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Kalori Newsletter

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Principal's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stewart House Collection
Father's Day Stall

Thu 22nd Aug
Thu 29th Aug

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Statement of Account
Author Visit
Sports In Schools Term 2 & 3

EDUCATION WEEK - CELEBRATING STUDENT PROGRESS IN LEARNING

Education Week is a special time on the educational calendar where schools come together as a community to celebrate their achievements and promote the critical role that education plays in the development of our children's lives. On Wednesday last week, we had our Education Week Open Day and it was a great opportunity for our students to share their learning with family.

Due to popular demand, we kicked off the afternoon with our Book Parade once again and it was inspiring to see everyone dressed up and getting into the spirit of the day. I'd like to thank all our parents, students and staff for the effort you put in to creating such fantastic costumes and for cheering on all our children with such enthusiasm during the parade.

We had our open classrooms throughout the afternoon and it was fantastic to see the record-breaking number of parents, grandparents, carers and extended family in attendance to show an interest in, and support for, their children's learning. This was a great opportunity for your children to share their learning experiences with you and it was lovely to see the number of parents and children in every classroom who were engaged in conversations about learning together. I'd like to thank all the teachers for opening their classrooms and creating the opportunity to share their fantastic experiences with our community.

Our Year 6 Café fundraiser ran smoothly throughout the afternoon and was a relaxing way to bring the community together away from the activity of the playground. I'd like to thank all our Stage 3 parents for your generous contributions of delicious cakes and sweets. As a result of your donations and community participation, we raised more money than ever before in the Year 6 café this year! Thank you also to Mrs Chatterton and our Stage 3 staff for coordinating the Café.

While the Café was pumping out coffee and cakes, our very talented band and choir were pumping out tunes to entertain our community. These performance groups show all our Learner Qualities throughout the year, with each student practising with zest and grit every week so that they can be brave enough to embrace these opportunities to perform to an authentic audience. They sang and played their hearts out on the day and we are all very proud of them. It wouldn't be possible without our talented teachers, so I'd like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Stewart and Mrs Collinet for their expertise and time dedicated to developing our young singers and musicians.

We also had our Book Fair which was a big attraction for students and parents. It was encouraging to see so many of our students excited about reading and sharing this enthusiasm with their families. There was an amazing collection of books available and I'd like to thank our Librarian, Mrs Ashton, for organising this great event. I'd also like to thank Mrs Carrett, Mrs Pryde and Mrs Jaure for their support with the smooth running

of the Book Fair on the day, and a big thank you goes to our parents for your participation in this fundraiser by purchasing so many books! I know I sound like a broken record, but that's because we again had record-breaking sales in the Book Fair this year too!

I'd also like to thank our hardworking GA, Don, for all his efforts behind the scenes to set up all the chairs, tables and performance spaces on the day.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our 2019 Open Day - showing your support for our children which is greatly appreciated and continues to reinforce the strong sense of community spirit that we have here at Picnic Point Public School.

All the photos have been posted on the school's website and we hope you enjoy!

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK - AUGUST 26-30

Each year a week is set aside for schools to formally recognise and acknowledge the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) undertake in schools across NSW. Whether our SASS work in the office, classroom or school grounds, our school community knows the work they do is vital to the education of our students and the smooth running of this wonderful school. So on behalf of the school community, I would like to formally acknowledge and thank our wonderful SASS team for their continued commitment and dedication to our school:

School Administration Manager: Donna Dilonardo

School Administration Officers: Sue Trees & Kim Pryde

School Learning & Support Officers: Wendy Pascoe, Catherine Gallagher, Peter Campbell and Rebecca O'Donovan

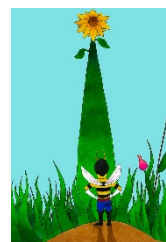
General Assistant: Don Dwarte

Ben Walsh

Principal

Shared Language of Learning

This section focuses on the Shared Language of Learning that is used at PPPS. It is designed to enhance communication and understanding about learning and progress across the school community



BEE OPTIMISTIC

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence"

Definition

Optimism is our student's ability to embrace and often seek challenges as opportunities for growth.

Why Optimism?

Evidence suggest that optimism is important in coping with difficult life events... thus, it appears that optimism is uniquely related to positive affect. Being an optimist boils down to the way you talk to yourself. Optimists believe that their own actions result in positive things happening, that they are responsible for their own happiness, and that they can expect more good things to happen in the future.

Language of Learning Challenge

Pick an event that you are not looking forward to doing and discuss ways you can turn this into a positive.

