Dear Parents and Carers,

2014 KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ORIENTATION EVENING – 7.00PM

This evening, I look forward to welcoming parents of our 2014 kindergarten children at our orientation evening to be held in the school hall commencing at 7.00pm. The evening will provide further information for parents on the range of activities, programs and policies which operate in the school. Our thanks to Mrs Gilchrist, Assistant Principal and Early Stage 1 Supervisor who has been very busy preparing for an informative evening.

NUT PRODUCTS

In view of the number of students in our school who are allergic to nuts and nut products, parents and carers are again requested NOT to send items containing nuts to school in lunchboxes, cakes or sweets to assist us to prevent a child experiencing a life threatening anaphylactic reaction.

Your support of this request is appreciated.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOING AT SCHOOL – PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Parents and carers often photograph or video at school events as a means of capturing a pictorial memory of their child’s school experiences. This is not generally a concern if parents/carers are photographing their own child. However, parents and carers need to be aware that the taking of photographs or videos on NSW departmental premises should not occur unless the principal is satisfied that there is a good reason. Where applicable, staff and parental or student permission should be sought.

With regard to uploading photographs on websites, e.g. Facebook pages (which only people over the age of 13 should have), it is good practice to seek people’s consent after telling them, in as much detail as possible, about what their picture will be used for and who will be able to see it.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Thank you to the parents who have either fully paid or part paid the cost of this excursion. A reminder that any amount owing should be paid immediately. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL’S PIZZA LUNCH

Last Wednesday, Mr Moran was the very special host of the Principal’s Pizza Lunch in view of the need for my attendance at another function to represent the school.
Thank you Mr Moran and congratulations and well
done to Sarah 2F, Tiana 2F, Nidhi 3P, Vincent 2G,
Talulla 2D, Caleb 2G, Lillian 4A, Tiara 3L, Brandon
5B, Sophia 3G, Luci 3P, James 4/5M, Tim 5/6C,
Mitchell 3P, Jazmin 6T, Max 2F, Jack 3/4I, Marcus
2D, James 5B, Charlotte 6M, Henry 5/6C, James
3/4I who had earned three Principal’s Awards.
The next and final Principal’s Pizza Lunch for 2013
will be held on Tuesday 10 December. Invitations
will be sent home with relevant children closer to
the date.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to Isaac 4A, Grace 6M, Lauren
4/5M, Matthew 5B, Toby 1T, Lillian 4A, Patrick 3G,
Abigail 2F, Lisa 4/5M, Max 4I, Khushi 3L, Evelyn
Nathaniel 2F, Brannagh 6M and Saskia 3G to whom
I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

ANTICIPATED ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

The staff and I will soon commence working
together to form the anticipated 21 classes for next
year. Obviously, our planning is dependent on up to
date information, in particular with regard to student
enrolments.

To ensure that I have up to date information, if you
know that your current Kindergarten to Year 5 child
will NOT be returning to our school next year and
you have not yet informed me, I would very much
appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible.
In addition, if you are taking holidays beyond
Tuesday 28 January 2014 and you know that your
child will be returning to our school after
Wednesday 29 January, the first day for Year 1 to
Year 6 students, I would appreciate it if you could
inform me in writing, as apart from being required
for enrolment audit purposes, it will assist with
class formation decisions. Thank you in advance
for your assistance in this matter.

NORTHERN SYDNEY COMBINED SCHOOLS
CHOIR APPLICATION

Applications are now open for Year 5 and 6
students to participate in the Northern Sydney
Choir 2014. The choir encourages, nurtures and
inspires talented vocalists by providing high quality
training and performance opportunities and
consists of soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices.
In 2014, the choir will perform at the Sydney Town
Hall, The Concourse and the Sydney Opera House
as part of the ArtsNorth Festival of Music and they
will also perform at Department of Education and
Communities’ functions.

