Principal’s Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Staff Development Day  
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Students 1st Day Term 2 
ANZAC Service 
Tri-skills Gymnastics K - 4 
50th Birthday Cocktail Party 
Mother’s Day Stall 
Parent W/shop Managing Anxiety 
Junior Chess League starts 
Disco!

WHAT’S DUE NOW
Tri Skills note and money 
Life Education note and money 
Get tickets for Cocktail Party! 
Mother’s Day raffle tickets money

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR
Congratulations to Jarrod Brown. He has been chosen as 2013 School Ambassador. Jarrod exemplifies community values and leadership skills and he is an excellent role model to all students.

Jarrod will be attending a leadership training day in June with other School Ambassadors and then in August will attend a special day at UWS, Campbelltown Campus where he will be recognised for his achievements, given opportunities to gain new skills and meet other Ambassadors.

GATE CLOSURE
From the beginning of Term 2, both Thomas and Prince Street gates will be closed (not locked) from 9:15am – 2:45pm.

For late arrivals or early departures, we ask all students and parents to follow the instructions for gate closure which will be on display.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter, ensuring the gates are kept closed and secure for safety for all students.

PPPS P&C....... THEY’RE THE BEST!
Students and teachers would like to express their sincere gratitude to the P & C and community volunteers for their tireless work and generosity.

Following our successful October 2012 fair, the following purchases have been made so far:

- Curtains for the hall $16721
- 24 iPads & accessories $9975
- Early Stage 1 Resources (Classroom readers) $3000
- Stage 1 Resources (Electric pencil sharpeners, classroom readers) $3000
- Stage 2 Resources (Movable classroom easel, Lego, classroom readers, CD players for listening posts) $3000
- Stage 3 Resources (7 Electricity kits, cupboard to store resources, books and readers.) $3000

Every child benefits from this effort. The P & C are always looking for more support - no matter how much or little time you have - every person giving assistance makes a huge difference.

Please consider offering your services by contacting the P & C through their website or email.

WE ARE PROUD OF........
Joshua McKeown:
Joshua recently continued his support of the Cancer Council by shaving his head for sponsorship. Joshua’s efforts have seen him raise the outstanding amount of over $8000! We are proud of you Josh!
Nicholas Kalapos:
Nicholas has just started playing the school song in the weekly assembly – a truly fantastic effort! Well done Nicholas and thank you!

PARENT WORKSHOPS
In the last Kalori, parents were informed of Merit Selection Panel Training which is to be held at school on Tuesday 14th May.

We are pleased to announce that we have another Parent Workshop planned for Tuesday 7th May. The topic will be ‘Understanding and Managing Anxiety in Students’ and ‘Building Resilience Strategies’. The workshop will be delivered by an Assistant Principal of Learning and Support and there will be time for questions at the end of the workshop.

Parents may bring pre-schoolers if care cannot be arranged. An EOI letter went home this week.

Please look on the school website for details of Parent Workshops offered by Family and Community Services.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
The ASR is now available on the school website.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
As usual, our students gave 100% effort and support to this annual event. Congratulations to all who took part and we wish all the best to students who will be progressing to the District level. Further details can be found in the Sport section of the Kalori.

A very big “thank you” to the band committee and parent helpers who hydrated our runners with snow cones on the day.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS TERM 2
Because of the new Australian Curriculum being implemented in 2014, all state schools have been granted 2 SDDs at the beginning of Term 2.

All staff members will be receiving professional development for the Australian Curriculum – English - on these days. Staff members will also have continued professional learning in our Focus On Reading initiative.

Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Picnic Point Public School students will be recognising this important day on Wednesday 1st May (first Wednesday in Term 2).

TERM 2 IMPORTANT EVENTS
We are hoping that the 50th Birthday Cocktail Party will be well supported on Saturday 4th May at Revesby Workers Club. Tickets are available from the school office.

Please support our school band by purchasing and selling tickets for the Mothers” Day raffle. Tickets have been sent home and extra books can be obtained from the front office.

The P & C will be holding a disco for all students on Friday 10th May. We hope to have all students and families support this event.

Years 3 & 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN test on 14, 15 & 16 May.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Start saving your stickers to benefit the students at PPPS! Last year, we were able to obtain over $11000 worth of goods.

Sticker sheets can be downloaded. Please look on the school website for the link. The collection box is located in the office foyer.

Our school also has a collection box at Revesby Woolworths store.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
From the beginning of Term 2, we will be accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2014.

