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Term 2 – Week 8

Dear Parents,

Farewell Elaine Medbury

After 36 years of safely seeing children and adults across the busy Gibson Road crossing our long serving lollipop lady, Elaine Medbury has decided to hang "up her pole" at the end of the term. Mrs Medbury will be replaced by the current lollipop lady, Janelle Roberts, who will now work every day Monday-Friday. Mrs Medbury has some parting words of wisdom for all those who use the crossing in Gibson Road.

- Adults as well as children have to be escorted across the road
- Don't run across the crossing - always walk don't take a short cut to Ronald St
- Always wait until you are called across the crossing by the supervisor
- People who exit via the middle gate and cross Gibson Road should make their way to the crossing to cross safely.
- Always listen to all instructions and cross safely.

Mrs Medbury will finish her last shift at the end of the term and I am sure all those who have ever crossed that

road will say a fond thankyou and farewell and wish her all the best for her retirement.



Gold! Gold! Gold!

McKayla Stewart-Riley, Baaj Kaur, Jessica Qu, Tiffany Lang, Arash Basnet and Olivia Klapos have all qualified for a gold certificate and will be presented with them at next week's assembly.

State Cross Country Representative

Congratulations to Mahsen Narvel who competed in the South West Sydney Regional Cross Country Championships held at Hurlstone Agricultural School last week. Mahsen was placed a very creditable 6th in the 10 years boys' event and will now go on to represent the Region at the NSW State Carnival. Congratulations on a fine effort Mahsen!

Kindergarten Enrolments

With the school approaching capacity it is important that we know of any Kindergarten students who may be enrolling in 2015 as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol their child in Kindergarten in 2015 could you please ask them to come to the office and collect an enrolment pack. Similarly if you have a child who will be coming into Kindergarten and haven't already let the school know, you too could collect an enrolment pack from either office as soon as possible.

Staff Changes

With Mrs McDonald's impending maternity leave I have decided to replace her with Miss Spiros as class teacher for 1/2 Green for the rest of the year. Until Mrs McDonald actually starts her leave she will fill the role of Learning and Support teacher.

School Resumes

As this is the last newsletter before the holidays may I take this chance to wish you all a happy and safe holiday and inform you that school resumes for all students on Tuesday 14th July.

K.J. Bowden
Principal

TECHNOLOGY PARENT WORKSHOP

This has been postponed due to a clash of dates. Apologies to any parents affected. It has now been rescheduled to 2nd September.

Mr Bowden

LIBRARY

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2014 is well underway and there are more students who have completed the challenge – Lachlan Bulmer, Sophie Faulder, Caitlin James and Aiden James. Congratulations to these students and happy reading to all of those who are planning to complete the challenge this year.

Once again Bankstown City Library is hosting a variety of activities during the holidays. Contact the library or access their webpage to find out more. Your local library is also a great source for reading over the school holidays.

Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian

PSSA BOYS SOCCER

Well done to the junior and senior boys' soccer team on improving their passing, dribbling and shooting skills on the soccer field, since the beginning of PSSA Soccer.

In Week 1, we played East Hills. Both teams played exceptionally well and won both games. Senior boys winning 10-1 and the juniors winning 8-0.

In week 2, we played Padstow Heights. Both teams played exceptionally well, unfortunately both teams lost their games, seniors losing 1-0 and the juniors losing 3-2. Although the boys lost their games it did not reflect how well they played. We will make it up on the rematch in week 3 next term. Well done boys!

Mr Isler
Coach

PSSA BASKETBALL

We had an exciting start to the season with both Junior and Senior teams beating Panania North and Padstow Heights over the last two weeks. The girls' team started off a little slow in both games, but staged a dramatic comeback with all players working hard together for the victory. The boys' team had convincing wins and led all the way through both games, with the teacher from Panania North and parents complimenting the players on how well they played as a team with their passing, shooting and use of the court. They also expressed their gratitude for the help and assistance shown to their players on the court. Both teams have had a great start to the season.

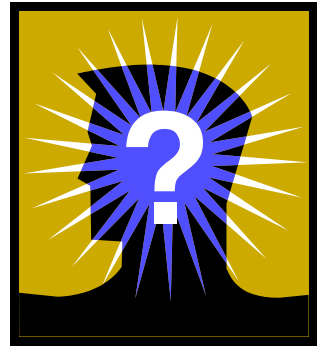
Mr Grinham
Coach



Habits of Mind

Questioning and Problem Posing

"The formulation of a problem is often more essential than its solution, which may be merely a mathematical or experimental skill. To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advances..." Albert Einstein



One of the distinguishing characteristics between humans and other forms of life is our inclination, and ability to **FIND** problems to solve. Effective problem solvers know how to ask questions to fill in the gaps between what they know and what they don't know. Effective questioners are inclined to ask a range of questions- such questions as,

- Questions about alternative point of view, for example: *"From whose viewpoint are we seeing, reading or hearing?"*
- Questions which make casual connections and relationships, for example: *"How are these people (events/situations) related to each other?"*
- Hypothetical problems characterised by "iffy" types of questions, for example: *"What do you think would happen IF...?"*

Ways to be an effective questioner and problem poser

- **Plural:** Instead of asking "why did this happen?" ask "what are the reasons this happened?" By introducing a plural to the question it invites the person being asked to give more open response with more than one answer.
- **Tentative:** Include tentative words such as "might" or "could" into a question, introduces an element of exploration and removes the feeling of the answer being right or wrong.
- **Invitational Stem:** Ask "why do you think this happened?" instead of "why did this happen?" by doing this you engage the listener directly and are much more likely to get a response.
- **Naming the Cognition:** Weave cognitive verbs into your questions. For example: reflect, analyse, predict, evaluate, list, describe, generate.
- **Positive Presupposition:** Use positive presuppositions in a question that assumes the person answering the question will be able to answer it. For example: the simple change from "why did this happen?" to "what reasons do you have as to why this happened?"



