Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2 and in particular to new students and their families who have joined us. I trust that all families were able to enjoy the holidays.

CANTEEN NEWS
At the end of last term, the P & C conducted interviews for the position of Canteen Manager. Mrs Carolyn was appointed to the position and she commenced duty today. On behalf of the school community, I welcome Mrs Carolyn to our school.

I take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the work of Mrs Corinne who was Relieving Canteen Manager in Term 1. Mrs Corinne did a wonderful job enabling the smooth running of the canteen throughout the term and has also very kindly agreed to provide handover assistance to Mrs Carolyn as she settles into her new position.

CONGRATULATIONS GRETA AND TO PSSA BOYS OZTAG TEAM
Congratulations to Greta 4/5M who qualified for the Sydney North Regional Girls’ soccer team late last term and congratulations also go to the Boys’ Oztag team who won the PSSA competition last term. The Boys’ Softball team finished runners up. The two girls’ teams were unplaced but played well. Our thanks to Mr Bryant and Miss Tierney for their training and supervision of the various teams.

TERM 2 ACTIVITY PAYMENTS
Information relating to Term 2 activity payments accompanies this newsletter. Activities payment days will be next week on Wednesday 8 May for Years 3 – 6 and families and Thursday 9 May for K – 2.

Please note that the school was advised on the second last day of Term 1 that Miss Lalor is unable to teach class dance lessons for the last three weeks of Term 2. As a result, the dance tuition cost will now be $18.00 per child for Term 2, not $28.00 as you were advised in the last school newsletter.

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Dates for Your Diary

TERM 2

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TERM 2 Week 2

| Mon. 13 May   | Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing |
| Tues. 14 May  | Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Reading |
| Thurs. 16 May | Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Numeracy |
| Fri. 17 May   | NAPLAN catch-up day |

Term 2 Week 3

| Mon. 20 May   | Last Life Education lessons |
| Tues. 21 May  | Stage 2 CSIRO incursion |
| Wed. 22 May   | Zone Cross Country |
| Thurs. 23 May | CB1 PHHS Music Festival |
| Fri. 24 May   | Walk Safety to School Day |

Sun. 26 May

TERM 2 Week 5

| Mon. 27 May   | Zone Cross Country back-up date |
| Tues. 28 May  | Stage 2 CSIRO incursion |
|               | Living in Australia parent session 1 |
| Fri. 31 May   | PSSA |

TERM 2 Week 6

| Mon. 3 June   | Stage 3 Lego Robotics |
| Tues. 4 June  | 9.30am Kinder 2014 Open Day |
|               | 9.30am Living in Australia parent session 2 |
|               | 11.30am - 1.00pm Year 6 Girls Managing Menstruation |
|               | 7.30pm P & G Meeting |
| Fri. 7 June   | PSSA |
|               | Last day of Dance for Term 2 |

TERM 2 Week 7

| Mon. 10 June  | Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday |
| Tues. 11 June | 9.30am Living in Australia parent session 3 |
| Wed. 12 June  | 7.00pm Musical Evening at PHHS |
| Thurs. 13 June| Area Cross Country |
| Fri. 14 June  | Musica Viva |
|               | PSSA |

TERM 2 Week 8

| Mon. 17 June  | Stage 3 Lego Robotics |
| Tues. 18 June | 9.30am Living in Australia parent session 4 |
| Thurs. 20 June| 11.00am K-2 Sports Day |
| Fri. 21 June  | PSSA |
APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2014
All parents/carers of Year 4 students should today receive a letter providing information regarding the process of applying for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2014. All applications, whether online or in paper form, must be submitted no later than Friday 17 May 2013. The Opportunity Class Test will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA - FRIDAY 10 MAY FROM 3.30PM
If you are able to attend, please return the tear-off slip from the letter sent home late last term together with payment of $6.00 per family in a clearly marked envelope to the school by this Friday 3 May 2013.

CONTACT DETAILS
It would be appreciated if you could please advise Mrs Cohen, our School Administrative Manager, as soon as possible, of any changes to details relating to your address or telephone contact numbers or those of emergency contacts. This information is vital so that we can contact you in case of any emergency.

