FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Easter Parade – Thank You
Our Easter Parade was held on the Thursday before Easter. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the day. I am sure that you would agree that our children were outstanding in wearing the hats that they had made. I would like to thank:

- The teachers and students for the work they put into preparing the event.
- Mrs Gail Hawkins and the Stage 1 teachers for their organisation.
- Mr Short and the SRC for the wonderful morning tea of hot cross buns.
- The school canteen for selling tea and coffee.

Term 2 Calendar
A copy of the school’s ‘Term 2 Calendar’ is accompanying the newsletter today.

P&C Meeting and AGM
The P&C Annual General Meeting & regular meeting were held two weeks ago. Thank you to all the keen parents who attended. It was great to see some new parents, along with many familiar faces.

Congratulations and thank you to the parents who were elected to the following positions for the P&C this year:

- President: Vincent Riordan
- Vice President: Belinda Schuster
- Secretary: (Not filled – volunteer needed)
- Treasurer: Fiona West

Parents were also asked to join a number of school committees. Thank you to the parents who volunteered in the following roles:

- Finance: Michelle Kirchberger
- Enrolment: Belinda Schuster
- School Self Evaluation: Vincent Riordan

Thank you to the P&C who have pledged approximately $29,200 over the coming year for more Ipads, new library books, teaching resources, home reading books for K-2 and class sets of readers and novels for Years 3-6. A reserve amount has also been allocated to replace old classroom air conditioners as they breakdown.

Happy Holidays!
It's been a long and busy term, but a very good start to the year. We are all in need of a rest and a relaxing holiday. I would like to thank all the teachers, staff, students and parents for their hard work and dedication this term and wish you all a very enjoyable holiday break.

Maxelle Matthews
KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO FAGAN PARK

On Tuesday 19th March, Kindergarten travelled to Fagan Park for their very first school excursion. After the initial excitement of the bus trip, we arrived at Fagan Park ready to explore all of the different gardens, hunt for some mini beasts and play with our friends in the wide open space of the Park.

Our first stop was the Ecogarden where we found herbs to touch and smell, a worm farm to investigate and many different kinds of fruit trees. We also found a funny looking scarecrow who seemed to be doing a great job of keeping the birds out of the garden.

After the Ecogarden, we went on a loooooong walk through the park to visit all of the different gardens found in other countries. Some favourites were the African garden (where some Kinders claim they saw a real lion!), the English garden and the Dutch garden with its big windmill.

The gardens were fantastic but the opportunity to run and play in the large grassed areas was almost as much fun. We even had a very special visit from the Easter Bunny who left us coloured eggs hidden amongst the trees to find.

After lunch we jumped on the bus to head back to school. This gave some Kindy friends time for a quick nap to recharge the batteries.

Our Kindergarten children were a delight to take out of the school and were a credit to themselves, their teachers and their parents. The Kinder staff is very proud of their personal maturity and interest in the world around them. We greatly look forward to our next excursion in Term 2.

FROM THE DEPUTY

NAPLAN – Year 3 & 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The annual NAPLAN tests will be conducted for all Year 3 and 5 students between the 14th and 16th May. The Language Conventions Test and the Writing examinations will be held on the 14th May, Reading will be held on May 15 and Numeracy will be the last examination on the 16th May. Parents wanting more information can visit the site http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf

Interrelate Evening – Thursday 11th April

For those parents who have registered for this high quality sexuality and relationship program it will be run in the school hall on Thursday night. Topics such as ‘Where did I come from?’ and ‘Preparing for Puberty’ will be held in two separate one hour sessions. The first session on the differences between males and females and human reproduction will start at 6:00pm while the second lesson on puberty will start at 7:15.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Last year the Winston Hills community earned an enormous amount of Earn and Learn Stickers through the famous Woolworths promotional program. As a result the school could purchase a large variety of academic and sporting resources.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is up and running again and parents are asked to collect the chart and stickers from the checkout when they shop at any Woolworths. Once filled the Earn and Learn chart can be placed in the container outside my office.

Footsteps Dance Program

Kindergarten, Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes will be participating in a dance program next term called Footsteps. During the program the students will learn some traditional, individual and partner dances as well as some modern dance forms. Stage 1 classes and Support Unit classes will be participating in Term 3. The permission note is included in this newsletter.

Parent Helpers

It is great to walk across the playground every morning to be greeted by a team of parent helpers assisting students with their reading and other literacy activities. These enthusiastic parents are a vital part of our literacy programs and are valued members of the school.

