Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a very warm welcome to students and families who have joined us this term.

I hope that all families were able to take advantage of the sunny weather during the holidays and that everyone benefited from the break in routines.

Accompanying this newsletter is the term calendar which you will see contains a number of events and activities including our upcoming Athletics Carnival, music rehearsals and performances, Education Week Open Night, our bi-annual Art Show in addition to Swim School which will take place in the last two weeks of Term 3.

Staff and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the term and in particular to your support and attendance at the various events and activities.

DIRECTORS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NSW

Yesterday, Monday 15 July 2013, we entered a new era in public education in New South Wales when the 65 Directors, Public Schools NSW entered on duty as part of the new governance structure for the new model of support to schools.

Under the new model, our school is now in the Dural Network and our Director is Mr Tim McCallum who will be based at the Nirimba Office, Quakers Hill.

Mrs Janet Wasson, our former School Education Director, is now the Director Public Schools for the Hornsby Network. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mrs Wasson for the support which she has given to our school over the last nine years and to me in my role as Principal of the school for the last five years.

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN NIGHT WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit the school during Education Week on our Open Night which will be held on Wednesday 31 July commencing at 5.00pm.

Classrooms on both sites will be open until 7.00pm to enable all parents and carers to view the wonderful work in which our students are engaged. Parents and carers are also encouraged to visit the Computer Room and the Library on the 3 – 6 site. Miss Davis, our librarian, will have a number of books which parents and carers can donate to the school.

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| Term 3 Week 1       | Mon. Wed.  | Wed. 17 July | ArtsNorth rehearsal |
| Term 3 Week 2       | Mon. 22 July | Moving Bodies lessons commence for 6T, 6M, 5B and 5/6C |
| Term 3 Week 3       | Tues. 23 July | Banksia rehearsal & concert Moving Bodies lessons commence for 4/5M, 3/4I and 4A 2.00pm K – 2 Peter Combe concert |
| Term 3 Week 4       | Wed. 24 July | OC Test 3 – 6 & family Term 3 activities payment day |
| Term 3 Week 5       | Thur. 25 July | Athletics Carnival K - 2 Term 3 activities payment day |
| Term 3 Week 6       | Fri. 26 July | National Tree Day PSSA |

Term 3 Week 2

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Fri. 26 July National Tree Day PSSA

Term 3 Week 3 EDUCATION WEEK

Wed. 31 July ICAS English Competition
Wed. 31 July 5.00pm Education Week Open Day
Thur. 1 Aug. Back-up date Athletics Carnival Dance and dance groups commence
Fri. 2 Aug. PSSA

Term 3 Week 4

Mon. 5 Aug. Kindergarten Zoo excursion Field Events

Tues. 6 Aug. School Photograph Day 7.30pm P&C Meeting
Wed. 7 Aug. ICAS Mathematics Competition 1.00pm Principal’s Pizza Lunch Stage 2 Poetry Incursion
Thur. 8 Aug. Year 1 Environmentators incursion
Fri. 9 Aug. Back up date Field Events

Term 3 Week 5

Mon. 12 Aug. Coorong Concert rehearsal
Tues. 13 Aug. 2.00pm K-6 Assembly
Wed. 14 Aug. Indonesian Day 11.40am Stage 3 and 4A PHHS Art Show
Thurs. 15 Aug. 9.15am Year 2, 11.40am Stage 2 and 2.00pm Kinder PHHS Art Show
Fri. 16 Aug. Year 2 Schoollyard Safari excursion 2.00pm Year 1 PHHS Art Show PSSA
BEST WISHES TO STAGE BAND
This Saturday 20 July, our Stage Band will be performing at the Yamaha Festival at Willoughby Uniting Church hall. We wish the band members and their guest conductor, Catherine, all the very best.

OC PLACEMENT TEST
Applicants for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2014 are required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 11.15am on Wednesday 24 July 2013. The test centre for students from our school is Cherrybrook Technology High School 28-44 Purchase Rd, Cherrybrook, NSW 2126.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY
Our school has an anti-bullying policy which can be viewed on the school website.
Bullying occurs when someone, child or adult, deliberately and repeatedly hurts or frightens another person. Bullying and harassment often happen out of sight, away from teachers or other adults both on and off school premises.
It can include:
- hurtful teasing, name calling, using offensive names, spreading rumours, belittling others, making degrading comments about another’s ability, gender, sexuality, colour, disability, medical condition, cultural, religious or socio-economic background
- threatening, frightening, jostling or pushing others
- interfering with another’s property by hiding, damaging or destroying it
- hitting, kicking or punching
- writing offensive notes, electronic messages or graffiti about or to others
- ridiculing another’s appearance
- isolating others
- forcing others to act against their will
- cyberbullying through the use of information and communication technologies
Conflicts or fights between equals, or single incidents are not defined as bullying.
We have a shared responsibility to prevent bullying and to raise awareness of the strategies to be used if anyone encounters bullying.
In addition to anti-bullying lessons which teach strategies to deal with bullies, staff and I regularly remind students that it is important that they report any bullying incidents immediately to a member of staff. Parents and carers are requested to reinforce this message to their children and are further requested NOT to approach other parents or students in relation to alleged incidents. Please allow the school to follow agreed procedures.

