Dear Parents,

SRC Induction
The recent Gold Assembly saw the induction of our Student Representative Councillors for 2014. Mr Mitchell, Principal of our local high school, Sir Joseph Banks High School, handed each of the 22 councillors their badges and they were then pinned on them by the two captains from Sir Joseph Banks, Angel Luong and one of our past pupils, Filip Stempien. I would like to thank Mr Mitchell and the Captains for giving up their time to come to our school and make the presentations.

Gold Awards
Congratulations to Lachlan Camp, Zahra Axiotis, Absaar Hasan and Ali Jawhra who have qualified for a gold award. Pictured are our last group of gold award winners proudly displaying their awards presented at the last assembly.

Platinum Award
Congratulations to Emmanuel Scionti on being the second student to reach the platinum level in 2014. He will receive his medal at our annual presentation day in term 4. Well done, Emmanuel.

Healthy Harold Reminder
Last week you received a note outlining the fact that “Harold” will again be visiting Padstow North. I recommend this very worthwhile program and the $5.00 cost is kept low due to special subsidy funding by Westpac Bank. If you haven’t paid the money and want your child to attend please do so in the next week.

Voluntary contributions
Thanks again to those parents who have paid their voluntary contributions; remember if you haven’t done so you can still take advantage of the ‘early bird’ discount until the end of term 1.

Parking reminders
Parents are again reminded to observe and obey the relevant parking signs around the school. The signs are put there to protect all the children in the school and your adherence to these traffic regulations means that the traffic particularly in Halcyon Avenue does move better and everyone gets away from school quickly and efficiently. It also means the parking rangers do not fine you as fines can be more than $300 and 4 points off your licence!

Textbooks
Thank you to all those parents who have paid for their children’s textbooks for 2014. Collecting most of the money on the one day is the most efficient way of handling the large sums of money and I thank you for accommodating the staff with this request. Anyone who hasn’t as yet paid the textbook money can still do so then the textbooks will be issued to your child.

Upcoming Events
Harmony Day Friday 21st March
Gold assembly on Friday April 4th
Easter Hat Parade on April 10th
ANZAC service in the Hall on April 11th commencing at 11.30am
Last day of term 1 is April 11th

K.J.Bowden
Principal

Library News
The trainee Library Monitors for 2014 have been working hard to learn about their role within the library. They have shown dedication and a willingness to give extra time to help in the library.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) website has now opened, and books read can be added. The PRC closes on the 22nd August. No books can be added after this time. If students are having trouble adding their books they are able to do this in the library before school or at lunchtime.

Mrs S Harris
Teacher Librarian

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Kindergarten had a ‘beary’ exciting day last Wednesday as we celebrated ‘t’ week with a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Wearing our bear masks that we created in class, we met our buddies and visitors in the playground for a picnic. Thank you to all the families who brought in some yummy treats for us to share. We ended our day with some art and sharing a story. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our celebration.

Kindergarten Teachers
PSSA - Newcombe Ball

Game 1 2014
We began our season in excellent form in our first Newcombe Ball games against Panania North PS. Our juniors won their two games 15-0 and 15-0 and our seniors won 15-1 and 15-0. They were short games, in which we seemed to have more experience amongst our players than our opponents, and both of our teams played very well. I was very impressed by the sportsmanship our players displayed towards their opposition too, as their good manners and respect for others made them very good ambassadors for our school.
Mr R Grinham
Coach

PSSA – Touch Football

Round 1 2014
On Friday the junior and senior touch football boys played their very first game against Padstow Park PS. Considering some of the boys have never played football before, they had an enjoyable and rewarding time beating Padstow Park; 5-0 in the juniors with the man of the match Johnny Dertilis, and the seniors 7-4 with Riley Duryea being the man of the match. This Friday Padstow North have a bye but will use this time wisely training for future games. I wish the boys all the very best and expect the same enthusiasm as they showed last Friday. Well done boys!
Mr K Isler
Coach

PSSA – Netball

Congratulations to all the girls who tried out for and made the PSSA Netball teams this year! Everyone tried extremely hard and it was a very difficult decision.

Round 1 2014
On Friday 7th March, all four teams played Revesby South in their first game of the season. Unfortunately, we didn’t get a win, but they all played well in their new teams. They are getting to know each other and how they operate on the netball court. Some players even tried new positions and succeeded. Congratulations to the players of the match: Pia and Zahra for great defending, Chloe for trying a new position and Zoe for a great game. Good luck for round 2 girls!
Miss K Channells
Coach

Parent Workshop – Helping Children to Read

Date: Tuesday 18th March 2014
Time: 9-10am
Where: Mr Hageman’s 5/6 Lime classroom
(Follow the signs from the northern office)
Presenters: Mrs Mizon and Mrs Morse
Suitable for parents /carers of K-4 students
Term 1 – Week 7

Thursday 13th March 2014

Personal Reflection
Berry was my first real camp. The quest of knowledge was infuriating and confusing. I got so angry some I had to run back and forth. The other school had lunch first and didn’t have to do it. But eating my first lunch was terrible.