A few other opportunities to assist students are becoming available with our growing Structured Play and Learning Support Programs. Any parents who would like to help with some primary reading programs or teach students some all important social skills are asked to contact me at school. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Young Leaders Day

Congratulations to our Prefects and Captains who attended the Young Leaders Day Conference recently. They joined thousands of student leaders from across the state to learn some valuable leadership skills and are primed for some new initiatives discovered on the day. Many thanks, to Lucy Ho who assisted with the transport and supervision on the day.

Ian Short
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**
**Wednesday, 10th April**

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 10th April commencing at 9.15am. All children in classes 3-6 are expected to compete in one of the following events:

- 8/9 yrs 2000m
- 10yrs 2000m
- 11yrs 3000m
- 12/13yrs 3000m

Students are encouraged to wear something to indicate their House colour (e.g. T-shirt, ribbons, socks, coloured hair spray).

*Melissa Johnston*

**PSSA**

**WINTER PSSA WILL START WEEK 10 OF TERM 1**

**Cricket**

Jnr’s Vs Crestwood PS won 2/58 – 9/25
Snr’s Vs Crestwood PS lost 29 – 30

**Softball**

Snr Boys Vs Northmead PS lost 5 - 14
Snr Girls Vs Northmead PS lost 5 - 22

**T-Ball**

Jnr Boys Vs Northmead PS lost 12-26
Jnr Girls Vs Northmead PS lost 9-28

**Touch Football**

Jnr Boys Vs Winston Heights PS lost 1-2
Jnr Girls Vs Winston Heights PS lost 2-3
Snr Boys Vs Winston Height PS lost 2-5
Snr Girls Vs Winston Heights PS lost 4-8

**Draws & Tables**

Can be located on Castle Hill PSSA website
http://www.chpssa.com/

**Winter PSSA Results – Round 1**

Round 1 was cancelled due to wet weather.

**SUPPORT UNIT FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

On Sunday 17th March, staff and parents from the Support Unit put on a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings North Parramatta to raise funds for various projects within the Support Unit. It was a very successful day with over $600 raised. The day could not have been possible without all the parents who volunteered to be rostered on and give up their time and we would like to express our gratitude to them all. Special thanks also goes to the staff who helped to organise the day and also gave up their time to man the ‘barbie’. A big thank you also goes to the WHPS families who came along to show their support by purchasing the delicious food on offer.

**DANCE NEWS**

**Dance Camp**

Well done to Nikita Bymes, Megan Urkanci and Dylan Ho! They participated in a regional 3-day residential camp for gifted and talented dancers. They learnt excellent skills and met some great friends with shared interests along the way. Great work!

**HILLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**

**Year 3-6 Dance Group**

Congratulations to the Year 3-6 Dance group who were successful at their audition for the Hills Performing Arts Festival. They have rehearsed tirelessly in the weeks leading up to their audition. They will now perform in the Hills Performing Arts Festival which is a showcase of performing arts from local schools. This year is the 25th Anniversary Festival. If you wish to watch the Senior Dance group perform, tickets can be purchased from the Hills Centre, Castle Hill.

The dance group will be performing on Friday 3rd May at the Hills Centre, Carrington Road, Castle Hill. The concert will start at 7pm.

Good luck dancers! You will be wonderful and you will have a memorable experience. Well done for your efforts so far!

*Miss Downton*

3-6 Dance Co-ordinator
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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Times**
Open during the school term every Thursday morning from 8:40am to 9:30am and the first Thursday evening of the month from 6pm to 7pm.

- next evening open: 2nd May

**Roster**

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**Uniform Shop Contact Details**
Please email Michelle at chelly_anderson@yahoo.com or phone her on 0407263686.

**Alterations**
For all alterations to school uniforms, please drop your clothes off at Uniform Shop on Thursdays. Finished alterations will be available for pick up the following Thursday. Thanks to Bernice Harker for this service who is also donating 10% of sales back to the school.

Excursion bags are back in the uniform shop. We will also be offering raincoats for sale next term. They will be $17.00.

**PLEASE DONATE OLD (CLEAN) BRAS TO THE UNIFORM SHOP FOR A BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER. YOUR DONATION WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.**

**P&C Annual General Meeting**
We held the P&C AGM on Tuesday 26th March. As a result, Belinda Schuster has moved to the Deputy President’s position, and I have taken on the President’s role.

A special thank you to Belinda for her fantastic contribution as President over a number of years and we look forward to her playing an ongoing role in the P&C and the school.

We are still looking for someone to fill the role of Secretary. The main responsibility of this position is minute taking. Please give it some thought and if you would like to get involved contact Belinda or myself. We are happy to give you plenty of support in finding your feet in the role.

