**Principal’s Report**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
Interrelate 6th Mar  
Easter Egg Collecting Week 7  
P & C AGM 12th Mar

**50th BIRTHDAY PARTY**
The organisation for our big birthday party is underway. Due to a mix up with the club, the date has been changed.

Date: 4th May 2013  
Venue: Revesby Workers ~ Waratah Room  
Time: 7:00pm  
Food: Finger Food  
Drinks: Cash Bar  
Dress: Smart Casual  
Cost: $45 Per Person (18+ only)

We are hoping that you will come and join us in celebrating our birthday!

If anyone has any old girls summer uniform dresses that can be used for decorations please send them to the office. These will not be able to be returned.

Thank you for supporting our school and it'll be a wonderful party.

**NARRABEEN CAMP**
The students had such a wonderful experience at Narrabeen and their behaviour was impeccable. The weather was perfect and the variety of activities available allowed many students to face and conquer their own fears.

Now would be a good time to continue some independence and resilience at home. Parents, allow your children to develop self-esteem skills by challenging their boundaries.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
What a wonderful day was had by all! Mother Nature was kind to us and it was fantastic to see the children trying their little hearts out, either by participating in events, or cheering enthusiastically for their houses.

Thanks must go to our parent volunteers who generously gave their time to help on the day and also to the parents, grandparents and friends who offered support and encouragement to the students.

Special thanks to Michele Austin on her outstanding planning and organisation.

**REMEMBER**
Again, it has come to our attention that some parents are approaching students in the playground and reprimanding them for something which has supposedly taken place at school.

**I REMIND PARENTS THAT THIS ACTION IS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE.**

If you have a concern with your child or another child, please direct it immediately to the class teacher where appropriate steps will be taken.

**STUDENT SAFETY**
Consideration is being given to closing (not locking) our school gates from 9.15am to 2.45pm.

Many schools have adopted this safety factor. This will be a matter for discussion at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday, 12 March.

Have you noticed the new sign in Prince Street? It is a reminder about the fines applicable for people incorrectly stopping or parking near pedestrian crossings.
CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS
Please be considerate when dropping your child off at school each morning. Our neighbours are concerned at the amount of noisy horn honking that occurs and ask that parents adopt a “wave goodbye” instead.

It has also come to our attention that there are a number of parents parking and talking to other parents in the “No Standing” zone in Thomas Street. Our main concern is for our student safety. We ask that you respect the signage around our school. Rangers frequently patrol and take photos of offending vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

HALL REFURBISHMENT
Thanks to our hard working community, the curtains for the school hall are now underway!

PARENT INFORMATION
If you have a son or daughter aged between 5 – 18 who has a bedwetting issue, you are invited to a seminar to hear about:

~family history and bedwetting
~types of enuresis (bedwetting)
~causes
~treatment

The seminar will be held at 7:00pm Tuesday, 26th March 2013 at Paraquad Building, 6 Holker St Newington. Admittance by $10 tax deductible donation. Children are welcome to attend. RSVP 19th March - nswcfa@gmail.com

THANK YOU
We wish to sincerely thank Mrs Tanya Gordon for her diligent detective work in regards to the music for our school song. It has been a long drawn out process with Tania devoting much of her own time to ensure we meet copyright guidelines.

Mrs Nadine Greer has trialled the piano music and we are now looking for talented students who will be prepared to play at our weekly school assembly. Please contact Mrs Rose if interested.

HARMONY DAY
This year Harmony Day is to be celebrated on 21st March and all Australians are given the opportunity to share their story, the theme being Many Stories - One Australia.

There are two fantastic prize packs to be won.

First Prize: A Canon EOS 1100D SLR Camera Twin Lens Kit complete with memory card, tripod and case plus SBS “A Day in the Life” photographic book.

Second Prize: An Apple iPad4 with Retina Display 32 GB WiFi + Cellular plus SBS “A Day in the Life” photographic book.

For more information, visit www.sbs.com.au/harmonystories

Sue Rose
Relieving Principal

Stage 1 Report

PRINCIPALS AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.

- Charlie Bayley
- Daniel Nguyen
- Adelaide Loane
- Kendra Ng
- Bailey Hickey

MORNING DROP OFF
Thank you to those parents who have adopted the ‘kiss and drop’ morning routine.

Just a reminder that between 8:30 – 9:00am we are asking ALL K-2 parents to wait at the entrance of the K-2 playground at either Mrs Austin’s room or Mrs Psomadelis/Mrs Allen’s room and allow their child to become more independent by walking to their locker room BY THEMSELVES to unpack their bags.

