### Coming Events

#### Week 4
- **Monday 4 August**
  - “Responsible Pet Program” K-2
- **Tuesday 5 August**
  - Southern Stars Rehearsal
- **Wednesday 6 August**
  - CBCA Literacy Lunch
  - P & C Meeting 7:15pm, Staff Room *(Please note change of date)*
- **Thursday 7 August**
  - SRC Kidzwish Fundraiser Mufti Day
- **Friday 8 August**
  - K-6 Assembly 12:10pm - KG Item

#### Week 5
- **Tuesday 12 August**
  - Gym sport - Make up Day
  - Maths Competition 8am
- **Wednesday 13 August**
  - Book Week Parade and Fair
  - Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal
- **Friday 15 August**
  - Stage 2 excursion – Nan Tien Temple

#### Week 6
- **Thursday 21 August**
  - Milo Cricket – Stages 2 & 3
- **Friday 22 August**
  - South Coast Athletics
  - Assembly - Choir Item
  - Trivia Night – 7pm

### From the Principal

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Education Week began this week, Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August, celebrating the 60th Education Week. Our school’s Open Day today was a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to visit classrooms and interact with their own children and other students during the planned activities. It was pleasing to see the number of parents and family members who were able to join us during the day. The pleasure the students get from demonstrating and sharing their work illustrates the value and importance of the home/school relationship in building their confidence and success. Teachers greatly value the opportunity to share the work they are doing with students. The teachers and staff appreciate the ongoing support and encouragement shown by your attendance and comments throughout the day.

To support research into heart disease and stroke, the students at our school are participating in, and encouraged to support, the ‘Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart’ program. In addition to supporting a worthy cause, it is a fun and healthy program in which students have been learning physical activities related to rope-jumping to improve their strength, stamina and confidence. The Jump Rope for Heart “Jump-Off” was held this afternoon as part of our Education Week Open Day activities. It was great to see our students enjoying an afternoon of jumping to raise money for the Heart Foundation.
CHOIR PERFORMANCE
Last week our school choir performed in the Wollongong Choral Festival at the Town Hall. Our choir sang beautifully and brought great credit to themselves and the school. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and it was particularly impressive to see our students looking immaculate on stage in their winter school uniforms. Thank you to Mrs Nicholls and Ms Greig for their efforts in making this opportunity available to students and to parents for their support.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Our new online payment method for school activities and excursions has generated very positive feedback this week. Thank you to parents who have used the online payment method, as it has significantly streamlined the receipting process in our school office. Parents and carers can now pay all school expenses online including: voluntary school contributions, excursions, sport, curriculum related expenses, extra curricula activities, visiting performances and full school invoice payment.
A reminder though, online payments for P&C activities and the uniform shop cannot be made. P&C and uniform shop payments will continue to be made in the usual way, with money placed in a separate envelope and handed to the school office on Tuesday and Thursday.
To make a payment online for school related expenses, parents need to go to the front page of the school website. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. For further information about how to make a payment online, please see the relevant information on the school website or contact the school office.

CUT-OFF DATES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS
With our new online payment method in progress, we ask parents to ensure that payment for excursions and activities is made no later than the due date, as specified on permission notes. Payment by the due date assists the school to organise activities without the last minute complication of late payment and notes. Your assistance in helping us to manage this process more efficiently is greatly appreciated.

PERMISSION NOTES ON SCHOOL WEBSITE
A new addition to our school website includes a tab which provides parents with access to school permission notes for excursions and activities. Often we are required to print additional copies of notes which have been misplaced or not taken home by students. Parents can now find these important permission notes and print them from the school website.

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION
A reminder to parents, it is important to notify the school about your child’s health and update school medical records if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. This will assist us to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the office.

If your child has asthma or anaphylactic reactions, it is your responsibility to update your child’s medical plan (including photo) and medications.

