Welcome to Week 4. Last week was Education Week and I want to thank everyone for their participation in our activities throughout the week. As I mentioned during my talk at the assembly, it is a time to highlight the good things that we do here at school and I believe we covered many of those activities through the open classrooms, book fair and sporting events.

The Commonwealth Games have finished so we can all get back to our regular sleep hours. Here at school we will be finishing the term, and our Peer Support program, with a Commonwealth Games-A-Thon which will also be our major fundraiser for the year. A note will go home this week about this exciting activity with funds raised going towards sporting equipment.

Finally, good luck to those students in the Opera House choir who have their big performance tomorrow night. It is a long day for them but I know they will have a great time.

Mr Giles

Congratulations to:

- All students who participated during our athletics carnival on Friday. Your participation and behaviour were outstanding.
- Those students who have qualified to represent the school at the district athletics carnival in Week 6.
- Our T-20 cricket players who represented the school yesterday. Your participation and behaviour were outstanding.
- The following students who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge:
  - Oscar Howell, Tait H-S, Emily Holmes, Mathew Lambeth and Jessica McAlpine.

What’s Happening At Our School ……

**TERM 3 – WEEK 4**

- **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 3 – WEEK 5**

- **Monday 11th August** Musica Viva – Jacana – 2pm
- **Tuesday 12th August** PJ’s Day (Yr6 Fundraiser) UNSW Mathematics Competition P&C Meeting – 8pm
- **Thursday 14th August** Mt Riverview Spelling Bee
- **Friday 15th August** Captains’ Assembly – 1:45pm

**TERM 3 – WEEK 6**

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

**TERM 3 – WEEK 7**

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

**TERM 3 – WEEK 8**

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

**TERM 3 – WEEK 9**

- **Monday 8th September** CPR Help – Stage 2&3 – Day 1
- **Tuesday 9th September** CPR Help – Stage 2&3 – Day 2
- **Wednesday 10th Sept.** Regional Athletics Carnival

**TERM 3 – WEEK 10**

- **Monday 15th September** Regional Spelling Bee – York PS
- **Wednesday 17th Sept.** Commonwealth Games-A-Thon
- **Friday 19th September** Footy Mufti-Day Captains’ Assembly – 1:45pm
Thank you to:

- Everyone involved in making our athletics carnival a huge success – staff, students, parents and P&C members. It is greatly appreciated by all.
- Mrs Howat, Mrs Dwyer, Miss McFarlane for their work with the Opera House Choir.
- All parents who are helping out on the day with the choir.
- Mr McKellar for taking our students to the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Leadership Day.

Athletics Carnival

Friday was a very successful day despite the late start with the buses. Everyone’s participation ensured we were able to make up that time and have a very successful day, finishing on time.

At this stage we are still finishing off a couple of the shot put events so a final point score is unavailable however the current house point total at this point in time is:

- Kookaburra: 529
- Echidna: 688
- Platypus: 663

As you can see it is still very close but we should know by the end of the week who will be our 2014 house champion for athletics. This will be announced on Monday (11th August) morning, as will our age champions.

The team representing the school at the BMPSSA District Athletics Carnival has been chosen. As explained to the students during the term, all events are chosen based on qualifying times and distances. Those students who have been successful this year will be given a permission note to take home.

Cayden Attard, Halle Boyd, Phillip Doran, Piper McElrea, William Zagarella, Elana Gaiych, Finn Grant, Lawson McElrea, Paige Story, Kiara Tatum, Harrison Walker, Brodie Fleming, Calum Adams, Savannah Burns, Louis Dolcel, Payton Coghlan, Damien Bennett, Lanie Jackson, Murphy Hahn, Milly McCoy, Anežka Zubek, Courtney Dalziel, Olivia Beeby and Marley Fausto

If there are any questions regarding the district carnival please let me know.

Mr Giles

Library News

A huge thank you to all families who visited the book fair last week, which was a fabulous success. From the book fair we had 50 new books donated to the library (fantastic) and raised $400, which will be used to buy more books. The books donated last week will be ready for borrowing shortly.

As we reach the halfway point in the term, it is time to check at home for overdue library books and return them to the library as soon as possible.

Mrs Phelan

PaCE Program – Term 3

Aboriginal Elders visits have continued this term with Stage 2 and 3 joining in. Stage 2 classes have slotted into the rotation with our infants classes and Stage 3 students have the opportunity to join in the program every Tuesday at 1pm in the library.

