FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mother’s Day – Thank You…
• To the teachers and staff who helped to serve all the mums at our Mother’s Day Breakfast. Thanks particularly to Mrs Rooke for her wonderful organisation of the event.
• To Jennifer Harrison and Fiona West for organising the Mother’s Day Stall and to the volunteer helpers who sold gifts at the stall.

We hope that all our mums had a great Mother’s Day.

Dance-a-thon – P&C Fundraiser
Each year, the school runs a fundraiser in conjunction with the P&C to raise much needed funds to support programs in our school. Due to the enormous success of this event, we are running another Dance-a-thon. It will be a fun session for our kids on Thursday 29th May and we are hoping that it will raise lots of money for our school. Please read the note and sponsor form going home today, put on your dancing shoes and start signing up sponsors!

P&C Meeting – Next Week
The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staff room on Tuesday 20th May (next week). I will be presenting a short slide show of my experiences on a recent study tour to Korea. All welcome!

Class Numbers and a New Demountable Classroom – Coming Soon
Many of you are aware that our student numbers have been growing in recent years, and as a result our school can now only take students who live ‘in area’. In the past few weeks, we reached the numbers to form a new class. Although most classes are slightly more than the recommended numbers, to avoid disruption to students and teachers, we have decided that we will not form a new class this year. This decision will only be reconsidered in the event of a large increase in local enrolments over coming months.

However, the increased numbers mean that we are entitled to a new classroom teacher and a new demountable classroom, which will be delivered in the coming weeks. The new position is being filled at the present time by casual teachers who are supporting classes with special projects, gifted and talented initiatives and group work.

School Accounts – Final Reminder
Overdue reminders were sent home last Thursday. As numbers need to be confirmed, students will not be able to participate in excursions and activities if accounts are not settled immediately. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Maxelle Matthews
FROM THE DEPUTY

**Walk Safely to School Day**
Friday 23 May 2014

Be safe: Walk Safely to School
The teachers at our school are constantly reminding the kids to be safe by stressing rules such as walking on the concrete, wearing a hat and playing in the correct areas, however the time of the day when it is crucial for our kids to be safe happens before they even see a teacher, early in the morning every day. Of course I am referring to the need for being safe while walking to school.

For this reason schools across Australia are gearing up for Friday’s ‘Walk Safely to School’ Day. Parents are invited to leave the car at home or park a few minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way to promote a healthy lifestyle and remind their kids of the importance of road safety.

The Pedestrian Council of Australia recommends that due to their developing vision and hearing, all children under the age of 10 should hold an adult’s hand when crossing a road….every road….every time! To help create this habit it is important that children are not asked to cross the road to meet a parent waiting in the car. Instead this is a perfect time of the day to walk with your child, have a chat about the day and remind them of some very important life skills.

Be safe and Watch for the No Stopping Signs
Many parents have raised the issue of cars cueing on Junction Road waiting to enter the taxi Bay in the afternoon. To help alleviate this problem the P and C and the council have organised for No Stopping signs to be erected near the Junction Road entrance to allow the cueing of traffic adjacent to the kerb and the safe passage of passing traffic. These will be installed over the next few months.

Lost Property
The PBL focus for the next few weeks is to ‘be responsible and look after your own belongings’.
To help the kids do this, Mrs Chapman has been organising the lost property. All lost uniforms and lunch boxes are sorted and displayed outside her Kindergarten room opposite the Living Skills Kitchen. Please have a look through the two crates if an item of clothing has been lost and remember to label your child’s uniform as all unlabelled items are given to the uniform shop if not claimed within two weeks.

Opportunity Class - Expressions of Interest
Parents interested in their Year 4 children applying for a 2015 OC Class Placement are asked to return the OC application note as soon as possible. Upon return, information explaining the entry process will be sent home.

Hills Sports High School
Parents interested in applying for the Hills Sports High School in 2015 are reminded that all applications are due by the 19th May. Please contact me for more information.

Winston Winners – Double Congratulations
Congratulations to Hayley Silver-Holmes who has been selected in both the Sydney West soccer and cricket teams. Well done Hayley!

Ian Short

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Training
Football – Friday 8.15am
Netball – Thursday Snr 8.00am Jnr 8.15am
Newcombe Ball – Friday 8.30 am
Rugby League – Thursday lunch time

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

PSSA CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations, Hayley Silver-Holmes 4/5B who as been selected to represent SW PSSA at the NSW State Championships. This will be held on Tuesday 24th June – Thursday the 26th June 2014 at the Tomaree Sporting Complex Nelsons Bay.

Melissa Johnston
Sport Co-ordinator

P&C Meeting – next week
Tuesday 20th May
7.30pm in the Staffroom
All Welcome!
MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST 2014
SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Quite a few parents have already used our Parent Online Payment system (POP). Just like the Administration team, they love it!!! It saves double handling, negates any errors if incorrect credit card details are written or omitted from the envelope. The benefits to all are fabulous!

