Dear Parents and Carers,

2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
Last Tuesday, twenty Year 5 students nominated by their peers for 2014 student leadership positions, very capably and confidently presented their speeches to the 3 – 6 assembly after which voting took place.

I am delighted to announce that the following students have been elected to our 2014 student leadership team.

In alphabetical order, they are:
Charlotte, Patrick, Jacob, Connor, Eloise, Greta, Ben, Joshua, Kayla and Millie.

On behalf of the school community, I congratulate the students on their election.

The process to elect House Captains is getting underway this week and the names of the House Captains as well as the School Captains and Vice Captains will be published in The Pennant next week.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNA, ZARA AND ZOE
Mr Bryant and I had the pleasure of attending the Beecroft Awards for Zone Achievement (BAZA) ceremony held at Cherrybrook PS late yesterday when students from the Beecroft PSSA Zone were recognised for their outstanding achievement in a variety of sports.

Our congratulations to Anna and Zara who received Outstanding Achievement Awards for their representation in Athletics at State level.

Zoe received an Outstanding Representative Achievement Award for her representation in Tennis, Swimming, Touch, Cross Country and Athletics at school, zone and state level and was also named the Beecroft Zone Sportsperson of the Year Award.

We congratulate Anna, Zara and Zoe on their exceptional achievements this year.

K – 2 CELEBRATIONS DAY
Last Thursday, all Stage 1 children participated in Celebrations Day organised by their teachers as a culmination of the Celebrations unit they have been studying this term.

The day was very successful with every child thoroughly engaged.

Our thanks to the Stage 1 teachers for their organisation of the day, with particular thanks to Mrs Stubis who led as coordinator, Stage 1 staff, parents Mrs Ninnes, Mrs Wilson, Mr Wilson, Ms English, Mrs Nirmal, Ms Diepenbrok, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Muffet, Mrs Kim and Mrs Hall and Miss Lee and Mrs Griffith, all of whom very kindly gave their time to prepare for and run the various celebration activities.

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PARTICIPANTS
Congratulations and well done to all students who participated in the 30th Schools Spectacular last week.

Apart from performing brilliantly, they were exemplary ambassadors for our school as shown by their joy of singing and their thoughtful, considerate behaviour.

CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE/SRE SERVICE
Family and friends are welcome to join the children and teachers for the Scripture/SRE Christmas Celebration at St Mark’s Church to be held on Wednesday 11 December.

The Year 3 – 6 service will commence at 9.30am and the K – 2 service at 10.15am.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY
All parents and carers are invited to attend the school’s annual Presentation Day Assembly, to be held on Friday 13 December, commencing at
10.00am in the Pennant Hills High School Multi-Purpose Centre.

PRINCIPAL’S PIZZA LUNCH – TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER
I will be hosting the next and final Principal’s Pizza Lunch for 2013 on Tuesday 10 December. In view of the number attending the lunch on 10 December, the small number of children (not from Year 6) who hand in their three Principal’s Awards in coming days, will be invited to the first Principal’s Pizza Lunch in Term 1 next year. Be assured that I will take great care of each child’s Principal Awards in the meantime.

PREPARING FOR 2014 CLASSES
The staff and I are currently working on the formation of the anticipated 21 classes for next year which will include four x Kindergarten, three x Year 1, four x Year 2, two x Year 3, 1 x 3/4, 2 x Year 4, one x 4/5, one x Year 5, 2 x 5/6 and one x Year 6. In forming the classes, I am required to follow the DEC’s staffing formula which has resulted in the various classes as detailed above.

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION
Thank you to the families who have already very generously donated to the Parramatta Mission hamper collection. The final date for items to be brought to school will be Monday 9 December. The hampers brighten the Christmas of many less fortunate people. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARENT HELPERS’ THANK YOU MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013 AT 11.00AM – SCHOOL COLA
The staff and I are very grateful for the support and assistance which has been given to the school this year by all parents, caregivers and community members as helpers in the classroom and canteen, in sporting activities, transporting students, accepting positions of responsibility and attendance at P & C meetings, assisting with working bees, fundraising events and feedback through formal and informal means.

