Dear Parents and Carers,

2014 LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to Charlotte, Patrick, Mia, Lauren, Matthew, Jacob, Zoe, Lisa, Henry, Connor, Eloise, Greta, Ben, Joshua, Kayla, Max, Christopher, Millie, Joel and Ellie, who have been nominated by their Year 5 peers to stand for student leadership positions which will take effect from the beginning of the 2014 school year.

The students will prepare posters for display in the next week and will be presenting their speeches to 3 – 6 students on Tuesday afternoon 26 November, after which voting will take place.

STAGE 3 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

Last Wednesday evening, 129 tired but happy students and six members of staff arrived back at school following their three day excursion to Canberra. I congratulate the children on their excellent behaviour throughout the three days as reported to me by the accompanying staff and the bus drivers, and once again express our thanks and appreciation to Mr Moran, Mrs Coventry, Mrs Cox, Mrs McKean, Miss Tierney and Mr Bryant for their willingness to organise and accompany the children, as without their commitment and willingness, the excursion could not have taken place.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Yesterday, Monday 11 November, was Remembrance Day. In view of the wet weather and the difficulty of having assemblies in the heavy rain, class teachers spent some time explaining the significance of the day including the tradition of pausing for one minute’s silence to remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives while serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2015 - CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS

A reminder that applications for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2013 need to be completed and submitted by 18 November.

TERM DATES

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2013 school year for students will be Wednesday 18 December 2013. School Development Days will be held for staff on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December. In view of the variation to School Development Day held on Saturday 1 June 2013 attended by the majority of staff, the last day for those staff will be Thursday 19 December. The Thursday development day will focus on National Curriculum Science and Technology, students with special needs and stage planning in preparation for Term 1 next year. Staff who did not attend the variation day in June will be in attendance at school on Friday 20 December completing a variety of development tasks. All staff return to school next year on Tuesday 28 January 2014. Wednesday 29 January will be the first day back for students going into Years 1 through to 6 and our 2014 Kindergarten students will commence...
school on Thursday 30 January 2014. Kindergarten parents will receive a letter before the end of the term detailing their child’s starting time as well as their Best Start assessment day and time.

PREPARING FOR 2014
If you are travelling overseas during the holidays and you know that your child will be returning to school after Wednesday 29 January, I would appreciate it if you could write me a letter stating this, as it is required for enrolment audit purposes. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

STAFF NEWS
Mrs Nicole Arnold, Class Teacher of 4A (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) has received a service transfer to Harbord Public School effective from the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Whilst this is good news for Mrs Arnold since Harbord is much closer to her home, she will be a loss to our school community. Mrs Arnold was appointed to PHPS in 2005 and since that time she has made many significant contributions to the school.

I expect that the DEC Staffing Unit will inform me before the end of the year of the teacher who will replace Mrs Arnold.

In the coming weeks, the Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal Merit Selection panels will be meeting to select staff for these two very important leadership positions in our school, to take effect from the beginning of next year.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to William KK, Finlay KK, Taylor 3/4I, Ruby KB, Aiden 2F, Isabella KB, Leo 1L, Sebastian 2F, Jonathan 4A, Caitlin 6T, Tom 3L, Lily 3L and Maya 4/5M to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

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:
6T: Stephanie, William, Dylan
5/6C: Geon Ha, Mya, Blaise
4/5M: Emelie, Gabriel, Lisa, Octavio
4A: Gillian, Joey, Evie
3/4L: Thomas, Carina, Jacinta
3G: Udit, Max, Isabelle
3L: Marcus, Amanda, Abby
3P: Lachlan, Samuel, Tahlee
2 Dragons: Jared, Sophia, Jade
2 Fish: Petros, Robbie, Alejandra
2 Geckos: Annabelle, Elke, Safron
1 Hippos: Matthew, Dylan
1 Lions: Thomas, Rachel
1 Tigers: Kirkland, George
1 Zebras: Genevieve, Liam, Jonathan
K Bunnies: Eva, Harrison
K Koalas: Lara, Sidney
K Puppies: Mischa, Angus
Environment Award: Niamh KK
Computers: Beatrice KK, Marcus 1T, Kiran 2G, Nidhi 3P, Vinuk 4A, Sean 5B, Jelena 6M
ESL: Isabella KB, Rumeth KB
Indonesian: Freya KK, Claire 1T, Syhel 2G, Emma 3G, Erin 4/5M, Chelsea 5/6C, Dylan 6T