Mrs B's Tech Spot

Welcome to **Mrs B's TECH SPOT**.

URGENT NOTICE-TECHNOLOGY PARENT WORKSHOP

The Parent Technology Workshop which was planned for Tuesday 24th June, 7:00pm, has been postponed to Term 3.

Those parents, who have indicated an interest in attending, will be contacted this week.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this change.

MATHLETICS

Any student who has recently enrolled at the school, needs to see their classroom teacher for a MATHLETICS Username/Password. If a student has forgotten/misplaced their Username/Password, they can get a copy from either their classroom teacher or Mrs Byrnes.

WORLDBOOK- eBooks

The school now pays a subscription to **WORLDBOOK** for access to their **e-Books** service. Students are able to access **e-Books**, in several text types, via the WebCom OR the school website. eBook subscribers can now download the free **World Book eBooks app** from [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#).

STUDENT PORTAL PASSWORDS

A reminder that any student who forgets a password needs to see Mrs Byrnes to have their Password re-set.

Mrs G.Byrnes (Technology Coordinator K-6)

PADSTOW NORTH SCHOOL CHOIR- EAST HILLS CHORAL FESTIVAL 2014-“SEASONS”



The school Choir took part in the 1st rehearsal for the East Hills Music Festival yesterday.

All students who attended did a fantastic job. The festival is shaping up to be a wonderful showcase of performing arts talent from our district.

This year the festival's theme is “SEASONS” and will be performed at Picnic Point High School, on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August, 7-9pm. Tickets will be sold at the door, with a discount for family groupings.

We have several, talented students who will be auditioning for soloist roles early in Term 3.

We wish them the best of luck!

All information regarding dates, times and price of tickets can be found on the East Hills Choral Festival 2014 website.
<http://www.ehchoralfestival2014.info/>

All Choir members have been given a permission note, including details of rehearsals and performances.

Mrs G.Byrnes (Choir Coordinator)



World Cup Day 2014



P&C President's Report

Many thanks to all those who attended the last P & C meeting at which the results of the canteen survey were discussed. We only had 40 responses from the 250 sent out, but the results were clearly in favour of keeping the canteen as is. We had 30 votes to keep the canteen as volunteer run, and 10 in favour of leasing the canteen. We were very happy to receive offers of help from 10 new volunteers who expressed an interest in helping in the canteen, this will certainly assist us to keep the canteen running. We are in the process of getting some quotes to improve some aspects of the canteen to help make it more functional. These will be discussed in our next P&C meeting to determine whether we go ahead.

A motion was put forward to introduce long grey pants for boys as an alternative to the blue fleecy track pants for their winter uniform. A survey will be sent home to parents as per the DEC guidelines before a final decision is made. Kerrie will also be getting some samples and prices which will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd July 9.15am in the school hall. Please come along and have your say.

Phill Allsop-Guest
P&C President 2014
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Fundraising News



McDonalds Fundraiser Family Night

Come one, come all and help raise some \$\$ for our school by grabbing some afternoon tea, dinner, dessert or a snack from 4pm till 8:30pm at Padstow McDonalds on Tuesday the 24th of June.

McDonalds Fundraiser Family Night is a very exciting and easy way to raise money for our kids. There will be lots of fun for the kids with face painting, balloons and some extra play time with their friends.

Entertainment books

To date we have sold 48 books and have raised a massive \$672! A huge thank you to everyone who has purchased their book and also to those that have returned their unwanted books.



A huge thank you goes out to Jamie Wong for all her hard work organising the sale and collection of the books. There are still a number of unreturned books, so if you still have a book at home please return these ASAP. We are looking forward to another great term of fundraising, next term, with many exciting events including our Father's Day Stall and annual breakfast.

Thank you for your support.

Emily Baker
Fundraising Co-coordinator
0401 787 571



Canteen News

As most of you are aware we trialled 4 new hot products this term. The spaghetti and macaroni are selling really well but the fried rice isn't so when stock runs out we will probably discontinue it.

Thank you to everyone who returned the canteen survey. From the results the majority of you would like to continue with it being run by the P&C. As long as we continue to have sufficient volunteers to run it this is how it will continue at present. A big thankyou to those who said they can do canteen as from next term. We look forward to having you on board. It's never too late to volunteer so please contact myself or the office if you wish to be on the canteen roster.

Thank you to all the current volunteers. We are doing a great turnover this year and I estimate that we will make a profit close to \$20,000 by the end of the year. Keep up the great work. Kelly will have next terms roster out by the end of next week so keep an eye out for it on your child's school bag.

Carlie Williamson
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FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	23 KATTS	24 Kindergarten Excursion	25	26 SRC Mufti day	27 Gold Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Term 3 1	14 July Staff Development Day	15 STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3 NAIDOC Performance	16	17	18
2	21 Stage 3 depart for Canberra	22 P&C Meeting 9.15am in the hall	23 Stage 3 return from Canberra OC Testing	24	25 5c Friday
3	28 KATTS	29 UNSW English Test	30	31	1 August

**THE HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER****REWARD YOUR CHILD**

If your child finds it difficult to attend school regularly, reward them when he/she does so. Set short term targets for attendance (e.g. attend every day for 2 weeks) and suggest a reward if this is achieved. Try to make the rewards non materialistic and something that is shared as a family, e.g. a family picnic/fishing trip, choosing dinner/TV viewing for the night, baking a cake/cookies etc. Most schools will do this also but it is important that your child sees that you consider attendance important as well.