Principal's Message

It is great to see all the mums who are planning to attend our annual "Make Mum's Day" event this Thursday. Please note that the replies needed to be in today - Monday, for catering purposes. We will be having a donation collection for the BBQ to assist with covering our costs. In the past we have covered the costs, but as the events - Mums' and dads' days, are becoming so popular, we have decided this year to ask for a donation. Thank you in advance for your assistance. We will just have a collection point at the BBQ stand.

To cater for the large numbers expected, we will have two sessions at 11.00am. Roughly speaking, mothers of K-2 children will go to the hall, and 3-6 to the library. If you have children in both sections, please go to the hall - or go where your friends are going! You are also encouraged to sit in language groups to assist with anyone who has less English. I think that you will really enjoy these sessions this year, and then the fun with the children begins at 12.00pm.

If you choose to take your child/ren home early after the event, please sign them out on class lists, with the time you leave, that will be in the hall. Thank you.

Historical Public Speaking event

Last week I had the pleasure of attending a public speaking event at which students from local primary schools spoke about the history of their school. Most students gave a fairly dry historical recount, however our students - Drashti 5/6N and Ritu 5/6H - gave an entertaining dramatization that also provided historical facts. I was, as usual, a very proud principal!

Fruit and Veg Sense workshop

I know that lots of parents have already signed up for this event, which is on next Monday from 9.00am in the hall. It should be an informative and interesting morning.

Mindsets

How do we know what potential our children, or indeed ourselves, have? How do we know what anyone is capable of? Carol Dweck sites the way that NASA selects applicants for astronauts. They do not look for people who are extremely successful in every way, they look for people who have had significant failures and have bounced back from them. A famous ballet teacher selected students who were energized by criticism. The answer is, we don't know what people are capable of if they have a growth mindset. There are plenty of famous people who, at an early age, were thought to be "quite ordinary" - Jackson Pollock, Elvis Presley and Charles Darwin - to name a few. They all went on to excel in their chosen fields. Believing that we can grow is what is important, and not believing that a failure is forever or a mark of inferiority - just as a success is not a mark of superiority forever. Growth is the significant thing.

I look forward to seeing lots of you on Thursday,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Library News

Stage 3 were involved in an Author Visit today. James O'Loghlin came to talk about his latest book 'The Adventures of Sir Rodrick the not so very brave'. If you would like to order a copy they are available for $17.00 each.

Please DO NOT repair books at home - Return them and I will fix them.
Mrs Sell.
Class Awards

KA          Shreeyam                        KB       Kayla
KJ          Yashi                                 KN       Dvity
KR          Omar                                 KS       Yousef
1F          Chloe                                1H       Saahith
1K          Nelly                                  1N      Jasinder
1S          Jason                                2L     Asra
2P           Mehakpreet                     2W     Eylaf
K-2G        Tyler
2/3R    Hakim,Krish                    3J    Jamahl, Madhi
3/4C    Gabbie, Crystal               4A    Tara, Korina
4S        Boxi, Jessy                       5/6B   Irem, Liamon
5/6E    Rayaan, Aylin            5/6H    Catherine, Karan
5/6J    Melanie, Deniz                5/6N    Urooj, Danyal
6K       Sahil, Choong, Shivansh

Stage News

Kindergarten

Last Wednesday we had such a fantastic day at Calmsley Hill City Farm. We are sure that your children have told you all about our excursion - milking the cows, patting the animals, the tractor ride, watching the sheep shearing and sheepdogs rounding up some sheep. Miss Assaf and some of the Kindergarten children even got to try cracking the stockman's whip! This excursion was an excellent opportunity for the children to have a hands-on farming experience which supports all of the learning that we are doing in our classrooms this term.

This week is another busy week and we are looking forward to all of our mums visiting on Thursday for Make Mum's Day. This is a special day every year where we get to celebrate our mums and there are lots of fun activities planned. Please return your note as soon as possible so that we know who is coming and how much food we need to cook for lunch!

There will be NO GYM this Thursday because we will be busy with Make Mum's Day.