If you have a child who is due to start school next year, please either pick up an enrolment form from the office or download one from the school website and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

We will need to see the original and retain a copy of your child’s birth certificate, immunisation history statement and proof of your address.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT DETAILS?
It is in the interest of your child’s safety that we have accurate and up to date information on addresses, parent and emergency contact details.

It is timely, in the context of Local Schools, Local Decisions and the development of the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) to stress the importance of the need for each school to gather, review and update information held on ERN, the school computer system. Student and parent background data may affect special purpose payments and resource allocations.

Parents can be reassured that if they have concerns of a privacy nature, that individually
identified data is not transferred to any other agency or government department other than those as is described on enrolment forms.

**HELMETS**
In the interest of exercise, we encourage children to ride bikes or scooters to school, but stress that helmets *should* be worn to and from school.

Police can impose fines on parents when children do not follow these rules.

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES**
It has been noticed that some students are arriving at school much too early.

Only students who are involved with teacher supervised sport practice or before school workshops should be here before 8:30am.

If students arrive briefly before this time, they are required to sit on the silver seats outside the front office.

For parents who need their children to be supervised before or after school, the YMCA provides this service.

**HOLIDAY SAFETY**
We ask the community to keep a watchful eye over our premises during the school holidays.

If you see something suspicious, please contact the School Security Unit on 1300 880 021.

**TRI-SKILLS GYMNASTICS**
Next term all children in Years K - 4 will be participating in the Tri-skills gymnastics program here at school. Thank you to those parents for their prompt payment. A reminder that payment is due by Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May.

The timetable below indicates the day that your child will need to come dressed in their school sports uniform.

**TUESDAYS**
- Mrs Collinet: Coral, 10:05am
- Mrs Stawski: Endeavour, 11:15am
- Mrs Hagan: Arafura, 11:50am
- Mrs Garrett: Orcas, 1:30pm
- Mrs Williams: Dolphins, 2:05pm

**FRIDAYS**
- Mrs Bowen: Tasman, 9:35am
- Mrs Austin: Anemone, 10:10am
- Miss Domenici: Marlin, 11:15am
- Mrs Allen: Stingray, 11:50am
- Mr Narris: Surf, 1:30pm
- Mrs Clarke: Starfish, 2:05pm

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
*Life Education* ~ all week *6\textsuperscript{th} May*

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

- Phoebe Miller
- Elka Lucas

**TERM 1 REVIEW**
Wow, where has the last 11 weeks gone. The term has flown by and our little Stage 1 students have settled into their class and school routines well.

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break with your families and wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. We look forward to an exciting fun filled Term 2. Thank you for your continued support.

**HAROLD IS COMING**
Term 2 Week 2, Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} May to Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} May.

He will be visiting the K - 2 classes Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} May to Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} May.

Harold is very excited about meeting the students and sharing ways to keep healthy and safe.

**EASTER HAT PARADE**
In Week 9 our little Kindy, Year 1 and 2 classes took part in our annual Easter Hat parade. It was a sea of smiling faces, colourful hats and excited children!!

If you haven’t already purchased your $5 Easter Hat parade DVD you have til Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May to order.

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**END OF TERM 1**
We wish all Picnic Point families a safe and relaxing holiday. We thank everyone for their continued support in ensuring that we offer all students the best opportunities to reach their personal best.

Sue Rose
Relieving Principal

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**Stage 1 Report**
Stage 2 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Yr 3 University ‘Taster’ Day  8th May

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following student who has received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.
  • Eric Kuok

CARES REWARDS
All Stage 2 students were able to enjoy their end of term behaviour reward of a choice of fun activities. The teachers are very proud of your excellent effort in respecting our CARES rules.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The students have received their public speaking topics and need to start working on their speeches over the holidays. They will start presenting in Week 2 next term.

HOMEWORK COMPLETION
The Stage 2 teachers would like to thank parents for the positive homework support. We still have a small number of students who are having difficulties with organisation and work completion. Please talk to your class teacher to see how you can best support your child at home.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Best wishes to all our students, parents and families for a fantastic, safe holiday!

Stage 3 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Jellybeans Music  2nd & 9th May

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.
  • Anna Kaniyur
  • Zac Pernice
  • Matthew Gillam

HAIR SPRAY
Congratulations to all the Year 6 students who helped spray hair for the Cross Country. It was great to see all the students with their hair decorated!

Thank you to Mrs Colusso for her organisational skills!

PEER SUPPORT
Congratulations to all of Year 6 for completing their Peer Support training. It was again wonderful to see them ‘step up’ and show off those leadership skills we know they have.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP
Congratulations to all Year 5 students who completed the first part of their Leadership training. Mr Belgre and Mrs Perantuono both were very impressed with the level of discussions and responses they received from all students.

