Dear Parents and Carers,

**PSSA ZONE CARNIVAL SUCCESS**

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the PSSA Zone Field Events Carnival held last week on a very cold, windy day. Particular congratulations go to Nathan who took 1st place in the 11 year boys' Shot Put, Ty who took 1st place in the Junior Boys' Discus and 3rd place in Junior Boys' High Jump, Aidan who took 2nd place in the Junior Boys' Discus, Zara who took 1st place in the Junior Girls' Discus and Zoe who took 1st place in both the 11 year girls' Long Jump and Shot Put.

A number of our students also acquitted themselves well in the 800 metre heats.

Our best wishes go tomorrow, Wednesday 28 August, with the team representing our school in the PSSA Zone Track Events Carnival which is being coordinated by Mr Bryant. Our team will be accompanied by Mrs Coventry, Miss Tierney, Mr Moran and me. Our thanks again to parents who are assisting with transport and to those who will be attending to support and encourage the children in their efforts.

**BANKSIA REHEARSAL AND CONCERT**

Members of our String and Recorder Groups are today rehearsing for the Festival of Instrumental Music Banksia Concert which takes place this evening, Tuesday 27 August, in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House commencing at 7.00pm. Our students have been preparing for the concert over many months under the direction of conductors Naira and Lanan and Ms Stevens. We wish them all the best tonight as they join hundreds of students from across the state in the Combined String Ensemble and Combined Recorder Ensemble.

Our thanks to Mrs Naira and Ms Lanan and Ms Stevens for their training, preparation and supervision of the students, Mrs Dayan for her coordination, Mrs Griffith and Mr Moran who are accompanying and supervising the students throughout today's rehearsal and tonight's performance and to the children's parents and carers for support of their involvement in the concert and associated rehearsals.

**P & C FATHER'S DAY STALL**

This Thursday 29 August, the P & C will be running a Father's Day stall from 9.30am for children in Years 3 – 6 and from 2.00pm for children in K – 2. Our thanks to Mrs Jacinda for her coordination and running of the stall and to her helpers on the day. I am sure that dads and granddads will enjoy their specially chosen gift when it is presented on Sunday.

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

The school is hosting a Father’s Day Breakfast on the school hall COLA this coming Friday 30 August from 7.30am until 8.45am to which all families, and in particular fathers/grandfathers, are invited to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of the school community, I take this opportunity to wish all fathers and grandfathers a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

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STAGE 3 DEBATE V THORNLEIGH WEST PS

Next Monday 2 September, Year 6 students Annabelle, Chloe, Jasmine and Caitlin will be representing the school when they debate against Thornleigh West students, with the topic being “Cinderella had no right to go to the ball”. Our team will be arguing that Cinderella did have a right to go to the ball.

We wish Annabelle, Chloe, Jasmine and Caitlin all the very best.

ART SHOW INVITATION

The opening of our bi-annual Art Show will take place in the school hall on Friday 6 September commencing at 7.30pm. This is an adults’ only event. We are very grateful to the P & C who are coordinating the catering.

Entry to the official opening of the Art Show on Friday 6 September is $5.00 per adult with the RSVP due by this coming Friday 30 August.

Families will have an opportunity to visit the Art Show on Saturday 7 September between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

KINDERGARTEN 2014 ENROLMENT FORMS REQUIRED PLEASE

If your child is commencing kindergarten here next year and you have not yet submitted a completed enrolment form, could you please do so immediately to assist us with our organisation for the Parent Information evening on Tuesday 22 October and our four week orientation program to be held on Tuesdays 29 October, 5, 12 and 19 November. Please note that the school also needs to see your child’s Birth Certificate or passport, immunisation record and proof of address as appropriate.

NEW MEDICAL FORMS

A reminder that all families have been requested to complete and return copies 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 in returning the completed forms by this Friday 30 August to enable us to ensure that all student medical records are updated in accordance with revised DEC requirements.

PARENT FORUM

An invitation is extended to all parents of students accessing Student Services Programs to attend an information sharing meeting with other parents and Department of Education and Communities’ representatives.

Scott Gould, Psychologist and School Counsellor (Hearing) will talk about Positive Heath for children – the chemical effect of happiness and gratitude on the brain and how schools can contribute to the overall well-being and satisfaction of students, beyond just a focus on achievement.

Date: Friday 13 September 2013
Time: 10.00am to 12 noon
Venue: Lindfield East Public School hall, 90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Kate McCosker, Student Welfare Consultant on 9987 3900 or at kate.mccosker@det.nsw.edu.au.

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 Karina 2G, Maggie 2G, Yashmin 4A, Emma 1Z, Lillian 4A, Brendan 3G, Anjani 3L, Jennifer 3L, Jazmin 6T (x 2) Hannah 3G, Madeline 2D and Devendra 2G to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

STAFF NEWS

University of Technology 4th year Bachelor of Education in Primary Education students Erin, Annie, Rhianna, Elise, Katherine, Amanda, Kirsten and Murray have commenced their final four week block in classes 3G, 1Z, 3L, 1L, 2F, KB, 2D and 5/6C respectively. The students will be teaching their respective classes for half a day each day for the next three weeks and will teach their class for the whole week in the last week of the term.

