Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all children on their efforts and participation in last Fridays’ school Cross Country Carnival and a huge thank you to Mrs Coventry and Mrs Lainson for their organisation of the day and liaison with all the school community, all staff for their support and assistance and the many parents and carers who came on the day to support and encourage the children in their efforts.

Special thanks go to Corinne who ordered the ice blocks and with the canteen helpers, coordinated the mammoth task of delivering K – 6 lunch orders to the K – 2 site and to Libby who ensured the distribution of the ice blocks to help refresh the runners.

The first five place getters in each age group will have the opportunity to compete in the Zone Cross Country to be held at Fagan Park on Wednesday 22 May.

Our thanks to Mrs Marni who has offered once again to conduct training sessions for Zone participants on Monday and Friday mornings and on two Saturdays at Fagan Park. Zone participants have received a letter giving precise details and parents are requested to give signed permission if they would like their child to participate in the training.

Cross Country ribbons were presented at the Year 3 – 6 assembly held this afternoon.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL AND AFTERNOON TEA

Our thanks to the P & C for their organisation of the Mother’s Day stall this year. Children had the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother or special person today. Particular thanks to Jacinda and the parent helpers who assisted the children to make their choices.

I look forward to seeing mothers, grandmothers and families at our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea on Friday afternoon this week, 10 May, commencing at 3.30pm on the hall COLA.

On behalf of the school community, I wish all mothers, grandmothers, carers and families at our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea on Friday afternoon this week, 10 May, commencing at 3.30pm on the hall COLA.

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 sessions, which will take place in Bellthorn Cottage on the K – 2 site, will provide a range of information to assist people from

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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.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)
Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN tests with the Language Conventions and Writing tasks to be held on Tuesday 14 May, Reading on Wednesday 15 May and Numeracy on Thursday 16 May. There will be a NAPLAN make-up day on Friday 17 May for any students who are unable to sit any of the tests on the set days due to illness.
We wish all students the very best.

LIFE EDUCATION LESSONS
Life Education lessons commence on Thursday this week 9 May and will continue until Monday 20 May 2013. There will be a parent information session next Monday 13 May from 9.30am until 11.00am, to which all parents and carers are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 10 May.

PENNANT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL
Life Education
Parent Information session 2013
I will be attending the parents’ Information session to be held on Monday 13 May commencing at 9.30am.
Name: …………………………………………….
Child’s Class: ………………….

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.

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 last week. 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.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK
incisive

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 Brandon 5B, Nicola 3P, Patrick 3G, Lisa 4/5M, Tahlia 3/4I, Ben 5B, Jasmine 5/6C, Max 5B, Syhel 2G and Harry 2F to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

STAFF NEWS
I have been informed by the DEC Staffing Unit that Mr Glen Walsh, who is currently teaching at Darlinghurst Public School, has been appointed to our school. It is anticipated that Mr Walsh will commence duty here in several weeks’ time. Mr Walsh is very excited about his appointment to our school and looks forward to getting to know our school community, and in particular, our students.

With my very best wishes to families,
Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
2 Dragons: Claire, Leo, Ethan
2 Fish: Sarah, Aditya, Shruti
2 Geckos: Vincent, Annabelle, Amelie
1 Hippos: Yuying, Jaime, Oliver
1 Lions: Jordan, James
1 Tigers: Charles, Sarah
1 Zebras: Alex, Genevieve
K Bunnies: Jacob, Sam
The PSSA winter competition starts on Friday this week. We play Beecroft PS at Cheltenham Oval.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

MUSIC

CELEBRATION OF THE PERFORMING ARTS
Auditions will be held this Friday 10 May for the CoPA evening. This is for small individual or group items. You could sing, dance or play an instrument. Please collect a note from either Ms Stevens or the office or alternatively, you can send me an email. Please return notes and emails by tomorrow. I will put a schedule on the Band room window on Thursday for the auditions that will be held on Friday morning. If we need more auditions, I will do them the following week.

Thank you.

Julie Anne Stevens – Music Teacher

STAGE 2 CSIRO INCURSION
Stage 2 students are learning about Simple Machines this term. They will be participating in a CSIRO workshop on Simple Machines. On Tuesday 21 May, 3L, 3P, 3G and half 4M will attend and on Tuesday 28 May 3/4I, 4A and the balance of 4M will attend. The workshops will take place in the hall and the cost of this incursion is included in the Term 2 activities payment.

Tania Siratkov – Coordinating Teacher

STEWART HOUSE
Stewart House envelopes are being sent home today to all families. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please return your donations to the office by Thursday 16 May. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you.

