PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
I wish everyone well as they take a well-deserved break from a busy term. Please remain safe and return to school next term for another busy and productive time. Remember, Bee Safe, Bee Responsible, Bee Respectful and Bee a Learner. Students will return to school on Tuesday April 29.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (PUPIL FREE) DAY
On Monday, April 28, our staff will be participating in professional development focusing on the new curriculum. The Maths syllabus is currently being trialled in our school. This will be mandatory in 2015.

DISCO
Last Friday night’s disco was a great success. Children enjoyed themselves and they were well supervised by a band of enthusiastic parents. Thank you to the P & C for running it, and a special thanks to all those staff and parents who turned up in support.

ANZAC CEREMONIES
The school commemorated ANZAC day on Thursday. Students belonging to service groups such as scouts and girl guides came dressed in their uniform on this day. This was our first K-6 service. Congratulations to our Stage 3 students and staff who organised this event. Congratulations to our Drama and Choir groups who performed so well.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
A big thank you for the donations of Rosemary for our ANZAC ceremony yesterday. The response was very much appreciated and allowed the staff and some students to wear rosemary at the services.
Ann Miles

YEARS 3-6 GYMNASTICS
A reminder that Gymnastics will start for students in Week 1. Classes 4P, 4GM, 4N, 5A, 5M and 6/5H should come to school on Tuesday in sports uniform. Other classes will have their lesson on Thursdays.
A huge thank you

PEDLARS’ PARADE
A huge thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered, supported and donated trays, cakes sweets etc towards our Pedlars’ Parade. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents & friends supporting this wonderful tradition. Thank you also to everyone who donated Easter Eggs for our raffle. It was a great success with many happy families winning lovely prizes. Congratulations to the following winners: Jonathon Wang 2J, Harrison Masey, Jimmy Tai, Joshua Hill, Lily Torkomian, Jake Hardaker, Jonathon Wang, Jaxon Vickers, Amelia Tai, Maahir Ahmed, Allan Paetzold, Mrs Perkins, Sawyer Ware, L. Willoughby, The Sewell Family, Matthew Heyes, Liam Grant, Sam Hardaker, Miss Ware, Aarti Gounder, Elouise Wegener. Enjoy your prize.

PARENTS AUXILIARY – MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
The Parents’ Auxiliary will be holding a Mothers’ Day stall on Wednesday 7 May. This provides students with a fun chance to shop for mums/ grandmas by themselves. The day includes a stall with gifts ranging from $1 to $7 as well as a raffle for 50c which will be drawn on Friday 9 May.

To enable us to get the gifts wrapped and sorted, we will be holding a “wrapping morning”. We will advise the date next term. Alternatively if you are unable to help with wrapping, you may like to donate a prize for the raffle. We rely on donations from local businesses and the school community for raffle prizes. If you would like to donate something suitable, please leave them at the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.
Jackie Hogan CONVENOR

P & C NEWS
Please note that there will be no meeting in April due to the holiday break. The next meeting of the P & C will be held on Monday 12 May, in the staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. All welcome.

OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE ACTIVITY
Old Government House at Parramatta is hosting a great holiday activity which will be running during the holidays. The activity is partnered with Old Government House and their Miss Fishers Murder Mysteries exhibition to present their own interactive mystery murder, Consuela the Cook Carked it-Can you Solve the Mystery? Participants are encouraged to dress up as a 1920s detective to help us solve the mystery of Consuela the Cook and at the same time to learn about life in Old Government House. For dates and bookings please contact www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw.
TOONGABBIE LADIES TWILIGHT MARKETS

The Year 6 parent committee and teachers are looking to organise ‘Twilight Markets’ for the ladies in our community. Entry would be $10 which includes finger food, champagne and soft drink. The proposed date would be Friday 30 May between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. To ensure this event is successful, we would like to ask anyone in the community if they would like to hold a stall. The cost per stall is $25.00 and a donation of one product to be used as a raffle prize. The sales made on the evening will be your own profit. We are looking for people to sell candles, cards, beads, jewellery, cupcakes/slices, Nutrimetics, Tupperware etc. If you are interested in holding a stall please contact Tara Hosking, Suzanne Potts, Jenny Tucker or Deb Church. This is a great opportunity for all the ladies to get together for a fun evening.

ANNUAL SOLAR ECLIPSE – 29 APRIL, 2014

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory will be open from 4pm to view a partial solar eclipse. The eclipse will begin at 4.14pm and end at 5.17pm at sunset. Mid-eclipse is at 5.15pm, just before sunset, when 52% of the Sun’s diameter will be covered. Come along and safely view this ‘partial’ solar eclipse through the observatory’s telescopes and ‘eclipse glasses’. Cost is free but bookings are essential: book online at www.uws.edu.au/observatory. Then go to ‘What’s on’ For enquiries please call 024736 0135 or email penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for a very busy but wonderful Term 1. We have achieved quite a lot and I am sure our Kinders have had a great first term of schooling.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter with your family and friends and enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

Ann Miles – ADMIN MANAGER

Yrs 3–6 CROSS COUNTRY
Wednesday 30 April, 2014
Weather permitting!