As a small token of our appreciation for the wonderful support which you have given to the students, staff and the school throughout 2013, the staff and I are hosting a morning tea on Wednesday 11 December, commencing at 11.00am under the hall COLA. ALL parents, carers and community members are warmly invited to attend.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Grace 1L, Annabelle 5/6C, Helen KB, Zac 1L, Megan 1T, Josiah KP, Liam 1T, Isabelle 3G, Brooke KP, Gillian 4A, Daniel 1H, Avi 3G, Jennifer 3L, Evelyn KK, Sam 1Z, Hannah 3P, Will 6T, Alice 1T, Elvin KP, Hannah 3L, Grace 2D and Justin 3L to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS
Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Grace, Joshua, Charlotte
6T: Lily, Kodi, Nathan, Kash
5/6C: Moustafa, Sebastian
5B: Shanika, Claire, Oliver
4/5M: Sachin, Ally, Charlotte
4A: Claire, Jaidon, Ansh
3/4L: Angus, Arizona, Drew
3G: Isabelle, Mallalieiu, Jessica
3L: Brandon, Sebastian, Claire
3P: Miles, Kaleb, Nicola
2 Dragons: Ethan, Isabelle
2 Fish: Tiana, Archie
2 Geckos: Caleb, Maggie, Jasmine
1 Hippos: Yuying, Jaime, Luci
1 Lions: William, William
1 Tigers: Marcus, Alyssa
1 Zebras: Lola, Krishan
K Bunnies: Tom, Alannah
K Koalas: James, Niamh, Beatrice, Harry
K Puppies: Claudia, Max, Caitlin
Computers: Matthew 3G, Elliott 4A, Heath 5A, Simone 6M
Indonesian: Aaron KB, Jack 1Z, Maggie 2G, Theresa 3G, James 4/5M, Max 5B, Naomi 6M
Music: Samuel 2G, Lachlan 2F

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK
forthcoming

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

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
TWILIGHT CAROLS EVENING INVITATION
The PHPS P&C Association presents the Twilight Carols Evening, this Friday 6 December at 6.00pm at the 3-6 site. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and partake in an evening of carols, accompanied by our choirs, bands and string ensembles. BYO picnic rug and snacks.

Glow sticks, faux candles and a sausage sizzle will be available for purchase. Sausage sandwiches will be sold for $2.00 and drinks for $1.00.
We are expecting a special guest from the North Pole. Please feel free to invite family and friends!

Michele and Dayan - Band and String Group Coordinators

BAND
Instrument offers for those families who submitted an "Expression of Interest" form were sent home with the children last Friday. If your child wanted to join CB3 next year and has not received an instrument offer, please contact me urgently.

CAROLS EVENING
The Carols Evening will be held at the 3-6 site on Friday night, commencing at 6.00pm. Could all band members please meet in the band room no later than 5.40pm to set up and tune. An email was sent on the weekend with the performance details, if any family did not receive it could they please email me urgently.

In the event of rain, Carols will be cancelled. This will be confirmed via email by 4.00pm on Friday 6 December.

Michele – Band Coordinator

STRING GROUP - STRING ENSEMBLE
Next Monday 9 December, the String Group will not be able to use the hall for our rehearsal due to the Year 6 farewell. The rehearsal will be held in Mrs Phillip's classroom (1 Lions).

On Monday 16 December we will have our final rehearsal and the String Group Christmas Party. Please bring a plate of food to share and enjoy a mini concert of Christmas Carols with the ensemble.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

MUSIC CAMP 2014
A big thank you to those students who submitted designs for the Music Camp 2014 t-shirt. The four chosen designs will be displayed in the window of the 3-6 office from this Thursday 5 December.

If you would like to vote, put your name and the number of your chosen design on a piece of paper and drop it in the box. Votes must be in by Wednesday 11 December 2013.

Remember you can only vote once.