Student Quote of the Week

"True optimism is when a learner sees an opportunity in the face of difficulty" Nathan Nguyen - Promethium

Stage 1 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Author Visit

Wed 21st Aug

OPEN DAY

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends attend our Open Day last Wednesday. Our Stage 1 students were excited to dress up and show off their writing skills and their class work to their parents. Thank you for supporting our Year 6 Café and our Book Fair, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

AUTHOR VISIT

Thank you to Mrs Ashton who has organised an author visit for our K-2 students next Wednesday 21st August. Spike, an echidna's journey, is an interactive performance told through shadow puppetry.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

This week all students presented their speeches in class and the teachers were very impressed with their efforts. A huge thank you to all parents for their support in helping to prepare their child for their speech.

Teachers will notify their classes next week, which 2 students will be representing their class in the stage finals in Week 6. Good luck to all finalists.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This term K-2 students have been participating in the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Program. Students have learnt some amazing skipping skills, improved their coordination and cardio fitness all while raising money for the Heart Foundation. All students have been skipping at lunch times, in Premiers Sporting activities and in class PE lessons. If you haven't already registered online, get on today and register to help donate to a worthy cause.

Stage 2 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 4 Excursion

Tue 20th Aug

Author Visit

Wed 28th Aug

OPEN DAY

Many thanks to all our mums, dads, grandparents and other visitors for making the time to celebrate our students' achievements! It was such a warm, friendly and cheerful day for all! Everyone enjoyed the character parade - we all like to dress up every now and then, no matter how young or not so young we are! The Year 6 Café was amazingly delicious and the band really added a festive feeling.

The children love to show off their classrooms and their books, art and other creations. We also thank parents for contributing to our Book Fair, which of course not only inspires our children to read, but also brings much needed earnings back to the school. It was a great day for all!

YEAR 4 EXCURSION

The excursion for Year 4 to the Wollongong Science Centre is next Tuesday and we are feeling very excited! There will be science experiments, a planetarium show and time to check out the museum's exhibits. Please ensure you have returned your permission note and payment - we don't want anyone to miss this new excursion!

AUTHOR VISIT

Many thanks to Mrs Ashton for organising the author visit for us all. It is always very inspiring and motivating for the students to meet 'real' authors and listen to how they started and how they harness their ideas into stories. Often, the children are quite surprised that authors are actually 'normal' people and all you need to do to write a book or story is just DO IT!

We are looking forward to the experience!

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items of unclaimed property in the Year 4 bag room! Please come and have a browse. Many items have no visible name - please check periodically that your child's name is still legible on their clothing. Could you please also check your child's hat and jacket from time to time and return any items accidentally swapped? They look the same and some children are missing hats and jackets, which are nowhere to be found. Thank you for your support.

Stage 3 Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Author Visit

Wed 28th Aug

OPEN DAY

What an amazing afternoon we had! It was great to see so many Stage 3 parents attend our Open Day. We hope you enjoyed the book parade, Year 6 Café, open classrooms and the many other activities on offer. A highlight for many parents was the Stage 3 Dancesport performance. Our senior students did a wonderful job in performing the dances they have been learning.

Thank you so much to all the Year 6 parents for providing an array of delicious treats for our Year 6 Café. Everyone was commenting on how many homemade treats and snacks there were. This was the most successful Café we have had raising \$546.80!!! All going towards our Year 6 Farewell!

SELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

A note went home this week to students in Year 5 who are interested in attending Selective Workshops in preparation for the Selective Test in March next year. The workshops will be held before school on Tuesday mornings starting in Week 7 of this term. These workshops are not compulsory.

DANCESPORT CHALLENGE:

Our final selection for the 30 finalists to perform on Wednesday 11th September at Homebush took a catering order form home, requesting their order for the evening... This should have been returned by today.

Next week, we will be getting the finalists to try on costumes for sizing. A more specific note will follow, explaining what each student needs to wear.

Ticketing information was emailed to parents and carers on Thursday. The main things to know are that tickets are only available through www.ticketbooth.com.au or 1300 763 344... and the box office will open at approx. 10:00am on Monday 19th August. The school can not organise tickets. The note that went home is available on the school's website.

Please watch your email for information coming home. It's getting exciting!

TEEN RANCH – YEAR 6 ONLY

Year 6 students will be encouraged to attend Teen Ranch, which will be from 25th - 27th November. Your non refundable deposit of \$50 for each student was due last Wednesday, this is so we can book the correct number of buses and to inform the Teen Ranch organisers of numbers of students attending.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare the students for their transition into high school, along with being a memorable and social way of completing their primary school education.

The all inclusive cost for the 3 day 2 night excursion is \$297 and we do understand that this may be difficult for some families, especially those with more than one child attending. Following deposit payment, we welcome payments by instalments (if required). Should further difficulties be experienced, we suggest that a confidential phone call to the principal be made so that suitable arrangements may be organised.

