

Principal's Report

Swine Flu Update

There are no current cases of swine flu in the school and we hope that it stays that way for the foreseeable future. I would like to thank all parents for their support during last term. Many parents were called on a moments notice to collect their children and were very accommodating. We ask parents to remain alert until the weather warms up for any signs of fever, coughs and colds so that we can keep the school population as healthy as possible.

Inappropriate Language and Swearing

Unfortunately I have had to talk to the whole school on Tuesday about the increase of swearing and inappropriate language in the playground and in the classroom. Most students at Padstow Park are very polite in the way they speak to each other but a growing number are using language that other people should not have to listen to. I would ask all parents to support the school in encouraging children to avoid swear words even when they are angry and give them other strategies.

Students have been warned that continued use of bad language will end in suspension.

Athletics Carnival

We hope to see many parents at our Athletics Carnival on **Thursday, 13th August**. Students have been practising their field events both at sport on Friday and in class.

Our school representatives for Discus, Long Jump and High Jump will be selected over the next couple of weeks during school time. All track events will be held at Amour Park, Revesby on the 13th. All children from Stages 2 and 3/Years 3 - 6 and the children who are in Stage 1/Year 2 that are 8 years old are to attend this Carnival.

We hope to see you there.

Mrs J. Mollica, Principal

P & C NEWS

CLOTHING POOL NEWS

Please bring any donations of unwanted girls winter dresses to the office ASAP. At the moment the clothing pool has none in stock so your donation will greatly help other families at our school.

BILLY G'S COOKIE FUNDRAISER

This week all families should have received our latest fundraising brochure from Billy G's Cookies. Families and friends can purchase tubs of pre-mixed cookie dough available in six delicious flavours.

There are also incentive rewards for the amount of sales. This is a great idea for the cooler months and a batch of cookies can be baked in no time at all even for busy families. As the dough is already pre-mixed, this is also a great way to let the kids try their hand at cooking - with parental supervision of course!

Your support with this fundraiser will not only give you some yummy treats but will also help raise much needed funds for our school.

Thanks!

P & C Committee

UNIVERSITY OF NSW EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2009

COMPUTER AND SCIENCE RESULTS

Throughout the year students from Year 3 to Year 6 have taken part in the University of NSW Educational Competitions with some pleasing results. A list of these outstanding results follows.

YEAR 3

COMPUTER

Distinction - Cassandra Tran, Jasmin Yip

Credit - , Vanessa Luong, Adam Panovski, Angela Tran

SCIENCE

High Distinction - Cassandra Tran

Credit - Adam Panovski, Angela Tran, Brendan Ye

YEAR 4

COMPUTER

Distinction - Tam Nguyen

Credit - Justin Chau, Sachleen Khanna

SCIENCE

Distinction - Max Liu, Cristina Lu, Tam Nguyen

Credit - Justin Chau, Andy Chiem, Jimmy Pham, Michelle Tran

YEAR 5

COMPUTER

Credit - Annie Liang, Michael Xu

SCIENCE

Distinction - Nicky Li

Credit - Matthew Leung, Annie Liang, Michael Xu

BOOK WEEK 2009

Book Week commences on Monday, 17th August. A book character

parade will be held on

Tuesday, 18th August starting at 9:30am.

The theme for this year is Book Safari. The children may dress up as jungle characters or as their favourite book character.

A Book Fair will be held in the library on Monday, 17th and Tuesday, 18th of the same week. Children and their families are welcome to visit the library before and after school on these days to purchase books.

Hope to see you there.

If anyone has any questions regarding Book Week please don't hesitate to pop in and see me.

Mrs Nerida Hopper, Teacher Librarian

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge will close on Tuesday, 1st September.

It is essential that reading records are entered on or before 31 August and validated by 1 September.

Information about completing and validating student reading records can be found, in Online Help in the Challenge website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge or contact Mrs Hopper in the Library.

Mrs Nerida Hopper, Teacher Librarian

PARENT TIPS

SWINE FLU UPDATE

Human swine influenza (H1N1 Influenza) continues to be a serious threat in our community.

