Principal’s Report...

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday at Revesby Pool. For parents of children in Years 3-6 (and some Year 2 who are strong swimmers) we encourage your attendance and support. This will be the first opportunity for our new House Captains and Vice Captains to undertake their role. I look forward to hearing many rousing “war cry’s” and seeing evidence of strong house spirit. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us. Miss Parkes and Mrs Sherring have been busy organising this event and, with support from the rest of the staff, a great day is ensured.

The Years 3-6 and Years 1-2 Parent Information Nights have been held and teachers have reported strong attendance. We can’t stress enough how important the development of a strong and positive relationship between the home and the school is in terms of student development. The Kindergarten night is next Thursday, 28 February. Again this year, towards the end of Term 1, we will be holding “Goal Setting” meetings with parents for targeted students. Of course it goes without saying that, if you have an issue or a problem in terms of your child/ren’s learning or socialisation, we encourage you to make an appointment for an interview with the class teacher at your earliest convenience. Please don’t wait until the Semester 1 interview time to raise concerns or issues as these will not take place until the end of Term 2. The class teacher will contact you if he/she has a concern. As I have stated above, always remember that when the home and the school work together great things are possible….our students are the winners and the school experience is successful. That is what we want for each and every one of our students.

Thank you to those parents/carers who are paying for the School Resource Package and School Contribution so promptly. Please note, if you are paying by cheque you may include both items on the one single cheque. You may also include all siblings’ costs on the same cheque.

Our final School Photo session is being held as I write this report. Unfortunately, due to some late activity clashing with our photo day we had to hastily look for a second date. The School Photographer personnel were wonderful in being able to accommodate us and Mr Murphy, ever smiling, was able to modify his organisation. My thanks to all involved. I must say the “Kindy Kids” looked bright and fresh and new!!

The P&C Kindergarten Welcome BBQ On Friday, 22 February, will be a relaxing way to finish what has been a very hectic fortnight.

Sandra Palmer.
This year a total of 170 children successfully completed the **Summer Reading Program** and read an amazing 7,830 books. Three of these students attend Panania Public School they are **Olivia Im** (45 books), **Amber Im** (60 books and **Ryan Wasilewski** (25 books).

**Congratulations to the following students who have received Gold Awards at Assembly:**

Ashley Petersen (4C), Salene El-Masri (6P), Renee Edgton (6S), Larissa Kuhn (3H) and Charlotte Wells (4C).

**Congratulations and a BIG thank you Paul Bryant** (Erin 6S and Kiera 4C) for his efficient and speedy processing of the DVD’s for our 2012 Presentation Day. Hopefully we will be able to avail Paul of his services this year…although the price will need to increase to cover costs….still a very good deal though!!!

**Writing Awards...**

**Congratulations to:**

- **Kristen Lazarevski 4/5TS** for an impressive description of herself.

Writing samples can be viewed on the **Writer's Wall of Fame** near the office.

Congratulations to Lara Wilson, Jack Little, Kate Rowland, Kate Breakspear, Jenny Quah and Tracy Wright, all ex-students of Panania Public School, who were presented with HSC High Achievement Awards at Picnic Point High School (Year 12, 2012).

**SRC...**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as representatives for the SRC this year:

- **2E**: Casey Macreadie, Hayden Swibel
- **2H**: Jomana Chahin, Liam Parsons
- **2M**: Isabelle Allouche, Liam Nolan
- **3M**: Kayla Whitehall, Zack Carter
- **3H**: Larissa Kuhn, Kane Rowlings
- **3/4R**: Kya Garvey, Alex Stengos
- **4/SST**: Renae Edmunds, Max Simpson
- **4C**: Kate Edgton, Joel Brodie
- **5/6A**: Joelle Forest-Jones, Kade McWilliams
- **5D**: Jenna Sotiropoulos, Connor Perez

**Captains**: Emaison Beck & Charlie Munns;

**Vice Captains**: Renee Edgton, Mitchell Parsons;

**Prefects**: Macy Carter, Ebony Fulton, Isabella Rennie-Surra, Paul Lambert, Jack Dinsdale & Brad Cooper.

**SRC Representatives 2013**

**K-2 Choir...**

This year students from Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will have the opportunity to audition for the School Choir. During Week 5 will we be asking any interested students to sing us a short song or nursery rhyme, so if your child is interested, they should begin preparing an item this week.

Successful students will be required to attend rehearsals on Mondays at lunch time each week. They will also be expected to remain a member of the Choir for the whole of 2013. If your child is selected, a choir ‘agreement’ will be sent home for you to discuss with your child before they make the commitment.

We ask that students who are already a member of the K-2 dance group to not audition for the choir as we feel it is important for children of this age group to play with their friends during lunchtime for as much of the week as possible.

Thank you,

Mrs R. Allworth & Mrs K Ernsteins,
K-2 Choir Co-ordinators.
Sporting House Captains & Vice Captains...

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains for 2013:

Jupiter
Captains:
Lauren Hallowes & Billy Ryan
Vice Captains:
Cathrine Anneke & Billy Bebedellis

Mars
Captains:
Natasha Gargoura & Matthew Loy
Vice Captains:
Xenedra Mak & Thomas Sullivan

Saturn
Captains:
Erin McFadden & Luke Scarlett
Vice Captains:
Georgia McFadden & Lochlan Bogar

Venus
Captains:
Erin Bryant & Dion Arfanis
Vice Captains:
Isabella Wells & Joshua Collins

Sunday 19, May 2013
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Plans for Panania Mania 2013 are coming together and we have many exciting things planned for the day.

If you are involved in a business that would like to become a major sponsor for the day, please contact Julie Parsons at julieparsons@optusnet.com.au or 0417 684 648. There are several different types of sponsorships available, so don’t miss out on this great opportunity to promote your business through our local community.

In addition to our main sponsors for the day, we welcome the donation of new goods or vouchers needed for the Chocolate Wheel and Raffle. Please also contact Julie Parsons for collection.

Newspaper...

Each year Panania Public School students publish several editions of their School Newspaper ‘Panania Press’. This year the group’s editor is Isabella Rennie-Surra who will be assisted by two Year 6 sub-editors.

The newspaper team meet once a week in the Computer Room where their puzzles, stories and reports are compiled, edited and finally published.

Hopefully the first edition will be ready for sale by the end of this term. This activity is co-ordinated by Mrs Sherring and Miss Simpson who enjoy teaching writing and computer skills to this dedicated group of Year 5 and 6 students.

Mrs P Sherring & Miss C Simpson,
Newspaper Co-ordinators.

Girls Dance Group Years 3–6...

This year, girls from Years 3 – 6 will have the opportunity to audition for the Girls Dance Group. Tryouts commence in Week 4 and successful students will be required to attend rehearsals at lunch time on Tuesdays each week.

The Girls Dance Group will perform at a number of events throughout the year.

Mrs S Stanic & Mrs J Horinek.

Rule of the Fortnight

The rule we are focusing on for Term 1, Weeks 4 & 5 is:

Be Respectful

You can support us at home by having discussions with your child/children about what “Being respectful” means and what this rule means in different settings.
K-2 Dance Group...

For new parents to the school, we offer our younger students the opportunity to participate in a K-2 dance group. We will be selecting 30 students in total and students who are interested in the experience are encouraged to try out at lunch times.

Parents are asked to pay for costumes later in the year and they receive these costumes and props at the end of the year to take home. Students are asked to give up part of their lunch time once a week for rehearsals.

We enter our Dance Group in the East Hills Dance Festival in Term 3 and we perform in front of the whole school during special events such as Education Week and our Celebration Day.

We look forward to watching the children grow and develop in the area of Creative Arts.

Ms K Morris and Miss S Heness.

From The Vegie Patch...

Our first Vegie stall was a great success. We raised over $150 selling freshly picked organic produce and homemade pesto. A big thank you to the parents and students who helped out on the day and a very special mention to Miss Sarah Perry (Hayley Chavez 2M) for making the delicious basil pesto.

Stay tuned for the next Vegie Stall date.

The Garden Committee.

Students selling our home grown produce

Parking Around School Grounds...

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking around the school grounds in the mornings and afternoons. Please avoid parking your car across or overhanging our neighbours driveways especially on Picnic Point Road.

ANGLICARE Toys ‘n’ Tucker Appeal 2012...

Last Christmas nearly 400 schools, churches, businesses and youth groups contributed food, gifts and cash to help those less fortunate. As a result, over 2,500 children experienced the excitement of waking up to gifts on Christmas morning and thousands of families were able to enjoy a special festive meal. Panania was one of those schools who demonstrated such generosity and on behalf of Anglicare, I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Stewart House – High Bounce Handballs...

This term Stewart House is fundraising by selling High Bounce Handballs. This is timed to coincide with Stewart House Day on Friday, 10 May. The cost of these balls is $3.00 each and you may order as many as you wish. A note and order form was sent home with students last week.

Stewart House relies on these fundraising efforts to continue the important work they do - providing much needed respite for students in need. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support.

This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

All other costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations. A large portion of these donations comes from the support of people such as you.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs K Ernstains,
Stewart House and Anglicare Co-ordinator.

Value of the Fortnight

Integrity

Please support us at home by having discussions with your child/children about what ‘Integrity’ means at home, at school and in the community.
We sincerely thank our advertisers for their support of our school. The Department of Education & Training and Panania Public School do not necessarily endorse these companies or their services and products.

2013 TERM DATES

Following are the term dates for 2013. These have been provided to allow you to plan holiday breaks ahead of time and to minimise disruption to learning.

**Term 1:** Wednesday, 30 January – Friday, 12 April

**Term 2:** Wednesday, 1 May – Friday, 28 June

**Term 3:** Tuesday, 16 July – Friday, 20 September

**Term 4:** Tuesday, 8 October – Wednesday, 18 December