The Regional Choir rehearses at Pennant Hills
Public School after school on Mondays from
4.30pm to 6.00pm.
Auditions will be held at our school on Monday 18
November from 4.30pm.

For further information, contact the Regional Arts
Coordinator Northern Sydney, Jennifer Gregory at
jennifer.gregory2@det.nsw.edu.au

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO SELECTIVE
HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2015

Parents intending to apply for their child to go to a
selective high school in Year 7 in 2015 need to
submit the application by no later than Monday 18
November.

All applications should preferably be made online
through an Internet connection. The school has
received a limited number of application packages
for those parents who do not have Internet access.
The website where you will find all the necessary
information, including the list of selective high
schools and the application portal is:
www.schoools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

If you intend making an application, it would be
appreciated if you could please inform the school of
the method (online or paper based) you will be
using. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

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.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Katherine, Rachel, Rohan
6T: Breannan, Sneha, Daivya
5/6C: Sumukhi, Henry, Evrim
5B: Mia, Matthew, Zach
4/5M: Max, Guy, Megan
4A: Chloe, Lizzie, Max
3/4I: Drew, Marwa, Tina
3G: Bailey, Matthew, Finn
3L: Hannah, Oliver, Nidhi
3P: Rhianna, Marcus, Rachel

Book of the Week: Blaise 5/6C

Drama: Henry 5/6C
2 Dragons: Joel, Abbey, Jessica
2 Fish: Lachlan, Sarah, Nat
2 Geckos: Vincent, Charlotte, Oliver
1 Hippos: Julia, Jack, Luke
1 Lions: James, Jacinta
1 Tigers: Saxon, Tim
1 Zebras: Ryan, Cayleigh
K Bunnies: Jacob, Aidan
K Koalas: William, Olivia, Riley
K Puppies: Zaia, Holly, Oliver
COMPUTERS: Lily 3G, Annaliese 4A, Elissa 5B, Cameron 6T
INDONESIAN: Jordan 1L, Tara 3/4I, Claire 4A, Sean 5B, Monica 6M
LIBRARY: Olivia 3P, Miles 3P, Annaliese 4A

SPORT

TEENIE PLAYERS WANTED
Is your child interested in playing tennis for the school? Your child must be able to play full court, serve and keep score. All levels of players welcome. The next interschool competition is being held in November on a Saturday night. Please contact parent coordinator Danel if you are interested in playing.

Christine Tierney - Teacher Coordinator

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND - MUSIC ORIENTATION EVENING
The Music Orientation Evening will take place this Thursday 24 October at 6.30pm at the 3-6 site. This evening is open to ALL students who are interested in joining Band or Strings in 2014. Band accepts students in Years 3-6 and Strings in Years K-6 in 2014 and will provide families with information on both programs as well as giving children the opportunity to try the various instruments available.

Term 4 fees are now due and need to be paid by the end of THIS week to qualify for Early Bird Discount. Thank you.

Michele – Band Coordinator

STRING ENSEMBLE
The String Ensemble will be performing at the Music Orientation Evening on Thursday night. Please arrive at 6.15pm with music and instruments and meet at 6T’s classroom. We are performing at 6.30pm. The evening concludes at 7.45pm
Please note that the majority of new band members have never played an instrument prior to joining the band program so previous experience is not required. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

P&C REPORT

SANDPIT FILLING PARTY - THIS SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER
The K – 2 play area renovation Stage 1 is close to completion. The dirt slope and old sandpit area has been transformed into beautiful terraces and two new amazing sandpits. And everything has turned from brown to lush green! A big thank you to our superb landscaper Jason and his team from Earthscape Industries. Jason has not only done an incredible transformation of the play area, but also spent all of last Thursday night fighting the bushfires in Springwood as part of Arcadia RFS, and then also all of this last weekend. Thank you Jason from all of us.

