Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to Mrs Worrell for dealing with all the administrative tasks and to Miss Lee and our Assistant Principals for their organisation of the Father’s Day Breakfast and to all staff and mums whose wonderful assistance and support of the event ensured it was enjoyed by all who attended.

I am sure that dads and grandads were very appreciative of their Father’s Day gifts, and in particular those purchased from the P & C’s Father Day stall.

ARTSNORTH CONCERT
Ms Stevens, Mrs Griffith and Mrs Lainson are accompanying Ramsay Choir today to their rehearsal in preparation for tonight’s ArtsNorth Concert at the Sydney Opera House, when they will form part of the 700 voice choir.

Our thanks to Ms Stevens for her training and preparation of Ramsay Choir, Mrs Griffith and Mrs Lainson for their assistance and to parents and carers for your support and attendance.

PSSA ZONE CARNIVAL SUCCESS
Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Beecroft PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival held last Wednesday at Greenway Park. All students did their very best and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

Special congratulations to Tahlee who took 3rd place in the 8 years 100 metres, Stephanie who took 2nd place in the 13 years 100 metres, Anna who took 1st place in the 13 years 100 metres, Hamish who took 2nd place in the 11 years 100 metres, 200 metres and 800 metres events and Zoe who took 1st place in the 11 years’ 200 and 800 metre events.

Together with Nathan, Aidan, Ty and Zara who qualified so well at the Zone Field Events Carnival, Tahlee, Stephanie, Anna, Hamish and Zoe will represent the school at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival to be held next Monday 9 September. We wish them all the very best.

On behalf of the 21 schools involved in the Zone Athletics Carnival, I congratulate Mr Bryant on his superb coordination and organisation of the day which ran very smoothly. Our thanks also go to Team Manager, Mrs Coventry, Miss Tierney and Mr Moran for their assistance and support on the day, to parents who assisted with transport and supported and encouraged the children in their efforts and to our wonderful House Captains who worked hard throughout the day assisting with a variety of tasks to support the competitors and the carnival officials.

Huge thanks to Marni and Mal who ran the barbeque with support from parents and barbequer extraordinaire Mr Moran, and to our Canteen Manager, Carolyn and her helpers who ran the canteen.

ART SHOW
Our bi-annual Art Show, featuring a piece of artwork completed by every child in the school, will be officially opened this Friday evening 6 September, commencing at 7.30pm in the school hall. We are fortunate to have two guest speakers this year, Robin Martin and Alana Burnett.

We are very grateful to the P & C who are coordinating the catering which is covered by the entry fee of $5.00 per head.

It is disappointing to report that at this stage, we have more staff than parents and carers who have indicated their intention to attend.

The opening will be an opportunity for parents and carers to socialise as well as to admire the children’s artwork. I encourage you to consider attending on Friday night. Families and friends will also have an opportunity to visit the Art Show on Saturday 7 September between 10.00am and 3.00pm. I hope to see you on either Friday evening or Saturday.
CONGRATULATIONS TO 2014 PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to newly appointed Pennant Hills High School School Captains Eliza and Benjamin and Vice Captains Jessica and Evan, all former Pennant Hills Public School students. Eliza, Benjamin, Jessica and Evan completed Year 6 here in 2008.

We wish them well in their leadership roles and all the very best for their HSC studies.

WEARING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

In view of the warmer weather we are currently experiencing, students may wear summer uniform at their parents’ discretion. Please ensure that jumpers and jackets etc are clearly labelled with your child’s name and encourage your child to put their jumper or jacket in a safe place, preferably their school bag, if they remove it at any time throughout the day.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 6 debating team who won their fourth round debate in the Inter-School Debating Competition against Thornleigh West Public School on Monday. Jasmine, Caitlin, Chloe and Henry successfully argued against the topic “Cinderella had no right to go to the ball”. Well done.

