUKids Holiday Program

Looking for an exciting holiday program that is not only fun but good for your children? ECU Sports Centre Mt. Lawley is home of the ECU Kids Holiday Program. We cater for primary school aged children, 6-12 year olds and focus on exposing children to a variety of different sport! Activities are structured so they are appropriate for each age group and are supervised by experienced and skilled staff. Our next program will run during the October school holidays (2nd October – 15th October). For more details and enrolment options please visit our website www.ecu.edu.au/fas/sport/kids or email ecusports@ecu.edu.au or call us on 6304 2631.

Harrisdale 3-4 year old Pre Kindy
We are now taking expressions of interest for a new pre-kindergarten in Harrisdale.

Please contact Kelly Hay-Hendry (Director) on 0408 082 232 or harrisdalepre-kindy@bigpond.com

FOR SALE

I have:
1 x Track Pants ($11)
2 x Sports shorts ($20 for both)
2 x Polo Shirts ($20 for both)

They are all size 4 and all in good condition. Available from end of Term 3 (prefer to sell all together). Please contact Carol 0407 367 318 if interested.

PARENTS NEWS

Top Marks for Regular Exercise

Physically active kids tend to do better in school than their more sedentary friends.

Daily physical education (PE) classes may provide the opportunity for children to meet health authority guidelines for physical activity. Unfortunately, many schools have reduced PE requirements and some have actually eliminated programs. Typically, the amount of PE each child receives decreases as they get older.

In the past, the rationale for replacing PE classes with other classes was because of an idea that it would increase a student’s academic achievement. However, researchers have failed to find clear evidence that academic achievement will improve if PE classes are cut.

In fact, many studies have shown a positive relationship between academic achievement and either physical activity or sports participation. Students may actually improve their academic achievements because of increased arousal and reduced boredom that ultimately increases their attention span and concentration.

Increased activity levels might also be related to increased self-esteem, which could be expected to improve classroom behavior as well as academic performance.

In an attempt to clarify this issue, scientists conducted a study to determine whether PE class enrollment and overall physical activity affected academic achievement in 200 sixth grade school children over the course of a year.

For the first part of the year, half of the students took the general PE class offered by the school, while the other half took part in a non-PE course. Halfway through the school year they switched.

The researchers found that students taking the PE course did no better or worse in their academic classes. But wait … there’s more.

Active learning

Students who participated in vigorous physical activities such as football, or even activities such as skateboarding, did approximately 10 per cent better in their academic grades in mathematics, science, English and social studies.

“Considering all the factors that go into what determines students’ grades in school, a 10 percent increase by the most physically active kids is huge,” one researcher observed.
"Physical education and activity during the school day reduce boredom and help keep kids’ attention in the classroom. We were expecting to find that students enrolled in PE would have better grades because of the opportunity to be active during the school day. But enrolment in PE alone did not influence grades.

“The students who performed better academically in this study were the most active, meaning those who participated in a sport or other vigorous activity at least three times a week.”

So what does this mean for teachers setting out class timetables? This study suggests daily PE won’t hurt academic performance. And regular vigorous activities might actually help boost those end of year marks.

**Library News**

With the warmer weather approaching I would just like to remind parents when providing water bottles for their children that they show them how to fix the lid of the bottle securely. First term a lot of books were damaged by water bottles leaking into their bags.

Next term students will not be able to borrow a book if they have they don’t have a library bag or if they have forgotten to returned their book. I will be starting a library stock take in week 10 and need all books returned by the end of week 9.

Thank you for your help in these matters.

Diane Grimes
Library Officer

**P&C News**

Kidzabuzz Voucher Books

Last Call is now happening for the kidzabuzz voucher books. If you wish to purchase one or know of anyone who would like one, please fill out the attached form and drop into P&C fundraiser box at the front office. Orders will be placed next week so please have in to front office no later than Monday afternoon. They are only $20 and great to use in the school holidays to entertain your children cheaply.

Family Photos

There are still spaces left at a cost of $20. Please phone Pip on 0404 270 640 asap to get your preferred time on Saturday the 22nd September. Great idea for Christmas presents for family and grandparents.

Canteen

There will be no more canteen orders for the rest of term due to School swimming. Will start up again next term.

Pizza Day

There will be no pizza day this term due to swimming lessons but we will have one again at the end of next term.

Library
Dianne is in desperate need of help to cover all the books to get them out for our students to use. If you are able to help by collecting some books and taking them home to cover that would be greatly appreciated.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on the 17th of September in the conference room at 7pm. Always looking for new members to help in our first year!

Sunset Markets

Are on from 4pm to 8pm on Friday the 23rd of November. They are slowly creeping up on us. If you are interested in volunteering please email pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com.au
There will be food stalls, amusement rides, stalls and lots of fun activities. Hope to see you all there supporting our first ever Sunset Markets

Sunset Markets

We have been working with a fantastic group of parents who have started to organize the Sunset Markets which is the major fundraiser for our school this year. Please read the following information, so you know what is happening for the Sunset Markets and you have time to consider the many ways in which you can contribute to the success of the day.

1. The Sunset Markets will be on Friday 23rd November from 4pm until 8pm and will be located on the school oval. The school will not be open for people to walk through or to use the school toilets; however, there will be portable toilets available on the oval.

2. The fundraising group has organized classes to have stalls and a parent co-ordinator to organize the stalls. The parent co-ordinator will liaise with the teacher to perhaps collect donations, organize the roster for the afternoon/evening and to share ideas about the event.
3. The parent co-ordinator is will be asking parents to give 30 minutes on their child’s stall. If all parents help out for 30 minutes on a stall, then all parents will still have a chance to walk around the markets with their own children. Many hands make light work!

4. The following table shows the year levels and their corresponding stalls plus the stall co-ordinator/s.

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Other information:

1. We will be having amusements/rides for children.
2. We will be having outside stalls and capping these between 20 and 30 because of space.
3. As co-ordinator of the silent auction I would greatly appreciate any donation you can give to the school. Please consider partners, friends and family and how they can contribute. For example, someone may knit, make cards, sew, have access to new books, plants, vouchers, art work, football merchandise etc. The possibilities are endless. I would greatly appreciate your support. Please see me with any donations a.s.a.p.

_You may drop off items for the silent auction to Mrs Cox in room 3 before or after school on any day._