Dear Parents and Carers,

The Annual General Meeting of our P&C Association was held last Tuesday evening. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the outgoing office bearers and committee members for their dedication, commitment and their hard work to support the school and all members of the school community.

I would especially like to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and hard work of immediate past president, Ms Sarah, outgoing treasurer, Mrs Diana and outgoing auditor, Mrs Elke. We very much appreciate the significant contributions which Sarah, Di and Elke have made to our school, which have benefited our students, families and staff.

Thank you to the following members of the P & C who have accepted office for the 2013 school year:

**President:** Unfilled
**Vice Presidents:** David and Mal
**Treasurer:** Simon
**Assistant Treasurer:** Chris
**Secretary:** Alison
**Executive Committee:** Sarah, Jamie and Greg
**Fundraising Committee:** Karthikeyan
**Finance Committee:** Elke, Chris, Karthikeyan and Di
**Uniform Shop Committee:** Sarah, Tracey and Mehala
**Canteen Committee:** Jamie (Convenor), Nichole and Rebecca
**Gardens and Grounds Committee:** Christine, Chris, Heidi and Richard
**Band Committee:** Michele (Convenor), Min, Kathy, Sunalini, Rachael, Gail and Hilary
**String Ensemble Committee:** Dayan (Convenor), Kathryn, Emma, Hans, Mark and Catherine
**Auditor:** Unfilled

I look forward to working with the P&C and all members of the school community in the coming year for the benefit of every child.

**AREA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Best wishes to Emily, Lily, James and Zoe who will be representing our school and PSSA Zone at the Area Swimming Carnival next Monday 18 March.
CONGRATULATIONS GRETA
Congratulations to Greta 4/5M who was successful in the Beecroft Zone selection for area trials in girls’ football (soccer).

PHHS BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Last week, all students in Years 1 – 6 were very fortunate to be able to attend Pennant Hills High School’s production of Beauty and the Beast which received wonderful reviews from students, staff and parents alike.

I would like to acknowledge the involvement of four of our students, Jacinta who played a featured role as Chip, and Eloise, Luci and Zoe who featured in the Junior Chorus.

Special thanks go to parent, Christy for her efforts in coordinating our students’ involvement in the production.

TERM 2 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Next term, there will be TWO School Development Days (SDD) at the start of the term to be held on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April 2013. The additional day has been designated by the government to provide additional time for staff professional learning with regard to the National Curriculum which will be implemented beginning in 2014.

Our staff members are already involved in a variety of professional learning activities both during and after school hours relating to the new NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum for English and Mathematics in particular. The additional day will provide time for the staff to meet in their learning stages to develop scope and continuums allied to the other new syllabus areas.

As a result of the additional SDD, students will return to school on Wednesday 1 May 2013.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 PLACEMENT IN 2014 IN A GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL
A reminder that completed Year 6 to Year 7 Expression of Interest forms should be returned to the school preferably by this Friday 15 March and definitely no later than Friday 22 March.

NAPLAN 2013
2013 NAPLAN tests will take place this year on Tuesday 14 May (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday 15 May (Reading) and Thursday 16 May (Numeracy) with the “catch-up” day scheduled for Friday 17 May for students who miss a test or are absent.

On Tuesday 2 April I will be providing a NAPLAN information session for interested parents commencing at 6.45pm in the library.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK
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As part of their homework, children in Year 3 can look up the word and write it and its meaning in their homework book. Students in Years 4 – 6 can look up the word in their dictionary and in their homework book, 1) write the word, 2) write its meaning, 3) write a sentence which includes the word and 4) write five words which are in the same “word family” or have the same suffix or prefix. Students in Year 2 might like to look up the meaning of the word for discussion in class.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Zachary 3/4I, Lily 4A, Sacha 1T, Sebastian 1L, Sarah 3/4I, Andrew 3/4I, Caitlin 6T, Jethro 3L, Grace 3L, Lily 3L, Ellie 5B and Eddie 3L to whom I presented a Principal's Award last week.

STAFF NEWS
Our best wishes go with Mrs Milena Petrunic, Class Teacher of 3P who is taking leave from Thursday this week, 14 March, until the end of the Easter break.

As children and parent/carers of 3P have already been informed, Miss Maddi McGlynn will be teaching 3P until Mrs Petrunic’s return to school on Tuesday 2 April.

K – 2 WORKING BEE AND WELCOME TO THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR AFTERNOON TEA
I look forward to seeing families at the Working Bee to be held on the K – 2 site this coming Sunday 17 March at 12 noon and afterwards at the Welcome to the 2013 School Year Afternoon Tea which will commence at 3.00pm under the school hall COLA.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:

6M: Sam, Annaliese, Jelena
6T: Breannan, Charles, Nathan
5/6C: Blaise, Kayla, Max
5B: Heath, Ellie, Owen
4/5M: Maya, Kate, Joel
4A: Scott, Madeleine, Daniel
3/4I: Owen, Evelyn, Jessica
3G: Isabelle, Max, William
3L: Hannah, Hamish, Noah
3P: Kaleb, Marcus, Lachlan
2 Dragons: Ethan, Lucy, Isabella
2 Fish: Abbey, Harry, Alejandra
**2 Geckos:** Sam, Eva  
**1 Hippos:** Oliver, Jaime, Dylan  
**1 Lions:** Zac, Grace  
**1 Tigers:** Charles, Tim, Isabella  
**1 Zebras:** Ryan, Alex, Lucy  
**K Bunnies:** Eva, Harrison  
**K Koalas:** William, Freya  
**K Puppies:** Riley, Claudia  
**Computers:** James 3P, Megan 4/5M, Ashton 5B, Monica 6M  
**ESL:** Skye KK, Grace 1L  
**Indonesian:** Lara KK, Alice 1T, Jonathan 2G, Hansuh 3/4I, Emelie 4/5M, Millie 5/6C, Alex 6M  
**Library:** Joel 4/5M, Evrin 5/6C, Matthew 3G, Molly 4A

