5th February 2015

From the Principal

Thank you to all the parents who helped at the Annual Swimming Carnival yesterday. It was so lovely to be back at the West Pymble Pool! We have found in the past that the atmosphere at this pool really suits our community. Many parents I spoke to yesterday also agreed. The staff at the pool commented several times that our students were the best they had seen and staff was the most organised. Well done to our fabulous students- they were respectful and responsible! Huge thanks to Mr Watson for co-ordinating an outstanding carnival.

Kindergarten Commencement

Our New Kindergarten students started this week. They are a pleasure to have at our school! The children have been well looked after by their Year 6 Buddies. Congratulations to Year 6 for the exceptional job they are doing with the little ones.

Meet the Teacher Night- Class Information

Parent –Teacher Information Nights will be held on Wednesday 18th February in the classrooms.

- 6pm till 6.45pm - Kindergartens Possum and Koala, 1 Platypus, 2 Kookaburra
- 7pm till 7.45pm – 2/ 3 Fur Seal, 3/ 4 Penguin, 4 Echidna, 5 Bilby and 6 Wallaby

Scripture teachers will be available in the library from 6.45pm till 7.15pm to answer any questions parents may have.

Please make the effort to attend these nights.

Textbook- Reminder

Textbook Day is next Tuesday, 10th February. Parents are reminded to send the envelope that was provided with money or credit card information on that day.

P and C Meeting

A wine and cheese welcome to the P and C will be held on next Tuesday, 10th February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parking

Already this year we have needed to apologise to our neighbours for parents parking across their driveways. One parent drove into a driveway and parked! Please show respect and responsibility- and obey the law-park correctly in a legal manner. Our neighbours are a wonderful help and they try to keep an eye on the school after school hours. It saddens me to have them upset by a driver who could not walk a little further to park legally.
P&C Welcome

On behalf of THPS P&C I would like to welcome back all students, parents and carers to the start of a new school year. A special welcome to our new kindy students and their families who have just become part of our school community. We hope that you will attend some of our meetings and events during 2015 as it is a great opportunity to make new friends and become involved in the many P&C activities and services we offer. Our first meeting is next **Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm** in the staff lunchroom. This is our “Welcome Cheese & Wine” meeting and an easy introduction to the P&C. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me and I look forward to another action filled year.

Regards
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P&C President
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NOTE FOR THE DIARY - WELCOME PICNIC & MOVIE NIGHT
We are praying for sunny weather so that we can bring you a fun evening under the stars. The first P&C event of the year is the “Welcome Picnic & Movie Night” to be held on **Saturday 28th February**. In the next week a booking form will be distributed and further details on the evening. There will be a Sausage Sizzle or you can bring your own picnic. Pack some rugs, low chairs and an esky and watch a movie as the sun sets on the giant blow up screen. The canteen will be selling ice creams and soft drinks. This event is an opportunity for new and existing families to enjoy a social night out. We have sponsorship opportunities available to help us cover costs, this is not a major fundraising event. For $100 you can advertise your business prior to the movie. Please contact Nikki Watts if you are interested. Thank you to all the parents who last year offered their assistance with tasks on the day. The Event Committee will contact you in the next 2 weeks and confirm your availability.

The 2015 Event Committee look forward to bringing you more social events during the year.

Student Achievements

We are very proud to announce that the following music students through a Met North Region wide selection process have been chosen for the following:

Arts Alive Combined School Band – Sarah Morrison, Skye Fyfe and Lillian Oosterhoff
Arts Alive Combined School Choir – Chloe McNulty and Abbi Jackett

This is a great honour and the school community is very proud of them.

Socceroos Asia Cup Final!!

Last Saturday night Mitchell and Tian went to the Asia Cup Final between Australia and Korea. It was an amazing game with the Socceroos winning 2-1 in extra time. We then had the opportunity to attend the after party where we met the players and got photos and signatures. We also got to have a photo with the trophy. It was an experience we will remember for the rest of our lives.

Mitch and Tian

Lost Property

Alexander Sinclair of 3/4 Penguin has lost a size 8 school jacket with a PSSA cross country patch.

Canteen News

Roster week 2-3

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| Fri 13 Feb | Linda Humphrey | Veronica Croswell | **HELPER WANTED –**
|            |              |                | **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** | even if you can come from 12 to 1.30 |
Swimming Carnival 2015 – A great day had by all!!
Hello Everyone and welcome to Camp Australia & a New Year at Terrey Hills P/S.

My name is Isabel Veira and I am the Co-ordinator at the centre. I'm really excited about meeting all the kids and their families and have had a fantastic first week with the children & staff discussing how they want the service room to look and what they want included with lots of fun suggestions for setting up the space. We also all enjoyed PANCAKE Friday with staff providing a lovely 'A la carte' breakfast of pancakes with golden syrup. YUM! Everyone is definitely looking forward to this every week at the service.

This week’s theme for the ASC program was titled “Getting to know you” which has provided an opportunity for the children and staff to get to know each other through a range of ice-breaker name games, art activities and group games. One favourite with the children was ‘two truths, one lie’ where children were encouraged to tell the group two things about themselves that were true and one thing that was made up. There were some very creative ideas expressed and lots of laughs were had by all as the group tried to decide which was which. Children also enjoyed brainstorming ideas for program themes and activities for the following weeks.

Hope everyone has had a great start to the year. Please feel free to pop in and say hi at the service.

Thank you. Isabel Veira Co ordinator.

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School Banking

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day! Please have bank books to the school office by 9:10am.

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Community News

High School Open Days/ Evenings

- Davidson High School  Tuesday, 3rd March
- Forest High School    Wednesday, 4th March
- Pittwater High School Tuesday 3rd March
- St Ives High School   Tuesday 3rd March

- Gifted and Talented Program applications close 20th March  $70
- Testing Date         Monday 30th March 8.45- 12 noon at the High School
SATURDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL

The Manly Warringah Basketball Association is holding basketball squad training & fun on Saturday afternoons, conducted at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre, Jackson rd Warriewood with expert coaches. The programme is on each Saturday during school term.

There are three groups - **Biddy Ball** for ages 7 and under 2.30pm - 3.30pm & **Lightning League** for ages 8 & over 3.30pm - 4.30pm. The cost is $9.00 per week. There is also a **Pinkball All Girls** group for ages 7-12 from 2.30 - 3.30pm Pinkballers sign up for the term and receive a free pink basketball (separate form) and are taught by some of Manly’s top women ABA Players. The cost is $70 per term.

Each week players will be taught the skills of the game by experienced coaches and put into teams for a short match. New players wishing to join a competition team should attend Saturday sessions so they can improve their skills, be graded and later placed into teams when a new competition starts. Players who are already playing will also benefit from the extra skill sessions. If you are interested in joining Saturday basketball then, please complete the form below and return to the M.W.B.A. office (ph: 99133622 or fax: 99133644) or bring it with you on any Saturday to sign up.

**Email:** mwba@manlybasketball.com.au  **http://www.manlybasketball.com.au**

BRAD DALTON (DUAL OLYMPIAN)

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Parenting Courses Term 1 – please go to this website for full details on the many courses being offered this term.