Dear Parents and Carers,

PSSA ZONE FIELD EVENTS CARNIVAL
Our best wishes go with the team representing our school in the Beecroft PSSA Zone Field Events Carnival which is taking place tomorrow, Wednesday 21 August at Greenway Oval Cherrybrook.
Our team will be accompanied by Mr Bryant, Mrs Coventry and Miss Tierney.
Our thanks to parents who are assisting with transport and to those who will be attending to support and encourage our team.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
The school is hosting a Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August on the school hall COLA from 7.30am until 8.45am to which all families, and in particular fathers/grandfathers, are invited to attend.
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 this 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.
Entry to the official opening of the Art Show on Friday 6 September is $5.00 per adult with the RSVP due by Friday 30 August.

SPORTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Ten Year 6 students today commenced running the Sports Leadership Program with K-2 classes. The students, Nathan, Lily, Moustafa, Breannan, Rachel, Oliver, Chloe, William, Eden and Annaliese have been trained by the program coordinator, Miss Christine Tierney, 6T class teacher.
The program will be running on most Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes until early mid Term 4.
The purpose of the program is for the Year 6 students to continue developing their leadership skills as well as providing the opportunity through small, structured sporting activities, for younger children to work on their sporting skills, coordination and being involved in a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

NEW MEDICAL FORMS
A reminder that all families are requested to complete and return both pages of the new medical forms for each of their children to enable the school to collect more detailed medical information to manage the daily and emergency health needs of students.
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 returning the completed forms by Friday 30 August to enable us to ensure that all student medical records are updated in accordance with revised DEC requirements.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM
Congratulations to Tom who won first place for a tenor saxophone solo in the Late Intermediate Section (for Grades 5 and 6) at the Killara Junior Music Festival. Well done Tom.

TERM 3 ACTIVITY PAYMENTS
Many thanks to all families who have paid their Term 3 Activity payments already. It would be appreciated if any outstanding payments could be made as soon as possible.
If any family is experiencing financial difficulty in regard to these payments, please contact me as soon as possible to confidentially discuss payment support.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTION OF CHILDREN
Parents are reminded of the need to take every care when dropping off and collecting children from both school sites.
Please ensure that you do not park in restricted zones or across driveways and that you do not call children from across the road.
A further reminder that the school car parks are for the use of staff only. Parents, carers and children should not walk through the car parks at any time.

FREE DENTAL CARE
Northern Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Service provides free dental care to all children less than 18 years old who are eligible for Medicare and reside in the local health district. Recent Commonwealth funding has enabled the waiting times to be considerably reduced, so now is an excellent time to request dental care which includes examinations, x-rays, fillings and extractions. Children may be referred for specialist care to another clinic, Sydney Dental Hospital or Westmead Centre for Oral Health.
Dental care is provided by teams of fully qualified and experienced dentists, Oral Health Therapists and Dental Therapists.
To access the service, contact the dental call centre on 1300 789 404.

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
2. Click the start something local tab and “like” St George if you haven’t already.
3. Select NSW, go to metropolitan Hills District, 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.

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 Evie 4A, Lillian 4A, Sophie 3G, Charles 6T, Elise 1H, James 4/5M, Lachlan 2F, Will 3/4I, Zoe 6T, Maya 4/5M, and Eddie 3L 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: Charlotte, Anna, Shannon
6T: Breannan, Lily, Emily, Nathan
5/6C: Doreen, Aidan, Siân
5B: Zach, Kathleen, Matthew
4/5M: James, Sachin, Morgan
4A: Caleb, Max, Joylyn, Vinuk
3/4I: Sarah, Naren, Evelyn
3G: Aaron, William, Mallalieu
3L: Noah, Trinity, Nick
3P: Kaleb, Jaylen, Miles

Book of the Week: Doreen 5/6C
2 Dragons: Sebastian, Grace, Jacob
2 Fish: Abbey, Riya
2 Geckos: Akash, Saffron, Syhel
1 Hippos: Charlotte, Emma, Julia
1 Lions: Jacinta, Matt
1 Tigers: Sasha, Megan
K Bunnies: Jade, Harrison, Maggie
K Koalas: Tereza, Olivia, William
K Puppies: Livia, Rhiannon

Environment Award: Lachlan 2F
Computers: Joshua KP, Jai 1Z, Tiana 2F, Tiara 3L, Abbi 4/5M, Hamish 5B, Lily 6T
Indonesian: Charlie 3P, Tahlia 3/4I, Christopher 5/6C, Olivia 6T
**SPORT**

**PSSA SCOREBOARD**
Last week we played John Purchase PS.

Soccer A won 2-1  
Soccer B won 6-0  
Netball A won 26-21  
Netball B lost 7-6

Congratulations to all children on their outstanding efforts during the PSSA winter competition.

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

**INTERSCHOOL TENNIS COMPETITION**
Last Saturday night, PHPS entered two teams with 12 players in total, into our first ever Interschool Tennis Competition. Our school came a joint 3rd place overall, with the pairing of Jack and Thomas receiving silver medals for their 2nd place position in their division. A great result for a first time and fantastic effort by all our players. WELL DONE!

A big thank you to Danel Schoeman for coordinating and registering all players.

The next Interschool Tennis Competition is on Saturday 9 November.

