Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents and carers are reminded of the collective responsibility which we have to provide a safe environment for all members of the community when travelling to and from school and when dropping off or picking up children from school.

Parents should also be aware that parking on driveways across footpaths to set down and pick up endangers young pedestrians. Traffic rangers will issue infringements to motorists obstructing footpaths. The penalty for this infringement is $165.00 plus two demerit points when in a school zone. It is preferable for parents to drop their children further down the street so that they can walk to the school gate in safety.

Please adhere to the No Parking, No Stopping, Bus Zone and Double Parking signs as harsh penalties apply.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 6 debating team who won their second debate in the Inter-School Debating Competition against North Rocks Public School on Wednesday last week. Sneha, Rebecca, Blaise and Charles successfully argued against the topic “Today's children are spoilt”.

Well done and thank you Mrs Cox, Class Teacher 5/6C, for your invaluable support and assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS JACINTA

Congratulations to Jacinta 3/4I, one of eighteen 8 – 10 year old children who participated in the Ryde Eisteddfod’s character solo section and took First Place, a wonderful achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS STAGE BAND

Congratulations to our Stage Band who performed in the Yamaha Festival on Saturday, achieving a Silver Award. Well done girls and boys and conductor Ms Catherine.

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.

Our Year 2 Dance Group will be performing at 5.00pm on the K – 2 site and the Greycliffe Choir will be performing at 6.00pm on the 3 – 6 site. 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.

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.
It is vital that I have up to date information on our anticipated enrolments for 2014, as the Department of Education and Communities bases the school’s staffing level on student numbers. 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 NOW. 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.

In addition, if you know that your current Kindergarten to Year 5 child will NOT be returning to Pennant Hills Public School next year, it would be very much appreciated if you could inform me in writing as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Thank you.

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION

Accompanying next week’s newsletter will be two surveys for parents to complete, one relating to School Culture and the other to Student Welfare. I encourage all families to complete the surveys as your feedback is highly valued. It would be appreciated if all surveys could be returned to the school no later than Friday 9 August.

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 programs and procedures, will be reported on in our 2013 Annual School Report which will be available in early 2014.

OC PLACEMENT TEST

Our best wishes go with applicants for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2014 who will be sitting the Opportunity Class Placement Test tomorrow, Wednesday 24 July from 9.00am to 11.15am at Cherrybrook Technology High School.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

rendezvous

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.

STAFF NEWS

A warm welcome back to Mrs Pam Miskelly, our Learning and Support Teacher, who has been recuperating following knee replacement surgery. We are very grateful to Mrs Janelle Brown who did a wonderful job acting in Mrs Miskelly’s role whilst she was on sick leave.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to Charlotte 4/5M, Owen 3/4I, Tim 5/6C, Anastasia 5/6C x2, Gillian 4A, Eloise 5B, Evelyn 3/4I and Marten 2D to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

I look forward to seeing parents and carers at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday at Pennant Hills Park.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
2 Dragons: Lucy, Neel, Talulla
2 Fish: Alessio, Ritsi
2 Geckos: Ross, Annabelle
1 Hippos: Oliver, Lara, Dylan
1 Lions: Dylan, Kira
1 Tigers: Toby, Maya
1 Zebras: Divyanshi, Jai
K Bunnies: Sam, Tom
K Koalas: Sienna, Evelyn
K Puppies: Jasmine, Joshua, Anais
Indonesian: Harrison KB, Sasha 1T, Sandra 2G, Lachlan 2F

SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD

Last week PSSA was cancelled due to the rain. This Friday we play Epping North PS at North Epping Oval.

The draw for the remaining three weeks of PSSA is as follows:
- Week 3 Fri. 2 Aug. - v WPHPS at Pennant Hills Park (soccer)/Campbell Park (netball)
- Week 4 Fri. 9 Aug. - v Epping West PS at Pennant Hills Park (soccer)/Campbell Park (netball)
- Week 5 Fri. 16 Aug. - v John Purchase PS at John Purchase (soccer)/Greenway (netball).

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

A reminder that the 2-6 Athletics Carnival is on this Thursday 25 July at Pennant Hills Park. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year’s school photos will be taken on Tuesday 6 August 2013 by two teams working on both sites. Please note the following points:
- Full winter school uniform (including a tie) should be worn.
- Every child has been issued with an envelope for portrait/class pack. Every child must return an envelope to their class teacher even if the eldest child is paying for all siblings.
- If the eldest child is paying for all siblings, the envelope must be marked accordingly. Siblings’ envelopes must state that the eldest child has paid.
- Envelopes will not be opened by the school, therefore exact money must be in the envelopes. No change will be given.
- All envelopes must be returned to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 31 July 2013.
Family photos have to be in a “special” separate envelope. The “special” envelopes are available at both the school offices. If you want a family photo please complete the form below. Family photos will not be taken without parent permission. Family photo envelopes must be returned to the office by Wednesday 31 July 2013 to enable us to coordinate children coming from the K-2 site to have their photo taken with siblings. You will appreciate that it is very difficult to organise family photos on photo day due to children being on two sites, so no family photo requests will be accepted after this date.

The only group photos taken on Tuesday 6 August 2013 will be of School Captains and Prefects, House Captains and SRC. Full winter school uniform, including school tie, must be worn.

Year 6 Graduation photo, which is complimentary, will be taken on this day and distributed with the Year 6’s Graduation Certificate later in the year.

