Swimming

Our annual PPS 3-6 Swimming Carnival is being held this Friday at the Knox Grammar indoor pool. This is an exciting event in the school’s calendar and our students look forward to the swimming carnival each year. I’d like to thank Mrs Kelly for all her hard work in organising this carnival. I look forward to a fabulous day of swimming.

A reminder that from next week all students will be required to wear footwear, sandals to and from the school pool for their weekly swimming lessons. Most students are already complying with this safety rule and I appreciate your support on this matter. As always the safety and wellbeing of our students is our priority.

P & C Annual Icebreaker

Last Friday evening PPS P&C hosted the annual ‘Icebreaker’ for our parent community. The theme was ‘Havana’ and the P&C Social Committee did an amazing job of decorating the COLA for this event. The COLA was transformed into a tropical oasis, with flamingos, toucans, palm leaves, pineapple sculptures and a live band. The atmosphere was great and parents who attended all had a lovely evening. It was a great opportunity for parents to get to know one another and enjoy an evening out. I’d like to thank the P&C for hosting this wonderful evening and Mr Burke for his assistance. I’d like to also thank the teachers who took the time to attend.

Stage 3 (Years 5/6) 21st Century Learning Project Parent Information Evening

Thursday 3 March 2016 @ 6.30pm

We are holding a parent information evening for parents of Stage 3 students on Thursday 3 March at 6.30pm in the school hall. This information session will cover how learning spaces are changing and how PPS is adapting to these changes for our students. Our academic partner Dr Kristy Goodwin will be presenting a session on open, flexible learning spaces as well as how changes to learning spaces are catering for 21st Century learners. We will also outline the details associated with the introduction of a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy for Stage 3 at PPS. This is an exciting time for the Pymble School Community. I encourage all parents of Stage 3 children to attend this important parent information evening. I look forward to seeing you there.
Parent Teacher Interviews
During weeks 6 and 7 (Monday 29/2 to Friday 11/3) of this term we will be holding parent teacher interviews. This year all parent interview bookings are to be made online. A note explaining the online booking system went home to all students last Friday. As per the note, parents can book their parent teacher interviews by visiting the School Interviews website at: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the following code: btpt2

Should you experience any difficulty making a booking or do not have Internet access please call the front office on 9144 4136 for assistance.

Bruno Diodati
Relieving Principal

Deputy Principal’s Report

Kindergarten arrival and dismissal
Just a reminder to Kindergarten parents, that starting Monday 29th February Kindergarten will finish at the normal school time of 2:55. Thank you to parents who are assisting with morning drop off by saying a quick goodbye in the morning and not distracting the children as they enter the classroom.

Chickenpox
Unfortunately, we have had a confirmed case of chickenpox in the school. Please remember to notify the school as soon as possible should your child be away due to a confirmed case of chickenpox. For children with chickenpox, they should be excluded from school for at least 5 days after the first spots appear.

Parent Information Handbook
Please keep an eye out for the PPS Parent Handbook. This booklet is a handy reference for a range of questions that you may have about school procedures, including information about common school illnesses and their exclusion periods. These booklets will be sent home to all Kindergarten and new families in the school. The updated 2016 parent handbook will be located on the school website for all other families.

Extra Curricula Activities
Did you know that here at PPS we offer a vast range of extra-curricular activities both within and outside of school hours? I would like to thank the staff involved for committing extra time to make these groups happen.
Throughout the week students have the opportunity to be part of the following groups during school time:

- Infants Choir-Years 1 & 2
- Garden Club-Years 2-6
- Chess 3-6
- Band 3-6
- Skipping team
- Vocal Ensemble
- Year 3 Choir
- Year 4 Choir
- Year 5 Choir
- Year 6 Choir
- Senior Dance Group-Years 5&6
- Junior Dance Group-Years 3&4
- Boys Dance Group- students from Years 3-6
- Debating-Year 6

This year we will also be trialling the introduction of some new clubs.

- Writing groups K-2 & 3-6
- Interest club K-6
- Community Service Club 3-6

In addition to this, after school hours there are a number of activities held in the school grounds, including; Dance, Karate, Language classes and Drama. You are able to find a copy of the after school activity groups timetable in the front office. As the year progresses, often there are additional groups or activities that arise that students are invited to participate in across the school.

Ruth White
Deputy Principal
All children are asked to be at school by 8:30 am to enable buses to leave promptly. Children are asked to sit in the designated area. No child is allowed to visit any coffee carts or canteens. Children should bring their lunch, recess and drinks. It is not necessary to bring school hats on the day. At the conclusion of the carnival, children may travel home with parents. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to time keep on the day. Please remember that there is no parking available in the swim centre.

For class swimming, all children will wear shoes to and from the pool; slip on styles are the easiest for the children to manage.

School sport and PSSA money is now due and swimming lesson money is OVERDUE.

Please remember that skins and black leggings are not part of the school sport uniform K-6.

