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## Principal's Message

Last week our senior students participated in a ballroom dance competition for the first time - and received lots of positive feedback, with several pairs making to finals and even a grand final. The children looked impressive and we are very proud of their results. Thank you to Mrs Rhodes and Miss Stuart for the time they put in to training the students.

## Kindergarten Orientation

We have just two more weeks to go of this program, preparing our youngest children for 2016. This week it is on TOMORROW - Tuesday, in the Kindergarten rooms. Children need to bring a lunch box with some morning tea to practice this part of a school day as well. Next week they will be here on Thursday, and on this day all the parents will be in the hall learning more about the start of next year. It is important that all parents attend this meeting. So far, the children have been very settled and we are happy with their transition - we are looking forward to them becoming part of our community.

## Selective High School Applications

These applications are online, and due by November 16th. Parents of year 5 students considering this should discuss it with their child's teacher. A selective high school is not necessarily the best place for all children. If you have difficulty with the application process, please ask for assistance.

## Diwali Celebrations

Our school will be celebrating Diwali on November 17th. We have a wonderful team of parents currently teaching our children several dances to perform on the day, so it will be a wonderful spectacle.

## Christmas Celebrations

Our annual Christmas service will be on November 18th, followed by our Parent Helpers Morning Tea. We have so many wonderful helpers, so please put that date in your diary so that you can join us on this day.

Have a good week,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

## Class Awards

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## Violin Group

Want to play violin? Do you want to perform in the Opera House? Here is your chance to start.

Free group lessons are held Monday morning before school. We are inviting new students for 2016 to an information session on Wednesday 11 November at 3.00pm in the hall.

Ring Mrs Vukovic 0404 408 821 or Mrs Wang 0478 702 060
Stage News

Kindergarten

The long wait was definitely worth it when we finally made it to Blaxland Riverside Park! Last Wednesday all the Kindergarten students and teachers had a fabulous day adventuring in the park. The students participated in science activities, art, sport games and of course a fun time on the amazing play equipment. All who attended had an excellent and tiring day out - teachers included! The students represented our school with great manners and consideration for each other and the general public. Well done Kindergarten you certainly are growing up!

This Thursday is the mini fete, so don't forget to bring some money so you can participate in lots of fun activities run by Year 6!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

It's another exciting week here at PWPS. On Thursday Stage 3 students are having their Mini Fete. This is a fantastic day full of exciting activities and there's lots of fun to be had! Students should bring money to spend in a zip lock bag with their name on it. Students are also able to wear mufti clothes but they must make sure they have sensible shoes and wear appropriate clothes in case they are getting their face painted/hair sprayed. For those attending Swim School there will be more details coming soon with a list of everything you need to know. It is a good time to start getting your swimming items ready.

Have a fabulous week!
Miss Langhans

Year 3

It's hard to believe that we have reached this term's half-way mark! We had a fabulous time at the disco last week and it was great to see everyone dressed up in costume to celebrate Halloween.

This Thursday is the Mini Fete. This is a big fundraiser for our Year 6 students and promises to be a very fun day for everyone. The Year 6 students will have set up a variety of stalls: hairspray, face painting, nail art, games and competitions, as well as selling food and drinks. Children are encouraged to bring a some money to spend on the day - stall prices range between 20c and $1.50. It would be best to bring coins to spend and have them in a zip lock bag or wallet, labeled with your child's name so that if it is lost it can be returned. Thursday is a mufti day - remember to wear a hat and sensible shoes (no thongs).

Have you chosen a book to take to 'Russ the Story Bus' next week and exchange for a new book? We are looking forward to 'Russ' visit next Monday November 9th. Please make sure you have returned the slip stating whether you wish for your child's photo or video footage to be taken and used by 'Russ the Story Bus' for their media and publicity purposes.

Swim School is coming up at the end of this term. More information will be coming home shortly, but it is a good idea to start getting your belongings ready - swimming costume, thongs / slippers, towel, goggles, sunscreen.

Have a wonderful week!
Miss Stuart

Year 4 and Year 5

This week students from Year 4 (Thursday) and Year 5 (Friday) will attend a writing workshop at school. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about writing high quality texts from an acclaimed author.

