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#### Dates for Your Diary

**Term 1 Week 3**
- Tues. 12 Feb.: Indonesian lessons commence
- Wed. 13 Feb.: Mrs Willis attending NSR Principals’ Forum all day
- Thurs. 14 Feb.: No dance lessons

**Term 1 Week 4**
- Tues. 19 Feb.: K-2 Pet Education
- Wed. 20 Feb.: Scripture & Ethics lessons commence Parent/Teacher Information Night commencing under 3 – 6 COLA
- Thurs. 21 Feb.: Parent/Teacher Information Night commencing in school hall

**Term 1 Week 5**
- Tues. 26 Feb.: Swimming Carnival
- Wed. 27 Feb.: Mrs Willis attending Primary Principals’ Assn meeting all day
- Fri. 1 Mar.: Zone Swimming Carnival

**Term 1 Week 6**
- Tues. 5 Mar.: 12 noon 3-6 Beauty and the Beast at PHHS
- Fri. 8 Mar.: Area Swimming Carnival

**Term 1 Week 7**
- Tues. 12 Mar.: Year 5 CARES
- Wed. 13 Mar.: Principal’s Pizza Lunch
- Thur. 14 Mar.: Selective High School test
- Fri. 15 Mar.: Harmony Day

**Term 1 Week 8**
- Mon. 18 Mar.: Year 5 CARES
- Tues. 19 Mar.: Year 1 Bilby visit
- Thurs. 21 Mar.: Young Leaders’ Day
- Fri. 22 Mar.: Music Camp (until Sun. 24 March)

**Term 1 Week 9**
- Mon. 25 Mar.: Year 1 Bilby visit
- Tues. 26 Mar.: 9.30am ESL Kinder parents Orientation session
- Fri. 29 Mar.: Good Friday Public Holiday

**Term 1 Week 10**
- Mon. 1 April: Easter Monday Public Holiday

**Term 1 Week 11**
- Tues. 9 April: 10.00am Recognition Assembly
- Fri. 12 April: Last day of Term 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHTS**

All parents are warmly invited to our Parent/Teacher Information Nights to be held on:

**Wednesday 20 February 2013 commencing under the 3 – 6 COLA**
- 5.30pm Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
- 6.30pm Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

**Thursday 21 February 2013 commencing in the school hall**
- 5.30pm Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
- 6.30pm Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

**HEALTH PLANS**

If you have not already done so, parents/carers are requested to provide the school with a copy of their child’s health plans in the case of anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma and any other serious medical/health concerns so that appropriate action plans can be put in place and children’s needs can be communicated to all staff, including casual staff. Additionally, if there is a change in your child’s condition e.g. they are hospitalised as a consequence of a severe allergic reaction or they are prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector, please notify the school immediately.

In keeping with DEC requirements, parents of children with severe allergies and/or who are at risk of anaphylaxis will be receiving a number of forms for completion to ensure that we have all available information. Your assistance in providing all relevant information and promptly returning forms is greatly appreciated.

**REQUEST THAT NO NUT PRODUCTS BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

In view of the number of children who have severe allergies, in particular to nuts, I am appealing to parents and carers to do their best to ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts be brought to school.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and for your assistance in helping to protect all children.
SAFETY ENTERING AND EXITING SCHOOL GROUNDS
All parents and carers are reminded that neither they nor their children should walk through the school car parks to enter or exit the school grounds.
Please provide the right example to your children and assist me to keep everyone safe.

WELCOME BACK BU LAGAIDA
Today we officially welcomed back to school our Indonesian Teacher, Mrs Lynne Lagaida. Bu Lagaida will be teaching Indonesian classes to our children on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings.

ESL PARENT SESSIONS
Our school is fortunate to have an ESL teacher, Mrs Angela Krivohlavy, who works in our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Krivohlavy works with and supports our students in Language Backgrounds other than English (LBOTE), their parents and our staff to assist them in all aspects of their education. Mrs Krivohlavy also assists with the provision of bilingual notes and interpreters when required.
Mrs Krivohlavy will be running Orientation information sessions for parents of Kindergarten children and any other interested parents in Bellthorn Cottage on Tuesdays 12, 19 and 26 March commencing at 9.30 am.
Please also note that next term, beginning Tuesday 28 May, the school will be hosting the Living in Australia course for five consecutive Tuesday mornings, to be led by Northern Sydney region Community Information Officer, Ms Isabella Kim. Further details will be provided closer to the time.
If at any time you require information about our ESL programs, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Krivohlavy or me.

MURAL ON 3 – 6 SITE
When you are next on the Year 3 – 6 site, make sure that you take time to look at the mural which is taking shape on the library wall facing the playground.
The mural is being painted by artist Robin and is being funded from 2008 and 2010 Year 6 fundraising efforts. School funds will pay for anti-graffiti painting to protect the mural which will further enhance our school environment. Robyn expects to complete the mural by the end of the week, weather permitting.

STAFF NEWS
Our best wishes go with Miss Donna Lee, K–2 School Administrative Officer who is taking long service leave to travel overseas to visit her family from next Monday 18 February until Friday 8 March. During her absence, Mrs Marnie Finch and Mrs Evelyn Drummond will be working in the K – 2 office.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Kodi 6T, Trinity 3L, Siân 5/6C and Freya to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.
With my best wishes to all families,
Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND
A reminder that Music Camp forms and payment need to be received no later than 1 March. If any families have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Hilary or me.
Due to the large number of instruments in the band room storeroom and to assist children in identifying which case is theirs, could families please ensure that their child’s name and a mobile number is on the case. I would also suggest coloured ribbon or a bag tag to also help them identify their instrument.
The first band meeting will be held next Monday 18 February commencing at 7.30 pm
at Pennant Hills. All band parents/caregivers are warmly invited to attend.

Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

POSITION VACANT FOR AUDITOR
Elke has been the Honorary Auditor for the P&C for the last five years. She has done a wonderful job of scrutinising all our finances and producing a comprehensive auditor’s report each year. In this task, she has been ably assisted by Jocelyn. Elke has indicated that this will be her last year as auditor. We thank her for filling this voluntary position and carrying out her duties with such professionalism. This means we will need to fill the position of auditor for the new financial year, 2013-2014. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please contact either Elke or me.

BANKING
School banking will commence on Thursday 28 February. Thank you to our dedicated banking mum’s Selena, Stella, Jing and Linda who have voluntarily filled this role for the last two years. Jing is unable to continue in this role so we are looking for one more mum to be able to collect the money from the K-2 site on a Thursday morning. Thank you Jing for the time you have given to this school service.

TREBOR RD DEVELOPMENT
By now most of you would have heard about Hornsby Council’s proposed development to build 110 units on the Trebor Rd/Fisher Ave block. This proposal was submitted to Hornsby Council on the 21 December. As a parent community, we are concerned about the impact this will have on traffic conditions and therefore the safety of our children. This week there will continue to be parents in the playground handing out letters. These letters can be signed and sent to Hornsby Council to protest against this development. We hope that with many people voicing their concerns about two schools being so close to such a large development, Hornsby Council will listen and act in the best interests of our community.

If you would like more information or a copy of a letter you could send to Hornsby Council, please contact P&C Secretary Alison or me. The closing date for protests to be heard is the 14 February. We need to be heard on this issue as the potential traffic congestion will be detrimental to our school community.

Sarah - P&C President
pandcpresident@gmail.com

K-2 Site
Wed. 13 Feb. – Lisa, Jeannie, Masumi
Fri. 15 Feb. – Kathryn, Penny, Sonia
Mon. 18 Feb. – Sarah, Nicola, Danel

3-6 Site
Wed. 13 Feb. – Gail, Stella, ONE PLACE AVAILABLE
Fri. 15 Feb. – Madeline, Fiona, Jacqui, ONE PLACE AVAILABLE
Mon. 18 Feb. – Sarah, Nicola, Christy

Corinne – Relieving Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

DR SHOE
Dr Shoe will be attending the Uniform Shop this Thursday 14 February from 3.00pm – 3.45pm. 15% of all sales are donated to the P&C. Alternatively, Dr Shoe can be contacted directly on 0414 912 838 to arrange a home fitting.

YEAR 6 SPORT SHIRTS
Class lists have been finalised and the shirts have been delivered to the printer. At this stage, I anticipate distributing the shirts by the end of Week 4 to those children who have placed an order.

BUCKET HATS
All sizes of bucket hats are now in stock, and all outstanding orders have been delivered to classes. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

HOURS
Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 10.45am
Thursday 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Order forms are available on the school website by following the link to Our School.

Alison – Uniform Shop Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

PHPS PRAYER GROUP
The Prayer Group is meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 13 February at 9.15am in Bellthorn Cottage.

ENGLISH CLASSES AT ST MARK’S
Learn or practise English in a friendly and relaxed group at English for Life classes. Mondays 9.30am to noon, during term time, at St Mark’s Anglican Church Pennant Hills, corner Rosemount Ave and Warne St. Morning tea is provided and a crèche is available for children.

The cost is $2.00 per week. Contact coordinator Patricia Rajaratnam on 0422 649 964 or patricia.raja@yahoo.com.au to register, or for more information visit our website at www.stmarks.com.au

NEW ‘CHURCH IN THE AFTERNOON’ AT ST MARK’S PENNANT HILLS
From 24 February 2013, St Mark’s Anglican Church, Pennant Hills are starting a new congregation. ‘Church in the Afternoon’ will begin at 4:15pm each Sunday and end with dinner for children. All welcome.

Contact Rick Hall at rick.hall@stmarks.com.au or 9980 8012. Visit www.stmarks.com.au for more information.

SEMINAR FOR PARENTS – PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN
Thursday 14 March 2013 from 11.30am to 1.30pm for parents of children aged 4 – 10 years at Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Cost $10.00.

To confirm your place, ring Hornsby Child and Family Mental Health Service (CAMHS) on 9477 9190.

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT
Pennant Hills High School is having an open night on Tuesday 26 February from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. Come and tour the school, see our new Learning Hub and other facilities. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet staff and students and enjoy hands-on activities and displays. Information regarding the Selection Test for Year 7, 2014 Academically Selected Class will be available and students can register their interest. All are welcome. Pennant Hills High School is located on Laurence St. Please contact us on 9473 5000 or visit our website www.pennanthil-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please note that this year the Open Night is replacing the Open Day from previous years.

PENNANT HILLS WAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN’S CENTRE
Pennant Hills War Memorial Children’s Centre has a couple of preschool vacancies for this year. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling your child, please contact Margo or Elizabeth at phwmcc@iinet.com.au or phone 9484 1133.

COME & TRY GIRL GUIDES AT PENNANT HILLS
Join us for great fun, friendship, challenges and outdoors adventures!
Guides, for girls aged 10 years plus, meet on Mondays 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Pre-Junior (Gumnut) Guides for girls aged 5-7 years, meet on Wednesdays 4.15pm to 5.15pm. Visit for a free two week trial.

For enquiries please contact Fiona.