Principal’s Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Easter Monday  
School Cross Country  

PPPS 50th BIRTHDAY
Have you purchased your tickets yet for the 50th Birthday Cocktail Party?
The evening is to be held at Revesby Workers Club at 7pm on Saturday May 4th and promises to be a night of fun and laughter.
Finger food is included in the ticket cost and drinks may be purchased from the bar.
Tickets may be purchased from the school front office. Check out the Facebook page that has been set up by the organising committee.
Let’s celebrate our wonderful school together!

SAFETY REMINDER
In the interest of student safety, parents are reminded that NO CARS should enter the school grounds.
Please drop your child off in the designated areas in either Thomas or Prince Street.

THE CURTAINS HAVE ARRIVED!
After much hard work in fundraising, we are now able to enjoy the curtains in our school hall.
It really gives a certain “complete” feel to our hall and the students and teachers are very excited to make our displays and productions more professional in their presentations.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Many parents are probably aware of the new Australian Curriculum which is to be implemented in 2014. The English syllabus will be the first Key Learning Area to be addressed.

Teachers at PPPS have been undergoing professional development to ensure the delivery is of the highest quality. For this reason, ALL STATE SCHOOLS will be having 2 Staff Development Days at the beginning of next term (Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April).

We wish all families a safe and happy Easter. Students will return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

PARENT PANEL TRAINING FOR MERIT SELECTION
Training for parents and community members who would like to be part of the decision making process for school based positions will be offered on Tuesday 14th May at 9.15am.
An expression of interest note will be sent home Week 1 Term 2 for parents to register their name. The training will be held at school.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS
Congratulations to these winners of the P & C Easter Raffle. Thanks to all those people who donated the prizes and thank you to those who donated their time to organise and wrap the prizes.

1st Chris – c/o Charlie Cliff
2nd Dylan Vo
3rd Grace Allen
4th Erin Black
5th Daniel Huang
6th Gina
7th Jim Straube
8th Angela Liang
9th Blake Petrovski
10th Joshua Scheers
11th Monique de Bryun
12th Dimitri Panagakis
13th Taneisha Gray
14th Niamh Daly
15th Kayne Sorensen
16th Gabby El Debel
17th Xanthippe Katzakis
18th Paddy Daly
19th Ben Ross
20th Grance Cameron
21st Paddy Daly
22nd Lachlan Small
23rd Cara Watters
24th Tina Hansell
25th Sienna Belgre
26th Jasmine Popovski
27th Ruby Allison
28th Brendan Sue
29th Jack Fisher
30th Kaja Hall
31st Jade Coltman
32nd Grace Cameron
33rd Michelle Miller
34th James & Jacob Pevec
35th Cassie Reilly
36th Lauryn Chin

Stage 1 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Easter Hat Parade 28th Mar

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.
- Olivia Cirignano
- Paddy Daly
- Peter Ypermachou

EASTER HAT PARADE
Our annual Easter Hat parade was a huge success with all K-2 children looking spectacular in their colourful hats!

We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter, see you all back at school on Tuesday.

TRI-SKILLS GYMNASTICS
Reminder that next term all children in Years K - 4 will be participating in the Tri-skills gymnastics program here at school. Thank you to those families who have already sent in payment for this activity. A note will come home before the end of term with the timetable for gymnastics.

Stage 2 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
COMPASS ‘Discovery Day’ 8th May

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.
- Jade Coltman
- Marcus Petrovski

COMPASS UNIVERSITY VISIT YEAR 3
This ‘taste’ of Sydney University is designed to break any barriers and misconceptions people may have about university. The students are taken through an assortment of fun, exciting activities to see that the university is a fun place anyone can enjoy. The excursion is government funded under the COMPASS program.

Please note: This excursion is FREE of any charge to the students. There was an unfortunate error on the note, asking for $6. Please ignore this – you just need to read the medication information carefully and return the permission note.

FINAL GOOD BYE
Today is Mitchell’s last day – we are sad to see him go; however, 4 Endeavour are looking forward to having yet another class of Pen Pals! Good luck Mitchell – we will be awaiting your letters!

HAPPY EASTER
Best wishes to all our students and families for a peaceful and enjoyable Easter, from all the Stage 2 teachers!

Stage 3 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Peer Support Training 10th – 11th Apr
Leadership Training 10th – 11th Apr
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following student who has received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.
- Peter Panagakis

EAST HILLS BOYS ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON
On Wednesday 20th March, 15 extremely excited Year 5 & Years 6 boys attended East Hills Boys Enrichment Afternoon. This is 2 hours of very difficult problem solving held at the High School with many schools involved!

Congratulations to Eoin McKenna, Kya Sparkes, Jon Penguie and Jaycob Iserwood who brought home a 1st Place and a medal each. The other boys Matthew Gillam, Bipandeep Banga, Jake Park, Adam Gordon, Nicholas Kalapos, Steven Meng, Kelvin Meng, Jordan Ly, Brandon Grueninger, James Davison, Dai Nguyen, Julius Faith, Paris Tserpes, Mitchell Waud, Joseph Saad and Bryce Smith also made a tremendous effort during the afternoon.

We had one of our teams taking 1st place. Outstanding when you consider how many schools send teams.

Thank you so much to Mrs Smith, Mrs Waud, Mrs Grueninger, Mrs Gordon and Mrs Eun Kyung for driving. Experiences like these couldn’t happen without your help!

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING
Year 6 will be undertaking their Peer Support training on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 11, with groups starting in Term 2. Enjoy this excellent leadership opportunity, boys and girls - we know you will do a great job!

