Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the staff for their organisation of and preparation for our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea which was held last Friday afternoon after school and to thank all mothers, grandmothers and families who attended. It was a delightful way to finish off a busy week. I trust that all families enjoyed the weekend and in particular, Mother’s Day.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
We’re taking it in our stride on Friday 24 May 2013, Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school;
- If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop;
- If you need to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental issues and diabetes, but also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

I hope that every family will participate in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24 May.

LIFE EDUCATION
Life Education lessons commenced last Thursday. Unfortunately, the presenter was unwell yesterday and the replacement teacher was unable to present the parent information session planned for 9.30am. We apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result. The presenter was unavailable for the lessons planned for today (6T, 2D and 1L). These will now be taught on Tuesday next week, 21 May.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Jack Robertson of 3/4I who has been selected for the Under 10 Eastwood Junior Rugby Union Development squad.
Congratulations also go to Oliver Hughes, 6T and Will Hill 6T who are representing Beecroft Zone in the Sydney North Rugby Union trials, and Zoe Warland, 6T who is representing Beecroft Zone in the Girls Touch trial against Ryde Zone.

APPLICATIONS FOR OC PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2014
If you intend applying for OC placement in Year 5 2014 for your current Year 4 child, please ensure that you complete and return the slip attached to the letter sent home earlier this term. All applications, whether online or in paper form, must be submitted no later than this coming Friday 17 May 2013. The Opportunity Class Test will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

LIVING IN AUSTRALIA
The “Living in Australia” course is being offered to parents at our school this term. The course, commencing on Tuesday 28 May, will be of five weeks’ duration commencing at 9.30am and finishing by 12 noon on Tuesdays 28 May, 4, 11, 18 and 25 June 2013. The course, which will take place in Bellthorn Cottage on the K – 2 site, will provide a range of information to assist people from different cultural backgrounds to settle successfully in Australia.
Topics include:
- Schooling in NSW
- Australian teaching styles
- How to support your child at home
- Health Education
- Safety Issues
All parents are welcome to attend. For further information, please see Mrs Angela Krivohlavy, our ESL Teacher.

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.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Ethan 2D, Thomas 6M, Alex 1Z, Aditya 2F, Akash 2G and Oliver 5B to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Jean, Alex, Anna
6T: Shivani, Sneha, Ben
5/6C: Joshua, Millie, Evrim
5B: Kathleen, Shanika, Oliver
4/5M: Ellen, Lisa, Dan, Eamon
4A: Max, Chloe, Richard
3/4I: Jen Jen, Owen, Marwa
3G: Zofia, Janiru, Isabelle
3L: Oliver, Jennifer, Jethro
3P: Ishan, Medha, William
2 Dragons: Lucy, Sebastian, Isabella
2 Fish: Matilda, Shreya, Robbie
2 Geckos: Maggie, Karina, Caleb
1 Hippos: Jaime, Angus, Charlotte
1 Lions: Claudine, Matilda, Leo
1 Tigers: Alyssa, George, Finnian
1 Zebras: Sam, Toga, Divyanshi
K Bunnies: Jade, Maddie, Alannah
K Koalas: Freya, Matilda, Niamh
K Puppies: Kieran, Anais
Environment Award: Cayla 2F, Aiden 2F, Max 2F, Anastasia 5/6C
Computers: Lara KK, Charlotte 1H, Shreya 2F
Ishan 3P, Naren 4/5M, Mia 5B, Blaise 5/6C
Library: Freya 5B, Charlie 6M, Ellie 5B
Music: Evelyn 3/4I, Zoe 6T
Indonesian Award: Arjonil KK, Archie 1H, Elke 2G
Book of the Week: Anthea 3/4I
Sports People of the Week: Ellen 4/5M and Ryan 4/5M.
PSSA Best and Fairest Player: Charlotte 4/5M

SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD
Last Friday we played Beecroft Public School
Netball A - Pennant Hills defeated Beecroft 18-16; Netball B Pennant Hills drew 1-1 with
Beecroft
Soccer A Pennant Hills lost 0-4 to Beecroft; Soccer Pennant Hills def Beecroft 1-0.

