NEWSLETTER
Thursday 30th April 2015
Week 2 Term 2

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School Cross Country Carnival
Unfortunately the cross country carnival was cancelled today due to the inclement weather conditions. Safety of students is our main concern and the track was too slippery to send the students out. Thank you to Rebecca Barrett for organising this event and to the staff and parent helpers who stood out in the rain prior to the cancellation. The cross country will now be held on Wednesday 6th May (around Burnside and Kings Schools), with the back-up on Thursday 7th May (inside school track only). Please complete a new permission note for your child and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Permission to Publish and Permission to use Online Services
During 2014 a new Application to Enrol form was issued for use by NSW Government Schools. Included within this enrolment application is a section for parents to give schools Permission to Publish Student Information and Permission for Students to Access Online Services. In order for us to update our information for each student we need all parents to read and complete the following information carefully for each child in the family. This information will be for 2015 and all future years of schooling within the Department of Education and Communities or until you advise otherwise. Please fill in the note (both sides) with your intentions for your child and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible. All 2015 kindergarten and most new students have filled this information in on enrolment and do not need to complete this form.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. Please visit the school website for the 2015 information for parents and carers factsheet. You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Kindergarten
Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Communities. The information sheet for parents has been sent home with all kindergarten children. Parent’s are able to opt out of the cenus. Please return the note if you don’t want your child included.
Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall will be held next Friday 8th May. Please note that the price of gifts will range from $3.00 to $10.00. We ask that all children bring their library bag to carry their gifts home. I hope all mothers have an enjoyable day next Sunday.

School Photographs
All children are asked to wear their winter uniform for the photographs on Monday 11th May. Please note the uniform details below and that, if appropriate, jumpers/jackets can be removed after the photographs:

**BOYS**
- Winter grey shorts or long trousers
- Grey shirt
- Grey socks (above ankle)
- Black leather shoes
- Green jumper or jacket

**GIRLS**
- Green Winter tunic OR trousers
- White blouse with a small Peter Pan collar
- White socks (above ankle) or green tights
- Black leather shoes
- Green jumper or jacket

Please return all pre-paid envelopes if you have not done so already. It is important that every child returns their envelope, even if a brother or sister is paying for the family.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books can now be purchased from the school. The cost of the Sydney Greater West book is $65, Sydney North/Sydney is $70. You can also use the online order and payment link below: [http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/21430k3](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/21430k3). These books will be available for collection from the office from Monday 4th May.

Stewart House
Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes need to be returned by Friday 16th May or earlier. Donations of $2 will give you a chance to win a $4000 family holiday and support the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year.

Opportunity Class (OC) Applications
An Intention to Apply note was sent home with all Year 4 students last week. Please return the request slip as soon as possible. Completed applications are online and are due by Friday 15th May. Please note that the online application is the only option.

School Uniforms
The Uniform shop is open every Friday morning 8.45 – 9.15am. The uniform order form can be found on the school website under community / uniforms. All students will need to be in full winter uniform including a school jacket or jumper by Monday week 4 for our school photos.

The Hills Sports High School
Applications for placement in the 2016 Talented Sports Program close on 11 May 2015. A TSP Information Evening will be conducted in the Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on Monday 4 May 2015 at 6:30pm. Please see Mrs Vanderlight for a copy of the TSP Application Form if you are interested.

Gae Bromwich
Relieving Principal

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**Penrith Observatory Astronomy Programs in May**

**Mums and Kids Astronomy Night – Solar Systems Across the Galaxy** - Saturday, 2nd May 7pm-9pm
Astronomers have discovered many planets orbiting distant stars - but what are they like? Even our own Solar System is full of surprises, and there is so much more to learn. Join Dr Sarah Martell for a tour through the moons and planets where we’ve sent human or robot explorers, and some of the weird and wonderful solar systems we’ve found. The night will also include a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

**Astronomy Night** - Saturday 16th May 7pm-9pm
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather. **Cost:** Astronomy Nights - $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family. Workshops - $15 per person

**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On

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