KINDERGARTEN 2014 OPEN DAY – TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2013
Parents of children turning 5 before 31 July 2014 and who intend starting their children at school next year, are invited to attend our Kindergarten 2014 Open Day to be held on Tuesday 4 June commencing at 9.30am in the school hall. The morning will be an opportunity to learn more about the school. Interested parents will be provided with an information pack on the day which will include an Application to Enrol form. Please note that the child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation Record should be brought to the school with the enrolment form once completed. If you are unable to attend the Open Day on 4 June, please contact Mrs Cohen to request that an information pack be sent to you.
We are very grateful to Mr David of Adventure Advertising Pty Ltd who once again has very generously donated time and resources for the design and printing of our Open Day posters and flyers.

TEACHER TRAINEE PRAC. STUDENTS
Staff at our school support the training of teachers through their acceptance of prac. students at different times throughout the year. This term we welcome Miss Jaime from UTS who will be with Mrs Mackay and Mrs Partridge and 1 Tigers early this term and Miss Emily from Macquarie University who will be with Mrs Hiley and Kinder Puppies on various days throughout Terms 2 and 3, beginning Wednesday 8 May.

STAFF NEWS
Our best wishes are with Mrs Pam Miskelly, Learning and Support Teacher, who underwent surgery yesterday for a total knee replacement. Mrs Miskelly will be recuperating and undergoing necessary rehabilitation for the whole of Term 2. During her absence, Mrs Janelle Brown, who is well known to our students, will be working with staff, students and parents in the Learning and Support teacher role.

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Miskelly at the beginning of Term 3.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Jonathan 1Z, Sneha 6T, Lizzie 4A, Jaiden 1T, Yashmin 4A, James 2G, Ashton 5B, Daniel 1H, James 3P and Claire to whom I presented a Principal’s Award in the last week of Term 1.

With my very best wishes to families,

Penny Willis
Principal

A MESSAGE FROM BARRY O’FARRELL, MP, PREMIER OF NSW
I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the “Gonski” national education reforms. This is great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children.

The agreement will deliver an additional $5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government’s education reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering principals and school communities to make local decisions.

I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Katherine, Jack, Nathan
6T: Dylan, Eden
5/6C: Moustafa, Henry, Chris
5B: Max, Jean, Timon
4/5M: Gabe, Abbi, Guy
4A: Isaac, Molly, Emma
3/4T: Hansuh, Arizona, Angus
3G: Emma, Mallalieu, Avi, Grace
3L: Mitchell, Brandon
3P: Nidhi, Nicola, Joel
2 Dragons: Jimmy, Jacob
2 Fish: Sebastian, Aditya
2 Geckos: Amelie, Syhel Pirzad, Maggie Bulkeley
1 Lions: Jacinta, Claudine, Sairsha, Sebastian
1 Tigers: Megan, Alyssa
K Bunnies: Sam, Tom, Maddie
K Koalas: Tereza, Eddy, Lara
K Puppies: Kieran, Jack
ESL: Isaac 4A, Lucas 5/6C
Indonesian: Rhiannon KP, Thomas 1L, Harry 2F

SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD
The results of the final round of summer PSSA against Beecroft PS were:
Oztag Boys won 11-8  Oztag Girls lost 5-8
Softball Boys won 11-7  Softball Girls drew 7-7

The overall standing of our teams were:
Oztag Boys 1st place  Oztag Girls 4th place
Softball Boys 2nd place  Softball Girls 5th place

Congratulations on a fine season to all players, particularly Boys Oztag. Well done!

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

DANCE

A reminder that there are no dance groups this week. Dance will recommence next week on Thursday 9 May.

LIFE EDUCATION PARENT SESSION

Interested parents are invited to attend a special session to provide information on the aims of life education for our students. The session will be held at K-2 site on Monday 13 May at 9.30am.

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

STRING GROUP
Welcome to Term 2. String Ensemble and Festival rehearsals will begin next Monday 6 May at the usual times.
Term fees will remain at $65.00 per student ($60.00 if paid before Friday 17 May) plus $30.00 for FSE students. Hans will issue invoices next week. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

P&C REPORT

I hope you have all had a fun and relaxing break and are ready to start the action packed Term 2. There are many things happening even in this first week, so here’s the heads up:

NEW CANTEEN MANAGER
It is with great pleasure that the P & C announces the appointment of Mrs Carolyn as our new Canteen Manager. Carolyn brings experience in working in both primary and high school canteens. We look forward to working with her and warmly welcome her to our school community. Mrs Corinne has been acting in the position of manager since the beginning of this year. She has done a fabulous job, going over and above the call of duty to make the canteen operational. We are very grateful to her for the work she has done for us.

