Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning staff, student leaders and P & C representatives joined me in welcoming parents of prospective 2014 kindergarten children to our school for Open Day.  

The morning was an opportunity for the parents to hear about our wonderful school and to be taken on tours of both school sites by the student leaders.  

I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of the following people who were involved in the organisation of this morning’s activities: Mrs Robyn Gilchrist, Assistant Principal, for her organisation and coordination of 2014 Kindergarten Orientation, K – 2 staff for their support, CB1 and conductor, Mr Peter Walmsley OAM, Kinder Puppies and teacher Mrs Jan Hiley, String Group Members Lucy and William and the Year 2 Dance Group who performed for our visitors this morning, our student leaders and P & C President, Mr David Ninnes, who welcomed parents and carers on behalf of our parent community.

Thank you also to Kinder Koala parents Mrs Catherine and Mrs Jenny and helpers for providing morning tea and also to all our administration staff who have been heavily involved in the printing and collation of a variety of information in preparation for today in addition to responding to many enquiries regarding enrolment procedures.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 DANCE GROUPS  

Congratulations to members of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance Groups who have been accepted into the Sydney North Dance Festival which is being held at the Glen Street Theatre, Belrose. The dance groups will be participating in the rehearsal on Wednesday 19 June at 1.15pm and the 5.00pm evening performance that night and in the Friday 21 June performance commencing at 7.30pm. The Dance Group coordinators, Mrs Maddison and Mrs Coventry, have sent home a letter to all participants with information about the dress rehearsal and performances, in addition to details for ordering tickets. Please note that dancers will not require a ticket.

CHANGE IN DATE OF MOVIE NIGHT  

In view of Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance Groups’ involvement in the Sydney North Dance Festival on Wednesday 19 June, the date of Movie Night has been changed to Tuesday 18 June. A letter, printed on green paper, was sent home on Friday with every child. If your child is able to attend Movie Night on Tuesday 18 June, you are requested to complete and return the permission note indicating that your child can attend. The $6.00 cost should be included if you haven’t yet sent it in.

K – 2 SPORTS DAY  

Parents of K – 2 children have received information about the K – 2 Sports Day which is planned for Thursday 20 June, with the following Thursday 27 June as a back-up date. The P & C will be responsible for the sausage sizzle. As previously advised, sausages are gluten free. If your child requires gluten free bread, could you please write that on the return sheet beside the order for the number of sausage sandwiches.

If you have already returned the sheet and payment, please contact the K – 2 office or send in a note to say that your child requires gluten free bread so that the order can be amended accordingly.
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE
To help enrich our environmental teaching and learning experiences at Pennant Hills PS, we have chosen to highlight several environmental specific events, celebrations or initiatives each term.

One of the days we have chosen to highlight is World Environment Day, tomorrow, Wednesday 5 June. This day was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. WED is coordinated by the United Nations Environment Program and is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 5 June, we are encouraging our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to make their morning tea and lunch a healthy, nutritious and environmentally friendly meal by filling it with fresh food and eliminating all unnecessary wrapping!

We are aiming to see how much waste we can reduce together.

So, tomorrow, please come to school with your healthy morning tea and lunch packed with as little unnecessary packaging as possible.

MUSICAL EVENING – CELEBRATION OF THE PERFORMING ARTS AT PHHS
On Wednesday evening next week, 12 June, parents and carers will have the opportunity to celebrate the wealth of talent as demonstrated by the school’s dance groups, bands, choirs, and string ensemble in addition to individual items performed by a number of students.

The evening will commence at 7.00pm and will be held in the Pennant Hills High School hall.

CONSIDERATION FOR OUR SCHOOL NEIGHBOURS
In the past week, I have received complaints from school neighbours in relation to parents and carers not showing consideration when bringing their children to and from school. This involves the speed with which people drive, parking in or across driveways and rubbish being left in front of neighbour’s properties. A number of our neighbours have been unable to get into or out of their driveways which has been extremely frustrating for them.

