Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the many families and friends who visited the school last Wednesday on our Education Week Open Night. Every classroom looked fantastic with bright, eye-catching colourful displays of the children’s work. The evening provided an opportunity for families to look at every classroom and learn about the different topics being taught in the various learning stages, as well as to look at the children’s workbooks. On your behalf, I sincerely thank the staff for their dedication and hard work with your children at all times and for ensuring that their rooms are always attractive and stimulating, not just for special occasions.

The library and Computer Room were also very popular venues, with both being crowded to capacity. Thank you to all families and staff who donated a book to the library, with the library acquiring 310 books in total as a result.

I have uploaded photos from Open Night onto the school website which you may like to view, particularly if you were unable to attend last week.

FIELD EVENTS CARNIVAL
I congratulate all students who participated in the Field Events carnival held on the 3 – 6 oval yesterday. Special congratulations go to Ty 4/5M who cleared 1.28 metres in the Junior Boys’ High Jump, breaking the 1.2 metre record last set in 2004, and to Zoe 6T who threw 9.02 metres, breaking the 11 years girls’ 2012 8.22 metre Shot Put record. Well done Ty and Zoe.

Our thanks to Mr Bryant who coordinated the carnival, all staff for their support and assistance and parents who supported the children with their attendance and encouragement.

YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM
In what was a close debate, the Year 6 Debating Team was narrowly defeated by Normanhurst West in Round 3 of the Interschool Debating Competition on Wednesday last week. The team of Zoe, Rohan, Phoebe and Siân are to be congratulated on their preparation and hard work for the debate. The topic for the debate was “Dogs make better pets than cats.’ Well done and thank you and Mrs Cox for your hard work.

START SOMETHING LOCAL – ST GEORGE BANK
Accompanying this newsletter is a flyer regarding Start something local, a St George Bank community project initiative. The Manager of the Pennant Hills branch, a former PHPS student, nominated our school for a grant up to $5,000.00 to assist the school with the cost of WiFi connection. You can support our school by voting for our nominated project on Facebook. The flyer provides information on how to do this. Please 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.
Next Tuesday 13 August, we will have 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 under the school hall COLA.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY**

Class, individual, family and the Year 6 graduation photographs were taken today.

Our thanks to Mrs Cohen, School Administrative Manager, and Mrs Robyn Gilchrist and Mrs Melissa Griffith, Assistant Principals, for their coordination of the timetable and their liaison with The School Photographer over the past two months.

Group photographs will be taken in Term 4 on Tuesday 15 October.

**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**

I have today submitted our anticipated student enrolment numbers for the 2014 school year on which our staffing will be based and I will continue updating it throughout the rest of the 2013 school year. It is therefore vital that I have up to date information on student enrolments and this will be particularly useful when staff and I are working on 2014 class lists.

Your assistance in informing me of any enrolment changes will be greatly appreciated.

**SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION**

Thank you to the families who have returned completed School Culture and Student Welfare surveys. A reminder that the last day for return of the completed surveys to your child’s teacher or either school office is preferably by Friday 9 August and no later than Friday 16 August.
SPORT

PSSA SCOREBOARD
Last week we played West Pennant Hills PS.
Soccer A lost 0-3    Soccer B won 1-0
Netball A won 25-14  Netball B won 7-4

This Friday we play Epping West PS at Pennant Hills Park (netball) and Campbell Park (soccer).

Mark Bryant - PSSA Coordinator

FIELD EVENTS CARNIVAL
Yesterday's Field Events Carnival was held in perfect, sunny conditions. There were some fantastic results including spectacular high jumping. Congratulations to Zoe - 11 years Shotput and Ty - Junior High Jump for record-breaking performances. Qualifiers for the Zone Athletics Carnival will receive permission notes soon. Ribbons will be presented at next Tuesday's K-6 assembly commencing at 2.00pm.

Mark Bryant - Field Events Coordinator

ANY INTERESTED TENNIS PLAYERS?
PHPS is entering a tennis team into an interschool tennis competition on Saturday August 17 from 5.30pm-9.00pm.
Are you able to play tennis? Can you serve and rally reasonably well? If so, we would love you to join our team. The cost is $15.00 per person to enter.
If you would like to get involved please contact our parent coordinator, Danel. Entries close on 8 August.

