Dear Parents and Carers

A fond farewell
Another year has swiftly gone by, and we are once again farewelling students from our school community. Joe, Guemil, Rhys and Joe have all attended Passfield Park School for many years and we have all enjoyed watching them grow into young adults ready to move into new opportunities in the new year. On behalf of all the staff of Passfield Park School, may I congratulate you all on successfully receiving your HSC, learning to be part of the wider community and for enriching the lives of all of us throughout the years. We’ll miss you all, and look forward to hearing about your new ventures in the years to come.

Farewell also to your families who have been tremendous partners with the school for many years. We’ll miss you too, and hope that you’ll let us know how the students are faring next year – easy in Joe’s case as Mark will still be at the school.

Classes for 2013
I hope that everyone has received their child’s report, along with a picture of their proposed class for 2013. A lot of time and thought goes in to matching students, teachers and SLSOs – yet still a new student or a sudden transfer of a staff member can cause changes. Please bear this in mind when talking about 2013 with the students, as things happen to change the best of plans!

Happy Holidays
School finishes for all our students on Wednesday, 19th December. Staff has two professional development days after this.

Students return to school on Wednesday, 30th January after the staff development day on Tuesday 29th.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday, full of all the things you enjoy. Thanks everyone for your continued support in working together to achieve the very best results for all of our students and I look forward to working with you all next year. Thanks to all the staff for a great year and I look forward to our successes in 2013 and beyond!

Julie Raciborska
Principal

Diary Dates........
19/12 Last day of school for students
30/1/13 First day of school for students

Presentation Day Photos

Check out our school website
www.passfield-s.schools.nsw.edu.au
Christmas is upon us once more, and we can’t believe how quickly this year seems to have passed. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all the students in Blue class this year and seeing the progress and achievements they have all made. Now that presentation day, the formal and the swimming carnival are now finished, we are in full Christmas mode! Morning circle songs now include those with Christmas themes and we are busy making cards and presents. On Monday, we have a visit planned to Pizza Hut for our end of year party. We are all looking forward to having a lovely lunch—and maybe a visit to the park on the way back to school. The swimming carnival was a fantastic day and we are proud of the achievements and behaviour of Blue Class students on the day. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Mat and Michele

White Class show their True Colours

It is hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. White Class, along with fellow students, participated in the school swimming carnival. All students participated in swimming and novelty races. All students in White Class have worked well this year. Their academic efforts were rewarded with certificates for both class effort and subject effort. White Class students showed their performance ability when we joined Purple and Blue Classes to ring the chime bells or sign ‘True Colours’ at our Presentation Day on Tuesday. We are going to enjoy ‘Hungry Jacks’ on Friday and are having a class Christmas party on Tuesday. The staff of White Class wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Olena and Kris

Pizzas for Blue Class

Swimming Success in Green Class

Last week’s swimming carnival was a great day. Students enjoyed freestyle, backstroke, kickboard and noodle races, the ball scramble as well as splashing around and having lots of fun during free time. There were some very competitive races between Jesse, Ronnan and Chance in the big pool where the boys all swam the 25m distance very well and then enjoyed socialising with their high school friends between races. Thank you Mr Fleming for organising such a wonderful day! It was lovely to see so many parents at Presentation day this year. I hope you enjoyed seeing Green Class’ singing and signing performance and I’m sure you would agree they did a wonderful job. Congratulations to Aimee and her high school peers on their wonderful performance and the manner in which they represented the school at this year’s Schools Spectacular. Well done! We commend all the students in Green Class. They have worked hard throughout the year and should be very proud of their efforts and achievements. Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support. We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in 2013.

Di, Narelle and Rob
Plenty to do in Pink Class
This year has flown past and is almost at an end, but the last few weeks of term offer plenty of activity and excitement, with the swimming carnival, Presentation Day, an excursion to Lollipop’s Playland and a pirate day. At the swimming carnival, with assistance, students participated in a noodle, kick board, freestyle, backstroke and walking raced and ball scramble. Most students’ favourite time was the free time to play in the pool after all the races had finished.

In early November, a visit from Bowral Farmyard Friends provided the opportunity for students to pat and handle lambs, baby goats, piglets, rabbits, guinea pigs, ducklings and chickens. Initially some students were cautious, but became more confident as the session progressed. Some students were even happy to bottle feed a baby goat.

As a treat, at the end of our last bowling session for the year, students enjoyed a bowl of hot chips at the bowling alley. 2012 has been a productive year, with all students enjoying school, working hard and having fun. We hope all students and their families have a happy and safe Christmas and holiday period and we look forward to next year.

Orange Class are exceptionally exceptional
A fun and active day was had by all as the students of Orange Class participated in the various events offered at the school swimming carnival last week. With the strong emphasis on participation, the carnival was a real success with everyone having a go. In this wonderful atmosphere of positivity, the students in Orange Class certainly enjoyed the day and was a good way to finish their year together. This year, Orange Class comprised of six students from Year 2 to Year 4, who all inspire me every day by their shining personalities, energetic pursuit of knowledge and their commitment to learning. I am very proud of each student’s successes. I would like to take a moment to thank Julie, Narelle, Chris, Rachael, Naomi, Rami, Jenny and many others for their hard work, skill and support they have provided to promote the students of Orange Class’ learning. We all have been encouraged by every student’s hard work, enthusiasm and progress. We have marvelled at their strengths, drive to learn and their tenacity to achieve.

Congratulations on your progress Emily, Cassandra, Zeke, Aaron, Connor and Aidan.
I cannot believe the end of year has come so fast. Stay safe over the holiday and I will always re-
Christmas creativity in Red Class

Another school year has come to an end and Red class has got into full Christmas mode! Morning circle includes Christmas songs and stories and we are enjoying cooking Christmas treats and making cards, decorations and presents. The students showed their swimming skills by entering the various races on Swimming Carnival Day. They enjoyed freestyle, backstroke, kickboard and noodle races and the ball scramble as well as had a great time playing with peers and cooling off during free time.

We enjoyed ‘Hungry Jacks’ on Wednesday and are having our class Christmas pizza party with Orange and Green classes on Tuesday, in Week 11.

Red Class has had a great year. All students have made impressive accomplishments and have developed many skills. It has been very exciting to see them strive hard to achieve their individual targeted goals. Congratulations to Darren, Leiatia and Jacob on their awards for this year. Well done!

The invaluable support of parents and carers throughout the year is much appreciated. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in 2013.

Sukhraj and Julie

Cooking up a Christmas storm in Silver Class

As the school year nears the end and it gets closer to Christmas, Silver Class has been involved in many Christmas themed activities. The students have made mini Christmas puddings, chocolate balls, Christmas chocolates and cookies. In craft we have made lovely gifts for the parents and decorations for the tree. We all enjoy singing Christmas songs and are looking forward to a visit from Santa.

Silver, Pink and Yellow Classes had an exciting Pirate Day today. We went on a treasure hunt, followed a map and looked at directions, then had a pirate party to celebrate the end of the year with the teachers, family and friends.

Presentation Day was a great success and I’d like to congratulate Phillip and Claire on receiving certificates and Vito for receiving the book award. It is a very hard task for a teacher to only choose three winners when all students are achieving in their own ways.

I have had a fantastic year teaching Silver Class and I thank all the students for the good times and Sharon for her support and for all she contributes to our class. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sarah and Sharon
Farmyard friends for Yellow Class

What an exciting time we had when the farm visited our school. All the students enjoyed the experience. Nusayba loved to pat all the animals and they responded to her love. Dyllan delighted in feeding the goats, carrots and they were so enthusiastic that they nearly knocked him over. Jackson had the sheep on his knees but really laughed when he was caught in the rain. Mahib chased nearly all of the animals but was gentle with the duckling. Kaley found the toy tractor much more interesting. Logan liked petting the animals in their cage. Rebecca held the pig. The rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens sat on the students and were so tame. The kids and lambs were so cuddly and loved being fed. Only the little black pig thought he could escape.

Yellow Class has had a great year and now are looking forward to a long holiday.

Alison and Mandy

Purple Class are Spectacular

Congratulations to all of Purple Class students for their success this year. They have all worked hard and made progress in developing their independence and maturity. It was lovely to have so many parents at Presentation Day to see the students receive recognition for their achievements. Three weeks ago Guemil, Daniel, Jessica and Joe Roach were involved in the Schools Spectacular and gave fantastic performances. It was a very tiring three days but a wonderful experience for all involved. If you would like to see the performance the highlights show will be shown on ABC1 on Sunday, 16th December at 6:00pm and the full show will be on ABC2 on New Year’s Eve at 7:00pm. Keep an eye out for Daniel on centre stage in the finale. To see some more photos go to schoolsspectacular.com.au and go to the image gallery.

We had lots of fun at the swimming carnival last week. Everyone joined in swimming, noodle, walking and kickboard races as well as the ball scramble. We also had free time to play in the pools and we challenged White Class to a game of volleyball with Purple Class emerging the winners.

We are looking forward to ending the year with bowling and lunch at Campbelltown City Bowl this week. We are sad to be saying goodbye to Guemil, Joe, Rhys and Joe and their families. It has been lovely having them in Purple Class this year and we will miss them all.

Merry Christmas to all our families and have a safe and happy holiday.

Alison, Jan and Jeanette
Congratulations to our students of the week

Shada  Zac  Dipta  Nusayba
Norm  Hal  Daniel  Kaley
Jessica  Andrew  Jayden  Raya
Jeremy  Brookz  Darren  Joseph