Dear Parents and Carers,

**START SOMETHING LOCAL – ST GEORGE BANK**

If you have a Facebook account, you can support our school’s nomination in the Pennant Hills St George Bank branch’s “Start Something Local” community project by voting for our school.

If our school wins, we will receive $5,000.00 which would pay for the WiFi connection of Blocks A and B on the Weemala Road site.

1. Go to [www.facebook.com/stgeorgebankaus](http://www.facebook.com/stgeorgebankaus)
2. Click the “Start Something Local” tab and “like” St George if you have not already.
3. Select NSW and find our school project and vote for it.

Spread the message to your extended family and friends and ask them to vote for our school’s project, as the project with the most votes will win. Voting finishes at 12 noon on Sunday 25 August. Our school’s project currently has 14% of the vote.

**This afternoon, we will be having a short afternoon tea from 3.15pm until 4.00pm when children and families will have the opportunity to meet Happy, the St George Dragon on the school hall COLA.**

**CONGRATULATIONS PATRICK AND ERIN**

Congratulations to Patrick 5/6C who has recently returned from Hobart where he participated in the 2013 National Karate Championships, achieving two Gold and one Bronze medal.

Congratulations also go to Erin 4/5M who achieved a Bronze medal in her championship participation.

Well done Patrick and Erin.

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

Accompanying this newsletter is an invitation to all families to attend our 2013 Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August which is being hosted by the school.

To assist with catering, it would be appreciated if responses, together with the payment of $7.00 per family, could be returned to the school by no later than Friday 23 August.

**ART SHOW INVITATION**

Our bi-annual Art Show is being held on the weekend of the Friday 6 and Saturday 7 September with the official opening (adults only) being held on the evening of Friday 6 September commencing at 7.30pm in the school hall.

Students, families and friends will have the opportunity to view the children’s artwork on Saturday 7 September between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

An invitation to the Art Show is being sent home to each family today.

**NEW MEDICAL FORMS**

As previously advised in The Pennant dated 16 July 2013, the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has altered the method of recording student medical details, requiring schools to collect more detailed medical information to manage the daily and emergency health needs of students.

Every student has today been given a copy of the new medical forms which we would like parents to complete and return to the school by no later than Friday 30 August 2013.

All students are required to have the completed forms filed with their Student Record Card as the new forms are now incorporated into the DEC’s school enrolment form.

We appreciate your assistance and support in ensuring that all student medical records are
updated in accordance with revised DEC requirements.

INSTALLATION OF NEW DEMOUNTABLE
A new demountable classroom was delivered to the school on Wednesday 24 July and installed on the 3 – 6 site near 3G’s classroom. Work has been progressing to connect water, data cabling and electricity and a new gate and pathway from Ramsay Road to the asphalt area beside the classroom will be installed in the very near future. New classroom furniture was delivered this morning and the school is in the process of seeking quotes for blinds and other classroom requirements.

The acquisition of the new demountable is a result of our student enrolments reaching the formula equivalent to 21 classes.

As you are aware, I did not form the 21st class earlier in the year for a number of reasons. The demountable will be used for the remainder of this year by Mr Walsh for a variety of class lessons, Maths and a small number of withdrawal groups.

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION
Many thanks to the 103 families who have returned completed School Culture and Student Welfare surveys to the school.

Your feedback is important to us and will be taken into account across a number of school areas.

This Friday 16 August is the final day for return of surveys.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
Commencing next 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. Morning tea will be provided.

For further information, please speak to Mrs Krivohlavy, our ESL teacher.

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 PIZZA LUNCH
Congratulations to the following students who attended Pizza Lunch last Wednesday following their achievement of three Principal’s Awards.


Well done girls and boys.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Kodi 6T, Luci 3P, Tim 5/6C, Mitchell 3P, Jack 6M, William 3P, Sandra 2G, Grace 3L and Josephine 6M to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

STAFF LEAVE
Our best wishes go with Mrs Stubis who is taking long service leave from tomorrow 14 August until Tuesday 20 August inclusive and also with Mrs Haselden who is taking long service leave for three days this week, from Wednesday 14 through to Friday 16 August.

2 Geckos will be taught by Mrs Cassie Roberts and Kinder Bunnies will be taught by Mrs Dionne Bock.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:

6M: Josephine, Izak, Harry
6T: Charles, Kash, Zoe
5/6C: Zoe, Michael, Evrim
5B: Shanika, Cora, Shakira
4/5M: Maya, Guy, Jahan, Neha
4A: Yashmin, Richard, Evie, Gillian
3/4I: Tahli, Owen, Zachary
3G: Zofia, Isabelle, Emma, Georgia
3L: Abby, Sebastian, Grace
3P: Samuel, Hannah, Charlie
2 Dragons: Marcus, Leo, Claire
2 Fish: Harry, Alejandra, Matilda
2 Geckos: Elke, Chyara, Vincent
1 Hippos: Jack, Yuying, Elise
1 Lions: William, Skye
1 Tigers: Jaiden, Adam
1 Zebras: Alex, Caiyleigh
K Bunnies: Maddie, Rumeth
K Koalas: Freya, Eddy, James
K Puppies: Mischa, Riley

Environment Award: William KK
Indonesian: Hanan KP, Liam 1T, Sophia 2D, Rhianna 3P, Charlotte 4A, Jahan 4/5M, William 6T, Anna 6M
Library: Michael 5/6C, Saskia 3G, Sachin 4/5M
Music: James 4/5M, Mya 5/6C, Lachlan 3P
**SPORT**

PSSA SCOREBOARD

Last week we played Epping West PS.