Mark – Music Camp Committee

P&C REPORT

LAST P&C MEETING FOR THE YEAR TONIGHT 7.00PM IN THE HALL
Please join us for our final meeting for the year tonight. Our last meeting is the best meeting to attend as we share a beautiful supper with the school staff. This is a good way to say thank you to the staff for their work with our children. Supper begins at 7.00pm in the school hall. Even if you have never attended a meeting, we would love to see you in support of our great teachers.

CAROLS EVENING THIS FRIDAY 6.00PM
Remember the Carols Evening is this Friday night, commencing at 6.00pm on the oval at 3 – 6 site. This will be a wonderful evening for the whole family and we will enjoy music from the school bands, choirs and string ensemble. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks, as well as glowsticks and candles available to purchase. BYO picnic rug.

For more information, please see the band notice.

PENNANT HILLS LOCAL BUSINESS VOUCHER BOOK
The Pennant Hills Business Discount Coupon Booklet has entered the design phase and will proceed to print prior to the end of term. The booklets will provide more than $100.00 in value and support local business. Further information regarding the booklet will be communicated in due course.

Alison – P&C Secretary

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The last day for canteen this year is Friday 13 December. We will NOT be open in Week 11, on 16 and 18 December.

I will be running stock down as we get to the end of term. This may mean that not all items are available, particularly next week. If I do not have what you order, I will try to substitute it with a similar product. I apologise for the inconvenience.

However, I do not want to leave stock in the freezers during the holidays in case of power failures and also, the canteen needs to be thoroughly cleaned, freezers defrosted etc.

Here is the roster for this week.

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Thank you so much to all those who helped out on Friday in my hour of need. I really would have struggled to get anywhere near to completing the lunch orders without you all. Special thanks to Rachel and Charlotte in Year 6 who helped count the money before school.

I have nearly sorted out the roster for next year. If I have included you without confirming and you are no longer able to help, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, if I have inadvertently omitted
UNIFORM SHOP

YEAR 2, 2014 SPORTS UNIFORM
Year 1 parents please note that orders for sports uniforms are being finalised this week. All orders will be delivered to the students' class in readiness for 2014.

MUSIC FOLIOS
Orders for Music Folios for the Band Program 2014 close on Monday 10 December. Music Folios will be distributed to your child with their instrument and band folder in Term 1, 2014.

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 FOR 2014
The last day of trading for 2013 will be Tuesday 17 December. The Uniform Shop will reopen on the following dates and times in Week 1, Term 1, 2014: Tuesday 28 January 2014, Staff Development Day: 8.45am – 10.45am. Wednesday 29 January 2014, Years 1-6 students return: 8.45am – 10.45am. Thursday 30 January 2014, Kindergarten students commence: 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Hours will revert to normal the following week.

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

YEAR 6 DRINKS
Year 6 parents are invited to end of year drinks at Dave and Janet’s house, 42b Victoria Road, Pennant Hills on Friday 13 December from 7.00pm. BYO drinks and a plate. Please RSVP.

BEECROFT CHERRYBROOK TRY RUGBY DAYS @ PENNANT HILLS No. 3 OVAL
Beecroft Cherrybrook Try Rugby Days at Pennant Hills No. 3 oval are taking place on 8 December for U6-U9’s and 15 December for U10-U12’s. Please call 0402 677 180 if you have any queries.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

FULL DAY CARE ON UPCOMING SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS: CLOSING DATE THIS FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER
BASC will be trialling opening on the upcoming School Development Days (pupil free days) for full day care from 7.15am – 6.00pm. The dates for these trials are: Thursday 19 December 2013, Friday 20 December 2013 and Tuesday 28 January 2014.

December bookings close THIS Friday 6 December 2013 and January bookings close on Friday 11 January 2014. No changes to bookings can be made after the close dates.

For more information and/or a program for the above dates, please contact the centre on 9481 8696, email pennanthillsbasc@bigpond.com or drop into the centre.

you from the roster and you wish to help, please let me know. There are still some spaces to be filled, so please consider volunteering if you are able to help. Working in the canteen is a great way to be involved in your child’s school and is very rewarding. Children love to see their parents helping – not least because they often get bought extra treats! If you are unable to commit to a whole day at the 3-6 site, it is possible to do a shift from 12.00pm - 2.00pm.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager