Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance groups who performed in the Sydney North Dance Festival last week on Wednesday and Friday evenings. I was fortunate to be able to see both groups perform on Friday.

Congratulations to Dance Teacher, Jacqui and to the group coordinators, Di Maddison and Melissa Coventry on the children’s performance and thank you to parents and carers for their ongoing support and assistance.

**K – 2 SPORTS DAY**

Congratulations to all K – 2 children on their excellent effort at the K – 2 Sports Day held on Thursday last week and thank you to the staff for their organisation and coordination of the event, including the very impressive opening ceremony. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers there to support their children and join in the spirit of the day.

On behalf of the staff, children and parents, I would like to thank the P & C for their organisation of the delicious sausage sizzle, and in particular Elizabeth, for her coordination of a hard working team of barbequers and servers on the day. Many thanks to all parents who provided cakes and slices on the day and to the many parents and carers who were at the finish line to provide sticker rewards to the children as they finished each race. Thank you also to all children and families who donated a gold coin towards the purchase of trees to further beautify the K – 2 school environment.

On the matter of trees, following advice from both the Department and the DEC Assets Management Unit, I have organised for the removal of the liquidamber tree close to the K – 2 playground equipment and the hall during the holidays. I am acutely aware that the loss of the tree will impact greatly on shade, but in view of a number of accidents as a result of the conkers, I believe it is in the whole school community’s interests to have the tree removed, and in particular before major work is conducted on the slope area.

I will ensure that an advanced tree of a suitable type is planted to replace the liquidamber.

**ACCESS TO EMAILS**

During the past week, staff and more recently the school email, have not been accessible. This has been a problem for schools statewide. At the time of going to print, we still cannot access the school email. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused as a result.

**MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Best wishes to Phoebe 6M and Blaise 5/6C who will be representing our school on Thursday this week at the competition.

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**TERM 2**

**Term 2 Week 9**

- **Wed. 26 June**: 2.00pm K – 6 attending performance of Beatty Clan Crew in school hall
- **Fri. 28 June**: Last day of Term 2

**TERM 3**

**Week 1**

- **Mon. 15 July**: Staff return – School Development Day
- **Tues. 16 July**: ArtsNorth rehearsal
- **Wed. 17 July**: State Cross Country
- **Fri. 19 July**: 2.00pm K – 2 Peter Combe concert

**Term 3 Week 2**

- **Mon. 22 July**: Moving Bodies lessons commence for 6T, 6M, 5B and 5/6C
- **Tues. 23 July**: Banksia rehearsal & concert Moving Bodies lessons commence for 4/5M, 3/4I and 4A
- **Wed. 24 July**: OC Test K – 2 Term 3 activities payment day
- **Thur. 25 July**: National Tree Day

**Term 3 Week 3 EDUCATION WEEK**

- **Wed. 31 July**: ICAS English Competition
- **Thur. 1 Aug.**: Back-up date Athletics Carnival

**Term 3 Week 4**

- **Mon. 5 Aug.**: Kindergarten Zoo excursion
- **Tues. 6 Aug.**: School Photograph Day
- **Wed. 7 Aug.**: ICAS Mathematics Competition
- **Thur. 8 Aug.**: Year 1 Environmental incursion
- **Fri. 9 Aug.**: Back up Field Events

**Term 3 Week 5**

- **Mon. 12 Aug.**: Coorong Concert rehearsal
- **Wed. 14 Aug.**: Indonesian Day
- **Fri. 16 Aug.**: Year 2 Schoolyard Safari excursion
CONGRATULATIONS TO CB1, CB2 and CB3
Our school bands have recently participated in the Yamaha Festival held at The Concourse, Chatswood. Congratulations to each of the bands and their conductors, Mr Peter OAM and Ms Catherine on their efforts, resulting in Gold, Silver and Gold Awards respectively. The Stage Band will be performing in the festival on Saturday 20 July at Willoughby Uniting Church hall and we wish them well.

CONGRATULATIONS SHANIKA
Within our school, we have many talented students and one such student is Shanika of 5B. Shanika is a very talented artist, and in this month’s ORBIT School Magazine (June 2013, Issue No. 5) on page 33, one of his drawings is published in the Hybrid Inventions pages. Shanika has drawn a very finely detailed EVD chair which he describes as “Every Day Chair. EVD chairs help life by giving you no need to get up. It includes a wheelchair, jet-pack and more.”
Well done, Shanika, on being one of the fifteen artists chosen for publication in the magazine.

ANTICIPATED ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
In early August, I am required to submit our anticipated enrolment numbers for 2014 to the Department of Education and Communities. To assist in this process, it would be very much appreciated if you could inform me in writing as soon as possible if you know that your current Kindergarten to Year 5 child will NOT be returning to Pennant Hills Public School next year. In addition, if you have a child starting Kindergarten here next year and you have not yet completed and submitted an enrolment application form, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that it is also necessary to bring your child’s Birth Certificate or identity documents, copies of any family law or other relevant court orders, your child’s immunisation history statement and proof of residence.

