Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Stage 3 students departed early yesterday morning for their three day excursion to Canberra which will complement their studies of the units Democracy in Australia and State and Federal Government, as well as supporting the school's student welfare and social skills programs. I know that the students are very grateful to the staff accompanying them, excursion coordinator Mr Moran, and staff Mrs Cox, Mrs Coventry, Miss Tierney, Mr Bryant and Mrs McKean, all of whom will be on duty for 24 hours each day, a huge commitment.

We look forward to their return at approximately 6:00pm tomorrow night and to hearing that students and staff have had a very enjoyable learning and social time.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY
Last Thursday, our Year 5 students spent a productive, thought-provoking day together at their Leadership Training Day held at the Baden Powell Centre, where under the leadership of the Year 6 student leadership team, Charlotte, Tom, Zoe, Charles, Blaise, Jasmine, Shivani, Sam, Will and Ben, they focussed on the five qualities of leadership – resilience, organisation, confidence, team skills and public speaking. Congratulations to all children on their behaviour and participation and special thanks to our Year 6 leaders who demonstrated their wonderful leadership skills throughout the day with their respective groups and shared their thoughts on being student leaders this year.

On behalf of all the children, thank you to the team of parents Kate, Deb, Joanne, Kathy, Anne, Saba and Esther, led by coordinator Marnie Finch, who all did a fantastic job feeding the children and staff.

Many thanks also go to the parents who transported the children to and from the venue, to Mr Moran for his overall organisation and coordination of the day and to teaching staff, Mrs Cox, Mrs Coventry, Mr Bryant and Mrs Lainson for their assistance with supervision of our students and facilitation of the activities throughout the day.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS
A variety of visitors come into the school grounds for many purposes. It is important for school staff to be aware of visitors who are on the school grounds for many reasons, but ultimately to ensure safety of students, staff and school property.

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To assist us to ensure the safety of all school personnel, all visitors to the school including parents, family members, community members, school maintenance contractors, delivery personnel and anyone other than enrolled students or paid employees of this school and the NSW Department of Education and Communities are required to report to the respective K – 2 or 3 – 6 office to inform the administrative staff of their presence on the school site and to explain their business or reason for being on school grounds and to sign in and out. In the event that the office is unattended, visitors must report to the principal. Parent helpers are required to sign in at the office or at their child’s classroom, noting the time of arrival and at the end of the visit, time of departure.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Patrick 5/6C, Riley KK, Emily 6T, Miles 3P, Saniya 3P, Susani 1Z, Rachel 6M, Abbi 4/5M, Sundar 3P, Isabelle 1T, Kayla 5/6C, Luke 1H, William 3G and Eva KB to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

ANTICIPATED ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
A reminder that 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
proliferate

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: Naomi, Alyssa, Joshua
6T: Olivia, Emily, Oliver
5/6C: Zoe, Chris, Jack
5B: Ellie, Sean, Iliya
4/5M: Neha, Jasmine, Eamon
4A: Elliott, Yashmin, Scott
3/4I: Owen, Tina, William
3G: Lily, Janiru, Saskia
3L: Tiara, Justin, Eden
3P: Paige, Medha, Joel

Book of the Week: Owen 3/4I
2 Dragons: Ryan, Esther, Aiden
2 Fish: Hamza, Matilda, Abby
2 Geckos: Kiran, Sam
1 Hippos: Charlotte, Oliver, Lara
1 Lions: Matilda, Harry
1 Tigers: Liam, Sarah
1 Zebras: Aiza, Alex

K Bunnies: Ruby, Maggie
K Koalas: Freya, Finlay
K Puppies: Elvin, Livia, Rhiannon

Environment Award: Aidan 2F

Indonesian: Helen KB, Divyanshi 1Z, Tiana 2F, Elliott 4A

Library: Hannah 3G

Sports People of the Week:
Stage 2: Tom 3L

SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS

Group photos can be viewed at 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
ICAS MATHS COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to all children who participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2013 Mathematics Competition completed at our school on Wednesday 7 August. Special congratulations to the following children on their achievements:

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THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND

A huge congratulations to all four bands on their performances on Saturday night at the Band Evening. The children performed brilliantly and the picnic and socialising afterwards was a lovely way to finish the night. A very big thank you to the band committee for their work in setting up and down for the bands as well as the cooking of some 300 sausages. A special thank you to Sarah for unlocking and securing the band room and hall for the event.

