

Principal's Report

Reports and Interviews

All parents should have received their child's first semester reports from class teachers last week. I spoke to the students at Friday's assembly and told them how proud I was of their efforts. Most students are working to the best of their ability which is all a teacher or parent can ask of a child. Some students need to examine their efforts and ask themselves if they are really trying their hardest. There is still half a year to turn their results around and therefore plenty of time to put in that little bit of extra effort.

I would like to thank all those parents who took the time to have an interview with their class teacher to discuss their child's progress. If you have not been able to make an appointment to see the teacher, there is still time to book an appointment for next week or early next term.

Selective School Success

We would like to congratulate the 4 students who have been offered a place at Selective Schools next year. We are very proud of their achievements and that of the student who is on the reserve list and may still be offered a place. We will publish their names as soon as we are sure their families have been informed.

While not suiting everyone, Selective Schools can be an excellent option for those students who thrive under strong pressure and like the academic competitiveness these schools offer.

Staff Changes

As of Term 3, there will be a change of staff on class 3/6M. Miss McBride is taking leave for the rest of the year in order to pursue further study. Her position will be filled by both Mrs Raft and Mrs Duncan who will be sharing both the class and the ESL role for the rest of the year. We are very lucky to have two such experienced teachers able to step in for this dual role.

We wish Miss McBride the best of luck with her studies and hope to see her back next year.

Holidays

As this is the final newsletter for Term 2, I would like to wish everyone a warm and cosy Winter Break and hope that if you are going skiing that you stay upright!

Mrs J. Mollica, Principal

P & C NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS

Inserted in this Newsletter is our latest Canteen price list for over the counter sales and lunch orders.

CANTEEN CLOSURE

School canteen will close for Term 2 this Friday, 3rd July 2009. There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS or snacks available in the last week of school. The Canteen will reopen on Monday, 3rd August (second week of Term 3)

for lunch orders and snacks in Term 3.

The Canteen Staff wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

IVAN'S PIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those families who ordered pies, sausage rolls, pasties or quiches in our recent fundraiser. We have had many reports to say that they were as delicious as promised. We raised \$258.00 for this fundraiser!

HOT DOG DAY

Our recent Hot Dog Day was even more successful than usual due to the generosity of one of our parents Mrs Rene Bligh. Mrs Bligh who works for High Country Meats in Revesby donated all of the regular frankfurts for our Hot Dog Day. This meant the school received a larger profit for their fundraiser. We would like to thank Mrs Bligh and the small group of parents who volunteered their time to make this day a success. It was great to see some new parent volunteers too. *We raised \$477.85 for this fundraiser!*



CIVIC VIDEO PADSTOW

Easy Fundraising for Padstow Park School

Our school has an ongoing fundraiser with CIVIC VIDEO at Padstow.

All you need to do is tell the staff at CIVIC VIDEO that you have a child at PADSTOW PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL and they will add your name to their Fundraising Register. There is no cost involved.

That means every time you rent a DVD, Video or Game from CIVIC VIDEO Padstow the school receives a donation of 10 cents from each rental. It is amazing how quickly this can add up!!!

There are no catches, no gimmicks - just register once and every time you rent a DVD, Video or Game you will be raising money for your school!

Please remember to support you local businesses!

PREMIER'S DEBATING NEWS

The Premier's Debating Team of Ashley Behari, Sharon Gao, Joshua Kleckin and Anastassia Simonian, debated against Glenfield last Thursday, 25th June at Glenfield Public School.

The team had a fantastic win and proved that Alcohol Advertising Should Not Be Banned.

Their 3rd debate was against Marsden Road PS this morning, Wednesday, 1st July in our school hall. Well Done debaters for another win on the topic "That mobile phones are more of a nuisance than a convenience". We were the affirmative team.

MORE DEBATING NEWS

Our Bankstown/East Hills District Debating Team of Ashley Behari, Sharon Gao, Sachleen Khanna and Joshua Kleckin engaged in an entertaining and highly spirited debate against Padstow North PS last Friday, 26th June. Despite Padstow North's vigorous efforts to prove to the audience that Life Wasn't Worth Living Without Chocolate, our team won the intense battle.