MUSIC

RECORDER ENSEMBLE 2014
This year, the recorder ensemble played in the Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music. If your child is interested in joining the ensemble for next year, please see me to get a form and come along to the rehearsal on Monday lunchtimes in the band room. This ensemble is open for students in Years 4 - 6.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR WELCOMES THE NINE NETWORK
The 2013 Schools Spectacular will be broadcast nationally on Channel 9. You can watch our students on Channel 9 Saturday 30 November 2013, with a replay on GO! Sunday 1 December 2013. Stay tuned for an update on broadcast times.

The Schools Spectacular features 3,600 students from 400 NSW public schools. It showcases the amazing talents of our students and teachers in an epic production of music, song and dance. This year is the 30th year of the Spec – one of public education’s most colourful and inspiring entertainment events. Tickets to watch the Schools Spectacular live at the Sydney Entertainment Centre are available from Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au. For more information on Schools Spectacular, go to www.schoolsspectacular.com.au

Julie Anne Stevens – Music Teacher

YEAR 6 MINI FETE FUN DAY STALLS

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Unfortunately this list was omitted from the reverse of the Mini Fete letter.

THINGS TO BUY: - most things will cost 50 cents

TEMPORARY TATTOOS – beautiful butterflies, Australiana, animals and sea-life!
HAIR SALON – get the latest “do” with our fabulous stylists
FACE PAINTING - become whoever you want with a splash of face paint!
GLITTER MY GLAM NAILS - get your fingernails painted in the latest fashion colours!
COOKIES & ICE BLOCKS – cool iceblocks and tasty cookies for sale
SANTA’S WORKSHOP & CRAFT STALL - beautiful Christmas cards and ornaments, friendship bracelets, happy sacks, reindeer pencils, bookmarks, plaster moulds and lots more!
LUCKY DIP - pick a fabulous prize from the lucky dip box!
HAIR SPRAY – what colour hair are you going to go home with?

THINGS TO DO: - most things will cost 50 cents

SUPER SNAKE STRETCH – stretch a jelly snake for your chance to win!
SPONGE THROWING - hit the target with a wet sponge and win!
TEN PIN BOWLING – how many pins can you knock down?
HAUNTED HOUSE - a spooky tour with some scary surprises!
SOCCER SHOTS - score a goal for the chance to win!
BASKETBALL SUPER SHOTS - show your skill, get one through the hoop to win!
THE AMAZING RACE - jumping, climbing, crawling and racing around the course!
FOOTY PASSING - throw a ball at a target for the chance to win!
JAIL – for a small fee send your favourite teacher to jail!
OBSTACLE COURSE – dodge the obstacles to complete this exciting course!
HAWAIIAN LIMBO and HOOLA – how low can you go under the limbo stick?

Christine Tierney - Year 6 Fun Day Coordinator

P&C REPORT

NEWS FROM P&C MEETING
At last Tuesday night’s P&C meeting, an IT working group was set up to investigate, in conjunction with the school, the technology best suited to assist with educational outcomes for our kids. If you are interested in being involved in this group, or have some expertise you would like to offer, please email pandcpresident@gmail.com

FISHER AVE/TREBOR RD DA – SUBMISSIONS DUE TOMORROW
Date for submissions for the current (3rd) amendment for the Fisher Ave/Trebor Rd development DA end tomorrow, Wednesday 13 November. Please email aj.arwilson@optusnet.com.au if you would like a soft copy of the draft letter. Submissions can be emailed directly to the Council officer in charge - GMahony@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. It is really important that we as parents and Hornsby Shire residents, persevere with our objections to the traffic implications for us all for this development.

FIRST FETE MEETING FOR FETE 2014 MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER
The first step in the journey towards the 2014 Fete will start on Monday 18 November with a meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the library. This initial meeting is to contribute to and share the plans for the fete. Critical to the success of the fete will be the valued stall coordinators and key roles performed by members of our school community willing to donate their efforts. This meeting is an opportunity to contribute to the plans, activities and stalls of the fete. Volunteers have already expressed interest in several roles/stalls providing a great start in our journey.