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND
I hope that everyone had a fabulous break. Term 2 has many wonderful performing opportunities for all four bands. Further details regarding these will be forwarded to families in the next few weeks. Below is the definitive fete day performance schedule. This replaces the one published last term. Please contact the relevant conductor/coordinator if your child is not able to perform as scheduled.

2013 FETE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
10:00 Announcements
10:05 Year 2 Dance Performance Group
10:10 Recorder Group
10:15 Trebor Singers (All Year 2)
10:25 String Ensemble
10:50 Stage 2 Dance Performance Group
10:55 CB3
11:10 Boys’ Dance Performance Group
11:15 Weemala Choir
11:25 CB2
11:40 Stage 3 Performance Dance Group
11:45 Greycliffe Choir (Combined Choir)
11:55 Stage Band
12:15 Ramsay Choir
12:30 CB1
12:50 Set up time for High School
1:00 Pennant Hills High School Bands

Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

FETE BUNNINGS BARBEQUE
Thank you to the following families who helped with an exceptionally successful Bunnings BBQ and the selling of raffle tickets; Jen, Paul, Bec, Felicity and Isabella, Andrew and Patrick, Jamie, Audrey, Reza, Patrick and Jonathon, Dayan, Mal, Zoe and Zara, Ping, Ricky and Jasmine, Greg, Andrew, Alison, Grace and Tim, Mike and Evie, Mary, Annemarie and Freya, Mel, Will, and Max, Ross, Lauren and Matthew, Sarah and Kathleen, and Mary, Nick, Eva and Sue and Megan. The weather was perfect and we all had a very fun day. We raised a whopping $1600.00!

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thank you for supporting the Mother’s Day stall today. A big thank you to Jacinda and her team of helpers who helped at the stalls. The children had fun picking a gift for the lucky mums and carers to get this Sunday. Enjoy.

RAFFLE NEWS
The second early bird draw for returning your sold raffle books will be this Friday 10 May. Please return your books together with the money in an envelope to the office to go into the draw for a fantastic prize! If you are not able to sell some or all of your raffle tickets, could you please return the unsold tickets so that they can be given to the families who need more books to sell. We are also looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets in local shopping centres leading up to the
fete. This was very successful last year and also lots of fun, so get together with some friends and contact Louise. We are especially looking for volunteers from 3.30pm – 5.00pm on Saturday 18 May at Thornleigh and Sunday 19 May at Cherrybrook.

APRON AMNESTY!
If you have any of the Pennant Hills Public School navy aprons at home, maybe taken home last year after the fete for cleaning, can you please contact Sarah. No questions will be asked!

NEXT P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held tonight commencing at 7.30pm in the library. On the agenda is a chance to look at the preliminary design for the K – 2 dirt slope and sandpit area. All members of the school community are encouraged to attend to view the concept plans. Hope to see you there.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE SUNDAY 19 MAY
Come along and help make the K-2 site look its best for the fete the following week. If you have them, please bring clippers and loppers, wheelbarrows, shovels and mattocks. See you at K-2 for whatever time you can spare between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Chris - Gardens and Grounds Committee

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 creche is available for children. Cost of $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

HORNSBY CHILD AND FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE – PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN
A seminar for parents of children 4-10 years discussing: the nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies and resources to assist.
On: Thursday 30 May
Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm
At: Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Highway, Turramurra (entry via Boyd Ave).
Cost: $10.00 – no charge for concession card holders. Registrations are essential as groups fill quickly. Please call 9477 9190 to confirm your place.

NORTH SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
In concert American Dreams, featuring the music of Bernstein, Gershwin, Sousa, Joplin and more. Four youth ensembles performing String Orchestra, Sinfonia, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. On Saturday 11 May from 7.00pm at Turramurra Uniting Church, 10 Turramurra Ave, Turramurra. Cost for adults $20.00, Concession $15.00 and children under 12 years old $5.00. Tickets will be available at the door or you can pre-purchase at info@nsyo.org.au

KIDS PROMS MUSICAL SAFARI
A musical safari for 3-8 year olds with Beethoven, Rossini, Saint-Saens, John Williams and more. On Sunday 19 May from 2.00pm – 3.30pm at St Ives High School, Yarrabung Rd, St Ives. Cost $10.00 per person or $38.00 for family ticket (four people). To book please call MCA-TIX 1300 306 776 or visit www.kpo.org.au or www.mca-tix.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

DR SHOE
Dr Shoe will be attending the Uniform Shop this Thursday 9 May from 3.00pm – 3.45pm. 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.

TIES, TIGHTS AND HAIR ACCESSORIES
Ties, size 4-6 tights and all winter hair accessories are now in stock. All outstanding orders have been delivered to classes. I apologise for the delay.

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