Welcome to a warm and wet Week 6. One of the big events this week is on Thursday – **school photos**. **School photo envelopes** need to be **brought into school by Thursday** and handed to class teachers. Correct school uniform should be worn on the day. If there are any questions please contact the office.

**Congratulations to:**
- Echidna for winning this year’s swimming carnival. It was a very close carnival, going down to the final events.
- All students who have qualified to represent the school at next week’s district swimming carnival.
- The following students who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge:
  - Harrison Walker, Jack Bodhi, Amy Wiezel, Charlotte Lorens and Sophie McKertich.

**Thank you to:**
- Mr Besley for another well organised swimming carnival (including the weather).
- All staff and parents who helped in making our swimming carnival such a success.
- All students for their outstanding behaviour during the swimming carnival.
- All parents who have helped volunteer with school and class programs that benefit our students – it is greatly appreciated.
- Mrs Gatt, Mrs Bugeja and Mrs Howard for volunteering to coordinate the ‘student banking scheme’. More news will follow regarding student banking in the coming weeks.

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Primary Swimming Carnival

As mentioned it turned out to be a wonderful day for our swimming carnival. The rain stayed away and I was very pleased to see so many of the students having a go in the events. Results were:

Winning House: Echidna
Junior Boy Champion: Cayden Attard
Junior Girl Champion: Elana Gaiyich
11yr Boy Champion: Lochie Attard
11yr Girl Champion: Brodie Fleming
Snr Boy Champion: Isaac Lorens
Snr Girl Champion: Paige Felton

The following students have all qualified to represent the school at the district carnival.

Samuel McGoogin Harrison Walker
Patrick Dickson Caleb Lewis
Ashden Attard Lawson McElrea
Cayden Attard Angus Donnison
Philip Doran Alek Catanzariti
Elana Gaiyich Phiala Burns
Sara Nalosova Charlotte Burke
Lanie Jackson Olivia Beeby
Ellise Donnison Charlotte Mackay
Savannah Burns Charlotte Lorens
Charlotte Murray Lochie Attard
Bayley Dalton James White
Adam Wills Brodie Fleming
Harper Liauw Kyi-Ella Noack-Davies
Piper McElrea Payton Coghlan
Isaac Lorens Jeremy Fowler
Liam Carter Harrison McElrea
Paige Felton Hannah Beeby
Jessie Mitchell Jasmine Maher

National Ride 2 School Day

Friday, 22nd March, is National Ride 2 School Day. Children are invited (encouraged if possible) to ride, scoot and/or walk to school on this day. For those families who live too far away to accomplish this task easily they are encouraged to drive part of the way to school and then walk, scoot or ride the remainder.

During the day classes will survey numbers of students who participated and our numbers will be sent in as part of a national survey for the day.

Library News

Book club orders should be back this week and will be distributed to those who placed an order.

4/5P and 6H are busy working on their project on the Kingdom of Morocco which is due next week. KD are preparing their sensory boxes this week as part of their work in science on the senses. 2K will be busy photographing their Flat Stanleys ready to write a great adventure story next week. Just some of the great work happening at Mount Riverview in the library.

I hope students and parents have noticed the wonderful additions to the books available for the PRC. Many hours have gone into purchasing and updating selections.

We have students who have finished the challenge already and many who are busy reading – well done! The PRC site is now accepting reading records. Students can log on using their DEC username and password. There is a direct link to PRC on our school webpage or prc@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Turner

P&C News

AGM Meeting – Tuesday 12th March
Next Meeting – Tuesday 12th March
8pm – School Library

P&C Welcome B-B-Q Friday 8th March

Our annual BBQ and welcome night to all new families will be on this Friday. Come and get to know the families of our school.

AGM

Tuesday 12th March is the date for the P&C AGM which will be held in the library. This is the meeting where we form our new P&C executive (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice- Presidents, Uniform Committee and Canteen Committees) for 2013. We would love to get some more families involved with P&C this year and it is a great opportunity for either Mums or Dads to be involved in our school community. After the AGM we will hold our regular meeting for March.

Come along on March 12th and join us – we would love to see you there.

Phillip Handley
P&C President
Playgroup

Playgroup has had a flying start this year with very healthy numbers each week. They have a couple of requests to help make the ‘playgroup’ experience more enjoyable.

First, if you have any unwanted toys (of good quality) lying around then please consider donating them to the playgroup. Contact Bronwen at playgroup each Wednesday to discuss whether they would be useful first please.

Second, as there are a few toddlers each week Bronwen is after a baby gate type device that could be put at the entrance to the hall. This will allow parents arriving to enter whilst at the same time stopping the toddlers from escaping into the car park.

Visitors to the School

All visitors to the school are required to visit the office before going to one of our classrooms or contacting students in the playground.

If your child is arriving late or leaving early please remember to go to the office to receive an early leaving / arriving late slip which is then given to the teacher. If there are any questions then please contact the office.

Family Contact Details

Last week a note went home asking for families to ensure that their contact details are accurate. Thank you to those families who have already updated their details. Accurate information is extremely important in the event that we have to contact you regarding your child or in the event that we have to declare a catastrophic fire warning during bushfire season.