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Term 2 Band resumes  5th May
Mothers Day Raffle Draw  9th May
Band Jam  31st May

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE
Please support our raffle - tickets have gone home and the prizes are pamper packages of every mum’s dreams! Our band has been growing both in numbers and success - what a great asset to our school!

BAND JAM
We look forward to this fun night - those of you who are new to the band this year, you will love it! Come and have a jam session!

MUSIC STANDS
We still have a small number of music stands available for purchase at $20. Parents whose children have a music stand at home report much improved practice and enthusiasm. Please see the office if you wish to purchase one.

PLACES IN BAND AVAILABLE
Mrs Stewart has several instruments still available – clarinets, a trumpet and euphonium. If you would like to join the band, see the office or Mrs Stawski.

THANK YOU HELPERS
Many thanks to all helpers this term. I would especially like to thank those students who have been helping Mrs Stewart while she’s recovering from a shoulder injury. Well done, boys and girls!
UPCOMING EVENTS:
Area Rugby League - 12’s
6th May
District Girls Touch
6th May
District Girls Netball
9th May
State Boys Basketball
Week 2
State Tennis
Week 2

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Final Placings
1st Murangal 171
2nd Bunnal 142
3rd Jerraral 127

7/8/9 YEAR GIRLS
1st Mackenzie Benson
2nd Samantha Hayward
3rd Asha Cameron (8)
4th Dimi Tassis
5th Elyse Abrahams (8)
6th Andie Ettridge
7th Taylah Sommer (8) - R
8th Monique Vong - R

10 YEAR GIRLS
1st Hanne Sorensen
2nd Rebecca Selmon
3rd Violet Cabral
4th Angela Liang
5th Grace Cameron
6th Halyeley Elliott
7th Elysia Hunt - R
8th Gemma Borkowski - R

11 YEAR GIRLS
1st Bronte Ballantine-Jones
2nd Angelina Genford
3rd Lilyarna Genford
4th Christie Hayward
5th Ebony Fuelling
6th Lillian Ross
7th Nia Tassis - R
8th Melanie Drakos - R

12 YEAR GIRLS
1st Kristy Probert
2nd Rachel Floyd
3rd Brittaney Firth
4th Taya Bardsley
5th Connie Xie
6th Loren Smith
7th Angela Park - R
8th Cassie Reilly - R

7/8/9 YEAR BOYS
1st Kenshin Power
2nd Ethan Simpson
3rd Russell Royal (7)
4th Sonny Ettridge (8)
5th Aidan Whitehall
6th Josh Abrahams (8)
7th James Tassis
8th Alex Stoleski - R

10 YEAR BOYS
1st Peter Panagakis
2nd Oscar Ballantine-Jones
3rd Jack Fisher
4th Kya Sparks
5th Lucas Vernon
6th Aden Jabakhanji
7th Brandon Grueninger - R
8th Bryce Waud - R

11 YEAR BOYS
1st Ben Ross
2nd Mitchell Small
3rd Jon Pengue
4th Cody Fuz
5th Lachlan Benson
6th Kristofer Cavar
7th Corey Sommer - R
8th Jarrod Brown - R

12 YEAR BOYS
1st Jack Karssemeyer
2nd Mitchell Waud
3rd Dylan Willis
4th Kayne Sorensen
5th Matthew Gillam
6th Paris Tserpes
7th Ching Yan Ng - R
8th James Ferguson - R

Congratulations to the 48 children who will now represent Picnic Point PS at the East Hills District Cross Country Carnival.

The carnival will be in Week 5 - Tuesday 28th May at Padstow North PS.

Training will be held at school each morning (except Fridays) at 8:10am. It is very important that all competitors try to attend as many sessions as possible.

We will also train at Padstow North PS on Friday 17th May and 24th May to familiarise the children with the course. This training is very beneficial as it is much tougher than our school course. Thank you so much to the following parents who
assisted on the day: Vicki Vernon, Sandra Waud, Leanne Selmon, Carole Wild, Jim Meng, Julie Ashburner and Sherry Brandtman. Your help was very much appreciated.

STATE SWIMMING
Congratulations to Peter Panagakis and Josh Abrahams who represented our Sydney South West Area at the State Swimming Championships at Homebush last week.

It is an amazing feat for any student to reach this level of competition and we are very proud of their results!

Peter Panagakis 26th Junior Breaststroke
Josh Abrahams 38th Year 8 Freestyle

AREA GIRLS SOCCER
On Monday Bronte Ballantine-Jones and Hanne Sorensen represented East Hills at the Sydney South West Area soccer carnival. They had a great day finishing in 3rd place on the day with the following results.