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION
As part of our school self-evaluation, we will be looking at School Culture in addition to the area of Student Welfare which includes social skills/interpersonal relationships, buddy classes, anti-bullying, Restorative Practice, Child Protection, Drug/Life Education, discipline and award systems.
All students and staff will be completing surveys in the coming weeks and surveys will also be sent home for parents to complete and return to school. The responses received from all members of the school community will be collated and analysed and in addition to being used to inform our future school processes and programs, will be reported on in our 2013 Annual School Report which will be available in early 2014.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS
The Department of Education and Communities is in the process of updating data systems, including student medical information.
During Terms 3 and 4, we will be updating our medical records to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.
If you have a child with a medical condition, you will receive a copy of the new forms which we request that you complete and return to us as soon as you can.
The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean that we are able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.
We appreciate your assistance and support as we start to collect the information.

ANTICIPATED ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
I am required to submit our anticipated enrolment numbers for 2014 to the Department of Education and Communities by Wednesday 7 August 2013.
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.

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 Imogen 1H, Tim 5/6C, Gillian 4A, Marten 2D, Abbi 4/5M, Jack 3/4I, Harry KK, to whom I presented a Principal's Award in the last week of Term 2.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Phoebe, Annaliese, Harry
6T: Kash, William, Eden, Olivia
5/6C: Geon Ha, Zoe, Jack, Blaise
5B: Nicholas, Eloise, Elissa
4/5M: Kate, Maddy, Vinuk, Sam
3/4I: Christina, Greer, Robert
3G: Matthew, Lily, Teresa, Georgia, Levi
3L: Kate, Trinity, Heath, Tommy, Hamish, Noah
3P: Jaylen, Ariana, Hannah
2 Dragons: Jimmy, Wei Wei, Aiden, James
2 Fish: Harry, Liam, Ritsi
2 Geckos: Liam, Eliza, Syhel
1 Hippos: Elise, Daniel
1 Lions: Thomas, Kira, Sairsha, Kalea
1 Tigers: Jaiden
1 Zebras: Genevieve, Krishan
K Bunnies: Zac, Helen, Nikolai
K Koalas: Arjonil, Matthew, Evelyn, Sidney, Harry
K Puppies: Caitlin, Evelyn, Fynn
ESL: Geon Ha 5/6C, Anna 6M
Indonesian: Kieran KP, Genevieve 1Z, Max 2F
Library: Michael 3G

SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD
PSSA was cancelled due to rain on the last Friday of Term 2.
This Friday we play Normanhurst West PS at Normanhurst Oval.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

MOVING BODIES

The Moving Bodies gymnastic lessons will commence on Monday 22 July for classes 6T, 6M, 5B and 5/6C and Tuesday 23 July for classes 4/5M, 3/4I and 4A.
Sports uniform and sneakers should be worn for these lessons.
A reminder that Year 2 children and the remainder of Year 3 classes will be participating in Moving Bodies in Term 4.

LOST PROPERTY

During the holidays I washed and ironed the following items of clothing that were in the 3-6 site lost property basket. Three items have children’s names on them who have left our school. These items may have been given to another child or purchased second hand at the Uniform Shop.
Size 6-9 navy blue tights; Size 8 knitted wool jumper; 4 x Size 8 zip up jackets 2 with names of Aaron Sopena and Alicia Scott and 2 without names; Size 10 crew neck top; 2 x Size 12 Girls summer dresses; Size 12 navy netball skirt with name of Adele Kral; Size 16 Class of 2013 sports shirt; 2 x no size zip up jackets; 7 x bucket hats; Non school items – blue knitted scarf; and Size 12 pink velour zip up jacket.

Please ensure that you put your child’s name on every item of their school clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Cheryl Cohen - School Administrative Manager

SRC CAKE DAY

The SRC ran a cake stall on the last Thursday of Term 2 to raise money for our World Vision sponsored child Sadam. We raised an extraordinary $205.00. Thank you to all the students who participated in this worthy cause and especially to the many parents who contributed with cakes and slices – they were certainly worthy of an appearance on a reality TV bakeoff show and you have also contributed to the waistlines of all of us who are over 21!
Stay tuned for information regarding the next exciting SRC fundraising event.

Jack Moran – SRC Coordinator

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND
Welcome back. A reminder that CB1 and CB2 rehearsals recommence next week. CB3 rehearsals commence tomorrow morning.
Semester One Band Fees are due. Please pay by either direct debit or cheque with the accompanying slip being placed in the band box.
Best wishes go to our Stage Band as they compete at the Yamaha Band Festival on Saturday. An email containing details of this performance was sent last weekend. If you did not receive it, could you please contact me urgently.
Congratulations to Anna, Guy, Thomas, Heath and Charlotte who were accepted for the State Music Camp this week.

Michele – Band Coordinator
STRING GROUP
Welcome to Term 3. Rehearsals will recommence next Monday 22 July at 8.00am for full group and 1.00pm for Festival group. Hans will be sending out invoices this week by email. Please check your email regularly as correspondence regarding String Ensemble fees, rehearsals, performances and cancellations is by email only.