SCHOOL HOURS AND STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that our school hours are 9.15am until 3.15pm and that our playgrounds are supervised from 8.45am until 9.15am. Parents are therefore requested not to send their children to school prior to 8.45am. Children should leave the school grounds promptly after they are dismissed at 3.15pm. Please note that they are not permitted to play on the equipment after 3.15pm as there is no teacher supervision after school.

The school is required by law to keep a record of student absences and reasons for those absences in class rolls. The start of the school day is most important and it is essential that students settle down quickly to benefit from the lessons taught. I realise that on occasions, events occur beyond our control causing lateness, but I would appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your children are at school by 9.15am each day.

If possible, please make medical, dental and other appointments outside of school hours so that there is minimal disruption to your child’s learning routines. Parents are reminded that if their child is late arriving at school, they must report to the office to complete a green “Late Arrival Form”.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


STAFF NEWS

Last week we bid farewell to Mrs Janette Thambryrajah, Learning Support Teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Thambryrajah accepted a full-time position at Bidwill PS effective last Friday. Mrs Thambryrajah has worked at our school in a number of different teaching roles over the last three years, demonstrating her committed, dedicated, caring and very willing approach at all times. We thank her for the many contributions she has made to our school and wish her well in her new position at Bidwill.

Mrs Janelle Brown has accepted the Learning Support teaching position for the remainder of this year. Our best wishes go with Mrs Worrell, 3 – 6 Administrative Officer, who is taking well-deserved long service leave commencing this Friday 6 September through to the end of term to travel to China. Mrs Marnie Finch will be replacing Mrs Worrell whilst she is on leave.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

amorphous

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: Simone, Alex, Jean
6T: Shivani, Nathan, Rebecca, Daiyva
5/6C: Anastasia, Chris, Lucas, Jack
5B: Elissa, Max, Claire
4/5M: Erin, Alex, Ryan
4A: Daniel, Lizzie, Peggy
3/4L: Greer, Jack, Carina
3G: Lily, Brendan, Matthew
3L: Heath, Khushi, Eden
3P: Jason, Ishan, Medha, Paige
Book of the Week: Sam 4A
2 Dragons: Jimmy, Madeline
2 Fish: Petros, Shreya, Nathaniel
2 Geckos: Chiara, Samuel, Liam
1 Hippos: Lily, Luke
1 Lions: Thomas, Rachel
1 Tigers: Saxon, Alice
1 Zebras: Lola, Liam
K Bunnies: Eva, Amelia
K Koalas: Aidan, Helen, Harry
K Puppies: Zaia, Saurabi
Environment Award: Maggie KB
Computers: Sidney KK, Julia 1H, Wei Wei 2D, Greer 3/4I, Alex 4/5M, Brandon 5B, Shivani 6T
Indonesian: Sienna KK, Rachel 1L, Amin 2F
Music: Zara 1L, Zaia KP, Sareena 3L, Nathan 6T
Sports People of the Week:
Stage 2: Morgan 4/5M, Sebastian 3L
Stage 3: Tim 5/6C, Sneha 6T
PSSA: Emily 6T, Cameron 4/5M, Greta 4/5M, Max 4/5M, Charlotte 6M

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ART SHOW

OPENING NIGHT TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!
The Art Show is nearly upon us! The Opening Night is this Friday 6 September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the school hall. There will be two guest speakers (see details below) and some 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 to ensure we can organise sufficient catering. Please complete the slip below and return with the money to your class teacher in a labelled envelope.