Mornings are a very important time in a child’s school life when they have the opportunity to develop the important life skill of establishing friendships and showing independence by unpacking their own bag.

The teachers have been pleased with the noticeable improvement in classes settling
more quickly into lines at the 9:00am bell and have been able to move safely off to class.

We are most appreciative of everyone’s understanding and support in helping our children to become mature, self-reliant and confident young boys and girls. Thank you.

**TEXTBOOKS**

Just a reminder that textbook money was due today. Teachers look forward to starting these books next week.

All students have brought home their textbooks today. If possible could parents please cover their child’s books in clear contact and return to school on Monday, 4\(^{th}\) March. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**HOME READING**

Developing a child’s love of reading is paramount. Home reading is a time when your child can read to you to develop their confidence, fluency and comprehension but most importantly it is an opportunity to read for enjoyment.

The books coming home with your child are at a level below what they are working on in class and they should be able to read the majority of the book independently.

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**Stage 2 Report**

**PRINCIPALS AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.

- Gemma Borkowski
- Charlene Abrahams
- Joshua McKeown

**TEXTBOOKS**

Thank you to most parents who have paid their child’s textbook fees or made arrangements with the office. Stage 2 will be starting to use these books from next week.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

It was great to see so many parents attend on the night. Many parents who could not make it have since made an appointment or dropped in to ‘touch base’ with their teacher. Ongoing communication with parents is very important to us.

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**Stage 3 Report**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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**HIGH SCHOOL**

On Monday, 11\(^{th}\) March, the Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government Schools in 2014 Booklet will be coming home. This booklet includes the Expression of Interest forms that need to be completed and returned to school by Friday, 22\(^{nd}\) March. I encourage all students to apply to a government high school regardless of applications for Private or Selective High Schools.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST**

Good luck to all our students sitting this test on Thursday, 15\(^{th}\) March. We will be waiting eagerly to hear about your results. I know you will do us and yourself proud.

**TEXT BOOKS**

Thank you for your prompt payment for text books. If you haven’t paid please make sure you pay early next week so we can start using them.
YEARS 6 FAREWELL
We have been informed that the usual venue for the Year 6 Farewell has closed.

Thank you to the parents who have given Mrs Colusso ideas for an alternate venue. We will endeavour to keep the same date but this may have to change.

We will keep you informed as we know more.

Library Report

Thank you to all the students who have been remembering to return library books and bring library bags to library.

I want to remind parents that reading for pleasure is a very important part of learning. Research clearly shows that the volume of reading a child does directly affects how well a child can read.

So the MORE a child reads the BETTER a child reads. It is important to encourage your child to read as much as possible, so please remind them to borrow from our lovely library. I have lots of new contact to cover our new books, please come and see me any time if you are able to help. Thank you!

Band

Many thanks to our Band for performing for us at assembly this week. Some of the new members have only had a couple of lessons! The whole school enjoyed your playing and no doubt there will be more students wishing to join the Band! It has certainly grown in numbers and Mrs Stewart is an amazing music teacher and Band master!

Please be reminded that the Band Committee AGM and meeting is this Monday, 4th March. Come along and have your say – be involved!

Swimming Carnival Results

OVERALL POINTS SCORE

1. Murangal ~ 230
2. Jerraral ~ 209
3. Bunnal ~ 175

BOYS RESULTS

7/8 YEAR BOYS FREESTYLE
1. Josh Abrahams 47.38
2. Sonny Ettridge 52.14
3. Dimitri Panagakis (7) 1.02.79
4. Russell Royal (7) 1.12.83

9 YEAR BOYS FREESTYLE
1. Ethan Simpson 53.22 (45.70)
2. Jack Marriott 53.86 (52.26)
3. Zachary Grueninger 56.39 (1.00.94)
4. Blake Muscat 58.36 (58.90)

We will be participating in the Junior Chess League competition this year. It starts in Term 2 and runs for approximately 10 weeks. Teams of 4 players face other schools every Friday after school. I will be selecting players for teams very soon – keep listening for messages and notes.

Sport Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
District Swimming 5th March
District Boys & Girls Basketball 11th March

DISTRICT SWIMMING
Good luck to our 36 students who will represent our school at the East Hills District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 5th March.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the East Hills District boys and girls basketball team – Rachel Floyd, Taya Bardsley, Kristy Probert, Angelina Genford, Adam Gordon, Cody Fuz and Lachlan Benson.

