

## Principal's Report

### District Athletics Carnival

All students who attended the District Athletics Carnival last week should be very proud of themselves, not only for their performances but for the excellent behaviour on the day. Mrs Richards reported that all students were very enthusiastic and took part in just the right spirit. Well done everyone! Good luck to all those students who made the District Team that will take part in the Regional Carnival in Week 9 this term.

### Members of the District Team:

Ben Armytage	Long Jump
Ashley Dobson	Shot Put
Michael Hilton	100m Run
Kathleen Hodge	Long Jump
Rebecca Petrie	800m Run
Andrew Smith	100/200m Run
Juliana Tanios	Discuss



A big thank you to Mrs Roberts for training the relay teams who all made the finals. *Good Luck in the Regionals!*

### Literacy and Numeracy Week

This week is Literacy and Numeracy week and to celebrate the work done in this area we are holding a couple of special events on Thursday (tomorrow). 4W will be performing their play that was such a success at last Friday's assembly and the debating team will be restaging a debate against Padstow North that was held earlier in the year with much success. These events will be held between recess and lunch time and all parents and friends are welcome to attend. (See Insert.)

### East Hills Festival

Our festival choir has been working very hard over the past few months to perfect their sound for next week's festival at Revesby Workers Club. We wish them all a wonderful experience. We are all very proud of **Nicky Li (5/6K) who has been chosen as a soloist for this musical event. Congratulations and best wishes Nicky.**

### P & C Meeting

I would like to invite all parents to our P & C meeting on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be our first night meeting for a while now that the weather is getting warmer and we would love to see you there. The meeting starts at **7:30pm** and is held in the **staffroom**.

*Mrs J. Mollica, Principal*

## P & C NEWS

### BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH

Orders placed have been distributed. Did you miss out or want some more?? As the cookie dough had to be ordered in batches of 8 per carton, the P & C have some spare tubs available to purchase.

7 tubs of Golden Light	\$13 each
2 tubs of Chocolate Crunch	\$13 each
4 tubs of Oatmeal Raisin	\$13 each
5 tubs of White Chocolate Macadamia	\$14 each
2 tubs of Triple Chocolate	\$14 each.

Please call Kelly to arrange purchases on 0418 168 871. Only until stock lasts. Be quick! We hope everyone enjoys their cookies. The P & C raised **\$960** for this fundraiser.

*Thanks!*

*P & C Committee*

## HISTORICAL RECOUNT OF CAPTAIN ARTHUR PHILLIP

Captain Arthur Phillip was the first governor of New South Wales. He was the founder of the settlement of the First Fleet. Phillip was born in 1738 in London, England. As a young man, Arthur Phillip was apprenticed to the merchant navy, then transferred to the Royal Navy.

Arthur Phillip came to Botany Bay because he was appointed to be the governor of the First Fleet. The First Fleet was a result of the Industrial Revolution. Machines replaced workers and the sacked people became extremely poor. They soon turned to crime so the jails soon became packed. England had sent their convicts to America but the Americans wanted to be their own independent country so they had a War of Independence and the Americans won. America refused to take anymore of England's convicts. Sir Joseph Banks, who was a botanist who earlier had been on a voyage with Captain Cook 1770, suggested Botany Bay.

A fleet of eleven ships including Captain Arthur Phillip, one hundred and sixty marines and seven hundred and twenty nine convicts departed on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1787 and arrived in Botany Bay on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1788.

When they arrived at Botany Bay, they found that the land was too barren, sandy and the bay was too shallow. It was not satisfactory for permanent settlement.

Phillip established the settlement at Sydney Cove. As a governor, Phillip governed the settlement in a sensible and humane way. Despite conditions which included poor quality food, and a lack of experienced farm labour which led to a near-famine, the settlement survived. Phillip wanted to return to England pleading ill-health, and eventually sailed to England leaving more than 1700 acres of land for the colony. Phillip died in 1814.

Captain Arthur Phillip was an excellent governor. It was through his on-going efforts that the settlement was successful.

