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On behalf of the school community, our thanks to Chris Laing of the P & C Gardens and Grounds Committee who did a wonderful job organising and coordinating the many tasks to be accomplished, and to parents and community members Laurie and Christine, Chris, Jason, Grant, Peter, Brodie, Damon, Heidi, Roger and Jenny for their hard work. Their collective efforts have ensured that the K – 2 grounds are looking their best in preparation for the school fete on Sunday.

Term 2 Activity Payments
Many thanks to all families who paid their Term 2 Activity payments last week. It would be appreciated if any outstanding payments could be made as soon as possible.
If any family is experiencing financial difficulty in regard to these payments, please contact me as soon as possible to confidentially discuss payment support.

Walk Safely to School Day
This coming Friday 24 May 2013 is Walk Safely to School Day.
Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you) beat chronic problems such as 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.

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, Immunisation Records and Proof of Address 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.

Parents’ Guide to the New NSW Syllabuses Incorporating the National Curriculum
Resources to support parents understand the new NSW K–10 syllabuses incorporating Australian curriculum are now available free on http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/support-materials/parents-guide from the NSW Board of Studies website. The resources provide clear and important messages about the four new syllabuses: English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, and History.

Northern Sydney Region Student Services Forum
An invitation is extended to all parents of students accessing Northern Sydney Region Student Services Programs to attend an information sharing meeting with other parents and regional representatives.
Guest Speaker, Barbara Lewis, Manager, Carer Support Services, Northern Sydney Health, will talk on the topic “How parents/carers can decrease their anxiety by working effectively in partnership with their schools”.
Date: Friday 21 June 2013
Time: 10.00am to 12 noon
Venue: Lindfield East Public School Hall, 90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield
For further information and to RSVP your attendance, please contact Kate McCosker, Student Welfare Consultant, 9987 3900 or email kate.mccosker@det.nsw.edu.au

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.

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to Isabelle 3G, Rachel 3P, Lucy 2D, Tiara 3P, Abigail 2F, Archie 1H, Anna 6M, Sebastian 2D, Brandon 3L, Joshua 5/6C, Mitchell 3P, Divyanshi 1Z, Elke 2G, Zoe 6T and Alex 1Z to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.
With my very best wishes to families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Katherine, Nathan, Sam
6T: William, Charles, Mary
5/6C: Sumukhi, Tim, Síán, Patrick
5B: Zach, Freya, Sean
4/5M: Octavio, Ty, Morgan
4A: Jonathan, Emma, Charlotte
3/4I: Anthea, Jessica, Andrew
3G: Jessica, Finn, Aaron
3L: Claire, Khushi, Marcus
3P: Samuel, Saniya, Mitchel

Book of the Week:
Jacob 5/6C

PSSA SCOREBOARD
Last week we played Dural PS.
Soccer A won 3-2 Soccer B won 5-0
Netball A lost 25-30 Netball B won 11-10

This Friday we play Epping West PS at Pennant Hills Park.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items in the 3-6 lost property box located in the office, such as glasses, car alarm remote controls, car keys, watches and jewellery. Please ask at the counter if you have misplaced anything of value.

Cheryl Cohen – School Administrative Manager

BAND
A reminder that CB1 are performing at Pennant Hills High School’s Musical Evening on Wednesday night. Could students please meet in full school uniform in the high school library at 6.30pm. The concert will conclude at 8.00pm.

Final information regarding the fete entertainment program will be emailed to all band students before Friday.

Best wishes go to CB1 who are competing in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod at the Concourse, Chatswood next Monday.

Michele – Band Coordinator

STRING GROUP
Please take note of the fete entertainment schedule. The String Ensemble will be performing at 10.25am next Sunday. Please ensure all students are at Mrs Griffith’s classroom no later than 10.15am for tuning. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

P&C REPORT

The fete is this weekend! Thank you for all your help to make it a successful day.

RIDING TICKETS
Online bookings for all day wristbands are open until 6.00pm on Saturday 25 May. Please go to www.trybooking.com/CRXU.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Please return ALL raffle books to the office, even if you have not sold the tickets. We can sell them at the gate on fete day.

CAKE AND LOLLY STALLS
We need help for more goodies to sell at the fete. If you can make a cake or three, or whole slices, please fill out the cake boxes form in the fete insert or email me. If you can make homemade sweets like fudge, toffee, rocky road etc. please contact Elizabeth or email me.

FETE FLYER LETTERBOX DROP – THORNLEIGH, WESTLEIGH, WPH, BEECROFT
Pennant Hills has been blitzed - thank you to all the fabulous letterbox droppers. We still have more flyers to cover more areas, and we are still looking for help to letterbox areas of West Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Beecroft and Westleigh.
If you are able to help, please contact me or fill in the box below and return it to school in an envelope market “Letterbox Drop”.

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
To School Office – LETTERBOX DROP

I would like to drop off letterbox leaflets.

Name………………………………………
Address……………………………………
Phone……………………………………
Childs Name ………
Class ………

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 have now been loaded to the P&C website – go to www.phps-pandc.org and click on the link to the landscaping plans under General Information. If you would like to give feedback about the plans, please send an email by 2 June 2013 to pandcpresident@gmail.com.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE
The K-2 site is looking beautiful and is ready to receive the many visitors on fete day and in June for the Kindergarten Open Day. Many thanks to Jim Cox, our very hardworking General Assistant, for his efforts throughout the year to keep the school grounds immaculate. Thanks also to the cheerful and energetic team who made time in a very busy weekend to complete some important jobs on K-2 site. Dave and Mark will remove some rubbish this week to put in the finishing touches. Great work everyone.

Chris - Gardens and Grounds Committee

YEAR 6 YEARBOOK

We are looking for group photos under the following themes: Milson Island 2011, Dance Spectacular photos from Years 1, 3 and 5, past Band photos for CB3 and CB2, Dance Group photos for the past seven years, plus individual Kindergarten photos. We need everyone’s favourite pic. Could you please email them as jpegs or contact me if you need to organise scanning.

Leonie – Yearbook Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

CELEBRATE AND GUARANTEE GONSKI
Put up your hand to celebrate and guarantee Gonski at Stewart House, Lower Grounds, Carrington Parade, South Curl Curl on Saturday 25 May from 11.30am to 1.30pm. There will be speeches, free lunchtime barbeque and Gonski cake cutting at 12.30pm.

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 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

CANTEEN

Here is the roster for this week in the canteen.

K-2 Site.
Wed. 22 May  Emi, Wendy, Julie
Fri. 24 May  Leanne, Rikky
Mon. 27 May  Nara, Liz, Jennifer

3-6 Site
Wed. 22 May  Rachael, Janet, Fiona
Fri. 24 May  Karen, Sue, Mehala
Mon. 27 May  Kate, Michelle, Ranu

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please try to arrange a swap with someone or let me know as soon as possible.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager