**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our swimming team that competed at the Zone carnival. The performance and sportsmanship of our students was impressive. Toongabbie was the runner-up this year. Our congratulations go to the winning school; King Langley.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The topic of school uniform was discussed at last night’s P&C meeting. The following points were discussed; that the school maintain all its current choices for uniform, that girls be encouraged to wear the candy striped uniform when representing the school on excursions or special events during summer months, that girls wear the grey tunic with a white blouse or skivvy or grey pants (to be investigated) when representing the school or for special events during winter months. Tracksuit pants are only to be worn as part of the sports uniform for both girls and boys. No decisions were made. A note regarding our uniform will go out to parents after our next meeting for feedback. In the meantime staff and students will be consulted. Our school has a uniform endorsed by the school community and all at the meeting all agreed that this is what we want to continue. I believe our students look great but it is worthwhile to revisit these policies from time to time. Please read our newsletters over the coming months or come to our next P&C or Parent Auxiliary meeting if you would like to follow this issue.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST**

Several students in Year 6 will be sitting the Selective High School Test on Thursday at Girraween High School. On behalf of the staff and students I wish them well and encourage them to do their best.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

The Department has given schools an additional staff development day at the start of term two to provide teachers with the opportunity to learn more about the new curriculum to be introduced next year. Please note that Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April will be pupil free. The first day for students will be Wednesday May 1st.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

These will be held for all students on Tuesday April 9th. A letter explaining how you can book an interview time will be sent home early next week. As usual some teachers will offer additional times. This will be clearly explained in the note.

**YEAR 6 CHOICE OF SCHOOLS**

A note was sent home yeasterday to all Year 6 students to indicate their choice of high school for next year. The deputy principal from Pendle Hill High School has offered to speak to parents to assist with filling in this application. He will do a short half hour presentation next Tuesday at 5pm in our school library. All parents of Year 6 regardless of which high school you are sending your child are welcome.

Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Newsletter via Email**

Thank you to all who have returned the notes to receive the newsletter via email. I trust that this format provides a convenient way to view the newsletter. For those of you who would like a paper copy of the newsletter, they are available at the front office from Wednesday mornings. If you would like to be included in the email list, please complete the tear off section on the note I sent home and return it to your child’s class teacher. Additional copies of this note are available from the front office.

**CPR TRAINING**

Many of our Year 6 students will be participating in CPR Training next Thursday 21 March. The training has been organised to provide our senior students with the opportunity to learn this very important life skill.

**SCIENCE STARTERS**

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


Bruce Francis – Deputy Principal

**LIBRARY NEWS - PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2013**

Students in years 3-6 who expressed an interest in participating in this years Challenge are now registered and can record their Congratulations and well done to Neeti Joshi and Chelsey Torrens on being our first students to complete this year’s challenge.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Book Club orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Wednesday 20 March. If paying by cash, please enclose the correct amount. Alternatively, please use the cheque or credit card options.

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

**YEARS 3 – 6 GYM VISITS**

As part of our Friday Sport session, we are looking into taking a group of students to the TLC in Tucks Road. The students will learn the skills of squash and we would appreciate any donations of racquets or junior squash balls you no longer require. Thank you Christie Adams COORDINATOR
PARENT AUXILIARY – PEDLARS' PARADE

Pedlars’ parade will be held for K-2 students on Thursday 21 March. We will also be selling lucky dips, cakes and an Easter Raffle for everyone from K-6.

You can help make this day a success by assisting with any or all of the following:

- Donations of Easter eggs for the raffle
- Making cakes/biscuits/slices etc for the stall
- Volunteer to help sell the cakes or lucky dips. (A roster will be drawn up).

Many hands make light work. All help is greatly appreciated. For further details please contact Jackie Hogan on 0419 615243.

Students are welcome to wear an Easter Hat at the Pedlars’ Parade if they wish.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has so far donated Easter Eggs and baskets for our raffle. They are very much appreciated. Further donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle may also be left at the office. We will be wrapping the raffle prizes on Thursday morning in the staff room commencing at 9.10am. All welcome to come along and help if you wish.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

A big thank you to Ms Wu, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Moala who have volunteered to continue processing the Student School Banking. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

We will be having a special “STUDENT BANKING DAY” on Wednesday 27 March, in the staffroom. This will be a training day for the mums and students are asked to bring any banking they wish to deposit and hand it to their class teacher at 9am. This is an extra banking day and our regular day will again be held on Wednesday 3 April (1st Wednesday of each month).

Thank you for your cooperation.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Mrs Kerr will be participating in the World’s Greatest Shave this year. If you would like more information and would like to sponsor her, please go to the following link: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/janettekerr.

SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band will be holding additional rehearsals this Friday (15 March) and next Friday (22 March) between 2pm & 3pm in the hall. Please bring your instrument and music.

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY – FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT

The UWS Penrith Observatory is running an astronomy night for families on Saturday 23 March at 8pm. The evening will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie and observing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes. The cost is $15, per adult, $10 concession and children or $40 per family.

Bookings are essential and may be made online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On. For further enquiries please call 024736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

PLAY AFL

If you would like to play AFL, registrations are now being taken for the goannas team at Gipps Road Greystanes on Wednesday from 5.30pm to 8.30pm or Sundays 10am to 12 noon. Visit www.gogoannas.com.au if you wish to join in the fun.

THE HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

If you are interested in applying for a position at The Hills Sports High School next year, please call at the office for an application form.