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Safe, Respectful Learners

BLACKBOARD NEWS 2012
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Term 1
Week 4  16th February, 2012

WHAT’S HAPPENING

WEEK 5
20th February, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
22nd February, 2012
Scripture begins. Year 6 Visits to Colyton High School – Science Lessons.
24th February, 2012
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.
Summer PSSA begins.

WEEK 6
27th February, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
2nd March, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am
and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm

WEEK 7
5th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
8th March, 2012
Parent Course 123 Magic begins.
9th March, 2012
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.

WEEK 8
12th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
16th March, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am
and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

WEEK 9
19th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35.
22nd March, 2012
Close the Gap Day, mufti.
23rd March, 2012
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.

WEEK 10
26th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
27th March, 2012
School photos.
30th March, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am
and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

WEEK 11
5th April, 2012
Last day for term 1.

Term 2
Week 1

24th April, 2012
Students return to school.

FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS
Friday 9th March, $7-50 for CARES years 4-6. Please note that this activity is limited to the first 90 students.
Friday 30th March, $29 for Flexi Kids Gymnastics for stage 3
Money will not be accepted after these dates.

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It was great to see all the parents who stayed back last Tuesday for the Meet the Teacher afternoon. Teachers who have been at our school for a while told me that it was one of the best attended by parents. A big thankyou to our P&C for the free sausage sizzle on the day. Remember it is only a dollar to join the P&C and you don’t have to attend all their meetings. They can keep you informed of events by email.

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Priority Schools Program (PSP) survey is coming. In Week 7, Monday, 5th March to Friday, 9th March all parents in Kinder to Year 4 will be asked to fill out and return a survey so that our school can apply for extra funding from the Federal Government. We need 100% of the surveys back to have a chance of receiving the funding.

This funding could mean an extra teacher for our school. As the time for the survey draws closer I will give you more information about it.

Matthew Plummer
Principal

K – 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

K – 2 Assembly for Term 1 Week 4 was held on 10th February, 2012 and the following children received assembly awards:

- KC – Aiden and Halle.
- KM – Bailey and Jazmin.
- K/1L – Charlotte, Jaide and Kayla.
- 1P – Charlotte, Peter and Mohamad.
- 1C – Amanda, Mariam and Kamoe.
- 1/2 G – Daniel and Madalyn
- 2S – Dario, Aaron and Villaria.
- 2B – Bohan, Mikayla and Kadeeja.

Congratulations to all children who received awards.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Panthers on the Prowl is offering free tuition for adults who are keen to develop computer skills. Classes are held for 2 hours each week and go for two school terms. The lessons are aimed at the beginner level for adults who have had little or no computer skills.

The classes are held in the Panthers on the Prowl classroom which is underneath the eastern grandstand at Centrebet Stadium near the corner of Ransley Street and Station Street, Penrith. Access into the stadium is via Station Street. Some parking is available in the stadium, next to the Panthers on the Prowl buses.
Participants will be asked to join either the Monday class 9:30 to 11:30am or the Tuesday class 7:00 – 9:00pm.

The content of the program will include lessons on Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, emailing and different uses of the internet, but will vary according to the specific needs of the participants.

Lessons will commence in the week beginning 27th February. It is advisable to book early as places in the classes are limited.

Enquiries – contact 4725 6420, 4725 6434 or mobile 0414 263 019.

There is no cost to attend:  
**Class teacher:** Graham Collins.  
**Classroom:** Centerbed Stadium, Station Street, Penrith.  
**Email:** graham.collins@panthers.com.au

**HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLES PROGRAM – 2012**

**Panthers on the Prowl** is a community development foundation based at Penrith Panthers Rugby League Stadium. We are conducting a Healthy Lifestyles Program in your school this term. The lessons will be conducted by a Physical Education Teacher, Dieticians and Teacher’s Aides. It is a free service. The activities will include:

- **Fitness Testing** – Years 3-6 will complete ACHPER fitness tests at the start and end of the program.
- **Physical Education Teacher** – in service- Active games lesson for each class.
- **Nutrition Lessons** – Based on the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.
- **Dietician Talks for parents.** – information session with fully qualified Dietician and a Panther Rugby League Player.
- **Sports Expo** – to assist linking Years 5 and 6 students to local sporting organisations. Groups will attend Centrebet Stadium to participate in 16 different sports in November.
- **Crunch and Sip** – Assistance with the introduction /support of the NSW Health Crunch and Sip initiative. It is a break for fruit, vegetables and water during lesson times.
- **Our staff will provide software packages** for active games, dance, healthy eating and nutrition packs for each class teacher.
- **Games Day** – at the completion the term each class will participate in a games day organised by the school staff, demonstrating active new games learnt during the term. Our staff will assist in organising the event.

For further information please visit: 
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Nepean High School is a selective school for the creative and performing arts.

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Vocal, Visual Arts, Digital Media and Photography, are encouraged to apply. Local (in area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts Program must also audition or present a portfolio of work.

To be part of the 2013 Year 7 cohort of creative and performing arts students, or for more information contact the school on 4728 7200 or website nepean-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au for an application package.

Closing date for applications is 28th March, 2012.
A Baldacchino,
Principal
Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Lunchbox inspiration
It’s easy to fall back on the same tried and tested school lunches, but why not try something new, tasty, easy and healthy?
Quick and scrumptious school lunchbox ideas are available at School A to Z (www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes) and the Heart Foundation, www.heartfoundation.org.au/recipes which also offers a wealth of information about maintaining a healthy body weight and, of course, heart health.

Getting off to a great start
Check out the new School A to Z webcast which features an expert panel answering the most common questions parents have about how they can best support their children at school. Four video chapters cover doing well in class, social life, behaviour and technology. Watch the videos and contribute questions: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start

Bullying advice
Schools have a zero tolerance of bullying, but with mobile devices such as phones and laptops, bullying can follow children past the school playground. Get the lowdown on bullying from School A to Z: the signs to look for, what to do if your child is being bullied and how you can help your child. There are expert articles to read and videos to watch. www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour
Students will learn to prepare/cook and present a treat/dessert and dinner for everyone at home using a variety of cooking techniques. Students will receive their own cookbook which will have the recipes they have learnt plus plenty of room to add more of their favourite recipes.

Georgie has a Diploma in Education (Primary) and has also operated a professional Wedding Catering business.

Time: 4.30pm to 6.00pm
Day: Tues 22ND Feb., 2012 to Tues 21st March, 2011
What to Bring: Drink
Age: School Ages Children – 5 Years+
Cost: $150.00 (Bookings Essential/Limited Spaces)

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ST CLAIR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

PLAYERS REQUIRED

Under 6’s to A Grade.

Come and play the greatest game of all!

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