TERM 3 ACTIVITIES PAYMENT DAYS
Payment days for activities covering excursions and incursions planned for Term 3 will be Wednesday 24 July for Years 3 – 6 and families and Thursday 25 July for K – 2.
The payment for 3I and Years 4, 5 and 6 includes the cost of children’s participation in the Moving Bodies program. Year 2 and the remaining Year 3 classes will be participating in the program in Term 4.

Kindergarten: $86.00 (Zoo kids $72.50)
Year 1: $70.00
Year 2: $135.00
Year 3: $42.00 (plus $65.00 for Swim School if participating)
Class 3I: $72.00 (Plus $65.00 for Swim School if participating)
Year 4: $72.00
Year 5: $72.00
Year 6: $72.00

Information detailing the activities and cost of each one will be sent home with your child at the beginning of next term.
If you are experiencing financial difficulty in paying for the term’s activities, please contact me as soon as possible.

ADVANCE NOTICE – EDUCATION WEEK OPEN NIGHT WEDNESDAY 31 JULY
Parents and carers are invited to visit the school during Education Week on our Open Night which will be held on Wednesday 31 July commencing at 5.00pm. Further details will be sent home early next term.

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

END OF TERM THANKS
As the term draws to an end, I would like to thank parents and carers for the support which they have given to their children's education this term and for their many contributions to the school. Our fete in May would not have been the magnificent success it was without the wonderful support of all members of the school community. Your support, assistance and attendance in so many areas including classrooms, sporting events, debating, the Yamaha Festival, Musical Evening, the North Sydney Dance Festival, K – 2 Sports Day as well as in the canteen, working bees, Mother's Day stall and the like are very much appreciated.

My sincere thanks also go to every member of staff for their dedication and commitment throughout a very busy and demanding term.

On Monday 15 July, all staff will be returning to school for School Development Day during which time our teaching staff will be involved in professional learning workshops relating to National Curriculum English and Science in addition to continued stage planning for the term.
Staff and I look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 16 July.

My best wishes to every member of our school community for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

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5/6C: Anastasia, Aidan, Christopher, Jasmine
5B: Adam, Jessie, Sean
4/5M: Joel, Alex, Maya, Lauren, Cameron
4A: Gillian, Lillian, Jaidon, Claire
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3G: Stirling, Udit, Grace, Mallalieu
3L: Tiera, Mitchell, Tom, Sareena, Hannah
3P: Marcus, Olivia, Joel

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2 Dragons: Madeline, Joel, Aiden
2 Fish: Sophie, Amin, Sebastian, Max
2 Geckos: Sam, Jasmine, Elke
1 Hippos: Emma, Luci, Luke
1 Lions: Rachel, Zara, Zac
1 Tigers: Liam, Isabella
1 Zebras: Ryan, Nandini, Emma
K Bunnies: Oliver, Eva, Amelia
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computer accessories, electrical equipment and cameras. Most notably we were able to get a family sized fridge for the hall kitchen.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday.

Alison – P&C Secretary

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**CANTEN**

Here is the roster for this week.

**K-2 Site**
- Wed. 26 June: Emi, Wendy, Julie
- Fri. 28 June: Leanne, Rikky

**3-6 Site**
- Wed. 26 June: Gail, Janet, Lara
- Fri. 28 June: Karen, Mehala, **ONE MORE HELPER NEEDED**

If you are able to volunteer, even just for a couple of hours, please contact me.

The canteen will reopen for Term 3 on Wednesday 17 July.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM**
Now that the colder weather is upon us, navy microfibre trackpants may be worn as part of the school sports uniform. Sizes 6 – 14 are available for sale for $32.00 at the uniform shop.

**SPORTS DOTS**
House coloured dots are available at the uniform shop for the upcoming 3-6 Athletics Carnival in Week 2 of Term 3.

**START OF TERM 3 - HOURS**
The uniform shop will be open on Monday 15 July, School Development Day, and Tuesday 16 July when students return to school, at the usual times listed below.

**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**

**MATTS 4KIDS**
On Monday 15 July 2013 from 8.30am to 3.30pm there is an exciting day planned for children in Years K – 6. Come to St Matthew's Anglican Church, West Pennant Hills for a day of fun, games, craft, mosaics and learning about the Bible, all in a safe and caring environments, Morning tea and lunch provided.
Cost: $20.00 per child before 8 July
Cost: $25.00 per child after 8 July
($20.00 each for first two children, $10.00 for third, 4th plus children free.)
Book now at www.stmatts.org.au or call 9479 3700.

**PENNANT HILLS UNITING SERVICE**
Pennant Hills Uniting Church is holding a 2013 Education Week Service on Sunday 28 July at 9.15am. For further information call Allan Blyth on 9484 1039.

**GREENWAY GIANTS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL CLUB**
Come watch, come try! We invite boys and girls of all ages to take part in a range of fun games based on the skills of throwing, catching, hitting and base running.
On Saturday 20 July from 1.30pm-3.30pm and/or Sunday 4 August from 10.00am-12.00pm at Greenway Park, Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook. You can register for one or both days by visiting www.greenwaygiants.org.au
If you have any questions please email prelivebaseball@greenwaygiants.org.au