Dear Parents and Carers,

Members of our school community were very much looking forward to the Easter break. The weather was beautiful to allow many planned activities to take place. I trust that everyone had a happy and safe Easter and that they feel the benefit of the four day break from school routines.

On Thursday this week, 4 April, we will have our second fete mufti day for the year, when students can wear casual clothes for the day and they are invited to bring a new toy in support of the upcoming school fete to be held on Sunday 26 May. A reminder that fully enclosed footwear must be worn (no thongs or sandals) and that singlet and midriff tops are not allowed. All children should also ensure that they remember to wear their hat to and at school on Thursday.

On Thursday evening, children will also have the opportunity to attend the school disco at Pennant Hills Bowling Club beginning at 5.00pm for children in Kindergarten to Year 2 and at 6.45pm for children in Years 3 – 6.

**RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 9 APRIL AT 10.00am**

Our school has a number of award systems to recognise and reward children’s efforts, progress and achievement.

Next Tuesday 9 April, we will be holding our Term 1 Recognition Assembly in the school hall, commencing at 10.00am.

A Recognition Assembly is held at the end of each term which provides an opportunity for the whole school to join together to acknowledge the effort, improvement and achievement of students in every class as well as to present sporting awards etc. It is also an in-school opportunity for our String Group, choirs and bands to perform.

Invitations have been sent home to the parents of all children receiving an award next Tuesday, and I also extend an invitation to all members of the school community to attend if they wish. The assembly lasts for one hour.

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ANZAC DAY
Anzac Day falls this year during the school holidays.
Our school will be holding a short Anzac Day service before the holidays, to be held on the K–2 site under the COLA on Thursday 11 April 2013, commencing at 10.45am.
It would be appreciated if children could bring flowers to school that morning.
Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The P & C Association is once again organising a Mother’s Day stall to be held on Tuesday 7 May, when children will have the opportunity to purchase a small gift for their mother or special person. If you wish your child to participate, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the permission note and return it to your child’s class teacher together with the $5.00 cost as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday next week, 11 April 2013.

ADVANCE NOTICE - MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA
On Friday 10 May 2013, staff will be hosting Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea under the hall COLA commencing at 3.30pm. Further details will be sent home shortly.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

inseparable

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

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Monica, Josephine, Harry
6T: Olivia, Zoe, Kash
5/6C: Annabelle, Geon Ha, Lucas
5B: Carson, Shakira, Ben
4/5M: Lauren, Finley, Ty
4A: Chloe, Gillian, Max
3/4I: Jacinta, Taylor, Jack
3G: Lily, Isabelle, Jessica
3L: Grace, Justin, Eden
3P: Kaleb, Zara, Jaylen
2 Dragons: James, Wei Wei
2 Fish: Lachlan, Ritsi, Sarah
1 Hippos: Elise, Luci, Jack
1 Lions: Harry, Leo
1 Tigers: Isabel, Jack
1 Zebras: Emma, Matthew, Jai
K Bunnies: Helen, Oliver, Aaron
K Koalas: Evelyn, Oliver
K Puppies: Mischa, Saurabi, Josiah
Environment Award: Ryan 2D
Computers: Eva KB, Krishan 1Z, Sophia 2D, Evelyn 3/4I, Ansh 4A, Claire 5B, Jack 5/6C
ESL: Julia 1H, Grace 1L, Claire 1T
Indonesian: James KK, Grace 1L, Elise 1H, Eva 2G
Sports People of the Week:
Stage 2: Thomas 3/4I
Stage 3: Mya 5/6C, PSSA - Brandon 5B

SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD
Last week we there was no PSSA because of Good Friday.
This Friday we play Roselea PS at Roselea PS Oval.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

DISCO

SCHOOL DISCO
The Term 1 school disco is on this Thursday 4 April.
The sessions will be: K-2 5.00pm-6.00pm and 3-6 6.45pm-8.00pm.
All permission notes and payment of $5.00 should have now been returned to the office.
You still have time to book your tables at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club so that you can dine while the children are dancing.
The number to call for bookings is 9484 2433. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Christine Tierney - Year 6 Fundraising Coordinator

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder that all lost property items from the camp are placed on the back wall shelves of the band room. Please check here for any misplaced items.

STAGE BAND REHEARSAL
The Stage Band rehearsal that was scheduled for this Friday 5 April has been cancelled.

RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY
Both CB1 and Stage Band will be performing at the Recognition Assembly at 10.00am on Tuesday 9 April. In view of this, both rehearsals for CB1 and CB2 will be held in the school hall on the morning of Tuesday 9 April. Can families please ensure that they take their child to the K-2 site that morning. CB2 will be walked back to the 3-6 site by the parent helper whilst CB1 remain for the assembly preparation.

Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

I hope you all had a good Easter break – nicely rested, ready for the last two weeks of school.

TONIGHT – P & C MEETING
Tonight is the April P&C meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the library. On the agenda is a discussion on sponsorship of the P & C by local businesses plus follow up on the gutter overflow issues at K - 2. All are welcome to attend. Please come along. Being involved helps you, helps the school and most importantly, helps our children.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Everyone should have received a note last Tuesday regarding the P & C organised Mother’s Day stall. If you did not receive the note, please obtain a copy from the school website. Please return the permission slip along with $5.00 to the office by Thursday 11 April. The stall will be run on Tuesday 7 May when the children will have fun choosing from an array of gorgeous gifts for their special mum or carer.

MUSIC CAMP
Another very successful music camp was held on the weekend of 22 to 24 March at Vision Valley. The P & C would like to thank the staff that gave of their time to contribute to a weekend enjoyed by all the children. We could not do it without you. Thanks also to our P&C Band coordinator Michele and String Ensemble coordinator Dayan for all their work for the camp, and also to the tutors and conductors and all the parent volunteers.

The biggest thanks goes to Hilary, the Camp coordinator, for her work throughout the year to bring together all that is necessary for such a brilliant weekend. We need a music camp coordinator or team of organisers to take over the coordination for next year. Please contact Michele or Hilary as soon as possible for more information.

FETE NEWS
A reminder that the second fete mufti day is this Thursday 4 April. Thank you for your support in donating a new toy on this day. Raffle booklets will be distributed next week and the early bird draw will be done after the holidays. We will also be looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets in the local shopping centres leading up to the fete. This was very successful last year and also lots of fun, so please get involved if you are able. More details to follow.

The annual Bunnings BBQ is being organised at Bunnings Thornleigh on Saturday 4 May. We need volunteers from every class, just for one hour. No previous experience is needed. If you cannot come to the fete, helping with the Bunnings BBQ or selling raffle tickets are a great way to contribute to the success of the fete.

Alison – P & C Secretary

CANTEEN

Following is the canteen roster for this week. Thank you everyone for your help.

We still need more volunteers for Fridays. It is a great day to volunteer - busy but lots of fun. It is really easy and we explain exactly what to do.
If you are unable to make your canteen day, could you please organise a swap with another volunteer from your roster sheet.

K-2 please meet at the staff car park at 12.50pm so we can take the baskets up to the classrooms.

K-2 Site
Wed. 3 April – Ros, Alison, Deborah
Fri. 5 April – Joanne, Mala, Kate
Mon. 8 April – Jenni, Alison, Katie

3-6 Site
Wed. 3 April – Michelle, Fiona, Ros
Fri. 5 April – ONE MORE NEEDED, Kathryn, Joanne, Leonie
Mon. 8 April – Tracey, Nicola, ONE MORE NEEDED

Corinne – Relieving Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

TRAINING TO TUTOR SMALL GROUPS IN ENGLISH
Are you interested in developing skills to enable you to help someone with their English?

Meadowbank TAFE is offering a free five week training session to give you skills for tutoring small groups or individuals in English.

The classes will begin on Tuesday 14 May from 10.00am – 1.00pm. They will run for five consecutive Tuesdays at Meadowbank TAFE.

For more information, please email susan.mills2@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 9942 3572.

LIFELINE BOOK FAIR
Lifeline’s 5th annual Book Fair will be held at Thornleigh Community Centre, Phyllis Avenue, Thornleigh (behind Bunnings) on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 April from 8.00am to 5.00pm each day.

There will be a huge range of excellent quality books, CD’s and DVD’s at very reasonable prices.

Books will be presented in over forty categories including an extensive selection of all the popular fiction authors as well as art, craft, travel, lifestyle, cooking, gardening and many more.

A major attraction of the Lifeline Book Fair is the great number of children’s books in pristine quality. These are sorted into age groups.

The proceeds from all sales provide essential funds to maintain an increasing need for the 24 hour Telephone Counselling Community Support programs. Please phone 9487 2014 for more information.

UNIFORM SHOP

DR SHOE
Dr Shoe can be contacted directly on 0414 912 838 to arrange a home fitting. Remember, 15% of all sales are donated to the P&C.

WINTER UNIFORM
All students are required to wear winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. In readiness for next term, winter stock is currently available for purchase. Orders can be placed for winter uniforms and the items will be delivered to your child’s class, or alternatively, you may attend the shop during opening hours.

CLEARANCE SALE
Sloppy Joes have been reduced to $15.00. All stock must go. Available sizes are Size 4, 8, 10 and 16.

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