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**THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM**

**BAND**  
Please note that the fete entertainment program will be published in next week’s Pennant.  

*Michele – Band Coordinator*

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**P&C REPORT**

**P&C AGM**  
The P&C AGM was held last Tuesday night. Sarah stepped down as P&C President having held the position for three years. A huge amount has been achieved during Sarah’s tenure and she leaves the P&C in a very strong position. Similarly, Di stepped down as P&C Treasurer after three years in the role and she leaves the P&C in a very sound and aware financial position, ready to take on new projects in the coming year. Thank you from us all Sarah and Di.  
At the AGM, Simon was elected as the new treasurer. However there was no President elected, but fear not, we have two very capable and experienced Vice Presidents in David and Mal who, along with the Executive team, will share the President's responsibilities to lead the P&C into the coming year.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**  
Every year the P&C organise Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls for all the children to “buy” a present for their parents/carers. The children love these stalls and I am sure all the recipients enjoy their special gifts too! We are looking for someone to help coordinate the stalls for this year. It is a very easy and fun job with a big bonus - you get to pick the gifts being ordered. If you have been looking for an opportunity to get involved and help out the school and our children, coordinating the stalls is a perfect role for you. If you are interested, please email or phone me.

**SCHOOL P&C DIRECTORY – LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR DETAILS IN**  
The school directory is in the process of being updated. This week is your last chance to get your details in to be included, or update your details if they have changed. If you are a new family to the school, we need your permission to include your details in the directory. We will only publish the contact details you wish to have published.  
Please email Gail or obtain a form from the office, complete it and hand it back to the office for onforwarding to Gail.

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**SPORT**

**PSSA SCOREBOARD**  
Last week we played Dural PS at Greenway Park.  
Oztag Boys won 15-5  Oztag Girls lost 5-8  
Softball Boys won 10-6  Softball Girls lost 7-2

This Friday we play Cherrybrook PS at Pennant Hills Park.

*Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator*

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**MUSIC**

**RECORDERS - THE OPERA HOUSE BECKONS**  
This year, an exciting opportunity awaits for students who are interested in learning and playing the recorder, beyond what they have learnt at school. We have been accepted to participate in the Festival of Instrumental Music in August. This is a fantastic experience with 750 recorders playing wonderful music. For one of the pieces, the recorders join forces with the combined strings to perform an original piece of music. It is a truly magnificent sound – truly, I am not lying; I was surprised how good it sounded when I first heard them! This week, we will be starting a recorder ensemble featuring all sizes of recorders.  
On Friday, I distributed information letters to interested students. If you did not get one and your child is interested in joining the ensemble, please collect one from the office. See you on Thursday lunch for our first rehearsal.

*Julie Anne Stevens – Music Teacher*
WELCOME TO 2013 AFTERNOON TEA
You are all invited to the Welcome to 2013 Afternoon Tea which is being held this coming Sunday 17 March from 3.00pm – 5.00pm at the K – 2 site. This is basically a giant play date for the children. Come along to have a play, get their faces painted and receive a balloon. Parents and carers, come along and meet friends, have a chat, a cuppa and some yummy afternoon tea. If you can, please bring a plate of food to share. Looking forward to seeing you there.

EASTER BUNNY - EIGHT HELPERS NEEDED
The Easter Bunny needs some assistance. If you are able to help with a secret mission, please come to the library on Monday 25 March at 7.30pm. Please call Di for more details.

GARDENS & GROUNDS WORKING BEE
The Welcome Afternoon Tea follows the Gardens and Grounds working bee to spread new soft-fall under the K-2 play equipment. All families are welcome to come along for a sausage sizzle at 12 noon and then help to spread the softfall with wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes. Come along to the working bee and work up an appetite for the Welcome Afternoon Tea! If anyone would prefer to come earlier than 12 noon on Sunday to start moving some of the softfall, please contact Chris.

Alison – P&C Secretary

UNIFORM SHOP

DR SHOE
Dr Shoe will next be attending the Uniform Shop on Thursday March 28 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.

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
Pennant Hills PS Prayer Group will be meeting at 9.15am this coming Friday 15 March 2013 at Min’s home. All welcome.

MARIAN STREET THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTS – DANNY IN THE TOYBOX
From 11 May to 13 July.
School holidays 1 July to 12 July weekdays 10.30am and 1.00pm, Saturdays 6 July and 13 July 1.00pm only and Saturdays 11 May to 29 June 10.30am and 1.00pm.
Come along to the Marian Street Theatre, 2 Marian Street, Killara. Cost Adult $22.00, Child $18.00 and Family of 4 $68.00. 15 or more tickets $15.00 each. For bookings call 1300 306 776 (booking fees apply) or visit www.mca.tix.com.au

CANTEEN

Following is the canteen roster for this week. Please note, there are a few availabilities at the 3-6 site. Thank you to all the volunteers for your help.
Just a reminder, if you are unable to make your canteen day, could you please organise a swap with another volunteer.
K-2 meet in the staff car park at 12.50pm

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

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

Corinne – Relieving Canteen Manager