The remainder of the group photos will be taken on Tuesday 15 October 2013. These photos include library monitors, choirs, bands, ensembles and sport teams (cricket, softball, soccer, summer and winter PSSA teams).

Full instructions for the group photos will be given in the newsletter next term.

Thank you.
Cheryl Cohen - School Administrative Manager

REQUEST FOR FAMILY PHOTO ENVELOPE
Please send me a family photo envelope.
Child's Name: ________________
Child's Class: ________________

Please return family envelope and money to either office by Wednesday 31 July 2013. No family photo requests will be accepted after this date.

SPELLING BEE

Over the next five weeks, all 3-6 students will be taking part in a range of fun, in-class spelling activities in preparation for the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Two students will be selected to represent each class in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 finals to be held in the school hall on Wednesday 21 August.

For an extra challenge, each week, a new word will be placed in The Pennant for students to learn. The first student to meet Mrs Griffith (K-2) or Mrs Eden (3-6) at recess the following day and correctly spell the “Word of the Week” will receive a small reward.

Spelling words for this week are:

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If you would like access to the official spelling list, search “2013 Premier’s Spelling Bee” and follow the prompts. The username is “teacher” and the password is “Samsung”. Stage 2 words are levels 1-5 and Stage 3 words are levels 2-7.

Heather Eden - Spelling Bee Coordinator

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House clothing bags have been sent home today to all families. Please donate any unwanted clothes that are in good, clean condition. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please return full bags to school by Wednesday 7 August. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you.

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND
A reminder that Semester 1 band fees are due. If families have not already done so, could they please pay by either cheque or direct deposit no later than this Friday.

A huge congratulations to our Stage Band who performed brilliantly on Saturday at the Yamaha Band Festival. They achieved a Silver Award. Well done.

There have been a few instances of children’s instruments being damaged whilst in the band room storeroom. Could I ask parents/caregivers to please remind children of being extremely careful when placing their instrument in the storeroom. Small instruments should be placed on the shelves where possible and larger instruments on the floor.

Michele – Band Coordinator

P&C REPORT

TOSSBALL TOWER
An exciting new piece of play equipment has been installed on the asphalt at K – 2 site. The Tossball Tower is a P&C initiative, organised with staff input and paid for by the P&C. A big thank you to Dan and his family who installed it on Friday afternoon. It is already a huge hit and we hope it will enhance the play area there for all the children.

K – 2 PLAY AREA LANDSCAPING PLAN PROGRESS
Final consultation regarding the K – 2 play area landscaping plans is happening. Architects of Arcadia met with the staff yesterday afternoon for their final feedback. The playground committee will meet next Monday 29 July, and the whole P&C will look at the final plans at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 6 August. The plans are also on the P&C website for all to view. Go to www.phps-pandc.org and click on “Landscaping and Playground Refurbishment K-2”.

Thank you.
Cheryl Cohen - School Administrative Manager
would encourage all members of the school community to take the opportunity to look at them.

3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 25 JULY
BBQ helpers are needed to prepare, cook & serve sausage sandwiches at the 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival THIS 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. Year 2 parents who are coming please also consider helping out. If you are willing to help, please email Marni to arrange a time.

W GROUP ESTATE AGENTS SPONSORSHIP
W Group in Pennant Hills is a local family based real estate business with children at the school. They have sponsorship with the P&C whereby if you sell your house with them or refer someone to them, on settlement of the sale, W Group will donate $500.00 to the P&C. Please visit them at Shop 15/5 Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills if you are thinking of selling.

Alison – P&C Secretary

SCHOOL BANKING
There will not be any School Banking this Thursday 25 July because of the Athletics Carnival. Banking will resume next week Thursday 1 August.

CANTEEN

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help at the Athletics Carnival this Thursday. I still need helpers in the morning, so please call or text me if you are available.

The roster for this week is:

**K-2 Site**
- Wed. 24 July: Wendy, Julie
- Fri. 26 July: Leanne, Rikky, Emi
- Mon. 29 July: Melinda, Danel

**3-6 Site**
- Wed. 24 July: Janet, Lara, Jeannie
- Fri. 26 July: Karen, Sue, Mehala
- Mon. 29 July: Sandra, Katrina, Melinda

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

SLOPPY JOES
There are still size 10 sloppy joes available at the reduced price of $15.00. Only 5 remaining.

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

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.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL
Stock of second hand winter uniforms is currently very low. If you have any winter uniforms in good condition that you no longer require, please consider donating them to the Uniform Shop.

PILATES @ PENNANT HILLS
Healthy Lifestyle is a not for profit organisation and is part of the Northern Sydney Local Health District. It is offering a mind-body class using mat exercises to focus on core abdominal and back muscles on Mondays from 10.10am to 11.10am at Pennant Hills Community Centre, 5 Fisher Ave, Pennant Hills. Cost for 7 weeks is $77.00 (concession $62.00). Late starters can pay pro rata. Bookings are essential. Email www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/healthylifestyle or call 8877 5304.

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 - 12 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 facilities are available for children. Cost is $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

GLENHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SPRING FAIR
Glenhaven PS Spring Fair is on Sunday 4 August from 10.00am until 4.00pm taking place at 74a Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven. There will be lots of fun for the whole family.

PENNANT HILLS UNITING CHURCH
You are invited to a special commemorative service to promote Education Week 2013. On Sunday 28 July from 9.15am-10.30am at cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy Sts, Pennant Hills. Please phone 9484 1039 or visit www.pennanthillsuniting.org.au