KB and K/1D enjoyed their visit with Auntie Cindy in Week 2.

3S and 3/4V enjoyed their Uncle Lex’s storytelling and looking at various tools in Week 3.

The next PaCE committee meeting will be on Wednesday 13th August at 7pm.

Nepean Dance Festival Information

Our primary dance group will be performing at the Nepean Dance Festival on Friday 29th August (evening) and Monday 1st September (matinee). The rehearsal date for the performances will be Monday 25th August.

Travel to the rehearsal and matinee performance will be by bus. Mrs Blythe is sending a note home this week, which will include details about the rehearsal, performances, costumes, make-up and any help needed on the day included. Please return the permission note and money back to school by Wednesday 18th August.

IMPORTANT – Tickets for the performances go on sale from Monday 18th August. The tickets sell out very quickly so anyone intending to buy a ticket will need to go online at www.jspac.com.au or phone the box office on 02 4723 7600. When ordering you will want tickets for the evening performance on Friday 29th August and/or the matinee performance on Monday 1st September.

If there are any questions regarding the dance festival please contact the office or see Mrs Blythe.
Year 6 Fundraiser – Pyjama Day
On Tuesday 12th August Year 6 will be holding a pyjama / onesie day. Students wishing to participate in this event will be able to do so with a gold coin donation. Correct footwear and school hats will still be needed on the day.

Also on the day they will be selling “milo and cookies” in the canteen for $2.

Money raised on the day will go towards our Year 6 farewell. We hope to see you all dressed up and warm.  

Year 6 and Miss Hall

Milo T20 Blast Cup 2014
On Monday 4th August, nine boys (and one girls team) travelled to Glenbrook Oval to play cricket. The format of the game was an eight-over, eight person per team setup with eight people batting, eight people bowling and eight people fielding at once. With nine of us in the team we rotated the people on and off the field when bowling and fielding, but when batting, we selected ourselves to miss out.

As the cars kept on piling in to the now squashed carpark, we took to the oval itself to receive a briefing of the day and fields, of which there were seven in total. In our first match against Blaxland East Kallis (they had five of the eight teams in the draw), we sadly lost by 80 runs – 145-65. Acquaintance with the field played into our hands in the second match as we narrowly beat Lapstone by 18 runs – 124-106. Against Blaxland East Hussey in round three, we once again lost, this time by 60 runs. The score this time being 122-62. Our fourth and final match was a supposed super match between a combined girls and boys Blaxland East team and us. We lost but most of us didn’t hear the score. I did, vaguely, and heard that the combined team scored around 120 and we scored around 60-80.

Overall, most of us had a great time and came away with a much better understanding and better appreciation for cricket. Most importantly of all, we had fun and enjoyed the day.  

Robert Pain

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.

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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.

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**
UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
Great Western Highway, Werrington North
(Building AO)

ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday 2nd August (7-9pm)

GALACTIC ARCHAEOLOGY – The Ongoing Adventures in Our Milky Way Corner of the Universe!

In this talk we ask a few of the big questions surrounding our own galaxy, the Milky Way: We've got Gravity, We've got Dark Matter, What's Missing?

What is behind the mysterious formation of our Galaxy the Milky Way? What is The Sagittarius Dwarf, and how can it help us understand these questions?

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:
Online: http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory
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Thursday / Friday Nights
Warrimoo Oval

8s/10s play 5 a-side
12s/18s play 6 a-side

Competitions commence 4th/5th September
and finish in December

All Team and Player Registrations, including full team payment,
to be made on-line at
www.lbm.touch.asn.au

Committee members will be available to assist with enquiries
Contact details are on the website above

If you are interested in coaching and/or refereeing please contact
Robert Pecovnik - 0425 212 966
or email: lbmtoucha@bigpond.com
Over the past two years, Council has carried out extensive research, community consultation and analysis to develop the Draft Waste Strategy.

Draft Waste Strategy on Public Exhibition

1 August – 8 September 2014.

Have Your Say

The full Draft Waste Strategy and a number of reference documents that support it, including a summary document, can be viewed at:

- www.bluemountainhaveyoursay.com.au
- Council’s Katoomba office
- Council’s branch libraries (except Springwood)

Following consideration of the Draft Waste Strategy you are invited and encouraged to provide your feedback through:

- Online submission: www.bluemountainhaveyoursay.com.au
- E-mail: council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au
- Post: BMCC, Locked Bag 1005, Katoomba 2780