Christine Tierney - Teacher Coordinator

INDONESIAN DAY
On Wednesday 14 August, we will be celebrating Indonesian Day by wearing colours of the Indonesian flag, red and white. Students will be taking part in activities pertaining to Independence Day during their Indonesian lesson and will be able to order a selection of Indonesian food from the canteen. Selamat Hari Indonesia!

Bu Lagaida – Indonesian Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS
A huge thank you to all those families who donated a book to the library on Open Night. It was just wonderful seeing so many families visiting the library. Overall, 310 books were donated.
A big thank you to Mrs Staff, our library clerical assistant, who has been busily organising the book plates so that the students can be acknowledged for their donation. Once this is completed, they will then be able to borrow their donated book.
Your support for the library is very much appreciated.

Ms Gai Davis - Teacher Librarian

ART SHOW
Pennant Hills Public School's Art Show will be officially opened at an adults only function on Friday evening, 6 September 2013 commencing at 7.30pm and then for family and friends to view on Saturday 7 September between 10.00am and 3.00pm. The children are busily creating their very own "masterpiece" and are keen to display their work at the Art Show. The staff look forward to seeing you there.

Anne McLaren, Jeanette Cox, Hanna Phillips, Ingrid Stubis and Tracey Haselden - 2013 Art Show Coordinators

P&C REPORT
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BBQ - WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST
PHPS has been given the opportunity to run the BBQ at the Zone Athletics Carnival. This is being held at Greenway Park, Cherrybrook on Wednesday 28 August. It 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, have friends and relatives who are going or you would just like to help out, please contact Marni.
P&C MEETING TONIGHT
The next P&C meeting is TONIGHT, in the library commencing at 7.30pm. On the agenda is the final discussion regarding 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.

K–2 PLAY AREA LANDSCAPING PLAN PROGRESS
The P&C Playground Committee is currently tendering for the terracing and landscaping construction of the dirt slope between the silver seats and the play equipment. This work is hoped to be undertaken in the next school holidays.

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. Please email pandcpresident@gmail.com.

Alison – P&C Secretary

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CANTEEN</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A reminder that next Wednesday 14 August is Indonesian Day. Please hand in your completed slip expressing what you would like to order by this Friday 9 August. The options are: Nasi Goreng (fried rice) $4.00, Lumpia (spring rolls) 50c each and red jelly $1.00 each. Please do not send any money at this time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Here is the roster for this week.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>K-2 Site</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>3-6 Site</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carolyn - Canteen Manager</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>PHPS PRAYER GROUP</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The prayer group will be meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 14 August, in Bellthorn Cottage from 9.15am. September’s meeting will be held on Friday 15 September at Min home.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ENGLISH FOR LIFE CLASSES AT ST MARKS</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Learn or practise English in a friendly and relaxed group at English for Life classes. Mondays 9.30am to noon, during term time at St Mark’s Anglican Church Pennant Hills on the corner of Rosemount Avenue and Warne Street, Pennant Hills. Morning tea provided and crèche are available for children. The cost is $2.00 per week. Contact co-ordinator Patricia Rajaratnam on 0422 649 964 or <a href="mailto:patricia.raja@yahoo.com.au">patricia.raja@yahoo.com.au</a> to register, or for more information, visit <a href="http://www.stmarks.com.au">www.stmarks.com.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 years 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 and 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 &amp; 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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PENNANT HILLS CRICKET CLUB</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pennant Hills Junior Cricket Club is taking registrations for the 2013/14 season and is holding a registration day on Sunday 11 August at PHPS - Greycliffe Ave entrance on the 3-6 site from 9.00am - 12 noon. If you would like to register or have any questions, please come along. Alternatively, you can contact Stephen at <a href="mailto:penno.juniors@gmail.com">penno.juniors@gmail.com</a> for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>THE GREAT PENNO RENO</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pennant Hills High School is holding another Great Penno Reno on the weekend of 26 and 27 October. Last year was a huge success with over 300 parents, carers, staff and students helping to beautify the grounds and surrounding facilities whilst having lots of fun in the process. If you are keen to support your local high school, you are very welcome to attend or you can support the project by contributing to our fundraising efforts by purchasing raffle tickets at $2.00 each. Please email <a href="mailto:greatpennoreno@gmail.com">greatpennoreno@gmail.com</a> and we will provide you with various options/methods to buy tickets. You can find us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatPennoReno">https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatPennoReno</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>