Belinda can be contacted on 9688 6664 or bdschuster@optusnet.com.au
I can be contacted on 0403556654 or vincentlisa@optusnet.com.au;

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.
Vincent Riordan
BAND NEWS

AGM
Our annual AGM was held on Monday 25th March with a very disappointing attendance.
The 2013 band committee is:
- Co-ordinator- Sue Bryant
- Training band assistant- VACANT
- Intermediate band assistant- Lisa White
- Senior Concert band assistant- Alison Archer
- Treasurer- Michelle Kirchberger
- Secretary- Maria Visvikis
- Music resource-Helen Walsh

Practice Cards
Wednesday 10th April the practice cards winners will be announced. There will be three winners, one for each band drawn. Keep practising and don’t forget to get those cards to a band committee person before Wednesday afternoon.
Good luck to those that have practiced hard throughout Term 1 and entered the draw.

Dates for your Diary
- Tuesday 30th April – Concert Band only for the Anzac Day performance. HELPERS ARE NEEDED from 10.30am to help set up. Please contact me asap if you are able to assist.
- Friday 3rd May – School Concert Band only for Hills Performing Arts. Arrival time 6pm.

Training Band and School Concert Band
Don’t forget that your times will change as from Term 2. The new times for term 2 will be:

**Term 2**
- **Monday am**
  - 8am-8.50am Senior concert band rehearsals (1)
- **Monday pm**
  - 3-4pm Training Band rehearsals
  - 4-5pm Intermediate Band rehearsals
- **Wednesday pm**
  - 3-4pm Senior Concert Band rehearsals (2) in new hall
  - 3-4pm Training band tutorials
  - 4-4.45pm Senior Concert band tutorials
  - 4.45-5.30pm Intermediate band tutorials

**STUDENT REMINDER!**

DON’T FORGET THAT YOU MUST BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT AND MUSIC FOLDERS/BOOKS TO EVERY BAND SESSION.

Sue Bryant
Band Committee
SCHOOL NEWS

Combined Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday, 20th March a team of 16 students from the Support Unit (and Ella Mac) went to Cabarita Pool to compete in the Combined Swimming Carnival where they came up against swimmers from 20 other schools from across Sydney. It was a magnificent day, weather wise and the efforts of all students were even more impressive. Everyone tried their hardest in every race which showed in the results with all competitors placing in at least 1 event, many students winning multiple races and our team winning the small pool championship for the second year in a row.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Brown for her awesome ‘coaching’ in the water and we would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and other family members who came along to support the students and to help with organisation. Congratulations must go to all students involved, not only for their tremendous results but also for their exemplary behaviour throughout the entire day.

Our Team
Samanyu Sharma, Ella Garcia-Medved, Joshua Bevitt, Matthew Doherty, Grace Gilsenan, Theresa Yammouni, Andrew Beck, Eden Young, Elyse Lawless, Jamie Saad, Ben Vromans, Ella MacSporran, Zach Turcolin, Jamie Smith, Jessie Gonzalez and Taylor Clarke.
SCHOOL NEWS

HARMONY DAY
On Thursday 21st March our school celebrated Harmony Day. All children and staff wore something orange to celebrate Harmony Day and our school’s cultural diversity. Each class participated in activities and discussions about our cultural heritages and celebrations.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Thank you to everyone who has paid their Term 1 school account. Unless prior approval for an extension has been sought, families who have not paid their Term 1 account will automatically be placed on the Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) list. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 9639 8518.

Judy Jones – Administration Manager

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The 2013/2014 Entertainment Books have arrived! For those who have already placed an order, the books will be sent home through your child’s class today. Samples of Greater West and Sydney are on display for your perusal. We have stocks of Greater West, Sydney and Sydney North available for purchase from the school office for $65.00 each. For every copy sold, the school raises $13.00.

Judy Jones – Administration Manager

URGENT
Canteen Closed on some Thursdays
Unfortunately as we have not been able to fill one of our Thursday teams so we have been left with no alternative other than to close the canteen once a month.

If your situation has changed and you are now available to volunteer for the canteen please let us know asap so that we can place you onto the roster.

Some Tuesdays also at risk of closing
Depending upon how long the generosity of some of our Tuesday team mums lasts, this may end up being the result for Tuesday once a month as well.
The students in 2D have had a great Term! They have been super busy participating in great learning experiences and completing meaningful and quality work. To help celebrate Easter they participated in the K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Look at the hats that they individually designed and made.

Which design do you like?
What would your hat look like?