Over the past few weeks we have had some very interesting 'Mystery Bags' for topic talks. This is the last week that we will be sharing our Mystery Bags. Please continue to help your child practise describing their object - what it looks like, what colour and shape it is, where it is found (in the kitchen, bathroom, etc.), what you use it for. Next week students will be talking about their favourite farm animal.

Let's have another wonderful week!
Miss Stuart & Mrs Rhodes

Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

Wow! We're about halfway through Term 2. Our excursion will be happening in week 8. You will receive a note about the excursion this week. Please read it carefully and return the permission slip as soon as possible.

More and more lunchboxes, bottles and jumpers are being left at school each day. It is the child's responsibility to make sure these things are taken home each day. Labelling every item is the best way to make sure if it does get misplaced, it can be returned to the right owner.

Make Mum's Day is happening this Thursday. Please make sure the pink note is returned to school today. We can't wait to have some fun with our mums!

Please make sure children are picked up at 2:55pm. Many students are often left waiting and need to be brought to the office to be picked up. If you know that you are running late, please call the school as we can let your child and teacher know.

Have a great week!
Miss Langhans

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

We are looking forward to seeing all the mums, grandmothers, aunts and caregivers at our 'Make Mum's Day!' this Thursday. We have had a great response from the stage 2 parents and we look forward celebrating mums and everything that they do.

Have you been discussing your child's schooling with them? A conversation where you ask what they have been learning and how did they learn, is a great way to support children and consolidate what they are learning in class.

Finally, well done to Sarah on her performance in the District cross-country, she has qualified for the Area Carnival.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

What a busy week for Stage 3 students last week! The Year 6 students who attended the Writers' Festival at the Riverside Theatre thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt many valuable writing skills. The recorders, strings ensembles and the PULSE choir enjoyed their rehearsal days. The students who represented PWPS at zone ran their fastest and were complimented on their exemplary behaviour. The boys competing in the Rugby League Knock Out Competition also learnt valuable teams skills.

Some quick reminders for week 5:

* Monday 26th May  – Author visit – James O'Loghlin at school.
* Tuesday 27th May  – Celebrating the Arts choir rehearsal.
* Wednesday 28th May – Indigenous excursion to Murru Mittigar.
* Thursday 29th May – Make Mum’s Day!

"Make Mum's Day" will be held this Thursday the 29th of May and will commence at 11.00am. There will be a workshop held for mothers in the Hall and Library, followed by various fun activities with your children and a BBQ. Invitations have been sent home.
If you are attending please return the pink slips today. We hope to see lots of you there!

Permission notes went out last week for Stage 3’s excursion to Taronga Zoo. This will be held next Tuesday the 3rd of June and links with the science unit we were studying entitled ‘Desert Survivors’. The cost of this excursion is included in the Enrichment money program and a minimum payment of $50 needs to be paid to the office before this Wednesday for your child to attend this exciting excursion. Please sign and return this to your child’s classroom teacher.

Have a fabulous week 5!

Mrs Heifetz

**Sports News**

Another enjoyable round of PSSA last week. Congratulations to the senior newcombe ball team on their second win in a row and the junior mod league team for their first win. Results were:

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This week in Round 3:

- Netball vs Merrylands at Merrylands Oval
- Soccer vs Merrylands at Merrylands Oval
- Newcombe Ball vs Merrylands at Merrylands P.S.
- Mod League vs Hilltop and Merrylands Oval

Congratulations to our Zone Cross Country team for their great effort last Tuesday at Parramatta Park. Sarah from 3/4C will now progress to the next level. Well done Sarah and all the competitors.

Today we had visitors explaining Jump Rope For Heart to our students and demonstrating some skipping skills. Skipping will be a focus in our physical activity this term leading to our Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser to be held at the beginning of Term 3. Please encourage your children to be active and practice their skipping skills.

Mr White

**Stewart House**

These bags went home last week. Please place any clean unwanted clothing in them and return to your child’s classroom by Friday 30th May.

**Pyjama Day**

On Thursday the 5th June, Stage One will be hosting Pyjama Day as a fundraiser for this year’s Year 6 Farewell. It is important that children come to school in appropriate footwear and their school hat.

Bring a gold coin donation and come dressed in your pyjamas for the day!

Miss Papworth