Library

NEW CARPET

Our library is looking fantastic with the new carpet. All the students were very excited to come in last week. Some of their comments were "Wow" "This looks amazing!" "It looks like a 'real' library!" It is such a wonderful learning space and a pleasure for students and teachers to be in!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Premier's Reading Challenge

Year 3 - Yuki Chen & Grace Eamons

Year 4 - Chantelle Merheb & Maddison Tirant

Year 5 - Leo Le

Only a few weeks to go till the end of August. Hurry and finish your reading records!

AUTHOR VISITS

We are lucky to have some fantastic authors coming on Wednesday 21st for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students and Wednesday 28th for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Make sure you have paid your money so you don't miss out! Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 is \$4.50 and Stages 2 & 3 is \$5.00.

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival Sun 15th Sep

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL (ASBOF)

Please note: Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF) does not publish each band's performance time. Only arrival times are published. Each ensemble will have approx. 20-25 minutes in the Warm-up room. Adjudication with awards presentation for each event is held every 90-120mins.

Concert band: McAnally Event

Arrival time: 9:56am

Venue: Leighton Hall UNSW Kensington

Junior Band: Sampson Event

Arrival time: 9:00am

Venue: Leighton Hall UNSW Kensington

Note: students will need to meet at Leighton Hall a little earlier to get their vests.

There is an audience entry fee (including parents). Tickets are available online and at the door. To purchase tickets online go to the ASBOF website. <https://asbof.org.au/tickets/>

Parents, if your child is in senior band but has been asked by Mrs Stewart to support the junior band, you will need to arrive at the earlier time. If unsure, please check with Mrs Stewart prior to the event.

Choir

Choir has been asked by East Hills Baptist Church to perform at their Christmas Spectacular on Saturday 7th December at 4pm. If your child was in the Infants Choir in 2014 and 2015 you will remember we performed at their church several times. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain performance experience and demonstrate how wonderful they are. Please put this date down in your diary and more information will be given closer to the event.

Chess

JCL COMPETITION FINALS

The Junior Chess League competition is now finished and the young players are rather sad that it is over. We have done very well, with Teams A and D winning their division, closely followed by Teams B and C both in second place! It seems the two winning teams will now face each other in the zone finals - we are just awaiting confirmation from the JCL Director.

Congratulations all players!

CHESS CLUB

Remember that our chess club is in full swing, especially now that the competition is over! This is a good time to come and learn, or practise for next year's competition! It is also a good opportunity to learn from the more expert players and ask them to show you interesting maneuvers and strategies. The club is on at lunchtime on Tuesdays (Mr Burdon's room) and Thursdays (Mrs Stawski's room).

CHESS ACADEMY

This is another opportunity to learn chess, from beginner to expert. Registration is directly with Sydney Chess Academy and classes are held every Wednesday at 3.00pm in Mrs Stawski's and Mrs Allen's rooms.

Can I please ask that if for some reason your child is not attending chess class on a particular afternoon, you let the office or Mrs Stawski know so that we can monitor every child's whereabouts and safety.

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SWITCHEROO TIME

Our next fundraiser will be a switcheroo day on Wednesday 4th September.. Students dress as teachers and teachers dress as students for a \$2 donation. The money is supporting our World Vision sponsored student in Malawi. Thank you for your support.

TOSSER FREE TUESDAYS

Don't forget to think about your food packaging on Tuesdays so we can put all our waste in the compost bins! We will audit our rubbish next week... So remember no throw away plastic please.

Gardening Club

Our gardening beds are now empty and waiting for spring planting. Classes or Stages will have a bed to look after and care for... We're looking forward to a bumper crop!

Congratulations to Mrs Bowen for gaining a grant for 100 native plants! We are now looking for just the right spot to plant these little beauties.

Sport Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

District Athletics Carnival	Mon 19 th Aug
Season 3 PSSA	Fri 30 th Aug
State Boys Touch	20 th – 22 nd Aug
State Girls Touch	27 th – 29 th Aug

PSSA FINALS

Good luck to all basketball teams competing in PSSA finals today.

Girls Basketball to be played at Bankstown Basketball Stadium

12:45pm	Junior Girls Basketball	v	Padstow North	Court 2
1:30pm	Senior Girls Basketball	v	Padstow Park	Court 2

Boys Basketball to be played at Bankstown Basketball Stadium

12:45pm	Junior Boys Basketball	v	Panania North	Court 1
1:30pm	Senior Boys Basketball	v	Panania North	Court 1

ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE FINALS

Last Wednesday, 7th August, our boys Rugby League team headed out to Whalan to compete in the NSW All School Finals. The boys played positive football against some tough competition finishing the day with a draw and 2 losses. To reach this level once again with players playing up age divisions and with many non-league players is a credit to the boys attitude and effort as well as the work of Jon Wilson and Joe Sabbagh who have worked hard to prepare the boys and give them this opportunity.

BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH KNOCKOUT

On Tuesday, 13th August, our girls touch Knockout teams competed against Camden South PS at Vale of Ah. The girls put in a solid performance. They played with composure and control to win the match 13-0 and advance to the next round.

TOUCH GALA DAY

On Thursday, 15th August, boys and girls from Years 1-6 participated in a touch football gala day at Vale of Ah. This non-competitive gala day is a fun way for children to get involved in touch. Picnic Point sent 5 teams across 3 divisions and all students displayed outstanding sportsmanship and skill development throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Belgre for his continued dedication to providing opportunities for our students.

PSSA BOYS SOCCER

Well another year is in the books with both juniors and seniors having solid seasons. The seniors only lost two games throughout the season, but due to a range of injuries and washouts, they narrowly missed out on making the semi-finals. Even with their season coming to a premature end, the boys should be really proud of the way and the spirit in which they played and conducted themselves all season; you did yourself and Picnic Point proud.

The juniors went through the season only losing one game. In the semi-final, the weather was not on the boys' side. Between the dust storms and gale force winds that nearly unearthed the boys at times, it was just not their day. By far the better team, the game finished 0-0 after extra time, seeing the boys bow out due to table position. In spite of that, they are to be congratulated on an outstanding season and an inspiring level of sportsmanship. Great work boys.

Juniors:

Gabriel Abdulwahab, Darsh Bharadwarj, Kareem El Badawi, Oscar Gibbons, Arun Kumar, Mitchell Lewis, Jens Lucas, Steven Philippou, Yousuf Riad, Lewis Sinclair, Liam Venetoulis, Xavius Wilson

Seniors:

Jack Ashburner, Nicholas Azrak, Jermey Cannon, Luka Cavar, Zayn El Badawi, Issac Federico, Daniel Luong, Casper Maris, Jordan Pantazis, Dylan Petrovski, Cameron Poole, Joshua ShunWah, Ashton Simpson, Logan Weir



Teenie Weenies Learning Centre



Teenie Weenies is a privately, family owned and run childcare centre by the Sister and Brother team of Marie and Chris. Marie having a Child Care background and Chris' catering background and love for food and cooking has had Teenie Weenies operating in the community since opening their doors in late 2010.

Teenie Weenies work towards meeting and exceeding all requirements and acknowledge the importance of play and learning in an early childhood environment. We are a small 29 place service with a close knit team who are dedicated, highly skilled and motivated educators.

Our amazing cook also offer's home cooked meals not only to our children through out the day, however to parents to purchase as well and make life that little bit easier when getting home of an evening.

Mon-Fri, 7am-6pm

- Qualified Cook
- Quality Staff
- Home made Take away
Family meals
- School Readiness
- Home-like environment
- NSW curriculum framework

We have an Open Door Policy, please feel free to come in and visit at anytime.

**READY
SET
GROW**

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EAST HILLS JUNIOR OZTAG 2019

Wednesday 11th SEPTEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 18th '19 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

To be confirmed – just waiting for council approval for Marco Reserve

BOYS – Under 6's, Under 8's, Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's, Under 16's

GIRLS – Under 6's, Under 8's, Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's, Under 16's

REGISTRATION NIGHTS: ***Registration nights will be held at Function Room at THE MILL HOTEL
BEACONSFIELD ST MILPERRA ***

WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST 19 4.30-6.00PM AT THE MILL HOTEL

WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST 19 4.30-6.00PM AT THE MILL HOTEL

**AVOID THE QUEUE - make your payment directly into our Bank Account
and email the Team (or Individual) Rego form to
karenoztag332@gmail.com**

East Hills Junior Oztag

BSB 032 254

Acc No 193435 - put the player's name and team as a reference

***Any player who hasn't paid their registration fee by the final rego night will incur a late fee* ACTIVE KIDS
VOUCHERS MAY BE USED IN THIS COMPETITION**

- Girls may play in U8 or U10 boys teams. U14's & U16's may field mixed teams. (Mixed teams must have at least 3 girls on the field).
- Cost per player **\$80.00** – 10 round games + SF & GF
- All players must wear official Oztag shorts –available for purchase on rego nights. \$30.00.
- **Team and individual entries are welcome.** Registration forms can be download from our website – www.easthillsoztag.com
- Teams must have a minimum of 8 players register by the final registration night to be included in the competition.
- Players must play and sign on for 5 games to qualify for the finals.
- All Teams must wear same coloured shirt with a number on it

REFEREES ARE ALSO REQUIRED – IF INTERESTED MESSAGE KAREN via email
karenoztag332@gmail.com

Come & Try Girl Guides at Panania!

Tuesday 27 August 6.30–8.30pm

For girls 10-13 years old

Learn life skills, build confidence, have fun & make friends!

Contact Leanne Murray to register for this FREE event

0403 679 907 leannem869.lm@gmail.com

Panania Guide Hall on Weston Street, Panania



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