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Leadership training sessions are being held for Year 5 whilst Peer Support Training is being held with Year 6. This program aims at developing the skills and attitudes that student leaders need as well as developing a culture of leadership in the school. It will highlight the skills and qualities of leadership and help promote leadership amongst our senior students.

COMUNICATION
Please remember if you have any concerns regarding your child please contact the teacher either through the office for an appointment or directly if you can catch them in the playground.

HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
Last Friday, our Senior Band performed at Picnic Point High School, at Year 7 and Year 8 assemblies. Our musicians conducted themselves admirably, despite having to wait before and between the assemblies. They really displayed why our school has such a wonderful reputation. Their performance was received with enthusiasm and great applause! The principal, Mr Negro, thanked Mrs Stewart and our band and expressed his wish for a repeat performance!

Congratulations boys and girls – many thanks also to the parents who supported this activity and helped in many ways, whether they were able to be present or not. We hope to have many more such visits.

CHESS
Chess is on every Thursday at lunchtime. I have registered 3 teams for next term’s competition and will be letting students know their teams and roster as soon as it is finalised by the NSW Junior Chess League.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
- State Swimming: 2nd/3rd Apr
- Area Girls Soccer: 8th Apr
- Area Rugby League 11’s: 9th Apr
- District boys & girls Softball trials: 10th Apr

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY ~ YEARS 2-6
Our School Cross Country will be ~
Term 1, Week 11, Wednesday, 10th April
11.05pm - 12.35pm

Please put this new date on your calendar!

AREA SWIMMING
16 students represented our East Hills District at the Area Swimming carnival last week. We had some excellent individual results.
Congratulations and good luck to Josh Abrahams and Peter Panagakis who will now compete at the State Swimming Championships at Homebush on 2nd & 3rd April.

Rebecca Selmon
4th Junior Individual Medley 3.38.97
6th Junior Breaststroke 51.10
7th 10 Years Freestyle 39.01
9th Junior Butterfly 50.20
9th Junior Relay 3.06.51
13th Junior Backstroke 48.86

Brittaney Firth
7th 12 Years Backstroke 42.00
10th 12 Years Butterfly 41.39
11th 12 Years Freestyle 34.76
11th Open 100m Freestyle 1.18.13

Peter Panagakis
2nd Junior Breaststroke 48.60
10th Junior Relay 3.04.45
14th 10 Years Freestyle 39.81

Linda Jung
9th Junior Relay 3.06.51
12th Junior Individual Medley 4.03.59
20th Junior Butterfly 56.08

Lauren McComb
9th Junior Relay 3.06.51
11th 9 Years Freestyle 46.85

Josh Abrahams
2nd 8 Years Freestyle 43.35
10th Junior Relay 3.04.45

Adam Gordon
11th 11 Years Butterfly 50.14
14th 11 Years Freestyle 39.61
15th Senior Boys Relay 2.54.94

Ethan Simpson
13th 9 Years Freestyle 44.76
10th Junior Relay 3.04.45

Hanne Sorensen
9th Junior Relay 3.06.51

Elyse Abrahams
15th 8 Years Freestyle 55.49

Ben Ross
11 Years Backstroke DQ

Dai Nguyen
14th 11 Years Butterfly 53.36

Jack Fisher
10th Junior Relay 3.04.45

Jack Karssemeyer
15th Senior Boys Relay 2.54.94

Cody Fuz
15th Senior Boys Relay 2.54.94

Jordan Ly
15th Senior Boys Relay 2.54.94

AREA BOYS SOCCER
On Monday Jack Karssemeyer, Dylan Willis and Peter Panagakis, along with their coach Mr Narris, represented our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area Soccer Carnival.

Congratulations to the boys on finishing second in their pool with 2 wins, a draw and a loss. Well done boys!

DISTRICT & AREA AFL
Congratulations to the following students, Jack Karssemeyer and Adam Gordon who were selected to represent our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area AFL Championships on Wednesday. The team reached the semi finals which is a great achievement.

Adam played very well and has been selected in a squad for the Sydney South West team which will be named in the coming weeks. Unfortunately Jack was sick on the day and couldn’t compete.

DISTRICT BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE
Congratulations to the following students, Cody Fuz, Jon Pengue, Aidan Aboulhaf and Kayne Sorensen who were selected to represent our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area Rugby League Championships on Tuesday 9th April. We wish them all the best for the day. Good luck boys!

DISTRICT GIRLS SOCCER
Congratulations to the following students, Hanne Sorensen and Bronte Ballantine-Jones who were selected to represent our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area Soccer Championships on Monday 8th April. We wish them all the best for the day. Good luck girls!

DISTRICT GIRLS CRICKET
Congratulations to the following students, Angelina Genford, Hanne Sorensen and Bronte Ballantine-Jones who were selected to represent our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area Cricket Championships. We wish them all the best for the day. Good luck girls!

AREA DIVING
Congratulations to Breanne Greer who represented East Hills at the Sydney South West Diving Championships at Homebush on Monday.

Bree was very pleased with her overall placing on the day finishing in 9th. We are very proud of you Bree, well done!
Beginner classes for drums, violin, cello, trumpet, trombone & clarinet.
More advanced players always welcome.
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COACHING AVAILABLE 7 DAYS – BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED
ONE DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Thursday 18th April

HOLLYWOOD

What: Games, craft and activities with a Hollywood theme + food
When: Thursday, 18th April, 2013
Where: Lifegate Church, 35 Cahors, Rd Padstow (opposite Padstow Library)
Time: 9:30am-3:30pm
Cost: $10 (includes program, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
Registration: Pre-registration & payment essential - spaces limited to 80 children

For more details & a copy of the registration form, please go to our website www.lifegate.org.au