We wish them all the best when they compete at the Sydney South West Area Championships on Monday, 11th March at Minto.

Chess

Our school chess club is doing well and growing in numbers. Come along and have a game, learn to play, or just see what it’s all about. It is on every Thursday at lunchtime, in Mrs Stawski’s room.
### 10 YEAR BOYS FREESTYLE
1. Peter Panagakis 37.96 (36.92)
2. Jack Fisher 50.49 (47.87)
3. Steven Meng 52.57 (52.50)
4. Chris Markantonatos 53.60 (48.60)

### 11 YEAR BOYS FREESTYLE
1. Adam Gordon 40.53 (41.12)
2. Cody Fuz 43.10 (42.63)
3. Ben Ross 45.70 (46.22)
4. Jay Ng 45.96 (45.48)

### 12 YEAR BOYS FREESTYLE
1. Jack Karssemeyer 41.69
2. Jordan Ly 43.77
3. Kayne Sorensen 43.84
4. Mitchell Waud 44.26

### JUNIOR BOYS BREASTSTROKE
1. Peter Panagakis 49.46
2. Rohan Williams 1:01.59
3. Chris Markantonatos 1:05.34
4. Dimitri Panagakis 1:10.24

### 11 YEAR BOYS BREASTSTROKE
1. Adam Gordon 1:00.89
2. Jarrod Brown 1:02.00
3. Cody Fuz 1:03.01
4. Dai Nguyen 1:03.13

### 12 YEAR BOYS BREASTSTROKE
1. Jack Karssemeyer 54.94
2. Ching Ng 1:04.32
3. Jordan Ly 1:08.88
4. Mitchell Waud 1:17.73

### JUNIOR BOYS BACKSTROKE
1. Jack Marriott 1:00.40
2. Kya Sparks 1:06.60
3. Russell Royal 1:06.87
4. Brandon Grueninger 1:07.17

### 11 YEAR BOYS BACKSTROKE
1. Dai Nguyen 49.44
2. Ben Ross 49.70
3. Adam Gordon 53.73
4. Corey Sommer 1:08.79

### 12 YEAR BOYS BACKSTROKE
1. Jack Karssemeyer 56.98
2. Kayne Sorensen 1:05.93

### JUNIOR BOYS BUTTERFLY
1. Josh Abrahams 1:15.09
2. Sonny Ettridge 1:26.50

### 11 YEAR BOYS BUTTERFLY
1. Adam Gordon 56.18
2. Dai Nguyen 1:05.35
3. Eoin McKenna 1:10.35

### 12 YEAR BOYS BUTTERFLY
1. Jack Karssemeyer 1:02.59
2. Jordan Ly 1:13.63
3. Kayne Sorensen 1:34.40

### 100m OPEN BOYS FREESTYLE
1. Peter Panagakis 1:34.30
2. Jack Karssemeyer 1:35.43
3. Cody Fuz 1:40.81
4. Kayne Sorensen 1:41.17

### 200m BOYS INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
1. Adam Gordon 4.04.96
2. Dai Nguyen 4.10.24

### JUNIOR BOYS RELAY
1. Murangal 3.22.84
2. Bunnal 3.25.61
3. Jerraral 3.34.50

### SENIOR BOYS RELAY
1. Murangal 3.00.21
2. Jerraral 3.14.90
3. Bunnal 3.26.89


Junior Girls Relay Team ~ Rebecca Selmon, Linda Jung, Hanne Sorensen & Lauren McComb.

Senior Boys Relay Team ~ Jack Karssemeyer, Jordan Ly, Adam Gordon & Cody Fuz.

Senior Girls Relay Team ~ Brittaney Firth, Kristy Probert, Lillian Ross & Sami Croft.

### GIRLS RESULTS

#### 7/8 YEAR GIRLS FREESTYLE
1. Taneisha Gray 56.68 (56.41)
2. Taylah Sommer 1:01.19 (59.49)
3. Elyse Abrahams 1:04.61 (1:02.60)
4. Tahlia Hunt 1:05.64 (1:03.31)

#### 9 YEAR GIRLS FREESTYLE
1. Lauren McComb 54.60 (50.52)
2. Andie Ettridge 58.13 (53.80)
3. Mackenzie Benson 58.40 (55.34)
4. Sally Gordon 1:02.07 (1:01.64)
**10 YEAR GIRLS FREESTYLE**
1. Rebecca Selmon  40.78 (39.83)
2. Linda Jung  47.98 (46.87)
3. Hanne Sorensen  53.90 (55.54)
4. Violet Cabral  57.48 (1.03.81)