With school camps coming up for students in Stage 2 and Stage 3, partial payments can be made through the POP system as well as cheque/cash and the credit card envelope system. We welcome your feedback.

Judy Jones
School Administration Manager

Parent Tip for Parent Online Payment…
To make it easier and save time, when paying your term account:
• Enter ‘Term 2 School Account’ in the ‘Other’ box and write in the payment total for all children.
• Please Note: This can only be done when paying the account in full for one or more children.

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to Cameron Stewart and Luke Alexandrou for their solo performances at last Mondays ANZAC ceremony. It is a challenge to get up in front of all those people and they both did an excellent job.

Band Camp: Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May
Our annual band camp is fast approaching. I hope everyone is looking forward to it! Details of cabin buddies will be going out in the next week or so.

Reminder:
• Term 2 fees are due by Friday 16th May (if fees are not paid up to date, children will not be able to perform or attend band camp)
• Payment of fees can only be made via cheque, credit card or EFTPOS payments on WEDNESDAYS only. NO CASH PLEASE.

Many thanks…
• to the parent volunteers who have assisted us on both Monday and Wednesday these past few weeks, we greatly appreciate your help!
However if there is anyone willing and able to give an hour or so of their time during their child’s rehearsal/lesson, we are always grateful for more volunteers.

Save the Date:
On Sunday 3rd August 2014 all three bands will be competing at the NSW UNI Band Festival. Further details will be issued closer to the date.

Band Committee

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kindergarten Assembly
KA will host the first assembly on Wednesday 14th May with KJ showing examples of their work. Parents are welcome to attend!

Week 4 – Wednesday, 21st May – KJ will host and KH will show examples of their work.

Stage 1 Assembly – Awards
Ms Downton and 2D will be hosting the Stage 1 Award Assembly on Wednesday, 21st May in the new hall at 2pm. Parents welcome!

Stage 2 & 3 Assembly
Thursday, 15th May – Formal Assembly – 5/6M item.
Thursday, 22nd May – Formal Assembly – 3J & 4L Choir item.
**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours**
Open during School term every Thursday morning’s 8.40-9.30am. 1st Thursday night of each month 6.00-7.00pm

**New Uniforms**
- Raincoats $17, Scarfs $10
- White long sleeve shirts Sale $8.00
- Boy’s long sleeve winter polo shirts will be ready in week 5.
- Sports polo sizes 6 & 8 are out of stock until new stock arrivals.

**Rosters**
15/5/14: Libby Davis, Karen Carpenter & Lucy Chin.
22/5/14: Julia Maguire, Melisa Thomas & Kate Salmon

**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.

**Uniform Shop Contact Details**
Please email Kellie Bramble at kellie_irish@live.com to place an order or for any enquiries. Email orders can be delivered to your child’s class on Thursdays only.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Winter Warmers**
- Have you tried warm Banana Bread from the canteen? For $1.50, you can order one for recess or lunch, and even request it be warmed up with butter...yummy.
- Team it up with a flavoured milk for $3 special price.
- It’s starting to get chilly...Did you know you can order hot food at recess, just fill in a lunch order bag as normal but write RECESS at the top.

**Hot Chocolate...**
Order at any time from the canteen, it is a safe warm temperature and with a lid that makes drinking easy.

**Canteen Lunch Orders & Friday PSSA**
If you are ordering lunch on a Friday and are a part of PSSA team, you MUST write PSSA on the top of your lunch order bag, in big or bold letters. This will ensure your lunch is ready in time.

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**PARENT TIPS**

**Too sick for school?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1Iytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1Iytn2E)

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**P & C MEETING**

**Tuesday 20th May at 7:30 in the Staff Room**
Our first P&C meeting for the term will be held next week. At the meeting our principal, Ms Matthews, will give a presentation on her recent study tour to Korea.

If you have anything you would like to place on the meeting agenda, please email me or phone me by the Friday before the meeting. I can be contacted on 0403566654 or vincentlisa@optusnet.com.au.

Vincent Riordan, President

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**P&C FUNDRAISING**

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Our first fundraising event for the year was the Mother’s Day Stall. It was a great fundraising success. Thank you to all the parents who sent money with their children. They had a lovely time choosing something special for Mum. We hope that the Mothers all enjoyed their gifts!

**Dance-a-thon**
We are looking for volunteers to help us at the Dance-a-Thon on Thurs 29 May, if you can help out, please contact Jennifer on 0410 481 633, via sms indicate your name and whether your child is in infants or primary.

**School Disco**
Please note in your diary - the Disco will be on after school on Friday 20 June. Details in the newsletter soon.

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**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**Issue 3**
Everyone should have now received their orders from the second issue of book club. If you have not or have any questions regarding your order please contact me via email at sarah.johnstone@iinet.net.au.

Orders for the second issue will be taken on Friday 19th May from 8.40-9.15am. Payment can be by cash, cheque (made payable to Winston Hills Public School) or by credit card. Credit card payments will need to be done online or by phone prior to Friday 19 May.

Sarah Johnstone
Book Club Coordinator
3-6F & 3-6SB Love Learning!