Please also remember to notify the office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The school P&C will hold their annual Trivia Night on Friday 22 August at 7.00pm in the school hall. Tickets cost $15.00 and they are available to purchase through the P&C. Payment for tickets is due to the school office by Thursday 14 August. A reminder however, the Trivia Night is only for adults. Children are not permitted to attend this event. The P&C would greatly appreciate any donations to be used as prizes for games, lucky dips and auctions on the night. Please assist if
you can or if you have contacts with a local business, they may be able to assist with donations. Please see the school website for further information about the Trivia Night.

VEHICLES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
School grounds must be safe for children despite various areas being available for use by vehicles. Students, parents and visitors to our school need to be aware of the need to take special care when driving through the school driveway. Children are more vulnerable pedestrians, so particular care must be taken when driving near them. They are more susceptible to vehicle related accidents because:

- they can be impulsive and have little sense of danger;
- their thinking and sensing skills may not be fully developed;
- they may not have the developmental skills to identify safe places to cross the road or driveway;
- they do not always behave in a consistent or predictable manner; and
- they may be small and not visible over a parked car or from the car.

The school has developed clear guidelines for parent drop off and pick up of students which are regularly communicated to students at school and to parents in the school newsletter. Teacher supervision in the afternoon pick up area also ensures student dismissal procedures are followed. Please assist us by using the school driveway safely and supporting teachers in the afternoon pick up as they manage this often busy and stressful time of day.

SOUTHERN STARS
This year our Stage 3 students will once again participate in Southern Stars, performing in combined dance items. Southern Stars brings together more than 2,500 students from across Southern NSW in an arena styled performance event. The theme this year is “We Believe”. The performance, an inspiring and energetic mix of dancers, vocalists, orchestras, bands, choirs and other outstanding young performers from across the region, is held annually at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

There are three performances available to the public, Friday 29 August at 7.30pm and Saturday 30 August at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are available through ticketmaster and are priced as follows: Child under 12 $27.00, Pensioner/Student $38.00, Adult $48.00 and Family $140.00

As well, we have a group of students K-6 who will attend the closed school performance of Southern Stars to be part of the audience at the Friday matinee. This is sure to be an enjoyable event that you can’t miss!

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
Pleasant Heights Public School has once again been enrolled in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. All students from Years 2-6 have been involved in preliminary rounds within their own classes using spelling words from Semester 1. The finals will be held in the school hall on Thursday 7 August.

The official Premier’s Spelling Bee list of words for the finals are available to download from the Spelling Bee website through the links page on our school website. Please contact your child’s teacher to access the user name and password. A Spelling Bee App is also available for free download. Other spelling resources including “Most Commonly Misspelt Words” are available from the same website. Good luck to all students and happy spelling!

KINDERGARTEN 2015
Do you have a child who is ready to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015? Do you know any children who are ready to begin Kindergarten in 2015? Mrs Knobel is coordinating the Kindergarten Orientation Program and is currently making arrangements. Please come and enrol as soon as possible. Application forms are available from the office.

Classes for 2015 are being planned NOW!

Daliya Phipps
Relieving Principal
SRC – KIDZWISH FUNDRAISER

On Thursday 7th August, the SRC is organising a Mufti Day to raise money for Kidzwish. Students should bring a gold coin donation to help us raise money for this worthy cause.

Kidzwish is a local charity that supports the needs of disabled, sick and disadvantaged children in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. KidzWish provides a range of services and programs to help these children including speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, a sports academy, a music & dance program, a sibling and carers program, and the love and laughter appeals program. Without the support of KidzWish, many children would not get the help they need.

Students may wear appropriate mufti. Please be aware that if your child is wearing inappropriate clothing, parents will be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothes to the school.

Thank you for supporting the SRC and Kidzwish.

PHPS SRC Assembly Awards

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Personal Best Awards

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze recently. Gold students will receive their badges at the special Gold Assembly on Wednesday 25th June at 10.30am. Silver and Bronze students will receive their certificates at the next assembly.