Unfortunately the role of Band Coordinator for 2014 is still unfilled. The committee would like to secure a new coordinator before the end of term. If we are unable to find parents/caregivers from the school community to fill this role, then the band program will need to be outsourced to a private company as has occurred with other local schools such as West Pennant Hills Public School. This would result in an increase in fees and the replacement of all tutors and conductors. The program would not exist in its current form which would be a considerable loss to both current and future musicians of our school.

Whilst the role has historically been filled by one person, going forward, it could certainly be shared between two or more people. If anyone in the school community would consider taking on the role, either by themselves or in a group and would like more information please email me.

A reminder that the 'Expression of Interest' forms for instrument selection for CB3 in 2014 need to be placed in the band box at the K-2 site by Friday 8 November. Many thanks

Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

NEXT P&C MEETING - TONIGHT 5 NOVEMBER

The next P&C meeting is tonight at 7.30pm in the library. On the agenda, along with reports from the P&C subcommittees, we will be reviewing the purchasing of new touchscreens for the school. At the last meeting in September, the P&C actually allocated more profit from the fete to technology than to the playground renovation, so the new touchscreens are an important decision. Hope to see you there.

FISHER AVE/TREBOR RD DA

Those who wrote submissions to the last amendment of this DA should have received a letter from Hornsby Council last week to notify you of the most recent amendment. The notification date has been extended until Wednesday 13 November. Information I have obtained from Hornsby Council states that this amendment STILL does not address our traffic concerns but has more to do with cosmetics such as facades and balcony finishes. PHPS is still not even mentioned in the traffic report. Clearly this is absurd given our proximity to the development. A letter regarding the development application has been drafted and is circulating by email and in the playground. I urge all parents to sign the letter or use it as a template to draft their own. The letter reiterates our traffic concerns, especially the statement that the number of extra vehicle movements expected from the development will have "statistically insignificant traffic implications to the road network", and the fact the number of car park spaces, though a little reduced in this amendment, still greatly exceeds what Hornsby Council’s parking requirements are for a development of this size. Please submit a letter. We need our concerns put on the record and it also allows us to address the JRPP where the decision on the development will ultimately be made.

GOOD GUYS CASTLE HILL

If you are going shopping, a reminder about the school partnership we have with Good Guys. When you make a purchase at Good Guys Castle Hill store, let them know you are with our school. You
will then receive vouchers that you return to the office. At the end of the year, we swap the vouchers for products for the school. In the past we have obtained, at no cost, various computer accessories, electrical equipment and cameras. Most notably we were able to get a family sized fridge for the hall kitchen.

Alison – P&C Secretary

**CANTEEN**

I am starting to work out the rosters for next year. This is the first time I have done this, so I am finding it quite daunting! If you are already on the roster and DO NOT want to continue volunteering next year, please let me know as soon as possible.

If your youngest child is currently in Year 6, I will assume that you will not be returning, so there is no need to contact me. As it stands, I know that I will be losing about eight volunteers from the 3-6 site, so I will be needing some new helpers. If you currently volunteer at the K-2 site and your child is moving to the 3-6, please let me know if you are able to volunteer there. If you have never helped at the canteen before, it would be great to have you on board.

Here is the roster for this week:

**K-2 Site**
- Wed. 6 Nov. Alison, Deborah
- Fri. 8 Nov. Ros, Elizabeth
- Mon. 11 Nov. Alison, Katie

**3-6 Site**
- Wed. 6 Nov. Michelle
- Fri. 8 Nov. Meg, Georgie, Ros
- Mon. 11 Nov. Tracey, Nicola

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

**DR SHOE**
Dr Shoe will next be attending the Uniform Shop on Thursday 28 November 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

**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. Thank you.

Leonie - Yearbook Parent Coordinator

**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**WATCH FOUND**
A watch was found at the 3-6 site last week. 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 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.

**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