Dear Parents and Carers,

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN NIGHT – TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 31 JULY
This week is Education Week, with the theme being “Public Schools NSW - creating the future”. All parents, carers and families will have the opportunity to visit classrooms on both sites tomorrow, Wednesday 31 July, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm, to view the showcase of our children’s work. Year 2 will be displaying their dance talent at 5.00pm on the K – 2 site and Greycliffe Choir will be performing at 6.00pm on the Weemala Road 3 – 6 site.

You are also encouraged to visit the Computer Room and the library on the Weemala Road 3 – 6 site. Miss Davis, our librarian, has a variety of books which you can donate to the library.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all students on their effort and achievement at our Athletics Carnival last Thursday and on the sportsmanship shown throughout the day. On behalf of the school community and in particular our children, thank you to Mr Bryant who did a wonderful job organising and running the carnival and the novelty events with the assistance and support of all staff. Thanks also go to our House Captains who so ably assisted with a number of tasks throughout the day. Further thanks go to the canteen workers under Mrs Carolyn’s leadership and also to Marni and Mal and their team of helpers, who provided the delicious sausage sizzle.

We are also very grateful to parents who transported equipment and to those who attended and encouraged the students in their efforts.

Special congratulations go to Anna 6M who broke the record in the 13 years’ 100 metres and to Hamish 5B who broke the record in the 11 years’ 200 metres. Ribbons for place getters and relays were presented at this afternoon’s 3 – 6 assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS BLAISE
Belated congratulations to Blaise 5/6C who has been selected as a member of the NSW PSSA Girls Softball State Carnival which will be playing at Glenmore Park from Tuesday 27 through to Thursday 29 August. Well done Blaise on this excellent achievement and best wishes for the carnival.

CONGRATULATIONS BONNIE
Congratulations to Bonnie 6T who has been chosen to play a recorder solo at the NSW Public Schools Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House in both the Banksia Concert to be held on Tuesday 27 August in which students from our school are also performing as part of the massed string and recorder groups, and also at the Acacia Concert on Monday 26 August.

This is a great honour and opportunity as well as a magnificent achievement. We join Bonnie’s family in being very proud of her.

CONTACT DETAILS AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATES
It would be appreciated if you could please advise Mrs Cohen, our School Administrative Manager, as soon as possible, of any changes to details relating to your address or telephone contact numbers or those of
emergency contacts. This information is vital so that we can contact you in case of any emergency.

In addition, if your child’s medical needs change, e.g. health plans, in particular in relation to anaphylaxis, asthma etc, please advise the school immediately so that we can provide appropriate care.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
Commencing Tuesday 20 August, there will be a four week Positive Parenting Program running for parents and carers of language backgrounds other than English and other interested parents and carers. The program will take place in Bellthorn Cottage on the K – 2 site from 9.30am until 11.45am on Tuesdays 20 and 27 August, 3 and 10 September.

The topics will include:
- promoting your child’s development and communication skills;
- managing your child’s behaviour and emotions;
- building a good relationship with your child; and
- taking care of yourself as a parent.

Morning tea will be provided.
To assist with catering, please return the tear-off slip to your child’s teacher from the letter sent home recently.
For further information, please speak to Mrs Krivohlavy, our ESL teacher.

ANTICIPATED ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
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.

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION
All families have today received copies of two surveys relating to School Culture and Student Welfare. It would be appreciated if the surveys could be completed and returned to your child’s teacher or either school office preferably by Friday 9 August but no later than Friday 16 August. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