LOLLY MUFTI DAY TOMORROW
Remember that our last fete mufti day is tomorrow. For this mufti day, we would appreciate if students could donate a bag of lollies to be used as prizes for our fete. Please check the list to see what type of lollies your child’s class has been allocated to bring in. If you cannot remember, please check the school website – click on the P&C tab, 2013 School Fete, 9 April fete handout.

Remember our next fete meeting is next Monday 6 May.
There are only 25 days until our fabulous fun-filled family fete on Sunday 26 May.

BUNNINGS BBQ AND FETE FLYER LETTERBOX DROP
Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the Bunnings BBQ this Saturday 4 May at Bunnings Thornleigh. Tell your friends and family to come along and support the BBQ and the fete. If you are able to help with the fete flyer letterbox drop, please contact Alison. More details will follow in next week’s Pennant.

RAFFLE TICKETS
How is the sale of your raffle tickets going? Just a reminder that if you would like to be part of the first early bird draw and win some great prizes, please return any sold raffle ticket books to the office by Friday 3 May.
If you wish to sell additional raffle tickets or if you need help selling your current tickets, then why not book a timeslot to sell raffle tickets at the local shopping centres. This coming week, we are setting up shop at Bunnings on Saturday 4 May, Pennant Hills Marketplace on Sunday 5 May and Thornleigh Marketplace on Wednesday 8 May.
If you are holding any unsold raffle tickets books, please return them so that others can sell them. Thank you for your help. For more information, please contact Louise.

**P&C MEETING NEXT TUESDAY 7 MAY**
The next P&C meeting is on next Tuesday 7 May at 7.30pm in the library. At this meeting, we will be reviewing the landscape design plans for the transformation of the K – 2 playground, especially the dirt slope and sandpit area. Come along to look at the plans and give your feedback. P & C meetings finish by 9.30pm.

**MOTHERS DAY GIFT STALL – TUESDAY 7 MAY**
The P&C is running the annual Mother’s Day gift stall for the children next week on Tuesday 7 May. If you have not yet paid your $5.00 for your child to be able to purchase a gift from the stall, it is not too late to do so. The permission note is on the school website (under “Our School” and then “Notes” on the bottom of the menu). Please note that all payments must be received by this Friday 3 May.

Alison - P&C Secretary

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**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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**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**ENGLISH CLASSES AT ST MARK’S ANGLICAN CHURCH**
Learn or practise English in a friendly and relaxed group at English for Life classes. Mondays 9.30am to noon, during term time, commencing Tuesday 29 April 2013 at St Mark’s Anglican Church Pennant Hills, corner Rosemount Avenue and Warne Street, Pennant Hills. Morning tea is provided and a crèche is available for children. Cost $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, visit www.stmarks.com.au

**BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE DURAL – MUMS AND KIDS NIGHT**
We invite you to celebrate Mother’s Day 2013 with us on Thursday 9 May from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. We will be featuring a very special “Tea Ritual Ceremony”. A fascinating presentation to enlighten us about tea, mindfulness and meditation – as seen on “Sydney Weekender”. There will also be a baby animal farm with cuddly baby animals to keep kids happy and content and our Dulux expert Darren will join us to demonstrate and discuss brand new product and the art of colour selection for homes. A fun, free night out for the family. Refreshments will be provided. Bookings are required. Contact duralao@bunnings.com.au or call 9653 7500.

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**CANTEEN**
To all of our wonderful canteen volunteers, thank you so very much for the support and encouragement you have shown me over the past term.
A reminder to the K-2 volunteers, please meet in the staff car park at 12.50pm so we can distribute the lunch baskets to the classrooms. Following is this week’s roster.

**K-2 Site**
Wed. 1 May – Melinda, Alison
Fri. 3 May – Joanne, Mala
Mon. 6 May – Ranu, Rebecca, Anne

**3-6 Site**
Wed. 1 May – Melinda, Michelle, Fiona
Fri. 3 May – Kathryn, Joanne, Leonie, NEED ONE MORE PLEASE
Mon. 6 May – Jenni, Hilary, Anne

Corinne - Relieving Canteen Manager

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**WINTER UNIFORM**
All students are required to wear the winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. Winter stock is available for purchase. Orders can be placed for winter uniforms and the items will be delivered to your child’s class, or alternatively you may attend the shop during opening hours.

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