Welcome to Week 4 and the lovely Autumn weather we are enjoying.

Some people may have heard one of our alarms this morning. The school was participating in an evacuation drill and all classes performed faultlessly. We are required to have drills every six months (minimum) but usually try to aim for one per term.

Mr Giles

Congratulations to:

- Our students who will be representing us at the District Cross Country this Friday. They are:
  - Finn Grant, Halle Boyd, Daniel Clarke, Phialla Burns, Damien Bennett, Milly McCoy, Rohan Howell, Klara Egan, Liam Kirk, Chloe Stoecki, Murphy Hahn, Lawson McElrea, Ellise Donnison, Justing Fowler, Kiara Tatnum, Alek Catanzariti, Lanie Jackson, Martin Brown, Dakota Celeban, Cayden Attard, Elana Gaiyich, Corin Cheesman, Sophie Coghlan, Darcy Holmes, Angus Donnison, James White, Payton Coghlan, Byron Tatum, Piper McElrea, Bayley Dalton and Courtney Dalziel.

- All Year 3&5 students for their behaviour and participation during last week’s Naplan.

- The following students who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge:

Thank you to:

- All parents who are helping with transport this week – it is greatly appreciated.

What’s Happening At Our School ……

**TERM 2 – WEEK 4**
- **Tuesday 20th May**
  - UNSW Computer Competition
  - Class Information Night – 3/4V, 4/5S
- **Thursday 22nd May**
  - Sydney Writer’s Festival
- **Friday 23rd May**
  - District Cross Country
  - ‘13 Storey Treehouse’ Excursion

**TERM 2 – WEEK 5**
- **Wednesday 28th May**
  - Biggest Morning Tea - Playgroup
- **Friday 30th May**
  - Primary Assembly – 2pm

**TERM 2 – WEEK 6**
- **Tuesday 3rd June**
  - CWA Presentation - Botswana
- **4 – 6 June**
  - Canberra Excursion – Year 6

**TERM 2 – WEEK 7**
- **Monday 9th June**
  - Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 10th June**
  - Interschool Chess Challenge
  - P&C Meeting – 8pm

**TERM 2 – WEEK 8**
- **Monday 16th June**
  - Combined Choir Rehearsal
  - UNSW Writing Competition
- **Tuesday 17th June**
  - UNSW Spelling Competition
- **Friday 20th June**
  - Wimmalee Cup
  - P&C Disco @ 6pm

**TERM 2 – WEEK 9**
- **Thursday 26th June**
  - Multicultural Public Speaking Comp.
  - Crazy Hair Day
- **Friday 27th June**
  - Captains’ Assembly – 1:45pm
  - Term 2 Ends.

**TERM 3 – WEEK 1**
- **Monday 14th June**
  - Teachers Return – Term 3
- **Tuesday 15th June**
  - Students Return for Term 3

**TERM 2 – WEEK 9**
- **Tuesday 22nd July**
  - Penrith RSL Chess Tournament
- **Wednesday 23rd July**
  - OC Placement Test
- **Friday 25th July**
  - Infants’ Assembly – 2pm
**Unexplained Absences**

If your child/ren is away from school a note explaining the reason of 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.

*During the next week, letters will be sent home to those families where our records indicate an unexplained absence exists. If you receive a letter please complete the reason for the absence and return the slip to school.*

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

**Reforms to P&C Federation**

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

**District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday 23rd May at the Penrith Regatta Centre.

An approximate order of events for parents wanting to watch their child compete is:

- 10:20am  8/9 girls
- 10:50am  8/9 boys
- 11:10am  10 girls
- 11:25am  10 boys
- 11:40am  11 girls
- 12:05pm  11 boys
- 12:30pm  12/13 girls
- 12:50pm  12/13 boys

**Library News**

This week all Infants classes are participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime and viewing the story “Too Many Elephants in this House”. On Wednesday our pre-schoolers will also be given the opportunity to watch the story as well.

On Friday most of our students are off to see the play of “The 13 Storey Treehouse”. All classes have really enjoyed reading this book and eagerly await the next sequel “The 52 Storey Treehouse” in September.

The numbers of students who have finished the PRC is growing daily so keep on reading!

All projects on Botswana are due this Thursday and the CWA International Day is on at our school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Mrs Turner

**Term 2 Assemblies**

Assemblies for Term 2 will be:

- Friday 30th May – Primary (3-6)
- Friday 13th June – Infants (K-2)
- Friday 27th June – Captains’ Assembly (K-2)

**Stewart House School Clothing Appeal**

Clothing appeal bags for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal will be sent home to families this week. All wearable clothing from the collection bags is used to help support families in need. This is a good time to clean out the wardrobes 😊

*All bags need to be returned to the school no later than Friday 6th June, 2014.*
CANTEEN NEWS

The new canteen menu is well under way with lots of positive feedback coming from parents and children alike. We look forward to hearing more feedback and suggestions in the coming weeks.

Could we please ask that when ordering your child’s recess and/or lunch that you specify on the lunch bag if you are actually ordering for recess or lunch. This helps the volunteers in the canteen immensely and also makes it quicker and easier for your child without having to stand in queues. Items such as banana bread, fruit and yoghurt cups, raisin toast and snack boxes cannot be purchased ‘over the counter’ – these items will all need to be ordered in the morning and placed in your child’s classroom lunch order box. Recess orders can be then picked up efficiently as they will be ready and waiting.

