29 October 2013

Term 4 Week 4
Thurs. 31 Oct. Year 5 Leadership Day
Sat. 2 Nov. 5.30pm Band Night in school hall

Term 4 Week 5
Mon. 4 Nov. Stage 3 Canberra excursion
Moving Bodies 2F, 3G, 3L, 3P, 2G and 2D
10.30am Stage 1 Indonesian Cultural performance
11.30am Kinder Indonesian cultural performance
Tues. 5 Nov. Stage 3 in Canberra
9.30am Kinderlinks Session 2
7.30pm P & C meeting
Wed. 6 Nov. Stage 3 return from Canberra
Thur. 7 Nov. Asquith BHS Open Day
Fri. 8 Nov. 11.30am Kinder Postman visit

Term 4 Week 6
Mon. 11 Nov. Moving Bodies 2F, 3G, 3L, 3P, 2G and 2D
Tues. 12 Nov. 9.30am Kinderlinks Session 3
Stage 2 Art Gallery excursion
Thurs. 14 Nov. Schools Spec. rehearsal
Year 2 Environmentors incursion
Fri. 15 Nov. 11.30am Kindergarten Firemen’s Visit

Term 4 Week 7
Mon. 18 Nov. Moving Bodies 2F, 3G, 3L, 3P, 2G and 2D
Selective HS applications close
Tues. 19 Nov. Kinderlinks Session 4 (Final)
Thurs. 21 Nov. 11.40am Year 2 to 3 transition

Term 4 Week 8
Wed. 27 Nov. Schools Spec. rehearsal
Thurs. 28 Nov. Stage 1 Celebration Day
Schools Spec. rehearsal
Fri. 29 Nov. Schools Spec. rehearsal and concert
Sat. 30 Nov. Danish Church Fete
Schools Spec. concert

Dear Parents and Carers,

2014 KINDERLINKS
This morning is the first of our Kinderlinks program sessions and we welcome all children and their parents today.
We are looking forward to getting to know our 2014 kindergarten children and their parents over the coming weeks and of course next year when they commence their formal schooling.

Last Tuesday night, it was my pleasure to welcome over 60 parents to our Orientation Night for 2014 Kinder parents.
On behalf of all who attended, I would like to thank Mrs Robyn Gilchrist, Assistant Principal, for her overall organisation of the evening. Mrs Gilchrist was very ably assisted by K – 2 staff Mrs Melissa Griffith, Mrs Jan Hiley, Miss Amy Ziems, Mrs Jaime Mackay and Miss Donna Lee, who together with Mrs Cohen, Mrs Worrell and Mrs Finch printed and collated a variety of school information for our new parents.
Our thanks also go to Denise McCann, Community Health Nurse, Mr Simon who spoke on behalf of parents, Mr David, our P & C President, Mrs Alison, our Uniform Shop Manager and her two wonderful models, Georgia and Angus, and Kinder Bunnies’ parents Emily, Bec, Elizabeth and Bente who provided a delicious supper which was much appreciated by all who attended. Further thanks to P & C members who attended the evening to make our new parents feel welcome.

SANDPIT CHALLENGE – A WONDERFUL SUCCESS
A hard working army of parents and carers were involved in Saturday’s Sandpit Challenge on the K – 2 site when 33 tonnes of sand and 4 tonnes of mulch were delivered to the school and distributed into the two sandpits and around the stepping stones to put the finishing touches on the first two stages of the K – 2 playground renovation.
Such was the response and the military precision involved in the distribution, that the last team of workers was not required, as the job was finished by lunchtime.
Special thanks to parents Mark and Peter for their assistance with bobcats and mini diggers which made the task considerably easier, and to members of the P & C Executive and Playground Committee, and the many parents and carers who assisted on the day, including feeding the hungry troops.
Mr Dan, community member and a former school parent, is working very hard to manufacture covers for each of the sandpits and it is anticipated that these will be completed very soon. We thank Mr Dan very much for his expertise and the many hours he has put into ensuring the security of the sandpits.
The playground renovation looks wonderful, with a much enhanced play area which is being greatly enjoyed by the children now and will be for many years in the future.
The work has been made possible through fundraising efforts over the past two years which has involved all parents and carers, in particular through the very successful 2012 and 2013 school fetes. Thank you all.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


