Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 3. We have had a busy start to the term with parent/teacher interviews occurring this week and Education Week taking place in Week 3.

The Commonwealth Games begin soon (10 hours at the time of writing this newsletter) and we have our own vested interest in these games this year. Our general assistant (GA), Mr Hens has his daughter, Jennifer, competing in the smallbore rifle events (air rifle and prone). We'll all be watching with interest and hope she has a great games.

Congratulations to:

- Our chess team (Corin, Caelin, Xavier & Bayley) for their fantastic 4th placing in Penrith RSL’s Chess Tournament.
- Robert, Elana and Harrison who did an amazing job at the regional Multicultural Public Speaking competition at the end of last term.
- The following students who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge:
  - Elijah Freeman, Liam Finneran, Niamh Grady, Gabrielle Harper, Mena McCoy, Lucas Harper, Isobel Roberts, Sebastian Jeffery, Barunka Zubek, Leah Bedwell, Victoria Browne, Boaz Freeman, Connor Grady, Hamish Mackay, Milly, McCoy, Mason Walker, Liam Kirk, Lauren White, Jemima Freeman, Rohan Howell, Marley Fausto, Sofie McKertich, Adam Zubek and Justin Fowler

Thank you to:

- Mrs Dwyer and the SRC for their organisation of our Crazy Hair day.

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### What's Happening At Our School ……

**TERM 2 – WEEK 2 – Parent/Teacher Interviews**

- **Wednesday 23rd July**
  - OC Placement Test
- **Thursday 24th July**
  - PSC Leadership Day - Lapstone
  - AECG meeting – Leura PS – 4pm
- **Friday 25th July**
  - Infants’ Assembly – 2pm

**TERM 2 – WEEK 3 – EDUCATION WEEK**

- **Wednesday 30th July**
  - Education Week Assembly
  - Open Classrooms (am & pm)
  - Book Fair
- **Thursday 31st July**
  - NSW Cricket Clinics (Yrs1-6)
- **Friday 1st August**
  - Athletics Carnival – all students

**TERM 2 – WEEK 4**

- **Monday 4th August**
  - T20 Blast Cup – Yrs 5&6
- **Wednesday 6th August**
  - Opera House Choir
- **Thursday 7th August**
  - Stage 3 Police Talk (Cyber Safety)
  - KB Hat Count BBQ
- **Friday 8th August**
  - Primary Assembly (2pm)

**TERM 2 – WEEK 5**

- **Monday 11th August**
  - Musica Viva – Jacana – 2pm
- **Tuesday 12th August**
  - P&C Meeting
- **Thursday 14th August**
  - Mt Riverview Spelling Bee
- **Friday 15th August**
  - Captains’ Assembly – 1:45pm

**TERM 2 – WEEK 6**

- **Thursday 21st August**
  - Book Week Performance -1:30pm
- **Friday 22nd August**
  - District Athletics Carnival
  - Infants Assembly – 2pm

**TERM 2 – WEEK 7**

- **Monday 25th August**
  - Dance Festival Rehearsal
- **Thursday 28th August**
  - Cockatoo Island Excursion
- **Friday 29th August**
  - Dance Festival Evening Performance

**TERM 2 – WEEK 8**

- **Monday 1st September**
  - Dance Festival Matinee Performance
- **Thursday 4th September**
  - AECG Meeting – Faulconbridge PS
- **Friday 5th September**
  - Primary Assembly – 2pm
Athletics Carnival

Our school’s athletics carnival will be held next Friday, 1st August. As mentioned during morning assemblies, this year the carnival is being run for all students. A note has gone home (and is available on the website) about the carnival, which includes a section for parents who are able to help out during the day. Volunteers are extremely important in helping ensure the day is a success so if you are able to help out please complete the sheet and return it to school as soon as possible.

The P&C have also sent a note home about lunch orders they are trialling this year. If you would like to order lunch please complete your order form and return it to school by the due date.

Finally children, (8yrs & older) who are travelling from school by bus, need to be at school by 8:15am. Infants children (5, 6 & 7yrs) travelling from school by bus will need to be at school by 8:30am. If there are any questions please contact the office.

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It’s fantastic that all students will be participating in the Athletics Carnival on Friday 1st August at Glenbrook Oval.

The 3-6 students will compete in traditional athletics events and the K-2 students will participate in a combination of races and tabloid activities.

The 8 year olds in Year 2 however have a choice. They can either compete in the 3-6 events or the K-2 events but not in both. By competing in the 3-6 events the 8 year olds may have the opportunity to represent the school at the district carnival but this would be dependent on their performance at our school carnival.

Please discuss with your child which aspect of the carnival they wish to participate in. I will check with them next Monday and put them into their house groups after that.

I would really appreciate any help with the carnival. For the tabloid events to run successfully I need 5 parents to help and a further 3 for the races. If you are able to help in any way please see me personally or contact the office.

Mrs Dwyer

Band News

I have noticed that some students are leaving their instruments at school. It is very important for student development and improvement that instruments are taken home for practice.

Daniel Johnson

Library News

Unfortunately Mrs Turner will be away from the library for the remainder of the term. We do thank Mrs Phelan though, for stepping in and keeping the library going in her absence.

In other library news:

- Congratulations to those students who have now completed the PRC. We now have 102 students who have completed this. Your PRC needs to be completed by **Wednesday 27th August** so that everything can be validated.

- The book fair will be held again this year on Open Day. Books will be available for purchase in the Library during the day between 9am – 3pm and again in the evening from between 6:45pm – 7:30pm. **Payment can be made by cash or cheque only (made out to ‘Scholastic’).**

Kindergarten 2015

Do you or someone you know have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015?