I know that the UTS students are very appreciative of the educational experiences and opportunities provided by our school in addition to the support they have received from their supervising teachers this year. We look forward to the contribution they will make to our school in this their final prac.

Mrs Coventry, Class Teacher of 4/5M, is taking long service leave, effective from next Monday 2 September through to Thursday 10 October inclusive. Mrs Cassie Roberts will be teaching 4/5M until the end of this term and Mrs Janelle Brown will teach the class for the first four days of Term 4.

We wish Mrs Coventry an exciting and enjoyable time as she travels overseas with her family.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal
MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Alyssa, Amber, Thomas
5/6C: Zoe, Patrick, Annabelle, Henry
5B: Zach, Sean, Freya
4/5M: Finley, Ellen, Max
4A: Scott, Chloe
3G: Bailey, Sophia, Udit, Avi
3L: Marcus, Tom, Hamish
3P: Olivia, James, Joel
2 Dragons: Abbey, Aiden, Wei Wei
2 Fish: Archie, Sarah, Max
2 Geckos: Charlotte, Devendra
1 Hippos: Matthew, Imogen, Lucius
1 Lions: James, Zara
1 Tigers: Charles, Isabella
1 Zebras: Toga, Emma, Lucy, Sam
K Bunnies: Helen, Josh
K Koalas: Riley, Matthew, Oliver
K Puppies: Brooke, Jack, Holly
Computers: Maggie KB, Grace 1L, Caleb 2G, Zac
3/4I, Maya 4/5M, Henry 5/6C, Grace 6M
Indonesian: Samuel KB, Yuying 1H, James 2G
Library: Rebecca 6T, Rhianna 3P, Hamish 5B
Music: Zara 1L, Zaia KP, Matthew 3G, Jelena 6M

SPELLING BEE

With the conclusion of our school spelling bee competition last Wednesday, we would like to congratulate the following four students who have been chosen to represent our school at the regional spelling bee competition:

Stage 2: Jennifer and Jahan
Stage 3: Patrick and Jack

The regional finals will be held at Cherrybrook Public School on Monday 16 of September and we wish our competitors the best of luck.

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

K: William
1: Thomas
2: Claire
3: Jennifer
4: William
5: Sumukhi
6: Jean

Heather Eden - Spelling Bee Coordinator

ART SHOW

OPENING NIGHT TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!
The Art Show is fast approaching! The opening night for this bi-annual event is Friday 6 September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the school hall. There will be two guest speakers (see below for details) and light refreshments on the night. Please note, this evening is for adults only. Entry is $5.00 per person and tickets must be obtained before the event as they will not be available for purchase at the door. Please complete the slip below and return it with the money to your child’s class teacher in a labelled envelope.

Families will also have an opportunity to visit the Art Show on Saturday 7 September between 10.00am and 3.00pm at no cost.

Guest Speakers: Robin Martin has established himself as a master muralist and a highly skilled creator of site-specific artwork. He is the artist who created the mural on our 3-6 site. Robin will be speaking about the importance of creativity in our lives.

Alana Burnett is an ex-student and currently teaches at Pacific Hills. She will be talking about the importance of art in education and how it can positively impact on children both academically and socially.

ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Child’s name:__________________________
Class:__________________________
Number Of Tickets:_____
Amount enclosed @ $5.00 per ticket __________

The Art Show Committee

P&C REPORT

NEXT P&C MEETING DATE CHANGE – TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
The date for the next P&C meeting has changed from Tuesday 3 September to Tuesday 10 September, due to the clash with the Arts North concert. Please put 10 September, commencing at 7.30pm in your diaries.

FISHER AVE/TREBOR RD DA – SUBMISSIONS DUE TOMORROW
If you have not yet signed the letter regarding the development application, which has been circulating by email and in the playground for the last week, please do. Submissions are due tomorrow, Wednesday 28 August. If you would like a soft copy of the letter, please email me. Letters may be submitted by email directly to Hornsby Council, by mail or to me to deliver to Hornsby Council tomorrow. It is very important that they hear the dissatisfaction of parents about this development. It will definitely make a difference.

P&C WEBSITE
The P&C website has been updated with lots of new information. A big thank you to Gail for her work on it. So for all things P&C, go to www.phps-pandc.org.
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TOMORROW
Thank you to all who have offered to help with the BBQ for the Zone Athletics Carnival tomorrow. If you can still help, the canteen, also part of the P&C, still needs help.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE FOR 3-6 SITE
The focus for P&C working bees in Terms 3 and 4 will be on the 3-6 site. Come along on Sunday 15 September from 1.00pm and help rejuvenate the garden alongside the library. We will take out some of the existing plants and prepare and mulch the garden ready for replanting with native plants. Bring shovels, mattocks, rakes and barrows if you have them otherwise just come with a hat and gloves! If you prefer to trim, bring clippers as there are plenty of shrubs needing a haircut.
Many thanks to Ruth who last week cut up and removed branches which had fallen in the Bicentennial Gardens. Please put Sunday 15 September in your diary.

Chris - Gardens and Grounds Committee

INTERESTED IN JOINING PENNANT HILLS 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 will become available 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 will likely result in fee increases.
If you have any questions or you require additional information, please do not hesitate to ask a current committee member at phbasc.comm@gmail.com or ask the Coordinator, Barbi in person or at pennanthillsbasc@bigpond.com

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

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 please call 9922 6666.