Denise Kelly  
Sports Co-ordinator

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P&C Social and Fundraising

A Night in Havana – what a great night! The COLA was transformed by Pia Margetis and her team of helpers and set the scene for a fun night for everyone who came along.

Massive thanks to all the parents who helped out including:

Pia and John Margetis, Sue Klammer, Rachel Fife, Zoe Green, David Lane, Tiffany Leone, Alex Walker, Cath Booth and all those who came along to help set up and most importantly stayed behind to pack up. These events can’t happen without a team of trusty helpers and we thank you very much.

Another huge thankyou to Mr Burke and the office ladies who go over and above to make these events a huge success.

I think the photos speak for themselves.

Easter Family Movie Night /Save the date - March 19.
The PPS P&C will be hosting an Easter Family Movie Night. Bring a picnic to enjoy on the PPS Bottom Oval before sitting back and enjoying a movie under the stars.
Also available on the night – cupcakes, popcorn, glow sticks, BBQ and coffee

Watch out for a flyer shortly.

Zannie Abbot  
Social & Fundraising
We are pleased to advise we now have permanent coloured LED lighting in the COLA which helps to provide a great atmosphere for evening events at the school - such as last Friday's Icebreaker function. A big thank you to Jim Poulos, Mark Haynes and Ian Burke for all their hard work in helping to supply and install the new lighting!!

Moy Ferguson - P&C President

Canteen News

Special Order Day
Thursday 25th February 2016

Canteen will be closed on Friday, 26th February due to swimming carnival.

Linda Henderson
Interim Canteen Convenor.

PPS Instrumental Program

Want to hear the joke about the staccato? Don’t worry it is too short!

Music has its own lexicon (vocabulary based on its own branch of knowledge) which allows those acquainted with it to appreciate the joke in the above opening line. The PPS Band Program has evolved to include a String ensemble, so we need to get used to calling ourselves the PPS Instrumental Program. The program keeps growing, and now one in four PPS students participate in one or more of the five instrumental groups: Junior, Concert, Performance and Jazz bands, and the String Ensemble.

Beyond our wonderful PPS staff and team of conductors and tutors, we have volunteer parents who coordinate the bands and ensembles, instrument hire, camp logistics, transport of instruments, help the large junior band settle into a routine, balance the ensemble budget, and I know the lucky Jazzies coordinate a roster to make afternoon tea!

Many hands make light work and one of the upcoming tasks will be to audit our printed music. Being musical can be helpful but not essential. So if you would like to help out the PPS Instrumental Program in this way or other ways, please send a quick note to me at pymbleband@gmail.com

I look forward to meeting all of you over time throughout your children’s musical journey at the school this year.

Thomas Jubb
PPS Instrumental Coordinator

2nd Hand Uniform Shop News

Days of operation for 2016 are as follows:-

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Quick Contacts

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Go to the School website link:
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Prayer Group

Christian Prayer Group will meet every
Friday morning at 9.00am
Under the shelter shed in the infants playground.
pruefeather@optusnet.com

Sign-Safe-kids

Personalised carline car ID’s are available at the office. The designs are flexible and fit all car visors. Flick your Car ID open to show your name, flick it closed as you leave. The Car ID’s are proudly designed and produced by an Australian Mum and it is designed to last you from Kindy to Year 6. Pymble Public purchase the ID’s for families. Please contact the office by Wednesday 2nd March to place your order. Orders not received by this date will be ordered in Term 2.

Administration

School Banking

Kids school banking is coming soon! It will be launched at the assemblies in the first week of March when information packs will be distributed. Banking will commence mid March. Can’t wait until March? You can open up a “Piggy Saver” account earlier at the Turramurra branch of Bendigo Bank and say it is for PPS banking.
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MCCARTHY STUDIOS
Classes at Pymble School 2016
Friday  Dance/Drama/Singing
3.15 to 3.45 Kindy/Year 1 Dance
3.45 to 4.15 Sub Jnr Drama (Kindy,Yrs 1,2)
4.15 to 4.45 Sub Jnr Singing (Kindy, Yrs 1,2)
3.30 to 4.15  Jnr Drama
4.15 to 5     Jnr Singing
5 to 5.45    Jnr Dance NEW!

Wednesday Jazz
Year 2,3      3.15 to 4pm
Years 4,5,6   4 to 4.45pm

Saturday Pymble Preschoolers
10am – 10.

Holiday Program
18-22 April
Pymble School Hall

NEW!
Wednesday Jazz
Year 2,3              3.15 to 4pm
Years 4,5,6         4 to 4.45pm

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Community News

18 HOLES of MINI GOLF

This brand new European designed miniature golf course is both challenging for adults and yet playable by children, catering for all age groups.

An ideal venue for:
- School Sport Curriculum
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- End of Term Parties
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WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH

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Come along and learn more about our program.

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31 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga NSW Ph: (02) 9419 6900

St Lucy’s School
21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga NSW
Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 9am
RSVP: Terry on 0413 551 597 or erty@telstra.com.au

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Fridays 6:30-8:30pm in school terms
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