This Friday we play Dural PS at Greenway Oval, Cherrybrook.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND NEWS
CB1 will be performing at Pennant Hill High School's Musical Evening on Wednesday 22
May from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. The high school have requested that we arrive by 6.30pm to
allow time for warm up and set up. Further
details will be emailed later in the week.

There will be a Band Committee meeting on
Thursday 16 May at 31 Werona Street,
Pennant Hills at 7.30pm, everyone is most
welcome
Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

K – 2 LANDSCAPING PLANS
The fete this year is raising money for some
much needed landscaping at the K – 2 site to
assist with the drainage and erosion issues
and also to renovate and rejuvenate the sand
pit and the play area around the play
equipment. The preliminary plans will be
loaded to the P&C website in the ensuing days
– go to www.phps-pandc.org. If you would
like to give feedback about the plans, please
submit feedback in writing by 24 May 2013 to
pandcpresident@gmail.com.

FETE FLYER LETTERBOX DROP
We need helpers to drop fete flyers in the
letterboxes in your street.
We are looking for volunteers to drop off fete
leaflets in your street or nearby area in the
weeks leading up to Sunday 26 May. If you
have a child who delivers the local paper, we
would especially love them to put the flyer in
with the papers they deliver.

If you are able to help, please contact Alison
or fill in the box below and return it to school in
an envelope marked LETTERBOX DROP.

Return to office:
P&C FETE LETTERBOX DROP
Name: ………………………………………
Address: ………………………………………
Phone: ………………………………………
Child’s name:……………………………Class: …

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you for supporting the Mother’s Day
stall. The money raised will go towards
assisting the school to replace some
smartboards which are greatly needed.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE NEXT SUNDAY
Next Sunday 19 May we will be putting the
finishing touches to our beautiful K-2 site so
the school looks its very best for the fete. One
task is to give the westringia hedge around
the hall a haircut, so any hedge trimmers would
be welcome. Please let me know if you are able
to provide a mulcher to transform the hedge
clippings into mulch. Other shrubs also need
trimming so please bring clippers, loppers,
rakes and wheel barrows if you have them.
Please join us for whatever time you can spare
between 1.00pm and 3.00pm next Sunday.

Chris (for Gardens and Grounds Committee)

CANTENE

A huge thank you to Corinne Johnston for all
the help and support she has given me to ease
me into this job comfortably. Thanks also to
the volunteers I’ve met in the past two weeks.
This school has a well supported canteen and
I look forward to meeting many more parents.

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 15 May - Jenny, Rebecca  
Fri 17 May - Kathryn, Penny, Sarah Mon 20  
May - Nicola, Chantal, Evelyn

**3-6 Site**
Wed 15 May - Gail, Tracey, Jill  
Fri 17 May - Madeline, Fiona, Jacqui  
Mon 20 May - Christy, Nicola

If you are unable to make your canteen day, could you please organise a swap with another volunteer from your roster sheet. I look forward to meeting you all.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**PENNANT HILLS PS PRAYER GROUP**  
Join us to pray for our school.  
When: Wednesday 15 May 2013  
Time: 9.15 – 9.45am  
Where: Bellthorn Cottage

Contact: Jo  
pray4phps@gmail.com

**BEECROFT FIRE & RESCUE NSW**  
The Annual Open Day is this Saturday 18 May from 10.00am to 2.00pm at 10 Beecroft Road. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and learn all about fire safety in the home.

**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

**SYDNEY NORTH REGION SCOUTS & GUIDES GANG SHOW**  
Dancing, singing, comedy, drama and a cast of over 100 local talented scouts and guides are performing *We’ve Got The Beat* Gang Show which is being held at Asquith Boys’ High School Theatre. For more information refer to the leaflet in the office window or www.gangshow.com

**PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN**  
A seminar for parents of anxious children aged 4-10 years will be held on Thursday 30 May 2013 from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Hillview Community Health Centre 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. For more information phone 9477 9190

**PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO**  
A disco will be held on Saturday 25 May 2013 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm for children aged 8-12 years at PCYC Performing Arts Centre 22 Waitara Avenue Waitara. Tickets are $9.00 with a sibling discount of $5.00 per person. Books essential 9477 2310 or Hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au