Soccer A lost 0-1  Soccer B won 2-1
Netball A won 31-8  Netball B won 17-4

This Friday we play John Purchase PS in the final round of PSSA for this winter competition. Soccer plays at John Purchase PS and netball plays at Greenway Park.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

Congratulations to our Age Champions for 2013;
Juniors - Kayla and Ty; and
Seniors - Emily and Ben.
Angophora is the Champion House for 2013.
Zone permission notes should be returned by tomorrow, as Field Events will be held next week.

Mark Bryant - Athletics Coordinator

**SPELLING BEE**

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

K  Arjonil
1  Emma
2  Robbie
3  Claire
4  Ty
5  James
6  Phoebe

This week’s spelling words are:

K-2  quiz
3-6  psychic

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

**ART SHOW**

URGENT CALL FOR HELP

If any parent owns or has access to an open backed vehicle eg ute, you may be able to help us.

We need to transport several display boards 2.4 m long, plus framework, from Epping Boys High School to our school on Friday 30 August. If you are able to assist, please contact Anne McLaren or Tracey Haselden as soon as possible. Your offer of help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Art Show Committee

**P&C REPORT**

HELP NEEDED ZONE BBQ - WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

We need your help. The P&C are running the BBQ at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 28 August at Greenway Park, Cherrybrook. This is as big as three Bunnings BBQs all in one, so it is an excellent and enormously beneficial fundraising opportunity. If you can help out, even if you do not have a child participating in the Zone Athletics Carnival but are free for just an hour, please contact Marni by email or phone her.

P&C SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

At the last meeting on Tuesday night, the P&C voted to set up a tax deductible school Building Fund. Donations to this fund therefore will be tax deductible and will be used for projects related to buildings such as the replacement of interactive whiteboards which are urgently needed in three classrooms, WiFi and any other renovations. For more information and account details for donating, please email pandcpresident@gmail.com.

FISHER AVE/TREBOR RD DA

All of you who wrote and signed letters to Hornsby Council regarding this development application would have received a notification in the last few days of the amended DA which has been received by Hornsby Council. The amended reports can be viewed through the Hornsby Council application enquiries site. A traffic survey was done on Tuesday 5 March (not independent as requested) and that states that the estimated twenty-six vehicle movements in and out of the proposed complex (driveway on to Fisher Ave from underground carpark) will have a “statistically insignificant” effect on the current Level of Service traffic at the Trebor Rd/Pennant Hills Rd intersection. That current Level of Service is graded “F” by RMS, which is the worst grading and indicates “unsatisfactory with excessive queuing”!

Any pedestrian safety concerns we may have for our children have been ignored. Unless we can prove adverse impact, the DA would appear to comply with the Hornsby Council zoning (which was changed five years ago). I am currently discussing a possible response from parents and
the P&C with an experienced town planner parent at St Agatha’s. Any suggestions or thoughts would be appreciated. As submissions close next Wednesday 21 August, there is an urgency and I will be in contact by email with as many of you as possible.

**FETE COORDINATOR**
Please remember the P&C are 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 pandcpresident@gmail.com. This role is also open to a team.

**Alison – P&C Secretary**

**Canteen**

Tomorrow is Indonesian Day. If you have already sent in the order for Indonesian food, please fill out a lunch order bag enclosing payment and hand it in to the canteen tomorrow morning. Orders will be collected and filled as per the normal lunch order system. The prices for Indonesian food items are as follows: Nasi Goreng (fried rice) $4.00, Lumpia (spring rolls) 50c, red jelly $1.00.

Thank you to everyone who gives up their time to volunteer in the canteen. Without you, the canteen would not be able to operate. There is always room for more helpers. Please contact me for more information.

Here is the roster for this week. If you are unable to make your rostered day, please try and organise a swap with someone else on the roster.

**K-2 Site**
- Wed. 14 Aug. Lisa, Jeannie, Masumi
- Fri. 16 Aug. Kathryn, Penny, Sarah
- Mon. 19 Aug. Fredou, Evelyn

**3-6 Site**
- Wed. 14 Aug. Gail, Stella, Jing, Jenni
- Fri. 16 Aug. Fiona, Jacqui, Christy
- Mon. 19 Aug. Nicola, NEED ONE MORE PLEASE

**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**PENNANT HILLS AND CHERRYBROOK CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSN – 2013 CELEBRATORY DINNER**
6.00pm for 6.30pm start on Saturday 31 August 2013 at Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church. Cost $25.00 per head, seating in tables of eight. Guest speaker is Mr John Macindoe, Minister of Pennant Hills Baptist Church. Tickets can be purchased by telephoning the treasurer on 0401 724 714 or ordering online at http://www.trybooking.com/47535
For further information, please email dinner@phccea.org.au

**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 to1.30pm 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 ten 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.

**AGM OF THE CIVIC TRUST**
All members of the Pennant Hills local community are invited to attend the AGM of the Pennant Hills Civic Trust held at Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Thursday 15 August commencing at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is Mark McCrindle, a very interesting demographer, who will tell us about statistically what is happening around us. The Civic Trust is a community voice for local issues, such as the Trebor Rd development.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager