From the Principal’s Desk

School Accounts
School invoices were sent home at the beginning of the term which included all excursions, incursions and workbooks for the term. Due to the fact that some of these events were scheduled early in the term attendance and participation in these events were allowed prior to payment. Today account reminders will be sent home as there are still many unpaid accounts with further excursions fast approaching. A reminder to those that have been fortunate enough to have been selected in our extracurricular groups, those payments must be made to ensure future participation in these programs.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all students who will be representing our school at the District Swimming carnival tomorrow and then at the final on Wednesday night. I will be time keeping on both occasions and look forward to cheering our students on from the finishing line.

Bus Zone
Sincere thanks to all of our families who trialled our new exit and entrance on Friday afternoon through the big gates. My apologies for this new structure not being in place until the end of the week, however due to some bad weather the week before the completion date of the fence got moved back. However it seemed to allow for more movement out of the school and avoid the congestion in bus bay. Could I also request that parents enter the school after the bell through the big gates to ensure we can move students to their cars in the Kiss and Drop Zone as quick as possible.

Leadership Assembly
Next Monday afternoon the school will be holding its annual Leadership assembly where students who have undertaken these roles will receive their badges.

Worlds Greatest Shave
Jordan Hall will be participating in the worlds greatest shave. He is registered and trying to get as many sponsors as possible. Anyone can sponsor him by going onto their website which is www.worldsgreatest.shave.com and clicking on sponsor and search for Jordan Hall and he is the only one that comes up in New South Wales. Pina will shave his head next Friday at school so please consider supporting this worthy cause.

Kerry Maxwell
Principal

PSSA SUMMER SPORT
Sport Location
Basketball
Hills Stadium, Fred Caterson
Touch Football
Kellyville Park, Memorial Ave, Kellyville

Dates for your diary
Monday 10 March
Tuesday 11 March
Zone Swimming
P&C Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 12 March
SW Basketball
Zone Swimming Finals
Thursday 13 March
Friday 14 March
PSSA Round 4
Monday 17 March
NAP – ICT Trial
Tuesday 18 March
School Photos – bring your payment envelope
Wednesday 19 March
Book Club Orders Due
Thursday 20 March
Friday 21 March
PSSA
Monday 24 March
C.A.R.E.S 4/5M
Tuesday 25 March
C.A.R.E.S 5B & 5S
Wednesday 26 March
C.A.R.E.S 6F & 6S
Thursday 27 March
Friday 28 March
PSSA SUMMER SPORT
PSSA
Learning Support
COMING SOON!

Starting next Tuesday 11 March, children will be provided with an opportunity to attend a quiet room area with quiet games to play. This is to encourage children who may feel left out at times, or prefer quieter games to play or just need some time in a quiet space to clear their head.

Mrs Burns will be in Mrs Sunfeld's room (KT) from first half of lunch after eating time, until 10 mins before the end of lunch for you to come and chat to, play a quiet game, read a book or magazine or just have some quiet time to clear your thoughts.

The teacher's will have a special pass that the students can obtain on the playground if they wish to come to the quiet room. They will bring that pass to the room so Mrs Burns knows that the playground teachers know where the students are. The class teacher will then get a reciprocal pass so they know which students have attended at lunch time.

This will be a trial program and will evolve as needs and circumstances change.

Jacinda Burns
Learning and Support Teacher

How to help your child read at home
How will I start? Before you read:
- Look at the book together before you read it.
- Talk about it so your child will have a good idea about what to expect from the story
- Talk about the cover, title, characters, pictures/illustrations and author
- Ask questions like: What do you think the book will be about? Who will be in the story?
- Allow time for silent browsing
- Invite your child to talk about any similar or personal experiences similar to those in the book.

As you read:
- Provide a model of proficient reading by reading the story aloud to the child - you could read a page each
- Re read the story inviting the child to read along with you.
- Ask the child to read alone. Help where necessary. - See strategies to help when my child doesn't know a word.
- Play the mistakes game - as you read deliberately make mistakes and ask the child to correct you and find the word in the sentence that was wrong. Pretend to not be able to work out the word, ask your children to help you or how you would try and work out what the word is. Get them to articulate what strategies there are for working out difficult words.

After you read:
- Discuss the story when it has been read.
- Ask questions like: Did you like the story? What part did you like best? Why? Why do you think the author/illustrator used........wrote or drew this?
- Encourage your child's reading and be specific: I liked the way you used your expression to .... I liked the pace at which you read tonight it made your reading sound very fluent..
- Encourage reading for meaning

What can I do if my child is stuck on a word?

PAUSE    PROMPT   PRAISE

- WAIT- Be Patient - Give your child time to work out the word. 5 seconds or more is reasonable
- After 10 seconds - ENCOURAGE your child to use the following strategies when they come across an unknown word:-

  PROMPT
  Prompts to help -
  - What do you think the word is?
  - Read the sentence again and see if you can work it out.
  - Have a go
  - Look at the picture
  - Look at the sounds - What sound does it start with? Can you see any smaller words in the word?
  - Tell them the word
Welcome BBQ Washout
Despite being revved up and raring to go for a great night, the sky opened with a ferocious storm, bucketing down rain, hail and even strikes of lightning. For the safety of our children and ourselves, the decision was made to cancel the BBQ. I am sure that there were many sad faces, however we are considering an alternative.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
The word on the street is that the competition is heating up...the Super Sellers are out there! Have you seen the chocolate hamper in the office? Remember that there are great prizes to be won. Please return the proceeds of your sales to the black P&C box located in the school front office no later than Wednesday 26 March 2014. Keep up the selling!

Next P&C Meeting
Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 March at 7pm in the staff room. We will be discussing the role of Class Representative and more excitingly, sharing our initial ideas for this year’s Spring Fair...and we have some great new ideas to add to our traditional ones.

We would love to see as many new faces as possible. Everyone is welcome.

Kath Dalla Fontana
President
P&C Association

Don’t let your luck run out .. you only have until tomorrow to get your St.Paricks Day Treat order in. Be a happy little Lep, enjoying a double orange shortbread cookie with white chocolate and your choice of drink for $4.50.

It might not have been shining on our Welcome BBQ, but it will be on Tuesday for our Ice-cream Indulgence Day. The streets Mobile van is full and coming to you .. don’t miss out! On Tuesday 11 March , give your tongues a good licking – the canteen will be selling Classic Magnums $4.00, Gaytimes $3.00, Splice $2.50 and Bubble O Bills $2.50. Get in early at lunch time for this special treat. Only available until sold out, so please give enough money for second choice.

Having a ‘Gaytime’ in the canteen this week are:

- Tuesday 11 March  – Cindy Edwards
- Wednesday 12 March  – Kim Keasoman, Lilly Tsigounis
- Thursday 13 March  – Fran Etherington, Keli Roberts-Frost, Jamsin Dowdeswell
- Friday 14 March  – Donna Lowe, Rachel Hanigan, Nicole Matalavea, Kirsty Dibais
- Monday 17 March  – Angela Bevan, Sue Nichols

Big Red

Book club brochures have been sent home today. If you wish to place an order please fill out the order form on the back of the brochure. DON’T FORGET YOUR NAME AND CLASS. Place the order form(s) and payment (this can be cash, cheque made out to Scholastic Australia or credit card - details of how to do credit card payments are on the bottom of the order form) in an envelope and return it to school by Wednesday 19 March. If you would like your order held at the front office for collection please indicate this on the order form and provide a contact phone number.
Canteen News
The Canteen has a new flavour of chips available, thinly cut sour cream and onion which have 75% less fat and at $1.00 per packet are proving very popular.

Remember the canteen is closed tomorrow for all orders and sales. We are open as normal on Wednesday all smiles after a big win!

Big Red's Melbourne Cup tip is, put all your money on the horse that comes 1st and you'll be a winner!

Galloping into the canteen this week are:

- Tuesday 5th
- Wednesday 6th – Linda Edwards, Kelly Victor
- Thursday 7th – Sally Hall, Suzanne Gray, Anita Rose, Milly Fragale
- Friday 8th – Deanna Elcham, Simone Ridley
- Monday 11th – Melinda Cheeseman, Kim Heasman

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