*Michelle Tran, 4SW*

## PARENTS & CHILDREN ENROLLED FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010 ARE INVITED TO OUR KINDER ORIENTATION DAYS!

Your child will be able to join with other new children while you meet with parents and staff members who will acquaint you with the school and its programs. Please join us at Padstow Park Public School and start your child's educational journey. - *A great place to learn!*

### Kindergarten Orientation Days 2009

- Week 2:** 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 9:30am - 11am  
Parent session in the hall, Preschoolers in playground
- Week 3:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 9:30 - 12.30pm  
Parent session and tour of the school grounds
- Week 4:** 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 9:30am - 1pm
- Week 5:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 9:30am - 2pm { Kids only

Parents welcome to attend a Presentation Ceremony at 2pm in Week 5 (17/10/09) to celebrate starting Big School!



## PARENT TIPS

### SCHOOL ZONE ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to parents that from 1 July 2009 the government has increased fines and loss of demerit points for all driving offences occurring in school zones. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all our students and visitors, so please observe the 40km/h speed limit during school hours and stop in designated drop off areas only.

### STARTING SCHOOL

If you have a child starting school next year it's important to enrol your child and to attend Kindergarten orientation later in the year. Watch a vodcast on starting school and Kindergarten orientation at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php). You might know of other families that would like this information.

### 'GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT'

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is being held from 31 August to 6 September with the theme for 2009, 'GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT'.

The week offers the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities and to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

For more information about the National Literacy and Numeracy Week go to: [www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/NationalLiteracyandNumeracyWeek/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/NationalLiteracyandNumeracyWeek/Pages/default.aspx).

### ASSESSMENT RESOURCE WEBSITE

Want to know more about how and on what your child is tested? Do you want to know more about the A-E grading system? The Board of Studies has an Assessment Resource Centre webpage with all this information, updated regularly. Some is also available in a range of community languages translations. Go to the Board of Studies Assessment Resource Centre webpage: <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>.

### GO GREEN WITH NUDE FOOD

Did you know that each child produces approximately 30 kilos of waste per year from their school lunch alone? And imagine this amount multiplied by the number of children in your child's school!


The latest edition of School Parents ezine is full of ideas on how to go green and how to make a 'nude food' lunch box for your child. Nude food is not only low on waste or makes no waste, it's not processed and therefore it's healthier and cheaper.

A nude food lunch uses:

- paper wrap, brown paper recycled bags but no plastic bags or aluminium foil
- reusable containers that get taken home & washed




- lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections
  - Reusable forks and spoons
  - drink bottles with water that can be used each day.
- Find out more at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine).



## PPPS LETTERBOX

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



- Father's Day Raffle Note and Tickets.
- SWS Debating Trial. (TIO).
- SWS Debating Camp. (TIO).
- Stewart House Fun Day Order Form & Information. 4 pages.
- 1BR Head Lice Information.
- Table Tennis Permission Note. (TIO)
- PSSA Cricket Permission Note. (TIO)
- PSSA Touch Football Permission Note. (TIO)
- K - 4 Life Education Permission Note. \$9 due 18/9/09.
- Father's Day Raffle Reminder.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

## TERM 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup>** Stewart House Bags Collected.

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Father's Day Raffle Drawn.  
PSSA Season 3 starts.

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Years 3 - 6 Swimming Program.

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Debating Camp-3 Children attending.

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> & Thu 10<sup>th</sup>** East Hills Choral  
Festival Evening Performances.

**Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm P & C Meeting in the Staffroom.

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** STEWART HOUSE FUN DAY.

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Thu 24<sup>th</sup>** K - 4 Life Education Program  
\$9 per child due 18/9.

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Regional Athletics Carnival.

### OCTOBER

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** 4W & 4SW CARES Visit.

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** Last Day of School for Term 3, 2009.

## TERM 4, 2009

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**WELCOME TO: Paige Roche KL,**  
**Jasmine Roche 3F (returning student)**  
**and Sam Tiwari in 5/6K from India.**  
We hope you and your families settle into the Padstow Park community well.