Welcome to Week 10 and the final newsletter for this term.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, as of Term 2 the newsletter will be sent home electronically via email. It will of course still be available from the school’s website each fortnight.

For the past couple of weeks Mrs Scaramuzi has been compiling email addresses for all families based on the information we have here at school. If you haven’t updated your email address during this time then you may not receive the first newsletter email next term. If this happens please let the office know so that they can change your details.

For those families where we have two email addresses we will choose one to send the first email to. If you would like the other address used instead then please also let the office know.

Finally, please remember that the **Premier’s Reading Challenge** is now up and running. Start reading and log those books online when completed. Good luck and happy reading.  

Mr Giles

**Thank you to:**
- Those families who were able to attend the working bee. Both major jobs were completed in addition to the library garden being weeded. Thank you to the following families for their efforts: Mr Wiezel and Scott, Mr Nicholson, Mr Stoeckl, Howell family, Naos family and the Harrex family. A special thank you to Mr Howell for the use of his machinery that made it possible to spread all of the mulch in the time we had available – it was greatly appreciated.
- Mrs Howat for taking our captains and vice-captains to the Young Leaders Day.
- Our captains and vice-captains (Bayley, Payton, Robert and Piper) for their exemplary behaviour during the Young leaders Day.
- 5/6H for their outstanding behaviour during the ‘Aboriginal Artist in Schools’ project.

### What’s Happening At Our School ……

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<td>4 – 6 June</td>
<td>Canberra Excursion – Year 6</td>
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Congratulations to:

- Brodie, Piper and Lanie for their inclusion into the Blaxland HS Dance Transition group.
- The following students who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge:

EFTPOS Unavailable

Due to a technical fault in our phone line we will be unable to accept EFTPOS payments until Term 2. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause

School Cross Country

The cross country carnival will be held on Friday 2nd May. All students, K-6, will be participating in the carnival. The first 6 place-getters in the primary age groups (8yrs – 13yrs) will qualify for the district carnival.

Thank you to those families who have volunteered to help out during the day. There are still opportunities available for anyone wishing to help out on the day – simply complete the attached note and return to school before the end of the term.

Pedlars’ Parade

Friday 11th April is the date for our Pedlars’ Parade this year. This is one of the most popular days with our students and I know many of them are already thinking about the character they are going to dress up as and the ‘goods’ they are going to sell. If you have other questions you could ask your class teacher or the office.

Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House are conducting their annual donation drive this month and are offering a $4000 family holiday to one lucky family who donate over $2 this year.

Donation envelopes went out with the last newsletter however if you need another one please contact the office. If you are interested in donating to Stewart House this year the envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 11th April. All donations over $2 will include automatic entry in the family holiday draw.

Library News

Congratulations to all students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this term. Primary students have been busily entering their own reading records online during lessons. This has proved to be an interesting exercise in itself but the students all agree that this has improved their computer skills and patience! The PRC can be accessed through our home page and links tab. Students log on using their internet user name and password.

5/6H during the last two weeks had a visiting Aboriginal guest speaker and artist to enlighten them further on the Aboriginal journey within society today. The sessions with Mrs Finneran and Jacinta Tobin proved most enjoyable and informative for everyone. My thanks to both ladies for adding greatly to the education and awareness of our students. The paintings created by the students will be on display this coming weekend (see attached flyer) and if selected, will be entered into the Reconciliation Exhibition in Sydney later in the year.

Mrs Turner

Anzac Day Ceremony

Anzac Day for 2014 will fall in the last week of the school holidays (Friday 25th April). The school will be marching once again this year in the Glenbrook RSL Anzac Day service. Traditionally we have a great turn-out of students who represent the school at this solemn occasion. Students wishing to take part in the march with the school should be dressed in full school uniform and meet Mr Giles in Glenbrook (opposite the shops) by 9:30am. If there are any questions please contact the school.

School Banking News

This term’s competition, between the lower mountains schools, is to win a marquee for our school. Every student who completes a minimum of three school banking deposits in Term 1 will be in the running to win a $50 credit into their account. The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win the marquee for the school.

We are looking for another parent to help with school banking. If you are interested please come and talk to us. Banking day is Thursday.

Banking Coordinators
Captains’ Assembly
This Friday, 4th April, we will be holding a Captains’ Assembly commencing at 1:45pm. During this assembly the Year 1 dance group will be performing and the ribbons from our primary swimming carnival will be handed out. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Volunteers
A reminder that if you are considering helping out with any activity at school please remember that a Working With Children (WWC) form will need to be completed and returned to the office. When completing the form you will need 100pts of identification which will need to be sighted when handing in the form.

Both the required form and a list of ID which can be used has gone home in previous newsletters but is also available on the school website on the Notes page.

If you have already registered through the Kids Guardian website then all we will need is the clearance number you were given. If there are any questions please contact the office.

Absent From School?
If you child/ren is away from school a note explaining the reason for the absence is required to be sent to school within 7 days of them returning to school.

If you know your family is going to be away for an extended period (a family trip for eg) then an “Exemption from Attendance at School” should be applied for. Contact the office for further details. If a student has high absenteeism during the school year a referral will be made to the Home School Liaison Officer.

If there are any questions regarding school attendance please contact Mr Giles.

National Young Leaders Day 2014
On Monday 31st March 2014, the captains and vice-captains went to the Qantas Arena (formerly known as the Sydney Entertainment Centre) to learn about leadership.