**11 YEAR GIRLS FREESTYLE**
1. Lillian Ross   44.47 (41.79)
2. Sami Croft  51.21 (50.53)
3. Claire Larkin  56.44 (57.17)
4. Bronte Ballantine-Jones 57.70 (54.59)

**12 YEAR GIRLS FREESTYLE**
1. Brittaney Firth  35.96
2. Kristy Probert  45.91
3. Taya Bardsley  54.52
4. Rachel Floyd   56.41

**JUNIOR GIRLS BREASTSTROKE**
1. Rebecca Selmon  50.53
2. Linda Jung   1.05.09
3. Lauren McComb  1.08.38
4. Mackenzie Benson  1.09.52

**11 YEAR GIRLS BREASTSTROKE**
1. Claire Larkin  1.04.65
2. Sami Croft   1.10.36
3. Angelina Genford  1.13.50
4. Bronte Ballantine-Jones 1.14.68

**12 YEAR GIRLS BREASTSTROKE**
1. Kristy Probert  57.72
2. Brittaney Firth  59.03
3. Rachel Floyd   1.09.36
4. Taya Bardsley  1.12.20

**JUNIOR GIRLS BACKSTROKE**
1. Rebecca Selmon  51.39
2. Linda Jung   56.75
3. Elysa Hunt   1.07.05
4. Lauren McComb  1.08.17

**11 YEAR GIRLS BACKSTROKE**
1. Lillian Ross  54.30
2. Bronte Ballantine-Jones  1.03.83
3. Sami Croft   1.04.69
4. Claire Larkin  1.06.92

**12 YEAR GIRLS BACKSTROKE**
1. Brittaney Firth  44.31
2. Kristy Probert  53.13
3. Isabella Tobar  1.16.10

**JUNIOR GIRLS BUTTERFLY**
1. Rebecca Selmon  53.06
2. Linda Jung   1.01.14
3. Sally Gordon  1.29.86

**11 YEAR GIRLS BUTTERFLY**
1. Sami Croft  1.12.68

**12 YEAR GIRLS BUTTERFLY**
1. Brittaney Firth  43.50
2. Kristy Probert  1.02.68

**100m OPEN GIRLS FREESTYLE**
1. Brittaney Firth  1.20.96
2. Rebecca Selmon  1.31.06
3. Kristy Probert  1.39.61
4. Linda Jung   1.48.94

**200M GIRLS INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
1. Rebecca Selmon  3.31.79
2. Linda Jung   4.08.63

**JUNIOR GIRLS RELAY**
1. Murangal    3.32.99
2. Jerrral    3.37.24

**SENIOR GIRLS RELAY**
1. Jerrral     3.19.28
2. Bunral     3.28.61
3. Murangal   4.06.87

Congratulations to all competitors on their efforts, enthusiasm and participation on the day.

The behaviour of all students was excellent and there was plenty of house support for all 3 teams. Well done to all house captains for their leadership and encouragement.

Thank you to all the teachers who made our day go very smoothly ensuring safety and fun was had by all competitors. The water park was definitely a huge hit!!

Most importantly to our amazing group of parent helpers who assisted on the day. (Terry Selmon, Leanne Selmon, Tanya Gordon, Lyn Larkin, Sandra Waud, Robyn Hayward, Leanne Fuelling, Di Cameron, Sherri Sorensen, Joanne Ferguson, Michael Coltman, Miri Sneddon, Snez Petrovski, Wendy McComb, Catherine Arnold, Lisa Firth & David Firth). Your help was greatly appreciated.

A special mention to the Selmon family who helped with starting equipment on the day.

Good luck to all competitors competing in the East Hills District Swimming Carnival next Tuesday, 5th March at REVESBY POOL.
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Saturday 16th March, 2013

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2nd Panania Scout Group is desperately seeking New Leaders – in particular 1 female leader for Scouts (11 –15 age) to keep our Group running as we have both boys and girls as members in all 3 sections of our Group.

We recently celebrated our 60 year anniversary and would love to be around for the next 60 years benefiting all children in our area and generations to come as Scouts is the largest youth organisation in the world.

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We are located at 21 Wilson Street Panania. Our 3 sections are :-

- Joeys (6-8 age) meet Tuesday nights from 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Cubs (8-11 age) meet Tuesday nights from 7pm – 8.30pm
- Scouts (11-15 age) meet Monday nights from 7pm –9pm

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