SCHOOL BANKING
It is never too late in the year to set up good savings habits! And coming up to Christmas is a perfect time to start. One of the proven keys to future financial success is an early start to savings. The P&C organise school banking through the Commonwealth Bank. Information kits are available at both offices and applying is easy. For each deposit, children receive a token. For every ten tokens, they get a cool prize. If you have any queries please contact Linda.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE 24 NOVEMBER
Many thanks to those parents who came to move sand at the K-2 site and instead/as well moved mulch and besa blocks.
We hope the sand moving enthusiasm spills over into the final working bee for this year on Sunday afternoon 24 November anytime between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. We will be trimming shrubs, spreading mulch in fees as well as the potential loss of our conductors and tutors. If there are any parents/caregivers who would consider sharing the role with others could you please contact me urgently.

Michele – Band Coordinator

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
BAND
Our Treasurer Sunalini emailed families their Semester 2 invoice last week. If any family has not received theirs, could they please contact me. It would be appreciated if fees could be paid as soon as possible.

YEAR 2 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
For families interested in having their child join CB3 next year, the Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to the K-2 office no later than Thursday 14 November. If you do not have a form, copies are available from the K-2 office. We will be assessing the children on their instrument choice in the coming weeks and 'Instrument Offers' will be sent home with children by Week 9.

At this stage we still do not have a Band Coordinator for 2014. The committee will be reviewing options at our next band meeting being held on Friday 22 November commencing at 7.30pm at 31 Werona Street, Pennant Hills. Band parents are warmly invited to attend. If we cannot fill the role within our school community, there is a high probability that it will be outsourced to a private company, causing an increase in fees as well as the potential loss of our conductors and tutors. If there are any parents/caregivers who would consider sharing the role with others could you please contact me urgently.
and planting to get the 3-6 site looking its best for the carols.

Chris - Gardens and Grounds Committee

I have double checked the ham used in the canteen and it is gluten free, meaning that the homemade fried rice is gluten free. I make this either at the beginning or the end of the day when no other food is being prepared to reduce the risk of cross contamination. Aroona and Quench drinks have now sold out.

Here are the rosters for this week:

K-2 Site
Wed. 13 Nov.  Lisa, Jeannie
Fri. 15 Nov.  Kathryn, Penny, Sarah
Mon. 18 Nov.  Nicola, Evelyn, Fredou

3-6 Site
Wed. 13 Nov.  Gail, Stella, Jing
Fri. 15 Nov.  Jacqui, Christy, Fiona
Mon. 18 Nov.  Nicola.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

KINDERLINKS
The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday 19 November due to attendance at the Kinderlinks program. On this date, all Kinderlink orders will be distributed in the school hall from 9.15am – 11.15am. Dr Shoe will also be in attendance on this day.

DR SHOE HOLIDAY FITTINGS
Dr Shoe will conduct a school shoe fitting session at the 3-6 site during the school holidays. The proposed date is Thursday 16 January from 9.00am – 11.00am. To express your interest and make an appointment, please reply to me as soon as possible via email at aparker9545@hotmail.com I will confirm your booking if there are sufficient numbers to go ahead.

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.

Please note last day of trading for 2013 is Tuesday 17 December.

Alison – Uniform Shop Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

PENNANT HILLS PRAYER GROUP
The Prayer Group is meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 13 November in Bellthorn Cottage commencing at 9.15am.

TAILOR MADE MASSAGE DAY
$50.00 for ½ hour massage with ALL proceeds going to the Cancer Council. Over $15 000.00 raised so far!

When: Sunday 24 November
Where: Tailor Made Physiotherapy, 2 Fisher Avenue, Pennant Hills.
Call 9481 9856 to book your appointment
Tailor Made Physiotherapy, together with the ACNT, proudly support the Cancer Council of Australia

MARIAN STREET THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
PRESENTS.........SNOW WHITE
Adapted by Helen Martin showing from 11 January – 15 March 2014. During school holidays 13-24 January Snow White will be showing on weekdays at 10.30am and 1.00pm. Saturdays 11 January – 15 March 10.30am & 1.00pm at Marian Street Theatre, 2 Marian Street, Killara.
Cost is child $20.00, adult $24.00, family of four $74.00, group booking for 15 or more $18.00 each.