Principal’s Report

Swimming Carnival
This Friday 3-6 will be attending our Annual Swimming Carnival at Knox Swimming Pool. Please look for further details from Mrs Kelly later in the Myalla.

School Incursion
Today K-2 enjoyed a visit from Peter Combe, who performed a range of well loved songs. The children enjoyed the performance. See photo

P&C Icebreaker - Friday, 6th March
The annual P&C Icebreaker is a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet. In particular, it will be a great opportunity for our new parents to meet. I would like to thank the school’s P&C, in particular the fundraising coordinator, Zannie Abbott for coordinating and organising this wonderful event.

Student Leave Exemptions
Up until recently, parents have been able to apply to the Principal for exemption from attending school for their child/children during school terms of 5 days or more, due to an extended family holiday. However, due to departmental changes to the recording of absences, family holidays are now no longer accepted as a category for exemption from attendance at school.

Extended leave can still be applied for and approved by the Principal, however, will be recorded as days absent from school. If you are unsure of these changes please contact me.

Did you know?
The Pymble Public School Bus zone stretches from the school driveway to Reservoir Road. No stopping is permitted between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Please be aware this is not a drop off or waiting zone for children or adults between these hours. The penalty for breaking this road rule includes 5 demerit points and a $304 fine.

Mr Bruno Diodati
Relieving Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Last week ended in a very colourful way, with the start of Chinese New Year on Thursday and Pink Stumps Day on Friday. Children across the school have been participating in activities to celebrate the Chinese New Year from Chinese Dragons in 1L to Fans in 1T and Chinese symbol craft in 4A.

Working with Children Declaration

Thank you for your assistance in returning the Working with Children Declaration Form with the necessary identification in person. If you need an extra copy of the form, please contact the office or your class parents who are able to provide one.

Ruth White
Deputy Principal
Library News

Thank you to those parents and children who are returning their library books before school each day. With library lessons being much shorter than last year it allows the children's borrowing to run more smoothly.

I would like to remind all parents that the day children have a lesson in the library is not the only time they are able to borrow. They may borrow each school day, either before school (not Tuesdays) or at lunch (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), as long as they have their library bag. It is good for the children not to fill their school bags too full, so spreading borrowing over more days in the week will allow the children to not only read a greater variety of books, but also to carry a lighter load each day.

Kathryn Harris
Teacher Librarian

Swimming Carnival

It is time for all year 3-6 children to pack the swimming bag for our carnival on Friday at Knox Pool. Please remember:

- 8,9 & 10 year olds are juniors.
- 8 year old boy's freestyle will be a straight final and will be held at the same time as the other freestyle finals. This may also apply to the 8 year old girl's freestyle.
- Finals in the stroke events will only be held if there is sufficient time.
- Children to bring lunch on the day
- All clothing to be named
- There is limited seating for parents
- There is NO parking at Knox for parents
- It is a school carnival, every student is expected to attend.
- The Zone Carnival is Thursday 5th March and permission notes will be issued as soon as possible next week.

Denise Kelly
Sports Co-ordinator

PSSA News

Touch Football:
Junior and senior touch football teams participated in skill development activities and friendly games, no competition games were played.

Senior Results for Friendly Games:
Girls A- Game one played Beaumont Road 2 drew 1-1. Game two played Beaumont Road 1 won 1-0.
Girls B- Game one played Gordon West won 1-0. Game two played Beaumont Road 2 lost 1-2.
Girls C- Game one: BYE. Game two played Masada 2 lost 0-3.
Boys A- Game one played Chatswood 2 drew 1-1. Game two played Gordon West won 3-1.
Boys B- Game one played St Ives Park lost 1-2. Game two played Chatswood drew 1-1.
Boys C- Game one played Chatswood 1 drew 0 -0. Game two played St Ives drew 1-1.

Junior Results for Friendly Games:
Girls- Game one played Killara drew 0-0.
Boys- Game one played Killara drew 0-0.
**Mod Ball:**
Senior: played Roseville lost 7-1.
Junior: played Roseville won 4-3.

**Cricket:**
Senior: played St Ives North won: 92-67.
Junior: played St Ives North won: 70-56.

*Please note there will be NO PSSA this week (week 5) as it is the swimming carnival. All Pymble teams have forfeited.
PSSA fees are now due all money to be placed in the front office letterbox.*

Kaitlin Richards
PSSA Coordinator

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**School Enews**

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Go to the School website link:
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**Canteen News**

A big thank you to all that have registered with Flexischools - over 60% of our students are now on the new system. This is a great result so far as we have only been operating this system for 2 weeks.

Our aim this year is to use Flexischools, where possible for most of our fundraising collection. This way people do not need to register or pass their details on to numerous locations and it reduces the administrative burden of fundraising.

This is one of the huge advantages we now have with Flexischools from our previous provider. On this basis and that our fundraising drives will soon be commencing, can I encourage those yet to register to please do so. Do not fear though, we will always be able to find a way to collect your funds from a fundraising perspective if you do not wish to register.

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If you have any concerns or queries regarding the new process or anything that is happening within the canteen please do not hesitate to contact me.

Linda Henderson
Canteen Convenor

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**P&C News**

**P&C Grounds And Facilities Updates.**

Have you noticed the wonderful landscaping work that has been completed near the amphitheatre and Yr 3/4 classrooms?
The P&C, together with the school, committed last year to improving this area.
New sheltered tables, extensive stone walling & paving, safety railings and new bitumen has been completed.
Thank you to those families who donated a Named Paver last year.
Please enjoy taking your children to find your name in the terrace surrounding the amphitheatre.

**Save the Date for the 2015 Working Bee**

Last year's working bee was a huge success & such a great school community event.
Please mark Sunday 17th May in your diary for this year.
It will be a great day with a sausage sizzle & drinks provided.
Look out for further details later in the term.

Shelly Acland-Goben & Venessa O-Connell
P&C Grounds/Facilities Committee
Play in the Park

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PLAY IN THE PARK

Friday 28 February
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Prue Feather
pruefeather@optusnet.com

Liaison News

INVITATION
Attention All PPS Parents

Let's start the year off with a bang
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and meet new ones at the PPS Icebreaker.

Friday 6 March, 7-9.30pm
at the PPS CDLA
BYO drinks (glasses are provided) &
a plate of nibbles to share
Theme for the evening is black and white

Any queries email zannisabbott1997@gmail.com or
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From the P&C Social and Fundraising Team -
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ETHICS CLASSES AT PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

To enable classes to commence at Pymble Public School we require volunteers-one for the position of ethics coordinator, and depending on demand, we will require volunteer teachers.

The ethics coordinator is an administrative role requiring approximately one hour per week. The time is flexible and the role is predominantly online.

The teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, and the curriculum and teaching resources are provided. Volunteer ethics teachers facilitate the weekly classes during school terms and must attend our 2 day training and other recruitment requirements.

We will start ethics classes at Pymble Public School if there is sufficient demand. Please return the slip below by 27th February, 2015 if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child.

For more information about Primary Ethics, our curriculum and how you can volunteer, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Development Manager, Maria McCarthy at mmccarthy@primaryethics.com.au or 9278 1602.

Kind regards,

Bruno Diodati
Relieving Principal

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Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2015.

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4.15 to 4.45: Kindy/Yr 1/Yr 2 Singing
3.30 to 4.15: Jnr Singing
4.15 to 5: Jnr Drama

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