Christine Tierney - Teacher Coordinator

**SPELLING BEE**

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

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This week’s spelling words 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 the stage 3 words are levels 2-7.

Heather Eden - Spelling Bee Coordinator

**ART SHOW**

Pennant Hills Public School’s Art Show is fast approaching! All children are busy in their classrooms creating their very own “masterpiece” and are looking forward to showcasing their work at the Art Show. With last week’s Pennant you would have received an invitation to the Art Show Opening Night on Friday 6 September commencing at 7.30pm. This is an adults only event. If you would like to attend the opening of this biannual event, please complete the following slip and return it, together with the money, to your class teacher in a labelled envelope by Friday 30 August.

**ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

Child’s name: ____________________________  
Class: ____________________________  
Number Of Tickets: ________  
Amount enclosed @ $5.00 per ticket ________

Art Show Committee

**THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM**

**STRING GROUP**

Festival students, you should all have received BLUE Final Information Forms for next week’s Banksia Concert. I will redistribute the information by email later this week. However, the supervision slip on page 2 must be signed and returned to the School Office by tomorrow Wednesday 21 August. If you have not received your form, please contact Ms Stevens immediately. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

**P&C REPORT**

**HELP NEEDED BBQ NEXT WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST**

As you would be aware from the past few Pennants, 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 is an excellent and enormously beneficial fundraising opportunity. At the moment we still need THREE more people for the following time slots: 12.00pm – 1.00pm, 1.00pm – 2.00pm and 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

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.
**FISHER AVE/TREBOR RD DA**
A letter regarding the development application has been drafted and is circulating by email and in the playground. I urge all parents to sign the letter or use it as a template to draft their own. The main gist of the letter is that the traffic situation, as we already know too well, and is documented in the developer’s own submitted traffic report, is already beyond capacity, at the worst possible level of service (“F”). Despite its proximity, the school is not mentioned once in the amended report. Though it is alleged the number of extra vehicles will have “statistically insignificant traffic implications to the road network” (there is no “G” level of service!), the report shows an almost 20% greater estimated queue length at the Trebor Rd/Pennant Hills Rd intersection. And this is before taking into account the 50% extra carpark spaces in the DA beyond what is required for that level of development.

Letters may be submitted by mail or email. We have received an extension until next Wednesday 28 August. It is very important that Hornsby Council hears the dissatisfaction of parents about this development.

**FATHERS DAY STALL**
Remember to get your slip and money in for the Father’s Day stall by this Thursday 22 August.

**ST GEORGE WiFi GRANT**
Remember to vote for the school with the St George WiFi grant. The more votes we receive the closer we get to the grant.

Alison – P&C Secretary

**TRIVIA IS BACK**
Make Sure you book it into your diaries for 12 October because “WE HAVE A CUNNING PLAN”.

The Trivia Committee

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**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**MEN’S HEALTH PUBLIC FORUM – TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2013**
Sydney Adventist Hospital is holding a Men’s Health Public Forum on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 6.15pm for 7.00pm. The forum will be held at Fox valley Community centre on the Sydney Adventist Hospital campus. Both men and women are invited to attend this informative evening featuring leading medical specialists, light refreshments and health displays. The topics to be presented include testosterone levels in ageing men, heart health and anaemia.

For bookings and further information, call the San’s Marketing and Public Relations Department on 9487 9871, email comrel@sah.org.au or visit www.sag.org.au

**CELLO FOR SALE**
A beautiful half size John Wu cello is for sale for $320.00. It comes with a hard case and bow. Contact Deborah.

**NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN MORNING**
North Sydney Girls High School will be holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 11 September 2013 from 9.30am to 11.30am. For further details, ring 9922 6666.

**LOST SAMSUNG FLIP PHONE 8 AUGUST**
Lost at the crossing. Please hand into the office.

**LOST KEYS FRIDAY 16 AUGUST**
If found please hand in to the office as soon as possible.

**TWPS SPRING FAIR SATURDAY 24 AUGUST**
10.00am-4.00pm at Thornleigh West PS, Giblett Ave, Thornleigh. To purchase armbands at $27.50 each for unlimited rides and entry to the Kindifarm, please email twpsspringfair2013@gmail.com

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**CAROLYN - Canteen Manager**

**Mon. 26 Aug.**  Nara, Liz, Jennifer  
**3-6 Site**  
**Wed. 21 Aug.**  Janet, Tracey  
**Fri. 23 Aug.**  Sue, Mehalia, Melinda  
**Mon. 26 Aug.**  Kate, Michelle, Rau

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**K-2 Site**
**Wed. 21 Aug.**  Jenny, Rebecca  
**Fri. 23 Aug.**  Leanne, Rikky

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Indonesian Day last Wednesday was a great success. Thanks to Jenny, Jacqui, Gail and Jing for all your help, and to Tracey for your inside knowledge as to how to run it so that I didn't attempt to make fried rice for 100 on Wednesday morning!

The canteen committee is meeting at the Hotel Pennant Hills at 7.30pm tonight. It would be great to see some new faces. Menu changes are on the agenda, so if you have any ideas come along, or contact me.

Here is the roster for this week. If you are unable to make your rostered day, please try to arrange a swap or let me know as far in advance as possible.