Festival students, your full day rehearsal is next Tuesday 23 July in Croydon. Please return your blue permission slips urgently to the school office, together with payment of $20.00. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

P&C REPORT
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had an enjoyable break from the school routine. Now back into it.

3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 25 JULY
BBQ helpers are needed to prepare, cook & serve at the 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival planned on Thursday 25 July. The barbecue is very popular and appreciated by the children as well as the adults. If you are planning on coming to see your children race, please also help out with the BBQ. Helping does not mean you will miss out on seeing your children compete. The BBQ cannot run unless there are parent volunteers. If keen & willing, please email Marni.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY
An update to the P&C School Directory was sent out by email on Saturday 29 June. If you have chosen to have your details included and do not receive it, please first check your junk mail folder. If you still have not received it, please email pandcpresident@gmail.com.

FETE COORDINATOR
The P&C is looking for a new Fete Coordinator. This role is vital but very, very well supported – by past fete coordinators and a team of experienced and enthusiastic stall holders. If you are interested in finding out more about this position or if you have any questions, please email pandcpresident@gmail.com. This role is also open to a team of people if preferred.

Alison – P&C Secretary

CANTEEN
Welcome back to a new term. The introduction of freshly baked goods at the end of last term was successful and will continue this term. These will include Anzac biscuits, gingerbread men, assorted muffins, cheese and bacon scrolls and cheese straws. They will be priced at 60c for large items and 20c for small items. As these are made fresh, they will be available on a first come first served basis, and not all will be available every day. If you have any recipe ideas, please feel free to pass them on to me.

Fridays in the 3-6 canteen are often very busy and we could really use some extra help. The busiest period is 12.00pm-1.00pm, so if you do not want to commit to a monthly date but could spare an hour occasionally, please look out for the "NEED ONE MORE PLEASE" plea, and call in. Here is the roster for this week.

K-2 Site
Wed. 17 July Jenny, Rebecca
Fri. 19 July Kathryn, Penny, Sarah
Mon. 22 July Nara, Liz, Jennifer

3-6 Site
Wed. 17 July Gail, Tracey
Fri. 19 July Fiona, Jacqui, NEED ONE MORE PLEASE
Mon. 22 July Kate, Michelle, Ranu

Thursday 25 July is the 3-6 Athletics Carnival. I will be running a canteen at the oval offering tea, coffee, cakes, donuts, chips, lollies, Poppers and Playwaters etc. The canteen will be open for the duration of the carnival, but there will be no lunch orders. I will need at least two to three helpers each hour. If you are able to help please call or SMS me on 0412 502 025 with your preferred time. At the moment, I am on my own, so please let me know as soon as possible if you can help as the Athletics Carnival is next week.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP
DR SHOE
Dr Shoe will be attending the Uniform Shop on both Thursday 1 August and 5 September this term.

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

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

YEAR 6 YEARBOOK
Please send in any group photos you may have for the Year 6 Yearbook under the following themes: Dance Spectacular; past band photos; dance group photos since Kindergarten; plus individual Kindy photos – we need everyone’s favourite.
Please email them as jpegs or call me if you need help to organise scanning. The next Yearbook meeting is on Friday 26 July at 3.30pm in 6T classroom. Thank you.

Leonie – Yearbook Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

ENGLISH FOR LIFE CLASSES AT ST MARKS
Learn or practise English in a friendly and relaxed group at English for Life classes. Mondays 9.30am to noon, during term time, starting 15 July, 2013 at St Mark’s Anglican Church Pennant Hills on the corner of Rosemount Avenue and Warne Street. Morning tea provided and crèche are available for children. The cost is $2.00 per week. Contact coordinator Patricia Rajaratnam on 0422 649 964 or email at patricia.raja@yahoo.com.au to register, or for more information, visit www.stmarks.com.au

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH ADHD?
Are you looking for positive strategies to help manage your child’s behaviour? If your child is aged between 6 and 12 years, you are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University. The program is part of an evaluation student and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously). Please call Julie Chesterfield at Department of Psychology, Macquarie University on 0412 414 114. If unanswered, please leave your name and phone number on the voicemail or email julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au and leave your phone number.

GO4FUN
Go4Fun is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their healthy weight. Go4Fun runs for 9 weeks over the school term and is for children and their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more! To find out more call 1800 780 900 or visit www.mendcentral.org and click on ‘Join a MEND Program’. Go4Fun Hornsby will commence in Term 3, 2013. Sessions will run Mondays and Wednesdays from 4.30pm – 6.30pm at Hornsby PCYC, Hornsby. Register now, as places are strictly limited for this FREE fun and interactive program.

PENNANT HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD FAIR
Pennant Hills Baptist Church is holding a Food Fair this Saturday 20 July from 10.00am – 2.00pm at the Pennant Hills Public School 3-6 site. There will be a variety of food, arts and crafts stalls. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PENNANT HILLS NETSETGO NETBALL
For 5-8 year olds in Term 4. For registration information and forms please go to the website at www.pennanthills.netball.asn.au or contact Tina.