Dear Parents and Carers,

**ART SHOW**

Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended the official opening of our Art Show on Friday evening or visited on Saturday. The creativity and variety of the artworks was immense and I am sure you enjoyed the opportunity to view and admire the work on display. I would like to thank and acknowledge:

- Epping Boys High School who lent us the display boards;
- Richard who transported the boards from the high school;
- Hanna and Joel Phillips who used their creative talents to design and print the Art Show invitations;
- Our hard working P & C parents who did a magnificent job catering for the opening and on Saturday;
- Our General Assistant Jim Cox and 5B Class Teacher Mark Bryant who set up the boards;
- Cheryl Cohen, Chris Worrell and Donna Lee who assisted with ticket sales and various administration tasks;
- Anne McLaren, Coordinator of the Art Show, who with the help and support of committee members Jeanette Cox, Hanna Phillips, Tracey Haselden, Melissa Coventry, Jaime Mackay and Nicole Arnold worked over a number of months to prepare for the display;
- the support of our UTS Associate Teachers which allowed Melissa Griffith, Jenni Lainson, Tracy Geary and Amy Ziems to provide the Art Show Committee with invaluable assistance in setting up the art show display;
- All staff who assisted with the setting up of art displays and who encouraged, motivated and stimulated the creativity and talent in our students;
- our students who produced their wonderful pieces of artwork; and
- our Opening Night guest speakers Alana Burnett and Robin Martin.

**HILLS DANCE EISTEDDFOD**

Next Sunday, our dance groups will be performing at the Hills Dance Eisteddfod. We wish them, dance teacher Jacqui Lalor and the dance group coordinators all the very best.
2013 NAPLAN REPORTS
2013 NAPLAN reports for students in Years 3 and 5 will be arriving at the school shortly. I anticipate that I will be able to send the parent reports home early next week.

SYDNEY NORTH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SUCCESS
Congratulations to the Nathan, Tahlee, Ty, Aidan Stephanie, Zoe, Zara, Hamish and Anna who represented our school and Beecroft Zone at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival yesterday. Four of the students qualified to compete in the State Carnival which is being held in next term in Week 2 on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October.

Zoe finished 1st in the 11 years’ Long Jump, 3rd in Shot Put and 3rd in 200 metres, Zara took 3rd place in the Junior Girls’ discus, Hamish took 3rd place in the 11 years’ 800 metres and Anna took 3rd place in the 13 years’ 100 metres.

Well done Zoe, Zara, Hamish and Anna. We wish you well for the State Carnival.

RETURN OF NEW MEDICAL FORMS
A reminder that all families have been requested to complete and return copies of the two 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 are very grateful to the many parents who have returned their children’s forms.

If you have not yet completed and returned both forms, could you please do so immediately. This will enable us to ensure that all student medical records are updated in accordance with revised DEC requirements.

PARENT FORUM
A reminder that 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 to be held this coming Friday morning 13 September from 10.00am to 12 noon at Lindfield East Public School hall, 90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield.

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

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Caleb 2G, Ryan 4/5M, Matthew 3G, Lily 3G, Jazmin 6T, Maggie KB, Jason 3P, Rachel 1L, Marcus 2D, Carina 3/4I and Wei Wei 2D to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

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.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Joshua, Rachel, Nathan
6T: Caitlin, Cameron, William
5/6C: Sebastian, Moustafa, Sumukhi, Henry
5B: Jessie, James, Timon
4/5M: Charlotte, Abbi, Eamon
4A: Ansh, Sam, Claire
3/4I: Arizona, Jessica, Eamon
3G: Patrick, Stirling, Jessica
3L: Anjani, Nidhi, Thomas, Sareena
3P: Zara, Nidhi, Lachlan
2 Dragons: Sophia, Jared
2 Fish: Aditya, Shruti
2 Geckos: Sandra, Jared
1 Hippos: Luke, Luci
1 Lions: Jacob, Jordan
1 Tigers: Liam, Kirkland
1 Zebras: Genevieve, Matthew
K Bunnies: Nikolai, Oliver
K Koalas: Sidney, Niamh
K Puppies: Claudia, Kieran

Environment Award: Madeline 2G, Wei Wei 2G
Computers: Anais KP, Claire 1T, Alesson 2F, Zara 3P, Joey 4A, Lauren 4/5M, Oliver 6T
Indonesian: Ruby KB, Julia 1H, Chiara 2G, Khushi 3L, Jojylyn 4A, Cameron 4/5M, Anna 6M
Library: Eddie 3L, Sebastian 3L, Grace 3L, Zachary 3/4I
Music: Brooke KP, Matilda 1L, Elke 2G Jaidon 4A

TYPEQUICK

REMEMBER THAT THE LAST DAY FOR BUYING TYPEQUICK IS THIS THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER.

The Year 1 children have now started touch typing and are making great progress. All grades are practising in the lab and in classrooms, and home
practice will continue their skills development. Next term, all children from Years 3 to 6 will be tested on their speed. It is the aim of the program that Year 6 children leave the school as proficient touch typists. Many have achieved this aim.

At our final recognition assembly, a trophy will be presented to the fastest typist in the school, and a certificate to the fastest typist in each grade. The competition is very close, with excellent speeds being attained by many children! This cannot be attained without practice.

Diane Maddison - Typequick Coordinator

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

STRING GROUP
The String Ensemble will be performing at the Recognition Assembly next Tuesday 17 September at 2.00pm. More details will follow by email.