Great work debaters! Mrs M. Bowen, Debating Co-ordinator

MS READATHON

There's great news for students who haven't yet registered for the MS Readathon - there's plenty of time to jump on board! You can now read for **ANY 30-DAY PERIOD** in June, July or August. You have until 31st August to return completion forms and sponsorship and collect some great reading awards.



Registration is easiest and quickest online at www.msreadathon.org.au - and you get to build your own set of webpages and update your booklist online too! If you can't register online, ask your teacher for a registration form.

In 2009 MS Readathon is celebrating 30 years of reading to help people living with multiple sclerosis and with your help we can make this the biggest and best year yet!

Mrs N. Hopper, Librarian

PARENT TIPS

KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE

With winter holidays fast approaching, here are some websites with great ideas for keeping kids healthy, active and away from the couch and computer games.

www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/active/ (lots of active ideas)

www.freshforkids.com.au/activities/activities.html (activity sheets)

www.gokids.com.au/ (indoor and outdoor activities)

www.kidspot.com.au (many indoor and outdoor activity ideas)

www.sportingwheelies.org.au/doc.php?ID=802 (activity ideas for people with disabilities)

HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE

Parents and carers can access age-appropriate material to help with your child's homework assignments at the Teaching and Learning Exchange: www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp.

Information ranges from ages 4-9 which includes pages to help you follow your child's early learning and to help you talk with teachers about your child's progress to Beyond School, which includes links to TAFE, university and other further learning opportunities such as apprenticeships and traineeships.

The content of each age group area is organised into these sections:

- * What they learn,
- * Helping your child learn and
- * About stages of learning

From the navigation bar you can also access links to educational organisations and news.

The site also includes a Jargon Buster, a selection of translated documents and links to DET parent newsletters such as the Click! technology guide and School Parent's magazine.

**SWINE FLU WARNING
FOR YOUR INFORMATION -
TWO STUDENTS FROM PADSTOW PARK
PUBLIC SCHOOL IN KINDERGARTEN AND
YEAR 5 ARE IN QUARANTEEN AS THEY HAVE
BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH SWINE FLU.**

KEYBOARD LESSONS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

PO Box 40 Red Hill QLD 4059

Tel 1300 764 877 Fax 1300 764 674

New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 3, 2009.

At only \$10.90 (incl. GST) per lesson, this keyboard music program is **Great Value!!!**

Enrolment forms are available from keyboard music teacher (s), the school office or you can enrol electronically on our website - www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au,

Small Reminder

Re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so, once enrolled, you **don't** need to send in a new enrolment form each term in order to continue.

If at any stage you wish to cancel: Written advice to that effect must be mailed or faxed to PMI at the above address/fax number at least two weeks prior to the start of any given term in order to avoid incurring the next term's fees. (Please note: It is not sufficient for this advice to be communicated to the school or keyboard teacher).

The Primary Music Institute wishes all families a safe and musical holiday!!!

TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Wed 1st Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (K-2) Interviews
10:30am Premiers Debating Round 2
Padstow Park PS v's Marsden Road PS

Thu 2nd 9:30am Junior & 12:30pm Senior
Multicultural Public Speaking - Hall

Mon 6th 3F, 3Z & 3/6M CARES Visit. \$7.00

Wed 8th 4W & 4SW CARES Visit. \$7.00

Fri 10th Last day of School for Term 2, 2009

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Mon 27th First day of School for Staff only

Tue 28th First day of School for Students T3, 09

★ **STEWART HOUSE FUN DAY** ★
★ **THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER** ★
★ **THEME: "SPACE - OUT OF THIS WORLD!"** ★
★ Get your costume ready over the holidays. If it's ★
★ ready by the first week of Term 3 you may be ★
★ included in the Stewart House Fun Day Movie! ★