Student Assistance, We Can Help

During the course of the school year there are many financial demands upon parents. Excursions, uniforms, shows and textbooks are just a few. As a parent I understand the constant pressure that these costs can bring to a family budget and that as parents we want to provide our children with all opportunities made available to them. Each year the school is provided with a small budget to help any parents who may require some financial assistance for school related expenses. **If parents require any assistance with school related expenses please contact Mr Giles or your child’s teacher. All enquiries are confidential.**

Anaphylaxis – a shared responsibility

Being the start of a new school year it is just the right time to remind everyone about this issue. We now have a couple of students at our school who have a severe allergic reaction to peanuts. This anaphylactic reaction is likely to be life-threatening. For this reason we ask that peanuts are not brought to school. This includes peanut butter, nut spreads (nutella), and nut bars.

The inconvenience to some children is recognised and appreciated, but the consequences to children with this severe allergy are extremely serious.

All members of our school community are asked to be aware of the dangers of even the slightest contact with peanuts or tree nuts for these children.

To help minimise the risk, simply washing hands and cleaning teeth before coming to school would really help.

School Voluntary Contributions

Each year the school asks families to consider paying the voluntary contribution if they are in a position to do so. Money raised with the voluntary contributions is used to help provide additional funding for programs that the school runs. Voluntary contributions for 2013 are $50 per student or $70 per family.

School Assemblies – Term 1

Friday 15th March  Primary Assembly – 2pm
Friday 22nd March  Infants Assembly – 2pm
Friday 5th April  Captains’ Assembly – 1:45pm

Lost A Copy Of A Past Educom Issue??

**The Educom Is On the Internet**

Our bi-weekly Educom can be accessed from the internet on our web site - [www.mtrivervie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mtrivervie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

If you are not receiving your fortnightly issue of the Educom from your child please feel free to come up to the office for another copy or go to our website. It is important that our school news reaches you.

School Security, You Can Help

If parents or community members observe any destructive or suspicious behaviour in the school grounds please ring the School Security phone number listed below. All reports are treated discreetly; names do not have to be left with the operator.

**School Security - 1300 880 021**
Astronomy Night – Dads & Kids

AILENS – NOOO! – What is the likelihood of aliens and are we really unique?

Saturday 9th March (8pm – 10 pm)

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory is running a special astronomy night for Dads & Kids on Saturday, 9 March from 8pm.

The evening will not only include a talk by Associate Professor Miroslav Filipovic, Director of the UWS Penrith Observatory, but a 3D astronomy movie and observing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession & $40 family

Bookings essential:
Phone: (02) 4736 0135
(Mon, Wed or Thurs)
or email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
Web: http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory

Tennis at Mt Riverview Public

As part of Tennis Australia’s Hot Shots Tennis in schools program, Nepean District Tennis Association is now offering this great new program at your school.

Tennis in schools is a program that introduces children to tennis at their school from ages 5-12 years. It is delivered with the intention to help with the development of gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and introduce them to the fundamentals of tennis.

All equipment including rackets, balls and nets are brought on site by a Tennis Australia qualified coach in order to give children a realistic tennis experience with the convenience of being delivered at a time and place most convenient to you.

Classes are being offered at Mt Riverview Public in two timeslots on Thursday mornings: 8.00am-8.30am, and 8.30am-9.00am. The cost is $7 per 30 minute session. To register a place for your child, or for enquiries contact Elton on 47212880 or via email tennisinschools@gmail.com.
About the Schoolkids Bonus

What is the Schoolkids Bonus?
The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

When does the Schoolkids Bonus start?
The Schoolkids Bonus starts from January 2013.

Who is eligible?
You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

How much will I receive?
If you are eligible, you will receive:

- $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205)
- $820 for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of $410).

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A or an education allowance, you will receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.
**When will I receive it?**

Payments are made in January and July every year. You must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 1 January to be eligible for the January payment. Similarly, you must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 30 June to receive the July payment.

If you claim Family Tax Benefit Part A as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus then.

**What do I need to do to get it?**

It’s easy. You don’t have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.

You just need to let Centrelink know:
- when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and
- when you or your child move from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school amount.
- when you or your child finishes secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

**How will I be paid?**

If you’re eligible, the Schoolkids Bonus will be automatically paid into your nominated bank account in January and July.

**Has the Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund?**

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return.

**Is the Schoolkids Bonus less than the Education Tax Refund?**

No – the Schoolkids Bonus is $410 a year for each primary student and $820 for each secondary student compared to a maximum of $397 for a primary student and $794 for a secondary student under the previous Education Tax Refund. In addition, most families were not claiming their full entitlement under the Education Tax Refund because they didn’t have the receipts when they did their tax returns or forgot to claim the payment. Schoolkids Bonus is paid automatically and no receipts are required.

**Where can I go for more information?**

To learn more about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus)
Free Course – Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training (Tourism)

This is a course for those considering further training in Travel and Tourism – for those who need to prepare for further study or those who just want to try it out.

Entry Requirement
Must be able to: read, write, comprehend and discuss printed information in English

Proposed Timetable
Full-time for 12 weeks
18th March to 20th June 2013
9:30 am to 2:30 pm
4 days per week
School holidays off
Kingswood Campus

Information session
Time: 10 am
Place: Room B 101
Date: Mon 11th
March 2013
Location: Nepean College, Penrith Campus, 117 Henry Street

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