It seemed like they were trying to personize the other activities were quite fun but I got sick doing sea biscuiting. Overall it was an enjoyable experience for me.

What did I learn?
At Berry camp I learnt lots of things, I learnt how to canoe, how to do archery and put on a harness.

Personal Reflection
I wish I was at berry but the cost was too high but I had fun with Mrs. Gaston any way.
Welcome to Mrs B’s Tech spot.
Below is a reminder of how students can access their DEC student KIDSPACE/Student Portal.

For years K – 2 the account is known as the **KIDSPACE PORTAL**; for years 3-6 the account is known as the **STUDENT PORTAL** and one is provided for all public school students in NSW.

Students are able to access their own **E-mail account**, as well as links to various useful and fun sites. Students can login to their portal by typing: **NSW DEC (formerly DET) Portal** into a search engine, such as **Google or Safari**. They then enter their **USERNAME + PASSWORD** (these can be supplied by the classroom teacher).

Type in the Username as given (no spaces plus a full stop between first and surnames, any numerals are added after the surname).

**It is a challenge for our new students, especially Kindergarten to LOGIN to their accounts, so if students have access to a computer at home, it would be worthwhile for them to practise typing their names.**

Currently, **groups of Stage 3 students have been doing a wonderful job, assisting the ES1 students in RFF lessons.**

* A reminder that any student who forgets a password needs to see me to have it re-set.

*I am available, in the lab: Tuesday- Recess; Wednesday-Recess; Thursday-Recess.*

**SKOOLBAG APP**
If parents need assistance uploading the **SKOOLBAG app**, please don’t hesitate to ask me for assistance.

**MATHLETICS**
Any issues associated with Mathletics accounts should be communicated to the classroom teacher.

**iPADS**
K-2 students have been having a great time using our new iPads in classrooms.

**CYBERSAFETY**
Awareness of safety is always a priority in lessons. Please make yourself aware of what your children have access to at home as well.

Mrs G.Byrnes (Technology Coordinator K-6)
iPADS in Classrooms

This week we had our first rotation of iPads in the K-2 classrooms. With our new Wi-Fi installed, students in 1/2 Purple were able to access some research information and complete a phonological awareness activity. Each class is allocated 10 iPads for 2 sessions per week. Teachers and students look forward to using these portable devices and are even teaching me a thing or two!

Mrs L Rudder
Assistant Principal

During the past 2 years, Staff at Padstow North have been researching and gaining professional development in Habits of Mind.

The Habits of Mind are defined as the dispositions that are skillfully and mindfully employed by characteristically successful people when confronted with problems, the solutions to which are not immediately apparent.

The 16 Habits of Mind were derived by Art Costa and subsequently expanded upon by himself and his co-author Bena Kallick.

The Habits of Mind have been adopted by many schools from all over the world as a way of clarifying educational goals for students. They provide a framework and common language for students, teachers, school leadership, parents and the wider school community to share when discussing and planning for the development of student thinking.

James Anderson, founder of Mindful by Design, has been working closely training our staff and being our mentor. The Habits of Mind have a powerful unifying capacity in schools. All teachers, regardless of grade level or subject area can immediately see the relevance of the Habits of Mind to their classrooms. Because of this it helps schools develop a powerful shared vision for learning.

Every now and then, we will place our focus Habit for the school, sharing information of classroom practice and examples. There will also be some parent information meetings coming up in Term 2.

We look forward to sharing this adventure with our parent community.

If you are interested in finding more information please visit the school website or www.habitsofmind.org or www.mindfulbydesign.com

Mrs L Rudder and Mrs D Tardent
Teaching and Learning Team
**KATTTS Resumes for 2014**

Our Kids Attempting To Tidy Our School (KATTTS) group has commenced work again in 2014. Their role every second Monday is to give up some of their time after school to beautify our gardens and assist in the general maintenance of our expansive grounds. Without their dedication and the coordinating efforts of Mr Grinham I am sure our school would not look as good as it does.

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**2014 DISTRICT SWIMMING REPORT**

A team of 21 students represented our school at the East Hills District carnival on Tuesday, 4th March, held at Revesby Pool.

It was a fantastic day, all children displayed exceptional behaviour and there was wonderful support from friends and family and overall many great results! All students swam to the best of their ability. Many students won their heat and/or made the freestyle finals. There were many 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th places!

Congratulations to CHRISTIAN FERMANOV – 1st Place - Medley, 100m, 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and 2nd Place in Butterfly. An outstanding achievement.