We left Blaxland station at 7:10am and by the time we’d sorted tickets and toilets at Central, it was around 8:25am. We then joined 6000 other students at Qantas Arena.

Next, we took our seats and saw Mike Martin (executive director of the Halogen Foundation), Bob Carr (former premier of NSW for 10 years) and Coen Ashton (a recipient of an organ donation). Andy Griffiths, an author, was next and captured the most humour on the day. Ita Buttrose rounded the day out with an inspirational talk on becoming 2013 Australian Of The Year.

Overall, it was a fantastic day that Bayley, Payton, Robert and Mrs Howat thoroughly enjoyed.

We learned that to be a leader you need to have empathy, to be safe and to be kind and respectful to others. We also learned that while it is important to have a go, it is natural to have doubts about yourself, but that shouldn’t stop you.

Bayley, Payton, Robert and Piper

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.

The Go4Fun program is funded by NSW Health for 7-13 year old children who are above a healthy weight.

The FREE 10 week program runs for 2 hours, twice a week at a range of community based locations in the Nepean & Blue Mountain areas.

It is family orientated and aims to improve confidence, self-esteem, physical activity levels, as well as develop healthy eating habits & attitudes towards food.

For more info: free call 1800 780 900, SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back, or visit http://go4fun.com.au/
UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
Great Western Highway, Werrington North
(Building AO)
SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS PROGRAMS
KIDS FUN DAYS
Wednesday 16 April (10am – 12noon) - Rockets
Make and launch your own paper rockets and watch water rockets being launched
Wednesday 23 April (10am–12noon) – Star Stuff
A short multimedia presentation followed by hands-on science activities
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KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
Saturday 19 April (7pm – 9 pm) – Mars Rovers
Come along and find out, why we are sending rovers to Mars
Sat. 26 April (7pm – 9pm) – The Lives of Stars
Where do stars come from and where do they go?
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The night will include a multimedia presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s 0.6 metre and 0.25 telescopes (weather permitting).
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Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession & $40 family
Bookings essential:
Online: http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory
- “What’s On”
Enquiries:
Phone: (02) 4736 0135
(Mon, Wed or Thurs)
or email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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 allergy 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.

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
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

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 2014 are $50 per student or $70 per family.
**Bookings**

Bookings are essential for all groups. All groups are FREE.

If you register for a group, and then are not able to attend, please contact us to let us know that you are not coming. We often have a waiting list for groups and when you do not attend, you deprive another parent of coming to the group.


**Refreshments**

Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own snacks.

**Child minding**

Child minding is available for some groups (Triple P, Circle of Security, Special Playtime). Bookings are essential to ensure we have the correct carer-to-child ratio. Child minding services provided by Care Pair and/or Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services.

Please bring snacks, lunch, and drink bottle for your child (no peanut products please). Please dress your child in play clothes and sturdy shoes. Please bring a hat and nappies. And label everything. Parents are responsible for toileting or changing their child.

**Transport**

All venues have parking available. They are also accessible by public transport. Please check with the facilitator when booking your place.

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**Contact Details**

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Family Worker & Student Wellbeing Worker
Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

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Centre Phone: 4721 8520
Email: Narelle@nepeancommunity.org.au

Facebook: Parenting in Penrith
Blog: handsheartsminds.wordpress.com
Blog: oranaplaygroup.wordpress.com
Pinterest: pinterest.com/handsheartmind

**www.nepeancommunity.org.au.**
**www.facebook.com/nepeancommunity**

Check out our parenting groups and workshops at...

handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/

Flyer updated 28/3/14
Triple P parent group
(Positive Parenting Program)
Fridays
10am to 12:30pm
May 9, 16, 23, 30
June 13
Floribunda Community Centre
1 Floribunda Way, Glenmore Park
YOU MUST ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION!

Circle of Security
Wednesdays 10am to 12pm
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
Corner of Trent & Birmingham Roads, Sth Penrith
YOU MUST ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION!

Advanced Triple P modules
For those parents who have completed the Triple P parent group.
Please call or email to register your interest. When there are enough parents interested in attending, a group will be organised.

* Coping with Your Anger
2 x 2 hours

* Parent Traps
2 x 2 hours

* Partner Support
3 x 2 hours

Indigenous Triple P
(Positive Parenting Program)
with Carolyn Gilbert
Thursdays 10am to 12:30pm
May 8, 15, 22, 29
June 12
Floribunda Community Centre
1 Floribunda Way, Glenmore Park
Child minding, transport & morning tea provided.
YOU MUST ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION!

Special Playtime
Friday 6th June 10am to 12:30pm
Floribunda Community Centre
1 Floribunda Way, Glenmore Park

Eat It To Beat It
Thursday 19th June 10am to 12:30pm
Floribunda Community Centre
1 Floribunda Way, Glenmore Park
No child minding. Children welcome to sit with parents.

Resilience Doughnut
Returning in Term 3

Triple P Seminars
Attend any or all.
Monday afternoons 12:15pm to 2:15pm
The Power of Positive Parenting
May 12
Raising Confident & Competent Children
May 19
Raising Resilient Children
May 26
South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
Corner of Trent & Birmingham Roads, Sth Penrith
No child minding. Children welcome to sit with parents.

Bookings are essential for all groups. See back page for details.