I appeal to all parents and carers to please consider all of our school neighbours and to take care when driving, parking and depositing rubbish. I also request, again, that parents do not drive into or walk through the school car parks at any time.

I am aware that Hornsby Council parking rangers are making regular visits to streets surrounding both our school sites, observing and booking parents and carers who are not adhering to parking signs and time zones.

Please consider our school neighbours, provide the right example and help us to keep all members of the school community safe and happy.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

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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

With my very best wishes to families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Naomi, Andrew, Simone
6T: Caitlin, Kori, Zara
5/6C: Sebastian, Kayla, Michael, Henry
5B: Max, Claire, Matthew
4/5M: Sachin, Jasmine, Emelie
4A: Mairead, Scott, Elizabeth, Cayden
3/4I: Tara, William, Angus
3G: Patrick, Brendan, Sofie
3L: Justin, Nidhi, Eden
3P: Zara, Rachel, Jason

Book of the Week: Heath 3L
2 Dragons: Estheer, Neel, Marten
2 Fish: Petros, Tiana, Cayla
2 Geckos: Esther, Jonathan, Akash
1 Hippos: Matthew, Julia, Xavier
1 Lions: Rachel, Matt
1 Tigers: Jack, Tim, Nicola
1 Zebras: Matthew, Caitlin
K Bunnies: Silas, Anita
K Koalas: Aiden, Skye
K Puppies: Misha, Brooke, Zaia

Computer: Josephine 6M, Doreen 5/6C, Jessica
KP
ESL: Claire 1T, Daniel 1H
Environmental: Rachel 1L
**Indonesian:** Charlotte 6M, Lauren 4/5M, Cayden 4A, Nidhi 3P

**Library:** Shannon 6M, Ty 4/5M, Eden 3L

**Music:** Charlotte 6M, Bonnie 6T, Siân 5/6C, Freya 5B, Lauren 4/5M, Lisa 4/5M, Kate 4/5M

**Sports People of the Week:** Zoe 6T

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**SPORT**

**PSSA SCOREBOARD**

Last week we played Cherrybrook PS.
Soccer A lost 2-1  Soccer B lost 2-0
Netball A lost 38-14  Netball B lost 18-2
This Friday we play Roselea PS at Pennant Hills Park.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

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**CELEBRATION OF PERFORMING ARTS**

The C.O.P.A. evening this year will be held on Wednesday 12 June, 2013. It will be held in the Hall at Pennant Hills High School.

All of the arts groups; bands, choirs, ensembles, dance will be performing. All performers will go down to the High School for a rehearsal during the day on Wednesday.

A letter regarding tickets and general information has been sent home. If you did not receive it please contact me. An email or letter with final information will be sent home later this week.

Even if your child is not in a Performing Arts group, you are still more than welcome to come and see and hear the wonderful talent we have in the school.

**MUSICA VIVA – The Sousaphonics**

Musica Viva is a wonderful programme of live musicians interacting and performing for school students. Each year at our school we are very fortunate to have musicians from Musica Viva visit our school. On Friday 14 June, The Sousaphonics will be our guest performers. They will perform three concerts during the day for all of our students.

Musica Viva is an organisation which encourages community participation as much as possible. As members of the Pennant Hills Public School community, parents are invited to attend one of the concerts. Times of these performances are listed below. There is no charge for this.

The performances are geared for primary school children at the appropriate stage. We would also ask that if you bring pre-school children, could you please ensure that they remain seated beside you at all times and are quiet during the performance? For Occupational Health and Safety reasons we ask that you do not bring prams/pushers into the hall.

**THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM**

**BAND**

A reminder to CB3 that permission slips need to be returned to the school office by Friday for the Yamaha Band Festival. Also, all four bands will be performing at the school Musical Evening on Wednesday 12 June. Students are required to attend in full winter school uniform with their instrument and music. Details regarding where to meet and arrival times will be given by Ms Stevens.

