PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME
Welcome to our new Kindergarten families, and other families who have started at our school this year. We look forward to having a long and happy time with you all while at our school. The students have had a very settled start and are getting to know school routines.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Parent Information sessions will be held this Tuesday in our school hall. Our parent information evening is an opportunity to learn about what happens across classes in the six Key Learning Areas as well as other routines and experiences that we have planned for your child. Please be aware that this time is not for individual interviews with the class teacher about your child’s progress; these sessions will be held at the end of term. This year we are inviting parents to stay back for a sausage sizzle. Stage 3 parents are invited to have their sausage sizzle before they go to the hall. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

PARKING
Please be respectful to our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways and in dangerous spots. It is also important that parents do not enter the school carparks after 8am and before 4pm. When on school property I ask you drive carefully and keep an eye out for pedestrians.

HELP WANTED
We have just had a new kitchen installed in the staffroom. This will be a great benefit for students and staff. We need someone who can tile to complete this project. Please let the office know if you have this skill and can donate your time.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

MEDICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES
Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your child’s medical condition. Please contact the office if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

ASTHMA
If your child has changed his/her asthma plan, please contact the office for a form to update the information or if

TELEPHONE INTERPRETER SERVICE
If you would like further information please contact Mrs Neasey. If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact us please call the Telephone Interpreter service on telephone 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and will stay on the line to assist you with our conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
On Tuesday afternoon teachers are required to attend meetings starting at 3.15pm. Please understand if they are not able to speak with you at this time. Appointments can always be arranged by contacting the office.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT.
Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Class Photos will take place on Monday February 9th. Students should wear their summer uniform. (No sports uniforms on this day please). Children should bring their envelope and payment on this day.

P & C NEWS
The Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held on Monday 9 February, commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Come along and hear what the school is doing and the planning for 2015.
All new parents and of course the existing parents are very welcome to attend.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Please note that the TPS Swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 11th February, 2015. The carnival will take place at Wentworthville Memorial Pools. The carnival is for students in Years 3-6 and any Year 2 students who were born in 2007 and can capably and confidently swim 50 metres. All permission slips should now be back. If not, please hand them to your class teacher on Monday. Please note that the management of the pool does not allow photography.

PSSA NEWS
PSSA trials have been finalized. Students will be given permission notes early next week. Students must return their notes and money prior to play starting in Week 5. The next two weeks will be used for Zone PSSA trials. Students who have talent in these areas will be provided with invitations shortly. Information regarding trial dates and times is up on Miss McDougall’s window.
LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
It’s that time of year for students in Years 3 to 6 to consider whether they would like to participate in this year’s Challenge. Students read 20 books from the PRC book lists or 15 books from the lists and 5 free choices before the end of August. Kindergarten to Year 2 students complete the Challenge with their class teacher. Registrations and log-ins commence on 2 March but book lists are now available on the PRC website. Students wishing to participate can let me know. For further information please visit: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

World Book Online
Please remind students they are able to access World Book Online at home. This excellent educational resource offers information, maps, videos, stories, timelines, games, pictures and more. To access this resource, google ‘World Book Online’. User-id is toony and password is learn.

Jacqueline Harvey at ‘The Children’s Bookshop’
Best-selling author Jacqueline Harvey, of the ‘Alice-Miranda’ and ‘Clementine Rose’ series, will be visiting the Children’s Bookshop at Beecroft, on Saturday 7 March, 2 – 3pm, to launch her new book, ‘Alice-Miranda at the Palace’. Anyone wishing to attend, please RSVP on phone: 9481 8811 or email: staff@thechildrensbookshop.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS
To celebrate Valentines Day, the canteen will be selling Red Jelly at recess on Friday 13 February for only 50c.

SPECIAL MEAL DEAL
The canteen will be holding their first “Meal Deal” for the year on Wednesday 25 July. It will be a sausage on a roll and a Paddle Pop for only $4.50. If you would like to order a meal deal, please complete the slip below and attach it to a brown paper bag, enclose the money and return it to the canteen before Tuesday 24 February. Vegetarian option is also available. There will be NO other hot food available on this day.

Janice Smith CANTEEN MANAGER

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform shop would like to thank everyone for their patience and good manners while waiting to be served at the shop during this busy time. I was very impressed with everyone’s support and great manners.
Michelle UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Our second hand Uniform Shop will be open every Tuesday morning from 8.30am to 9.30am outside the canteen. Donations of good pre loved uniforms are always appreciated.
Sue Clifton-Smith COORDINATOR

COSTUME STOREROOM
We are seeking a couple of parents to sort the costumes and reorganise them in our Costume Storeroom. If you have an hour to spare and would like to assist in this matter, please contact the office for more details.

DON’T FORGET – SCHOOL PHOTOS next MONDAY 9 February.
Please wear your summer uniform and happy smiles.
Hand your photo envelope to your class teacher with the correct money, full name and class written on it.

HILLS RUGBY UNION CLUB
Registrations are now open for all teams from U6 – Opens for the 2015 rugby union season. Further details: Stu Thom 0414 872122 or Daniel Bliss 0417 369083 or visit us on our registration days at Yattenden Oval (John St Baulkham Hills) on Sunday 8 February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Friday 13 February from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. We also have Come n Try sessions prior to the registration times (Sunday 2.00 and Friday 5.00) for U6 – U12 will all age groups welcome to come down and meet coaches. www.hillsrugby.com.au.
CANTEEN MEAL DEAL – WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2015

NAME: .......................................................... CLASS: ..........................

Would like to order ................. Sausage on a roll and Paddle Pop Meal Deal for lunch on Wednesday 25 February.

.............................. Vegetarian Option please

Enclosed is $.................

Please attach to a brown paper bag and return to the Canteen by Tuesday 24 February.