END OF YEAR CELEBRATION MOVIE DAY

On Monday 16 December, students will have the opportunity to celebrate the end of the 2013 school year by attending the movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 at Hornsby Odeon Cinema. Further details and permission note will be sent home later this term.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Wednesday 11 December.

The style of reporting mandated by the Government is for all grades except Kindergarten who have a different report style. Each key learning area must have an overall achievement and effort level indicated.

The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain a number of strands. The achievement level/common grade scale is provided by the Board of Studies. Each year introduces different concepts, content units and skills which may increase in difficulty from the year or semester before. It is therefore possible that your child’s achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change.

The achievement level of “C” is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding or work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means that your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade.

This may be different from the traditional “C” from our own school days. The website http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6 provides work samples which illustrate A – E achievement levels which you may like to look at.

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.

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.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:

6M: Anna, Izak, Grace
6T: Mary, William, Ben
5/6C: Patrick, Joshua, Millie, Siân
5B: James, Eloise, Owen
4/5M: Alex, Kate, Greta
4A: Lillian, Caleb, Madeleine
3/4I: Lauren, Taylor, Brendan
3G: Michael, Sophia, Patrick
3L: Sareena, Hamish, Trinity
3P: Ariana, Jason, Miles
Drama: Jahan 4/5M
2 Dragons: Sebastian, Leo, Madeline
2 Fish: Sebastian, Max, Shrutti
2 Geckos: Eliza, James
1 Hippos: Xavier, Victoria, Lucius
1 Lions: Leo, Sairsha
1 Tigers: Isabella, Adam
1 Zebras: Toga, Susani
K Bunnies: Jade, Aaron
K Koalas: Hamna, Aleesha, Tereza
K Puppies: Jack, Anais
Environment Award: Sebastian 2F
Computers: Owen KP, Zac KB, Claudine 1L, Orlando 1H, Syhel 2G, Marcus 2D, Saniya 3P, Yashmin 4A, Mya 5/6C, Rebecca 6T
Indonesian: Eva KB, Jai 1Z, Abby 2D, Sareena 3L, Marwa 3/4I, Kayla 5/6C, Caitlin 6T
Library: Jean 5B, Oliver 3L, Lauren 3/4I
Music: Talulla 2D, Charlotte 2G, Nat 2F Mary 6T, Naomi 6M
SPORT

BEECROFT ZONE CRICKET TRIALS
Congratulations to Connor and James who have been selected to attend the next stage of the Sydney North cricket trials. The team will be finalised by early next year. We wish the boys well in their quest for selection.

Jack Moran - Cricket Coordinator

SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS

Group photos are displayed in the rear windows of the 3-6 office. If you wish to order any of these photos, please obtain an order form and envelope from the 3-6 office. Orders must be returned with payment by Wednesday 20 November 2013. Payment to The School Photographer can be made with either cash or cheque in the envelope provided or credit card payments can be made online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au. Late orders will incur a $5.00 late payment fee to the photographers.

Cheryl Cohen - School Administrative Manager

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND
A very big thank you to all our wonderful CB1’s for their performance and assistance at the Music Program Orientation Evening. Also thank you to Ms Catherine for conducting. For families who attended and would like their child to be in the band program next year, please return the ‘Expression of Interest’ form to the K-2 office by Friday 8 November. If your family was unable to attend and you would like further information regarding the band program, please email me.

BAND EVENING - SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER
A reminder that our Band Evening is being held this Saturday in the hall commencing at 5.30pm. Could families please arrive at 5.00pm to allow time for the children to set up and warm up.

Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

SANDPIT FILLING
Last Saturday’s sandpit filling was an outstanding success! Thank you to ALL the parents who answered the appeal for help, the playground committee was literally inundated with volunteers, close to 70 parents. Those on the earlier shifts worked hard and very efficiently, with the assistance of some machinery, and moved each 11 tonne dump of sand in world record time – 11 tonne in 1/2hr! Such that all the many who volunteered to come after lunch were not needed as the job was completed, including 4 cubic metres of mulch, by 11.30am.

There are many people to thank who made this job go so well. We would especially like to thank Mark and Peter who lent equipment and invaluable expertise and muscle on the day. Also thanks to Coates Hire who waved hire fees for some equipment. A huge thank you from all of us who were there for lunch for the sumptuous spread prepared by Brooke. A special thanks also to Martin who couriered 15 rolls of extra turf from Windsor in his little Toyota Yaris on Thursday and the whole Conway family who helped lay the turf that twilight. And lastly, thank you to all the many volunteers who worked and shovelled and barrowed on Saturday to make it all happen.

Dan is currently working on the sandpit covers and they will shortly be ready. Till then, some temporary covers will be in place each night.

The play areas are a continuing work in progress. Some necessary repair and renovation to K-2 equipment will be happening soon so that the equipment meets compliance standards.

NEXT P & C MEETING NEXT TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER
The next P&C meeting is in a week’s time. Please let me know if you have any items of general business you would like to raise.

FETE COORDINATING TEAM
There have been a couple of parents who have expressed interest in being part of a team to coordinate the fete. If you are keen to help coordinate, but have not put up your hand as you don’t want to do it by yourself, please email pandcpresident@gmail.com. The coordinating team will be very, very well supported – by past fete coordinators and a team of experienced and enthusiastic stall holders. Without the annual P&C school fete, we would not be able to support the school in areas of Reading Recovery, Learning Support, the purchasing of technology, or playground work.

Alison – P&C Secretary

CANTEEN

Changes to the menu should be finalised this week and hopefully a new menu will go out next week. Banana bread is now made on site. It is smaller than the bought one, so will only be sold in one size for lunch orders at $1.00 per piece. Sometimes half slices may be available at recess for 50c. The ingredients are; bananas, eggs, caster sugar, olive oil, self-raising flour and vanilla yogurt. The Quench and Arroona drinks are fast selling out. Blue and cola flavours are no longer available. There are only a few orange and lemon lime but there are still a lot of red ones left (apple and raspberry).
Here is the roster for this week:

**K-2 Site**
- Wed. 30 Oct.  Alison, Natalia
- Fri. 1 Nov.  Joanne, Kate, Jenni
- Mon. 4 Nov.  Ranu, Rebecca, Anne

**3-6 Site**
- Wed. 30 Oct.  Jeannie, Jenni
- Fri. 1 Nov.  Kathryn, Leonie, Behshid
- Mon. 4 Nov.  Hilary, Anne

Thank you all for your help.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

**DR SHOE**
Dr Shoe will be attending the Uniform Shop this Thursday 31 October from 3.00pm – 3.45pm. He will also be attending Kinderlinks on 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

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**YEAR 6 YEARBOOK**

We are still in need of photos for the Year 6 yearbook. Can you please contact me if you have any of the following;
- K-2 group photos;
- any group photos from 2013;
- any dance photos at all!; and
- musical/band/choir photos over the years.
Please email Jpegs to me. Thank you.

Leonie - Yearbook Parent Coordinator

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**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**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 St. 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

**WATCH FOUND**
A watch was found at the 3-6 site yesterday. Please contact the office if you have lost it.

**CELLO FOR SALE**
A beautiful quarter size John Wu cello is for sale at $320.00. It comes with a hard case and bow. Please contact Deborah for more information.

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

**FOR SALE**
Tickets to Cinderella by The Australian Ballet at the Sydney Opera House on Saturday 30 November 7.30pm. Four tickets are available - two adults and two children. Please call Janet for more information.