If so the school would appreciate you enrolling that child as soon as possible to help with our organisation of classes and staff for next year.

An enrolment form can be collected from the office.

SRC and Futures

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to represent their class for Semester 2.

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They were presented with their badges at the morning assembly yesterday.
**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.

**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 –


If you are not receiving your fortnightly issue of the Educom please contact the office and update your email contact.

**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**

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**UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday 26th July (7-9pm)

The Hunt for ET – Is there anyone out there?

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).

Saturday 2nd August (7-9pm)

SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES AND THE UNIFIED MODEL

Many galaxies contain supermassive black holes in their centres, whose gigantic forces are enough to power a show of cosmic fireworks. But why do they look so different? Could they all be the same? We’ll look at what black holes and their supermassive versions are, and how the Unified Model explains that very different-looking galaxies may be essentially the same.

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).

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

Bookings essential:


Enquiries:

Phone: (02) 4736 0135 (Mon, Wed or Thurs)

or email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
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Camden Park
Camden Park

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Gates Open
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Loads of great exhibitions for all ages
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Entries via HunterFestival.net

www.mtrivervie-schools.nsw.edu.au
**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.

Most of the groups do not have a scheduled break.

**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 are 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

Mobile Phone: 0409 986121  
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](http://www.nepeancommunity.org.au)  
[www.facebook.com/nepeancommunity](http://www.facebook.com/nepeancommunity)

Check out our parenting groups and workshops at...  
[handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/](http://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/)

Flyer updated 16/6/14
### Triple P parent group
**Positive Parenting Program**
- **Wednesdays** 10am to 12:15pm
- **July** 30
- **August** 6, 13, 20, 27
- **September** 3

South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
3 Trent St, South Penrith

Limited to 14 participants, so book in early!

### Resilience Doughnut—2 locations
- **Thursday 24th July 2014** 10am to 12:30pm
  - Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre
  - For more details or to book, phone Julie on 4774 2245 or email familysupport@wsnc.org.au

- **Monday 11th August 2014** 12:15pm to 2:30pm
  - South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
  - No child minding. Children welcome to sit with parents.

### Circle of Security
- **Fridays** 10am to 12pm
- **August** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **September** 5, 12, 19

Floribunda Community Centre
1 Floribunda Ave, Glenmore Park

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION!**

### Advanced Triple P modules
* **Parent Traps**
  - **Wednesdays** 10 & 17 September 10am to 12pm
  - South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
  - 3 Trent St, South Penrith

* **Coping with your anger**
  - Scheduled for Term 4, 2014

* **Partner Support**
  - 3 x 2 hours by appointment

### Triple P Seminars
Attend any or all.

**Monday afternoons 12:15pm to 2:15pm**

- **The Power of Positive Parenting**
  - 1st September
- **Raising Confident & Competent Children**
  - 8th September
- **Raising Resilient Children**
  - 15th September

South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
Corner of Trent & Birmingham Roads, Sth Penrith

No child minding. Children welcome to sit with parents.

### Eat It To Beat It
- **Fruit & Veg Sense**—90 minutes
- **Healthy Lunchboxes**—30 minutes

Is your primary school interested in having an Eat It To Beat It session?

### Special Playtime
Returning in Term 4 2014

### Bookings are essential for all groups. See back page for details. Information about all groups are at [http://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/](http://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/)

### Connecting with Kids
* **For those parents who have completed the Special Playtime or Circle of Security groups.**

By appointment—Support for your Special Playtime or Circle of Security skills.
The Arts Initiatives Boys Vocal Workshop is an exciting singing workshop specifically designed for boys from school years 5 - 12. It is aimed at engaging male students in singing in schools.

During the four-hour workshop, attending students and teachers will have the opportunity to work with conductor Peter Lehner on vocal warm-ups, vocal techniques, ensemble singing and exciting repertoire.

Peter Lehner is a well respected musician, conductor, actor and performer. He has worked with a variety of ensembles as musical and choral director. These include many acapella choirs, jazz quartets, and groups for festivals around the state such as the Lismore Lantern Parade for many years. He has also been the Musical Director and Coordinator for the Sydney Street Choir, including performances with Delta Goodrem, Ricki-lee, Normie Rowe, Jonathon Welch and Deborah Cheetham. Along with this he has been the coordinator and manager of the Sydney A Cappella Association. Peter has conducted many music and performance workshops around NSW. His work has involved working with many different sectors of the community including Aboriginal/Indigenous groups, Glee clubs, Hip Hop choirs, Disadvantaged groups, and Special Needs groups.

Peter has worked on many short independent films. He has also appeared in many different theatrical productions and television roles in shows such as *Home and Away*, *A Country Practice*, *Rafferty’s Rules*, *Come In Spinner* and *Candid Camera*.

He has been the recipient of several awards including “Living for Others” (2009, Universal Peace Federation), “Top 100 Influential People” (2009, Sydney Morning Herald) and an Australia Day award for Services in Community (2011, Lismore Community)

Workshops are being held throughout NSW at the following venues. Look for the workshop closest to you from the list below. Visit our website to complete the application forms and return to The Arts Unit by the due date.

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Workshops are open to either individual students or student groups accompanied by teachers from NSW Government schools.

Applications are Now Open via our Website: [http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-initiatives](http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-initiatives)

OR

Complete attached Application form.

For further information please visit our website or contact Kirsten Dickason - 8512 1178
kirsten.dickason1@det.nsw.edu.au
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**Proposed Timetable**
Full-time for 18 weeks – starting July
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Kingswood with school holidays off.

**TAFE NSW fee free**

Further information and to apply

**Contact:** Liz Agars 92089416
Elizabeth.agars@tafensw.edu.au

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