DANIEL MAIRI – 2nd Place - Butterfly, 3rd Place 50m Freestyle.

ALANA FERMANOV – 3rd Place Breaststroke.

SENIOR BOYS RELAY TEAM – 3rd Place. Christian, Daniel, Wil, Emmanuel

These students will go on to represent our District at the Regional Carnival in 2 weeks’ time. I wish them every success at the next level.

Finally, a huge THANKYOU to Mrs Cazouris with the help of other supporters for assisting with managing the team and organising the students, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Fiona Gaston
Sports Coordinator

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**FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!**

Know if your child is over a healthy weight?


Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday

WOW! Last week we had our biggest total for School Banking with $1066 banked. That’s a great effort by all those who support our School Banking. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Information packs may be collected from either office.

When you are eligible for a gift a small note will be placed in your banking book. Please make sure that you send in your 10 tokens and fill in the redemption card as this will be attached to your gift when it arrives.

The School Banking system has changed the way that it records the tokens to qualify for gifts. In previous years we have held the gifts at school, however, this year the bank holds the gifts and we send your order to them. This means that when you send in your tokens and redemption card we will order your gift from the bank which may then take up to 2 weeks to arrive. Volunteers have no control over this process, so your patience is appreciated when waiting for your gift to arrive.

Don’t forget, some weeks we will be drawing a name out at random from those who have made a deposit. The winner will receive a small prize, so send in your book every week for a better chance to win.

REMEMBER:
Please make sure that the child’s name, student ID Number and amount being deposited is on the deposit slip (no need for account number). If this information is incomplete in your child’s deposit book we will be returning the book and money to you. Unfortunately volunteers are not allowed to complete these details for you.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Padstow North Public School.

Phill Allsop-Guest
School Banking Coordinator

Uniform Shop Sale
Students will return to school in term 2 wearing their winter uniform. Now is the time to fill out your order forms for items that you may require.

On Tuesday 18th March we will be having a ‘trying on’ morning in the hall from 8.30-9.00am. Please take advantage of this if you are unsure of your child’s sizing. This will be the only opportunity to try on any items you may need for winter. Please note this is only for trying on – no uniforms will be sold on this day but you are welcome to place your orders.

If you have any queries about uniforms or the trying on day please contact me on 0432 838 760
Kerrie Fawzy
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
Fundraising News

With term 1 nearly half over we are gearing up for our exciting upcoming fundraising events. Hopefully you’ve received your Easter Guessing Competition tickets in the last few days. If you haven’t or you would like some more please contact myself or Phil. The following is a mini calendar for the remainder of term 1.

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<td>So far we have 46 families booked and with only a short time to go if you would still like to book your family a photo session for only $15 please contact Phil or myself.</td>
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We are also starting to gather donated items and vouchers for the annual Mother’s Day Guessing competition which will be held in early term 2. If you would like to donate or assist in donation collections please contact Phil or myself. Thank you in advance for your support, participation and enthusiasm in this term’s FUNdrasing events.

Emily Baker  
Fundraising Co-coordinator  
0401 787 571

Canteen News  
I just have a couple of short notices to bring to everyone's attention.

1. On Thursday 10th April we will be having a sausage sizzle to coincide with the Easter Hat Parade. Order forms will go home week 9 and need to be returned by the Friday of that week. No late orders will be accepted.

2. It would be greatly appreciated if children ordering at the southern end of the school could please have their lunch order bags written out as it is very time consuming for the canteen volunteer to do this. You are most welcome to ask the volunteers for some bags to take home or write it out at school.

Carlie Williamson  
Canteen Coordinator  
0412664379
Milperra Road Smash Repairs
Unit 30, 172 Milperra Road, Revesby
Phone: 9792 8036
Rep Lic. No. 44/30924
Quality panel beating and spray painting
Baking oven – Insurance work
Paul Boatwright Stuart Sheldon
FOR YOUR DIARY

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ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Information from the School Attendance Officer

Good attendance at school by all students is a high priority at Padstow North Public School. Recent changes to Attendance Law have made it very important for parents and schools to work together to resolve issues of unsatisfactory attendance of students. Schools are required to refer matters further when efforts to resolve issues are unsuccessful. The NSW Department of Education and Communities may take legal action against parents and caregivers who do not send their children to school with a valid reason.

Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

During this year there will be occasions where parents and caregivers of children with attendance concerns will be contacted by the school to inform them of these concerns. This will be done by letter, phone call or a meeting will be organised if required.

Concerns with attendance may include -
- An unsatisfactory attendance rate
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness / part day absences.

Parents are encouraged to work with the school to resolve attendance concerns to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for all students at school and in their future opportunities.

Sue Porter
School Attendance Officer
Riverwood Office