We hope you are finding it easy and helpful using the traffic light system Green, Amber & Red when choosing from the canteen menu. As mentioned previously, we are looking at moving to a predominantly green menu by Term 4.

NUTRITION BENCHMARKS

Healthy eating is a habit. Like all habits, it can take some time and effort to get started but, once set, it can last a lifetime. One of the best things we can do for our children is to help and encourage them to make healthy eating choices at home, at school and when they’re out and about.

The key point it makes is the importance of eating a variety of foods, in the right proportions, from each of the food groups:

- bread and cereals, including rice, pasta and noodles and other grain products
- vegetables and legumes
- fruit
- milk, yoghurt and cheese
- meat and meat alternatives, such as fish, poultry, eggs, nuts and legumes

Don’t forget to jump online and fill out our quick, 3 question survey. Please click on the link and help us gather some ideas about our school canteen.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VQVCSW2

So go on, order away! Encourage and help your children to choose the healthy options we currently have on offer. Any suggestions and comments are more than welcome.

Kind Regards from your new school canteen committee,
Branka Popovic, Iveta Nalasova & Therese Lorens

Playgroup & Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Mt Riverview Playgroup is hosting a BIGGEST MORNING TEA to support the cancer council.

On Wednesday 28th May, 9am-11am, we would love you to join us (pre-schoolers and babies welcome).

Bring a donation and some food to share.

IF you can’t come, but would love to make a donation to the CANCER COUNCIL there will be a few parents with donation boxes in the COLA from 8.45am-9am (Wed June 28th).

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 newletters 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.

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 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

Blue Mountains Occasional Care

Blue Mountains Occasional Care offers an early childhood program where children can make friends and learn through play (for children 0 – 6 years).

So what is Occasional Care? It is quite similar to preschool or long day care as it follows the same curriculum (EYLF) and is led by an Early Childhood Teacher and caring team of Educators. The difference is shorter sessions that are more affordable and you can book in, in a flexible way that allows you to cancel without being charged.

Many of our families book their children in regularly throughout the year while others book in less frequently, it’s all about choice.

Why not come for a visit to see if this is what you are looking for. We are open in school term once a week at Blaxland, Lawson, Winmalee and Blackheath. Costs are $21 for our shortest session (3 ½ hours) up to $27 (4 ½ hours). Discounts apply for 4-5 year olds and please ask us about our sibling discount, which also helps families with more than one child under 5 years. A government subsidy is available to all families also.

Please phone Kerry for all inquiries or bookings on 0412 932 801 or visit our website at www.mocs.org.au to find out more about our not-for-profit, community based service.

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 please contact the office and update your email contact.
Join 1st Blaxland Scout Group

If your child is active and adventurous, Scouts could be for them!

Scouts is a worldwide youth movement for boys and girls aged 6 through to 26. Scouts offers children an outdoor educational program that allows for socialisation in a different environment, teaches them about working in teams, builds an understanding of the value of physical fitness, broadens their experience and develops an understanding of responsibility and leadership.

There are five sections, broken into separate age groups.
1. **Joey Scouts** is for 6-8 year olds
2. **Cub Scouts** is for 8-11 year olds
3. **Scouts** is for 11-15 year olds
4. **Venturers** is for 15-28 year olds
5. **Rovers** is for 18-26 year olds

The leaders who work with the youth members are aged from 18 and over. Each of the sections enjoys their own weekly meetings during school terms.

**Activities**
Scouts enjoy lots of fun activities including camps, hikes, abseiling, bike riding, swimming, playing games, learning knots, first aid, orienteering, singing, making craft objects, cooking, earning badges.

There are also outings to places such as the zoo, the movies, the police/fire station, ten in bowling, ice skating, indoor rock climbing etc.

**Involvement with community events** includes: Clean Up Australia Day and ANZAC day march.

**Availability**
Our Group currently has places available in all of our Sections, and we look forward to having new members join us to experience the fun of Scouts.

For more information please contact our Group Leader, Adrian Watt with an email to adrianwatt@netspace.net.au. You can also check out the Scouts NSW website here www.nsw.scouts.com.au.

To join up, contact Adrian Watt on adrianwatt@netspace.net.au or 0411 106 795.
Penrith City

Children’s Choir

Welcome to Rustin’ Creek

directed by Lucy McAlary

starting soon!

If you love to sing, please join us.

Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years are invited to join

for its next project

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way to have fun, meet new friends and get active.

For $47 you will receive six-one hour sessions of skills, games and coaching. You will also get an AFL backpack with footy, cap and much more.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Visit aflauskick.com.au

Enter your school's postcode

Click on your school’s name and follow the steps to register.

It’s that easy!

For further information, contact the Administrator: Liz Strasser
0418 202 849

pcccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au
RAISE YOUR CUP
TOGETHER WE’LL BEAT CANCER

COME ALONG AND MAKE YOUR CUP COUNT

HOST: Playgroup
DATE: Wed 23 May
WHERE: School Hall
9 - 11 am
DETAILS: Please bring a plate + a donation

biggestmorningtea.com.au
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Adventures holiday underwater to win a family trip.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

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Adventure holiday from the lost city of sunken treasure.

Win a share of the...