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

**ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT - FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

Child’s name: ____________________________

Class: ____________________________

Number Of Tickets: _______

Amount enclosed @ $5.00 per ticket _____________

**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 children both academically and socially.

**Art Show Committee**

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

**MUSIC PROGRAM ORIENTATION EVENING**
We would like to invite all Year 2 families to the Band and String Programs Orientation Evening being held on Thursday 24 October from 6.30pm to 7.45pm at the 3-6 site. The evening will commence with a performance from CB1 and the String Ensemble under the COLA after which time children can move into the classrooms to try the various Band and String instruments. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

**Michele – Band Coordinator**

P&C REPORT

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

**THANK YOU’s!**
There are a number of people for whom we owe a debt of thanks:

- Marni and her posse of helpers who coordinated the barbecue at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Wednesday;
- Jacinda, ably assisted by a crew of helpers who organised the Father’s Day stalls. The gift selection was the best ever and the kids loved choosing something special, and we hope all the dads and carers enjoyed their gifts on Sunday;
- Mrs Willis, the executive, the teachers and admin staff who delivered the Father’s Day breakfast last Friday morning. It was a great school event, enjoyed by all who attended and the time and effort put into it is really appreciated by the parent community.

**GOOD GUYS CASTLE HILL**
If you are going shopping, a reminder about the school partnership we have with Good Guys. When you make a purchase at Good Guys Castle Hill store, let them know you are with our school. You will then receive vouchers that you return to our office and at the end of the year, we redeem the vouchers for products for the school. In the past, we have obtained at no cost, various computer accessories, electrical equipment and cameras. Most notably we were able to get a family sized fridge for the hall kitchen.

**ART SHOW**
Remember the Art Show is this weekend. The P&C are catering for the fabulous Opening Night on Friday 6 September and also doing a sausage sizzle on
Saturday 7 September if you are a little peckish after looking at the beautiful art. Hope to see you there.

Alison – P&C Secretary

WORKING BEE REMINDER
All families are welcome to come along for an hour or two from 1.00pm on Sunday afternoon 15 September to help rejuvenate some areas of the 3-6 site. Lots of willing hands will get the work done quickly! The Australian Christmas bushes and other plants planted by the K-2 gardening club in recent weeks are flourishing.

Chris - Gardens and Grounds Committee

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

2014 RE-ENROLMENTS START IN SEPTEMBER
Re-enrolments for 2014 for all currently enrolled children will start in September and will be open for the whole month. Re-enrolment forms will be emailed out to families and hard copies will also be available next to the sign in and out area.
Re-enrolment forms not returned by Monday 30 September 2013 will be acknowledged as a cancellation of bookings as at the end of December 2013. Late returns will be listed as Priority 5 enrolments.

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 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 likely result in fee increases.

If you have any questions or want more information, please do not hesitate to ask a current committee member at phbasc.comm@gmail.com or ask the Coordinator, Barbi at pennanthillsbasc@bigpond.com or in person.

CANTEEN

A huge thanks to everyone who helped last week at the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a big day, with approx. $1,300.00 going through the till, nearly half of which was profit. That is a huge boost for the canteen. Thanks also to Nicole, Gail, Rachael and Tracey who ran the canteen at school in my absence - you did a fantastic job, I know who to contact if I need a day off now!

Here is the roster for this week. Please try to arrange a swap if you are unable to make your day, or let me know as soon as possible. Thank you all for your help.

K-2 Site
Wed. 4 Sept.  Melinda, Alison, Deborrah
Fri. 6 Sept.  Joanne, Kate, Jenni
Mon. 9 Sept.  Alison, NEED ONE MORE PLEASE

3-6 Site
Wed. 4 Sept.  Michelle, Melinda
Fri. 6 Sept.  Kathryn, Leonie, Behshid
Mon. 9 Sept. Tracey, Nicola.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

KINDERGARTEN T-TOWELS
Kindergarten parents please note that orders for the commemorative t-towels are due this Friday 6 September.

YEAR 6 SPORT SHIRTS 2014
Year 5 parents please note that orders for the 2014 Year 6 sport shirts are due Friday 13 September.

DR SHOE
Dr Shoe will next be attending the Uniform Shop this Thursday 5 September from 3.00pm – 3.45pm. 15% of all sales are donated to the P&C. Alternatively, Dr Shoe can be contacted directly on 0414 912 838 to arrange a home fitting.

Alison – Uniform Shop Manager