redeemable

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 Dylan 1L, Annabelle 5/6C, Ty 4/5M, Tiará 3L, Aiden 2D, Bailey 3G, Lara 1H, Zoe 5/6C, Anais KP, Sumukhi 5/6C, Jai 1Z, Christina 3/4I, Claire 4A, Jethro 3L, Rosie 3G, Lily 3L and Tim 1T to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Jelena, Grace, Nathan
6T: Ben, Mary, Carissa
5/6C: Geon, Millie, Chloe
5B: Jean, Hamish, James
4/5M: Greta, Ty, Charlotte
4A: Aaliyah, Isaac, Jaidon, Maddy
3G: Levi, Sofie, Max
3L: Jethro, Jennifer, Eddie
3P: Charlie, Tahlee, Mitchell
2 Dragons: Ryan, Jade, James
2 Fish: Liam, Jett, Sophie
2 Geckos: Eliza, Kiran, Caleb
1 Hippos: Jaime, Daniel, Victoria
1 Lions: Harry, Kalea, Grace
1 Tigers: Nathan, Tim
1 Zebras: Sam, Nandini, Alex, Susan
K Bunnies: Jacob, Aaron
K Koalas: Niamh, Finlay, Matilda
K Puppies: Owen, Oliver
Indonesian: Riley KK, Victoria 1H, Brayden 2G, Ariana
3P, Robert 3/4I
Library: Anna 6M, Siân 5/6C, Emma 3G
Drama: Kodi 6T, Oliver 6T

SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD
Last week we played Epping North PS.

| Soccer A lost 0-2 | Soccer B drew 0-0 |
| Netball A lost 36-11 | Netball B lost 25-6 |

This Friday we play West Pennant Hills PS at Pennant Hills Park for netball and Campbell Park for soccer. Please note that the information in The Pennant last week regarding the venue for this week and next week was incorrect. Netball will be played at Pennant Hills Park and soccer will be played at Campbell Park due to Pennant Hills Park soccer oval being closed.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual Athletics Track Carnival was held in perfect sunny weather last Thursday. Congratulations to all students for the very high level of participation on the day. A fantastic effort!

Special mention must be made of records broken by Hamish in 11 years 200m, Anna in 13 years 100m and the Melaleucan Senior Girls team in the relay. Well done. Full details of the results will be printed after the field events finals on Monday 5 August.
Many thanks to all staff for their assistance and to Marni and Mal and the team of parent helpers for running the canteen and tasty BBQ.

Mark Bryant - Athletics Carnival Coordinator

Congratulations to these “Word of the Week” winners last Wednesday:

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This week’s spelling words are:

- K-2 wafer
- 3-6 mathematician

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 the stage 3 words are levels 2-7.

Heather Eden - Spelling Bee Coordinator

P&C REPORT

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 25 JULY

A big thank you to Marni, Fiona and the band of BBQ helpers who gave a hand on Thursday for the very successful and yummy sausage sizzle BBQ. Thank you.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BBQ - WEDNESDAY 28 AUG

PHPS has been given the opportunity to run the BBQ at the Zone Athletics Carnival. This is held at Greenway Park, Cherrybrook on Wednesday 28 August. This is an excellent and enormously beneficial fundraising opportunity for our school, but we really need help. There are twenty one schools participating which equals lots of sausages. Four volunteers are needed each hour from 9.00am – 3.00pm. If you are going to the Zone Carnival, have friends and relatives who are going or you would just like to help out, please contact Marni.

NEXT P&C MEETING NEXT TUESDAY 6 AUGUST

The next P&C meeting is in a week’s time. On the agenda is the final discussion on the design of the K – 2 playground renovation and a review of three potential alternative options for the photography company to take school photos. We would love you to come along.

FETE COORDINATOR

Don’t forget - the P&C is looking for a new fete coordinator. This role is absolutely 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 the position, please email me.

Alison – P&C Secretary

CANTEEN

Thank you very much to everyone who helped at the Athletics Carnival last week. We made around $500.00 profit for the canteen. We have the opportunity to run the canteen at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 28 August. This is a great chance to raise much needed funds for the canteen, but it will not be possible without helpers. If you are able to spare an hour of your time it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me for further details.

Wednesday 14 August is Indonesian Day. As part of the celebrations, the canteen will be selling Nasi Goreng (fried rice), Lumpia (spring rolls) and red jelly. To help with catering, if your child would like to order any of these items, please complete the form below and return it to the canteen by Friday 9 August.