The only thing missing from the play area is 33 tonnes of sand. And we need your help to make that happen. Come along to our Sandpit Filling Party this Saturday 26 October. We need your help for only two hours from 8.00am, 10.00am or 1.00pm. Refreshments and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. BYO shovel, gloves and hat and wear closed-in shoes. Please email to let us know what time you can make it.

Alison – P&C Secretary

CANTEEN

Here is the roster for this week:

K-2 Site
Wed. 23 Oct. Julie, Sonia, Wendy
Fri. 25 Oct. Leanne, Rikky
Mon. 28 Oct. Nara, Liz, Jennifer

3-6 Site
Wed. 23 Oct. Rachael, Lara, Gail
Fri. 25 Oct. Karen, Sue, Mehala
Mon. 28 Oct. Kate, Michelle, Ranu

Thank you all for your help.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

KINDERLINKS
The Uniform Shop will be closed for the next four Tuesdays, 29 October and 5, 12 and 19 November due to attendance at the Kinderlinks program from 9.15am – 11.15am.

YEAR 6 SIGNATURE BEARS AND BALLS
Year 6 parents, please note that orders for the signature bears and balls are being finalised this week. Bears and balls will be delivered to classes late in Term 4.

DR SHOE
This term Dr Shoe will be attending the Uniform Shop on Thursday 31 October and 28 November from 3.00pm to 3.45pm. He will also be attending Kinderlinks on Tuesday 29 October and 19 November. 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

COMMUNITY SEMINAR OF UNDERSTANDING FERTILITY
Interested parents are invited to attend this seminar led by Angela Ferguson and Marilyn Young to be held at St Mark's Church, corner Rosemount and Warne Streets Pennant Hills, on Saturday 26 October 2013 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Cost is $5.00 with afternoon tea provided.
For more information, visit www.stmarks.com.au
Bookings are required by Thursday 24 October. Tel: 9980 8012 or email office@stmarks.com.au

PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN
On Thursday 14 November from 11.30am to 1.30pm, Hornsby Child and Family Mental Health Service (CHMHS) will be running a seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 years discussing the nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies & resources to assist.
Where: Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry via Boyd Ave. Please allow enough time for parking and arrive ten minutes before the registered start time. Please note that this is a parent/carer event only and that there is no provision for pre-schoolers.
The cost of the seminar is $10.00 but there will be no charge for concession card holders.
Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.
To confirm your place, please call CAMHS on 9477 9190.
Participants will be asked to complete feedback forms.
The service reserves the right to postpone or cancel seminars in the case of insufficient registrations.

ENGLISH FOR LIFE 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, starting 14 October, 2013 at St Mark’s Anglican Church Pennant Hills, cnr Rosemount Ave & Warne Street. Morning tea provided and crèche available for children. Cost is $2.00 per week.
Contact co-ordinator Patricia Rajaratnam on 0422 649 964 or patricia.raja@yahoo.com.au to register or for more information. Alternatively, visit www.stmarks.com.au

TRUMPET FOR SALE
Trumpet for sale complete with case in very good condition. Please contact Susie.

THE GREAT PENNO RENO
Pennant Hills High School is holding another “Great Penno Reno” THIS weekend, 26 and 27 October. Last year was a huge success with over 300 parents, carers, staff and students helping to beautify the grounds and surrounding facilities whilst having lots of fun in the process.
If you are keen to support your local high school, you are very welcome to attend or you can support the project by contributing to our fundraising efforts by making a donation which will be used to purchase plants etc. To donate online please go to http://www.mycause.com.au/page/thegreatpennoreno or you can find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatPennoReno or contact the GPR committee by email at greatpennoreno@gmail.com

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY
Asquith Boys High School is holding its annual High School Experience Day on Thursday 7 November 2013 from 8.30am - 2.30pm. All Year 5 boys are invited to attend and experience a selection of subjects for a day, with exciting and interesting lessons prepared just for them.
Applications close on Wednesday 30 October. Application forms are available from the school website www.asquithboy-h.school.nsw.edu.au or by calling the office on 9477 3508.