GOLD

| Level 1 | Harry W, Charlie W, Jessie P, |
| Level 2 | Joshua R, Bronte W, Harmony D, Ella W, Alicia M |
| Level 3 | Macey A, Samantha P, Bianca K, Samara W, |
| Level 4 | Kathryn W, Alex C, Charlie E, |
| Level 5 | Tahlia L, Tenaya H |

SILVER

| Level 1 | Eva G, Rubin G |
| Level 2 | Darine H, Charlie K, Oliver M, Ayeesha M |
| Level 3 | Thomas O, Charlotte T, Emma G |
| Level 4 | Jessica M, Daniel S, Omar M, Jaron P, Neha K, Emily P, Faisal S, Gillian A, Oliver L, Sophie T, Ayrton S, |
| Level 6 | Rachel A |

BRONZE

| Level 3 | Anna N, Lily C, Mika T, |
| Level 4 | Chloe S, |
| Level 5 | Angus C |
On Wednesday 13th August PHPS will celebrate books and reading with our Book Week Events.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Book Week Dress-Up Parade and Picnic lunch as well as having the chance to purchase books from our Book Fair.

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<td>11.15-12.00</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Picnic lunch (with families) Book Fair open to visiting families</td>
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<td>1.55-3.00</td>
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<td>‘World’s Apart’ Performance K-6 ($6)</td>
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To celebrate the day children in years K-6 may choose to dress-up as any book character that they like.

This day will also include the annual Book Fair in the library, whereby students and families can purchase from Carnival Books. Students will visit the Book Fair before the day to view possible books for purchasing. Students will then bring home a ‘Wish List’ and order information. Families may or may not choose to purchase books from this list.

If students or families wish to purchase a book to donate to the school library there will be donation name stickers available. Any book donations to the library would be very much appreciated.

WORLDS APART is a musical that features a selection of the 2014 Children’s Book Council Shortlisted books and explores how, in an ever changing world, books remain a consistent way to connect with others and celebrates the fact that a good story is timeless. This performance is for all students K-6 and is part of the school’s library and literacy curriculum. The cost per student is $6.00. Please complete the form previously sent home.

Thank you for your support.

Annabel Ecroyd (Teacher-Librarian)
60 Years of Education

Lighting the Way to a Better World

Week

28 July – 1 August 2014
Last year’s Trivia Night was a fun night and we have an even bigger, better night planned for this year – now to be held in the school hall.

Tables seat 8 people but if you can’t raise a table yourself, we can help you join one. We can even have a table for your child’s year – a great way to meet other parents of the school. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed table. No children are permitted due to the consumption of alcohol.

To make the night successful, we need prizes for the games, lucky dip, and auctions. Please assist us by seeking local businesses for donations, or making a donation on behalf of your family. We would appreciate any prizes for the night to be handed in to the school office before 14th August.

Payment is due by Thursday 14th August. Please submit in an envelope marked Trivia Night. Contact pleasantheightspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.com.au for more details.

Please fill in the relevant details and return this form with your payment to the School Office.

- Contact name __________________________  Phone number___________________________
- I enclose full amount of $ _________________
- I would like to book __ table(s) for __ people under the name of ______________________
- I would like to join a table. Names of people to join ________________________________
  Please add me to the year K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 table (please circle one)
- I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of $15 (enclosed)
At the PHPS School Hall
3 Alvan Parade, Mount Pleasant

Friday 22nd August 2014
7pm Start
Tables of 8 BYO Drinks & Nibblies

Tickets $15 from the P&C (information on school website)
Prizes for best decorated table
Plenty of games and prizes on the night!
On Monday, 4th August
the Responsible Pet Education Program
is coming to visit you at your school!

My pet dog will be coming
to help teach you how to
be safe around dogs and
how to say hello to dog
with their owners!

There will be lots of
listening, role plays,
singing and some
dancing.

My dog may even
meet you during the visit.

This is a free activity for all K-2 students. If you do not
wish for your child to participate could you please let the
school know as soon as possible.