Please do not send any money at this point. On the day, you will need to fill out a lunch order bag with your child's name, class and order, with money enclosed. All Indonesian lunch orders will be processed as per our normal lunch order system.

Indonesian Day Lunch Order for 14 August 2013

Child's name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________

My child would like to order:

Fried Rice (Nasi Goreng) $4.00 x ________
Spring rolls (Lumpia) 50c x ________
Red Jelly $1.00 Please note, jelly is limited to 1 per child.

Please return to canteen by Friday 9th August.

Here is the roster for this week.

K-2 Site:
- Wed. 31 July: Alison, Natalia
- Fri. 2 Aug: Joanne, Kate
- Mon. 5 Aug: Ranu, Rebecca

3-6 Site:
- Wed. 31 July: Rachael, Sally
- Fri. 2 Aug: Kathryn, Leonie
- Mon. 5 Aug: Hillary

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

DR SHOE

Dr Shoe will be attending the Uniform Shop this Thursday 1 August from 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Uniform Shop sells a range of hair accessories for the girls to wear if required.
SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL
Our 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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

BASC - INTERESTED IN JOINING PENNANT HILLS BEFORE AND AFTER CARE (BASC) PARENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE?
As is the case for the P&C, our centre relies on volunteer parent involvement to run. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Pennant Hills BASC Committee will be held in early October in which all Management Committee positions become vacant and the opportunity arises for new members to join the committee.

The centre can only run with the voluntary services of the parent Management Committee as we are a not-for-profit organisation, so if you have some interest and energy, please consider joining as a committee member at the AGM. If there are insufficient members to form a committee, the management of the BASC will have to be outsourced and likely result in fee increases.

If you have any questions or you require more information, please do not hesitate to ask a current committee member at phbasc.comm@gmail.com or ask the BASC Coordinator, Barbi at pennanthillsbasc@bigpond.com or in person.

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS STAGE BAND SCHOLARSHIPS
Asquith Boys High School is offering Creative Arts Stage Band scholarships in 2014 for Year 7 boys. Detailed information and the application pack are available at www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or call the office on 9477 3508. Applications close 9 September 2013.

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 seven weeks is $77.00. Concession cost is $62.00. Late starters can pay pro rata. Bookings are essential. Please call 8877 5304 or email www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/healthylifestyle

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

PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN
A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 yrs 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 & resources to assist will be held on Thursday 29 August 2013 from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Hillview Community Centre 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry is via Boyd Ave.

The seminar is being facilitated by CAMHS staff (which includes Psychologists, Social Workers & family therapists).

Please allow enough time for parking and arrive 10 minutes before the registered start time. Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare facilities and are unable to have infants attend with their parents.

The cost of the seminar is $10.00 but there will be no charge for concession card holders. Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.

To confirm your place, please call CAMHS on 9485 6155.

VIP MUSIC - KEYBOARD LESSONS
Learn music on keyboards at PHPS. Fun group music lessons. Practical skills and music theory. Beginner and intermediate students of all ages are welcome.

All music material is provided and keyboards are provided if needed. Cost of $25.00 per session. Please call 9411 3122 for more information.

PENNANT HILLS NETSETGO NETBALL
For 5-8 year olds in Term 4. To register or for more information and forms, please see www.pennanthills.netball.asn.au or contact Tina.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai PCYC are having a Blue Light Disco on Saturday 10 August from 5.00pm-8.00pm for all children aged between 8-12 years old. Tickets are $9.00 and $5.00 per person for all siblings. There will be a DJ and Karaoke and a canteen will be available on the night.

PCYC is located at 22 Waitara Ave, Waitara. Please contact hornsby@pcycnsw.org.au or telephone 9477 230 for more information.

HORNSBY JUNIOR TOUCH
To register online, please go to www.hornsby.mytouchfooty.com or call Carol Jones on 9456 1409.