To help avoid the spread of swine flu at school:

- Please ensure that your child remains at home if he or she has flu symptoms.
- Take your child to a doctor or hospital immediately if the symptoms worsen or call 000.
- Encourage your child to practice good hygiene:
 - Cover your mouth when you cough
 - Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or use alcohol rubs to avoid cross infection
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If your child has travelled to a recognised swine flu infection zone and has no flu symptoms and is well, your child is able to attend school.

For the latest information on the swine flu please go to the NSW Health website at: www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp or call the Australian Government swine flu hotline on 180 2007.

Fact sheets are available in community languages at: www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/ethnic/index.asp

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Eligible parents and carers can now claim the Education Tax Refund for certain education expenses incurred from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. This means you could get 50 percent back on a range of primary and secondary school education expenses. The maximum refund is \$375 per primary school student and \$750 per secondary school student. Go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/home/ for all the details.

NEW CLICK! NOW ONLINE

The latest issue of the Department of Education and Training's web-based technology guide for parents, Click!, is now online. Topics include cyber-bullying and how to protect your child; the pitfalls to avoid when sharing private photos to the net; whether kids can really study while listening to music, texting and chatting online; and how to avoid 'phishing' scams. Complete with vodcasts and podcasts and an informative blog by industry experts, keep up with your kids at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click. You can also subscribe by email so you never miss an issue.

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO APPROACH PARENTS OF OTHER CHILDREN OR THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE. PLEASE SEE YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER OR STAGE ADVISOR TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.



PPPS LETTERBOX

The following notes have been distributed since the last newsletter. (TIO = Those Involved Only)

- 5/6K Head Lice Warning Information. 4 pages.
- K - 6 Musica Viva in Schools Permission Note. \$ Due 10/8.
- Human Swine Flu Information Sheet 1.
- Years 3 - 6 Swimming Program. \$50 due ASAP. Places left.
- Stage 1 Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife World Excursion Permission Note. \$27 due by 21/8.
- Stage 3 Antarctica Exc. Permission Note. \$30 due 19/8.
- Human Swine Flu Information Sheet 2.
- 4SW & 4W Rescheduled CARES Visit Permission Note.
- East Hills Choral Festival Ticket Order Form. (TIO)
- Years 3 - 6 East Hills Choral Festival Matinee Performance Permission Note. \$10 per child due 4/9. (TIO)
- Stewart House Information. 1/2 A4.
- Major Fundraiser for PPPS P & C Note & Brochure for Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough. Orders due by 14/8.
- Stage 1 - 8 year olds, Stage 2 & 3 Athletics Carnival Permission Note. \$5 for 1 child or \$10 per family due 12/8.

TERM 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- Thu 6th** Stage 3 IMAX Excursion. \$30 due 19/8. 4W with local artist all day.
- Wed 12th** 2pm Musica Viva in Schools. \$6 per child or \$11.50 per family due 10/8.
- Thu 13th** Stage 1 - 8 year olds & Stage 2 & 3 Athletics Carnival. \$5 or \$10 due 12/8.
- Fri 14th** Gourmet Cookie Dough orders due.
- Mon 17th & Tue 18th** Book Week Fair - Library.
- Tue 18th** 9:30am Book Week Character Parade. P & C Cake Stall. 11:30am P & C Meeting.
- Wed 19th** Maths Competition.
- Thu 20th** 10am Debate V's Revesby - Library. 11:30am - 1pm S3 Antarctica Excursion.
- Fri 21st** PSSA Season 2 Finals.
- Tue 25th** District Athletics Carnival.
- Wed 26th** Stewart House Mufti Day. Kindergarten Visits to Padstow Library - 9:45am - 10:30am KP 10:30am - 11:15am KL.
- Thu 27th** Stage 1 Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife World Excursion. \$27 due 21/8. East Hills Choral Rehearsal.



STEWART HOUSE FUN DAY

THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER

THEME: "SPACE - OUT OF THIS WORLD!"