Michele – Band Coordinator

**STRING GROUP**

The Celebration of the Performing Arts will be held next Wednesday 12 June at Pennant Hills High School. Please note that the String Ensemble will also be playing while the audience is being seated so all Strings students need to be at the venue by 6.30 pm. You will receive a note from Ms Stevens with further details this week. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

**P&C REPORT**

**FETE FEEDBACK AND WRAP UP MEETING**

Wow! Aren’t we all glad the fete was Sunday week ago and not the grey miserable rainy day this last Sunday! Still so thankful for the amazing weather and day!

Fete feedback is incredibly important for planning for next year. Please fill out the feedback form which came home last week with The Pennant, even if you only answer a couple of the questions which were relevant to you. If you have misplaced the form, you have a couple of options: email aj.arwilson@optusnet.com.au and I will send you a soft copy (which you can also fill out electronically and just email back - easy); visit the school on the P&C website - www.phps-pandc.org and print it off; or the offices have spares. After you fill it out, it can be emailed back or dropped in the box at the offices. Due back: Friday 7 June.

Fete wrap up meeting: Tuesday 11 June, 7.30pm in the library. Come along to celebrate and for supper, feedback, and to hear how it all went.

Thank you to our sponsors

A big thank you to the other major sponsor of the fete. **LJ Hooker** who donated the second prize for the raffle, a $700.00 Coles/Myer voucher.
have given the fete longstanding support and we value their commitment to it and their sense of community involvement.

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT
Aussie Farmers Direct source fresh food from Australian farmers, which they deliver to your home. As part of their community service they donate a percentage of their sales to community groups such as schools. When you register to get your groceries delivered, you can nominate our school to receive this sponsorship. Aussie Farmers Direct also donated all the eggs for the BBQ for our school fete for which we were very grateful. www.aussiefarmers.com.au
Thank you for supporting our sponsors!

P&C MEETING TONIGHT
The June P&C meeting is on TONIGHT, 7.30pm in the library at the 3 – 6 site. Meetings finish at 9.30pm. We welcome any interested parents to come and have input.
Alison – P&C Secretary

CHAINSAW NEEDED
Over this wet and windy weekend, two branches have fallen in the Bicentennial Gardens at the K-2 site. Please contact me if you have a chainsaw and could help by cutting the branches up. The branches are about 15cm in diameter at the widest part.

Autumn leaves are rapidly dropping but the wattle tree near the hall will soon brighten the winter days.

Chris (for Gardens and Grounds Committee)

CANTEEN

Having been here a month now, I've met most of the wonderful canteen volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for giving up your time to help, and for being so welcoming. If you have not yet had a chance to volunteer in the canteen, it’s not too late, we can always make room on the roster, particularly on a Friday. If you can’t make a monthly commitment, you could always come as a one off. Contact me for more details.

Here is the roster for this week.

K-2 Site
Wed 5 June Melinda, Alison, Deborrah
Fri 7 June Joanne, Mala.
Monday 10 June is a Public holiday

3-6 Site
Wed 5 June Michelle, Fiona, Melinda
Fri 7 June Kathryn, Leonie
Monday 10 June is a Public holiday

Next Wednesday, 12 June, a number of children will be attending rehearsals for the Musical Evening (COPA) at Pennant Hills High School. These children can still order lunches and they will be delivered to them at the High School. Please clearly mark lunch order bags with "at High School" to ensure that the lunch will reach your child. The canteen will be open as usual for the rest of the school.
Carolyn - Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

FREE HEARING SCREENING AND SPEECH/LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT
Do you have a child aged or turning 9 in 2013? You are invited to participate in a research study that measures the speech and language development of children with normal hearing. The research is a substudy of the Longitudinal Outcomes for Children with Hearing Impairment (LOCHI) study, which aims to compare the development of children with hearing loss to that of children with normal hearing. The hearing and speech/language assessments will be conducted by an audiologist and a speech pathologist from Australian Hearing at a location close to you. For further information or to book an appointment, please contact Miriam Gunnourie, Research Speech Pathologist on 9412 6707 or at miriam.gunnourie@nal.gov.au