Bankstown 2 def East Hills 1
East Hills 7 def Lansdowne 0
East Hills 4 def Green Valley 2

DISTRICT SOFTBALL
Congratulations to Jack Karssemeyer, Kayne Sorensen and Angelina Genford who were selected to represent East Hills District at Sydney South West Area Softball championships next term. We wish them both all the very best of luck.

AREA RUGBY LEAGUE 11’S
On Tuesday Cody Fuz, Jon Pengue and Aidan Aboulhaf represented our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area Rugby League Championships. The boys gave their all coming up against some extremely big, strong talented players. We were very proud of their efforts on the day. Well done!

AREA AFL
Congratulations to Adam Gordon who has been selected to represent the Sydney South West Area AFL team at the State Championships in Week 5 next term. A fantastic achievement. Well done!
HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY & RESILIENCE - WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Parents are invited to participate in this workshop which will be held in Picnic Point Public School hall on Tuesday 7\textsuperscript{th} May, commencing at 9.30am and concluding at approximately 10.30am.

The Assistant Principal – Learning & Support will deliver the workshop. It will offer strategies to help parents manage various issues and there will be time to take questions from the floor.

To register your interest in participating, please complete and return the tear off section below to the office by May 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2013.

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY & RESILIENCE - WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

I would like to participate in the Parent Workshop which is to be held at Picnic Point Public School on Tuesday May 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2013.

(Name- please print) (Child’s name) (Child’s class)

MERIT SELECTION PANEL TRAINING FOR PARENTS

When a teacher / executive / principal position become available at a school, a panel must be formed to be part of the Selection Committee.

Parents are invited to participate in this training which will be held at Picnic Point Public School on Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} May, commencing at 9.15am and should be completed within one hour.

To register your interest in participating, please complete and return the tear off section below to the office by May 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2013.

MERIT SELECTION PANEL TRAINING FOR PARENTS

I would like to participate in the Merit Selection Panel Training which is to be held at Picnic Point Public School on Tuesday May 14\textsuperscript{th}, 2013.

(Name- please print) (Child’s name) (Child’s class)

Regards
Susan Rose
Rel Principal
8/4/13
WHEN: 20 April 2013
WHERE: YMCA Building, River Road Revesby
STARTS 7.00pm
FINISHES - doors open 10:15pm -
   Disco Finishes @ 10:30pm
COST: $5.00 !!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.
Beginning school is a major transition in a child’s and family’s life. It is important that the family, community, the school and the child is prepared for this big step.

Dolores and Lyn will discuss -

- the importance of relationships
- the transition to school process
- pre-reading, language and numeracy skills
- the transition to school process for children with additional needs

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Families Together is for parents.

Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place. Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.

DATE: 8th May - 2013 (Wednesday)
TIME: 6.30 - 8.30pm
PLACE: The Uniting Church
       219 The River Road
       Revesby

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.

Families Together is funded by Family and Community Services-Community Services and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.
Getting your child ready for school
&
School options for children with additional needs

Wednesday 5th June 2013
6.30—8.30pm
Conference Room DE
Mt Pritchard District & Community Club (Mounties)
Meadows Road, Mount Pritchard

Bookings are essential and places are limited
Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place

This presentation is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool & Bankstown. CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.

Presented by:
Dolores Fasan
Senior Coordinator of Centre Based Programs
Koorana Child & Family Services Inc.

Lyn Hickman
Itinerant Teacher, Early Intervention

Presented by:
Association of Independent Schools
Catholic Education Office
Department of Education & Communities

6.30pm—Getting your child ready for school
• the importance of relationships
• the transition to school process
• pre-reading, language and numeracy skills
• the transition to school process for children with additional needs

7.30pm—School options for children with additional needs
South West Sydney Triple P Support and Development Project invites

mothers, fathers and grandparents
to a
Triple P Seminar
(Positive Parenting Program)

Presented by
Fatima Amr
Accredited Triple P Trainer
PSP Partnership Officer
South Western Sydney Region

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. All parents with children aged up to 12 years can attend. Some of the strategies discussed may be effective for children younger than 3 and older than 8 however this program is most effective with children aged 3 - 8 years.

This one session seminar will provide an overview of the principles of positive parenting.

Seminar topics:
- creating a safe, interesting and positive learning environment
- using assertive discipline
- having realistic expectations
- taking care of yourself as a parent

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

DATE: Wednesday 15th May 2013
TIME: 10.30am - 12.30pm
PLACE: Function Room
Bass Hill RSL
330 Hector St Bass Hill

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.