The mini-fete will be held this Thursday. It's a great fun event that raises money for the Year 6 farewell at the end of the term. I would encourage all children to bring some money (we recommend a plastic zip lock bag) to spend at the stalls. Most of the activities and games will cost $1 or less. The Year 5 students have been busy organising their stall; they do require some support from their parents / caregivers to ensure that it's a success.

2016 School Leaders applications are due this Thursday. Any student who has lost or requires another application need to see Mr Clarke to get another.

A reminder that applications for Selective High Schools opened on 13 October and will close on 16 November 2015, applications can only be made online at this time. For further information parents may go online to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement or see Mr Clarke.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Year 6

A very big congratulations to our fabulous Dancesport dancers for their achievements last week. We were very proud of their efforts, manners and school spirit. They did an outstanding job and we can't wait to do it all again next year!

This week is all about the Mini Fete. All students should be busy preparing their equipment for the fete. We have been meeting with the students at school and discussing strategies to make their stalls effective and successful. Thanks to all the parents for your assistance and contribution. It's going to be a great day.

Year 6 students will be involved in writing workshops this week with Aleesah Darlison - Children's Author & Winner of the 2015 Environment Award for Children's Literature. We are very lucky that our students will be able to strengthen their writing techniques even more.

It is an exciting time for our Year 6 students as the year starts to come to a close. It is important however that they remain on task and focused at all times and complete all set tasks with
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commitment.

It's going to be another exciting week.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

If you were given a reading survey please return it as soon as possible.

Reading Workshops are continuing at 2.15pm in the library for parents of year 4, 5 and 6. I would love to see you there.

Overdue notices went out last week. If there is an issue please come and see me.

Please try to return books promptly as overdue books means the children cannot borrow.

Mrs Sell

Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents and friends who dressed our students up for the Halloween Disco and brought them along to have fun! All the teachers were impressed with the thought and care put into students dressing up. Congratulations to all the students who attended, for their lovely manners and the way they enjoyed themselves. The teachers voted it the best Disco we have had, with all students having fun.

Sports News

On Friday, our PSSA teams had another successful week on the field, with wins for most teams. Well done boys and girls. Don't forget training this week. Finals are fast approaching, go PWPS!

All teachers and students K-6 had to be flexible this week for sport, due to weather and need to change times and venues because of other school activities. Congratulations to the teachers for forging ahead to make sure PWPS students had fun at sport. 3-6 enjoyed a tabloid of skills thoughtfully organised by Mrs Abraham and Mrs Harris, as Kindergarten needed our upper playground for our visiting 2016 kindergarten students. There are still a few students who regularly don't have a hat for sport and play. Sport is a mandatory learning area in our school curriculum, and for students to participate safely they must wear a hat. Please make sure your child has a hat on sport days for safe participation. For the safety of our students we have a no hat no play policy and sadly I see students disappointed daily when they have to watch their peers play happily without them. Please help your child to be organised for outside activities at school.

"Discover and Be Inspired"

A Gifted and Talented Experience for YEAR 5 Students

A Science experience with a difference - Be part of our giant Science classroom

Registrations are now open for this special day with limited places and it's free of charge.

Dear Parent/Guardian

An invitation to a unique event for Year 5 students and their parents, meet the Surfing Scientist, see his Science tricks, be part of a giant Science experience, be a scientist doing experiments and have fun.

Cumberland High School is a comprehensive high school with a stream allocated to Gifted and Talented students. Cumberland offers a curriculum for students who aspire to achieve exceptional results.

You are invited to attend a unique Science Challenge Experience, which will be held at our school.

Ruben Meerman, The Surfing Scientist from the ABC will present his special Science Challenge Performance.

Date: Monday 23rd November 2015
Time: 9.00am to 12.30
Venue: Cumberland High School
183 Pennant Hills Rd.
Carlingford 2118
Telephone: 9871 7718
Fax: 9872 5381
Web: www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

To register: Ring the school or email for the attention of Mrs Diane Orpen providing the name of the parent/guardian and the names and number of students that are interested in attending. Please notify us by Wednesday, 18 November 2015.

Drumming Circle

Workshop held today at school