Principal's Report

We are already at the halfway point of the first term of the new school year. Our Kindergarten students are well settled into ‘big school’ and into the ‘swing’ of school life. Our vast variety of extra-curricular activities are all well underway; some students can be heard practicing their musical instruments, while others are singing, dancing, cricket training and/or learning a language before and after school. PPS continues to provide rich learning experiences and a range of learning opportunities for all students. Our dedicated teachers and staff work tirelessly to ensure that all students have the opportunity to pursue their interests while maintaining our focus on student learning. Over the past week our learn to swim program has continued, the school held its annual swimming carnival, we hosted our Term 1 EAL/D morning tea, students enjoyed a performance by Opera Australia and parent teacher interviews commenced; only to touch on a few of the events in a week at PPS.

Opera Australia – Hansel and Gretel

Last Thursday all students K-6 were treated to a brilliant performance of ‘Hansel and Gretel’ by Opera Australia. The children enjoyed the high quality opera and were all engaged by the narrative and performance. Thank you to Mrs White for organising this experience for our students.
You Can Do It (YCDI)
This is the first term of the implementation of the YCDI program at PPS. The program incorporates and teaches the 5 keys to success Persistence, Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along and Organisation. Each key has a fun character attached to it and in the Kindergarten program there are puppets representing these characters and the 5 keys to success. Last week the Kindergarten children were introduced to these 5 puppets through an engaging puppet show put on by the kindy teachers. The children were thoroughly entertained and engaged during the performance. I’d like to thank the Kindergarten team for their efforts in bringing the YCDI characters and program to life.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual PPS 3-6 Swimming Carnival was held last 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. It was a fun, successful and smoothly run carnival. As always we had high participation rates across all age groups which is a testament to our learn to swim program and strong swimming tradition at PPS. Importantly, students were prepared to ‘have-a-go’ and enjoyed themselves participating in events as well as cheering on their fellow students. I’d like to thank our parent time-keeper volunteers who were outstanding and worked very hard on the day. Thank you to Mr Muffit who has coordinated the parent volunteers for the past 7 years at PPS. Thank you also to Mrs Kelly for coordinating and organising the carnival and to the teachers who worked hard on the day to bring it all together.

EAL/D Morning Tea
Last Wednesday morning we hosted our first EAL/D morning tea for 2016. Once each term the school hosts a morning tea for the parents of students who participate in our EAL/D program. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents of non-English speaking background to join together and meet other parents as well as listen to valuable information about what’s happening at the school. I’d like to thank our EAL/D teacher Mrs Woof for organising this valuable event.

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 tomorrow, 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.
New COLA
You may have noticed that PPS has a new Covered Outdoor Learning Area or COLA spanning between the back of the school hall and our POOSH room. This COLA has been funded fully by our before and after school care provider POOSH. It is already proving a valuable covered learning and play area for all our students and is a great investment for the school. I’d like to thank POOSH for their ongoing contribution and investment in our school community.

Parent Teacher Interviews
During this week and next week (Monday 29/2 to Friday 11/3) we will be holding parent teacher interviews. Last night was the first of two parent teacher interview evening sessions, the second scheduled for next Wednesday 9/3 from 3-6.30pm. This year all parent interview bookings were to be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au

If you missed last Friday's online booking cut-off for parent teacher interviews, please contact your child’s class teacher via the front office on 9144 4136.

I’d like to thank all teachers for their commitment and dedication in making themselves available for parent teacher interviews.

Staffing
Miss Stephanie Rose will be leaving PPS at the end of this week due to personal reasons. Miss Rose has been a respected and highly valued member of staff for the past 3 years and will be missed by students, teachers and parents alike. I’d like to wish Miss Rose every success and happiness in her future endeavours.

Mrs Diane Frankish who has been working in the front office part time for the past 10 years has, as of this week been appointed permanently to PPS and will be working full time. Mrs Frankish is well known to our students and school community and is a valuable addition to our permanent staff at PPS.

School Fees
The Term 1 Fees Schedule went home to all parents on Monday. Our school fees represent a significant contribution towards the high quality learning experiences and education offered at PPS. Some fees cover items such as text books, excursions and Mathletics, which are charged to the school at an on cost basis and passed onto parents. Voluntary P&C and P&C Building Fund contributions over past years have funded major works like the netball COLA, the landscaped amphitheatre, covered outdoor tables, air-conditioning across the school and contributed towards the purchase of valuable resources such as laptops, interactive whiteboards, iPads, books, maths and science equipment only to list a few areas.

Should you be experiencing any difficulty paying for school fees or any school activities please contact the school office on 9144 4136 and arrange a time to speak with me, the Principal. Such matters are always treated in the strictest confidence.

Road Safety
Kiss and Ride drop off and pick up zone – Crown Road (outside front of school)

There have been a number of parents concerned about the unsafe behaviour of some drivers at the school’s ‘Kiss and Ride’ area out the front of the school on Crown Rd. A reminder that while drivers are legally permitted to ‘stand’ their vehicle for a period of up to 2 minutes and permitted to leave their vehicle up to a distance of 3 metres during that time, that the school strongly recommends that parents adhere to the following rules at the ‘Kiss and Ride’ zone on Crown Rd to ensure the safety of our students at Pymble PS:

- Drivers should not leave their vehicle while in the kiss and ride zone.
- Drivers should remain in queue while in the kiss and ride zone and follow the vehicles in front to exit the kiss and ride queue at the top/end of the kiss and ride zone.
- Drivers should not jump the queue or exit the queue while in the kiss and ride zone.
- School bags should go inside the car not the boot.
- Children should exit and enter vehicles from the kerb/passenger side.

Mrs White and I have been monitoring the safety of students at the Crown Rd pedestrian crossing as well as the ‘Kiss and Ride’ zone some mornings and every afternoon this term. Your cooperation with the safe use of the ‘Kiss and Ride’ zone on Crown Rd will ensure that all students at Pymble PS remain safe during school drop off and pick up times. 36 and arrange a time to speak with me, the Principal. Such matters are always treated in the strictest confidence.

Bruno Diodati
Relieving Principal
The primary swimming carnival was held at Knox Swim Centre last Friday. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to time keep or those parents that watched and supported the children. Thank you to Ms Moore and helpers for supplying lunch for staff and timekeepers.

It is a long day and all children were well behaved. The relays at the end of the day were very exciting. The zone swim team will compete tomorrow at the West Pymble Kuring-gai Pool. Ribbons for placegetters and age champion trophies will be presented on Wednesday, 9th March commencing at 9 am. Please see swimming results printed in this newsletter.

John Bulgin attended the zone football trials on Tuesday afternoon.

I would like to thank Miss Stephanie Rose for her invaluable support of the sporting program at PPS. Her enthusiasm for sport will be missed.

Junior Champions: Arthur Taylor Hannah Alexander
Runner ups: Jeremy Jubb Macy Marx / Emilia De La Rue Browne

11 yrs Champions: Thomas Serhan Sophie Hallett
Runner Ups: Phoebe Mason Ryan Hill

12 Yrs Champions: Ryan To Tamsyn Cairns
Runner Ups: Emilia Duncan Luke Jubb

HOUSE COMPETITION
1st Flinders
2nd Macquarie
3rd Phillip
4th Wentworth

Lost Property

Could all parents please check bags for clothing which may have been picked up by mistake from the carnival. There are are few families missing pieces of school uniform from the Carnival.

Denise Kelly
Sports Co-ordinator

P&C News

Pymble Public School Parents Facebook Page

The Pymble Public School Parent Facebook page is a great resource for all PPS Parents. It is a closed group on facebook where you can ask any question from Do the students wear ties for the school photos next week; Can anyone do my canteen shift on Thursday 24 March to Can anyone recommend a great local builder? The P&C also use it to communicate information about canteen, events and meetings.

All you need to do is be a parent at PPS and request to join the group. Note there is a similar group called Pymble Public School which is for ex-students and is not related to our group.

Zannie Abbot
Social & Fundraising

Newsletter Articles

Please note for all ‘Myalla’ news, information is to be directed to the following gmail address by Monday, 3pm. Notices after this time will be placed into the newsletter for the following week. Thank you.

pymblesnewsletter@gmail.com
Directory Correction
Class Representative for KT should read "Caterina Polistina & Elly Won". Apologies for inconvenience.

Lost Property
Please help us keep the lost property area tidy by returning items back into the buckets provided. Items with NO NAME will be sent to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop and proceeds from these sales will be used to fund school improvements. Items with names will be bagged and returned to your child’s classroom. Sorting will be done on the following dates:

Term 1: 15 January / 21 February
Term 2: 16 May / 13 June
Term 3: 8 August / 12 September
Term 4: 31 October / 5 December

2nd Hand Uniform Shop News
Days of operation for 2016 are as follows:-

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All Sales are cash only. Contact is Alex Walker.

Quick Contacts

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School Email pymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
POOSH Care 02 9988 3137
Swim School 0438 831 066
Uniform Shop 02 9144 3459

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Go to the School website link:
www.pymble-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
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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

School Banking

The School Banking Programme was launched this morning at the Primary assembly with a visit from the Bendigo Bank Piggy. Piggy will visit the Infants assembly on Friday.

Tuesday mornings will be school banking day. Forms can be returned to the office next Tuesday morning and any other Tuesday morning before school. Banking will commence on Tuesday 15th March and can be left at the office before school. Deposit details will be returned to the school on Wednesday and handed out via the classroom.

If you have any particular queries regarding your situation the banking representative Sharon Franke can be contacted on Sharon.Franke@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Safety

KISS AND RIDE PROCEDURES AT PPS

- Follow the car line up to pick up/collect your child.
- Make sure bags go inside of the car, not in the boot.
- Stay in the vehicle at all times.

“We appreciate you helping to make our school a safe place to drop off and pick up our students.”
KP - Play in the park
Where: Turramurra Memorial Park
Date: Friday 11 March
When: Straight after school

Bring a plate to share!
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### SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS 2016

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The names in bold, are those that have qualified for the zone carnival to be held on Thursday 3rd March at the West Pymble Kuringgai Pool.
All PPS Families are invited to an Easter Family Movie Night.

Bring a rug and a picnic to enjoy dinner on the PPS Bottom Oval before sitting back to watch the Easter movie classic ‘HOP’ (PG) under the stars.

Saturday 19th March
Gates open from 5.30pm and movie starts 7.15pm

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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

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