MUSIC ORIENTATION EVENING - ALL AGES WELCOME!
The Music Orientation Evening will be held on Thursday 24 October at 6.30pm.

Please note that the String Ensemble accepts students from Years K - 6. The band program accepts students from Years 3 - 6. If you are interested in joining a band or ensemble in 2014 (regardless of whether you are in Year 2 this year), please feel free to come along.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

P&C REPORT

NEXT P&C MEETING TONIGHT
The next P&C meeting is tonight at 7.30pm in the library. On the agenda, along with reports from the P&C subcommittees, we will be reviewing the recommendations from the hydraulic engineer regarding the rain/stormwater problems at the K – 2 site.

ART SHOW
Wasn't the Art Show stunning?! A huge thank you to all our wonderful teachers for the massive amount of work they put into it, over and above their usual classroom work. Thanks especially to the Art Show Committee for their leadership, organisation and extra work put in. Thanks to Sue who along with her helpers, including Kirsten and Christine washing up on the night, did a superb job catering for the excellent Opening Night. All who went thoroughly enjoyed the evening. And finally thanks to Jamie and his team for organising and cooking the sausage sizzle on Saturday, which many of us enjoyed. Thanks to all for a very successful event which showcased the talented work of our children.

K – 2 PLAYGROUND WORK
Work will be commencing in the next school holidays on the terracing of the dirt slope below the silver seats at the K – 2 site. Stay tuned for more exciting details next week.

SCHOOL BANKING
One of the proven keys to future financial success is an early start to savings. The P&C organise school banking through the Commonwealth Bank. Information kits are available at both offices and applying is easy. For each deposit, the children receive a token and for every 10 tokens they get a cool prize. If you have any queries, please contact Linda or send an email to her.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY
Many helpers are needed at 3-6 site from 1.00pm this Sunday 15 September. Come along for whatever time you can spare. See the green note accompanying the Pennant for more details.

Special request: please contact me if you have a chainsaw and are available to do some work at the 3-6 site any time over this coming weekend.

Chris - Gardens and Grounds Committee

CANTEEN

The fried rice available on the menu has changed. It is no longer bought frozen, but instead is now made in the canteen. The ingredients are rice, peas, corn, capsicum, shallots, carrot, egg, ham and gluten free soy sauce. The price remains the same as the other fried rice $3.70.

We have leftover stock of Aroona and Quench drinks that were bought for the Zone Athletics Carnival. They come in five flavours - apple raspberry, blue, lemon lime, orange and cola. They are available for purchase at $2.00 each while stocks last.

Here is the roster for this week. Thank you all for your help.

K-2 Site
Wed. 11 Sept. Lisa, Jeannie
Fri. 13 Sept. Ros, Elizabeth
Mon. 16 Sept. Fredou, Ranu

3-6 Site
Wed. 11 Sept. Stella, Jing
Fri. 13 Sept. Meg, Georgie, Ros Bunn
Mon. 16 Sept. Ranu

Carolyn - Canteen Manager
YEAR 5 PARENTS, please note that orders for the 2014 Year 6 sports shirts are due this Friday 13 September.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL
The stock of second hand uniforms is currently very low. If you have any summer or 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

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE NEWS

PENNANT HILLS BASC PARENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!
Want to join, but don’t know what it’s all about? Want further information before deciding whether to join?
Please come to our next Committee Meeting THIS Wednesday, 11 September from 7.15pm – 7.45pm for a brief Question and Answer Session where interested parents can ask current members what it is all about and ask any questions or concerns before the AGM in October. Care and light snacks can be provided for your children if you need to bring them along as well.
BASC relies on the support from parents in our Management Committee and would greatly appreciate more support!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION MORNING
NBHS is an academically selective school of excellence in boys education. There are two information mornings for Year 7 2015 to assist parents who are interested in the 2015 Year 7 intake.
Where: Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst
When: Friday 20 September and Monday 8 October 2013
Time: 9.30am - 11.00am
Please telephone the school on 9489 1077 for more information or contact us at normanhurb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

ADVANCE NOTICE – ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY 2013 FOR YEAR 5 BOYS
Year 5 boys are invited to participate in Asquith Boys HS Experience Day to be held on Thursday 7 November from 8.30am until 2.30pm. Application forms should be returned to the high school no later than Wednesday 30 October. If you are interested in your Year 5 son attending, please contact Asquith Boys HS on 9477 3508 or access one from the school’s website www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

IT’S A GREAT TIME TO TRY HOCKEY!
Northern District Hockey Association will run a “Try Hockey” program over two consecutive mornings in the FIRST week of the September school holidays Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 September 2013 from 9.30am – 11.30am at Pennant Hills Park Hockey Field, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills.
For more details and online registration forms visit www.ndhockey.com.au or enquiries can be directed to Robert Nicoll on 0438 119 729 and at hookin2hockey@ndhockey.com.au

PENNANT HILLS NETSETGO NETBALL
Pennant Hills Netball Club is running a netball skills program for 5-8 year olds in Term 4. For registration information and forms please visit our website www.pennanthills.netball.asn.au or contact Tina.

CASUAL CARE WORK - PENNANT HILLS AREA
Seeking female with experience as AIN, RN or personal carer. Hours and shifts negotiable. Personal care and light housework for quadriplegic woman in Pennant Hills area. $33.00 per hour plus super and meals. Own transport is essential. Please call June on 0419 218 483 for more information.

KICKSTART KIDS K-6 HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Run by Community Church Hornsby please call Kate on 0401 833 302 or Caroline on 0422 287 251 for information.