Dear Parents and Carers

Gold, gold, gold for Passfield Park!

What a great day we had on Tuesday 31st July for our Education Week open day – an Olympic opening ceremony and games where everyone tried to go faster, higher and longer as we tried many sports with a twist – thinking about how Paralympians compete at the highest levels. Many thanks to our families who came to support the students and a big thanks to all staff for their hard work on the day that was great fun – rounded off with a sausage sizzle and sing-along. Thanks everyone – it’s great to belong to such a united school community.

Golden Performances

On Tuesday, 24th July, a group of our High School students performed at ‘The Fire in the Fields’ performing arts showcase at James Meehan HS. Our students sang, signed and played tuned bells to the song ‘I am Australian’, and were superb. So superb that on very short notice they were asked to perform at the Regional Ambassadors celebration evening at Revesby Workers Club on Thursday, 2nd August. That performance was met with a standing ovation from an audience of close to one thousand people. As our School Education Director, Peter Phelps, said, the students were SENSATIONAL! Congratulations to all – those who went on the night and all the other students who practised but could not attend on the day.

Disco Dazzlers

Last Friday, 3rd August, our parent committee organised and ran a lovely disco from 5-6.30. It was hard to count the students, but I think we had almost 30 students and siblings enjoying a disco, a snack and a play. It was great to see family members all staying to support their children and to spend some time chatting to each other. We are planning another disco next term – watch out for a note, and many thanks to the parent team who worked together to put on such a great event!

Golden Dollars

And there’s more! For the second year in a row, our school came second in the Macarthur Square challenge, and received a cheque for seven thousand dollars. This money is being set aside for a new school bus that will be able to transport our students in wheelchairs too. To come second for two years in a row is an amazing effort by all our shoppers – thank you everyone so much for supporting our students, and for getting friends and colleagues to support Passfield Park School.

Gems

I have deliberately not named names in my mentions of exciting events so far this term, as I have been really touched by the fantastic work of all the staff at Passfield Park School. Whether it’s rehearsing performances, taking students to events, making the school look great, ensuring that the needs of families are met with a timely piece of advice, I cannot name one person who has not gone the extra mile to enable our school to achieve great things in the community and in each and every classroom. Thank you everyone – if there was a gold medal for caring and teamwork, Passfield Park School would win it!

Student voice

Six students from Purple and White Classes have participated in a day of discussions and activities at Beverley Park School, along with representatives from Beverley Park and Mary Brooksbank Schools, and Leumeah High School. All of our students have joined together discuss what makes a good teacher and to produce some artworks for our school. Congratulations to Guemil, Daniel, Andrew, Jeremy, Shada and Jessica.

School Rules

With all the celebrations and successes across the school, it’s good to remember that this is built upon fabulous teaching and positive behaviour expectations. At school we have five rules that are displayed in the playgrounds and classrooms – these are

- Be kind and friendly.
- Play safely.
- Listen, do as you are asked the first time.
- Use good manners.
- Stay in your area.

These rules are for our playgrounds and ensure that students can play safely and happily. Sometimes students need reminders to follow the rules, and sometimes may need to sit on our ‘Red Doors’ in order to think about their behaviour. Staff does not talk with students until they have settled down after sitting at the Red Door, then the incident is discussed with the student at the student’s level of development. Talking to the student while he/she is on the Red Door can often escalate their behaviour, which is the very thing we do not want to happen. Dealing with playground behaviours in this way results in the happy school we all enjoy each day, and we thank you for supporting the staff and students to keep our school safe and happy.

Kind regards,

Julie
**Diary Dates**

- August 25th: Trivia Night
- September 10th: Vaccinations
- November 2nd: High school Formal
- November 23/24th: School Spectacular

**Peanut Allergy**

Just a reminder not to pack peanut related foods for your child to bring to school. This includes nutella sandwiches. Some of our students have severe peanut allergies. Thank you for your consideration.

**Go4Fun**

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!

- Do you have children 7-13 years old?
- Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over school term for children and their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more!

South Western Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.mendcentral.org and click on ‘Australia & NZ’.

**Saver Plus**

Would $500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.

The Benevolent Society is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible if you or your partner have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Contact Liz Tinney, your local Saver Plus Worker:
4633 3722 / 0407 310 205 or lizt@bensoc.org.au.

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

**Check out our school website**

www.passfield-s.schools.nsw.edu.au
Pink Class gets sporty

All Pink Class students happily and readily adjusted back into school routine after their holiday break and what a busy and interesting start it has been to Term 3. During community story time at Minto Library on Friday of Week 2, as well as the regular program consisting of a story presented on the Interactive Whiteboard, singing time, a story read aloud from a book and an art/craft activity, there was a special activity to celebrate Tree Day. All the children present took part in making a banner. They pasted small squares of coloured paper onto the banner to cover specific areas and had their hands painted with a roller and then made hand prints on the banner. They all waited patiently for their turn as there were quite a number of children from the local community also participating. Students participated well in our special Paralympics Day where, after the opening parade ceremony, they completed seven rotations of various gross motor activities around the school. Activities included races, throwing activities, ball rolling activities, blind soccer and sitting volleyball. We hope that parents who were able to attend enjoyed the day. On Wednesday of Week 3, Pink Class had their first session of Ten Pin Bowling at Campbelltown City Bowl. They were all very excited and had a great time. For some it was their very first time at a bowling alley. They liked seeing their names up on the screen and Jesse loved guessing how many pins he would knock over and then watching the scores come up.

Cheryl, Sonia and Rob

Team New Zealand in Silver

We welcome our new class member, Ben Winner, to Silver Class as he settles in to our routine. In our first week back we celebrated Vito’s 6th birthday with a class party. We played pass the parcel, dancing and enjoyed some cookie monster cakes. For HSIE we have been investigating things and places that are special to us at school and recognising and identifying special places in our community. On Friday, 27th July, during our Story Time at Minto Library the students celebrated National Tree Day by collaboratively creating a banner with collage and painted hand prints. On Tuesday, 31st July, the students had a magnificent day as they participated in Passfield Park’s Paralympics. Silver Class did a great job of representing New Zealand and were enthusiastic participants in all the activities.

Sarah and Sharon
Future Olympians in White Class

White class has had a great start to term 3 with our extra-curricular activities. Selected students from White, Purple and Blue classes performed in Fire in the Fields at Macquarie Fields. Their outstanding performance resulted in an invitation to perform at the Public Education Ambassadors Ceremony at Revesby. We are all looking forward to this event.

We also participated in the Prime Minister’s Olympic and Paralympic Challenges. The students had a taste of all the activities and we will complete all the activities as part of our Physical Education program.

Birthday wishes to Ben and Blair who celebrated their birthdays during the holidays.

Olena and Kris

Red Class are learning about life

Red class has been making minestrone soup in cooking. We are getting a lot of practice grating carrots and zucchini, chopping onions and tomatoes and of course, eating our healthy and filling soup.

On Tuesday, 31st of August Red Class enthusiastically participated in our Mini Paralympic Gala Day. We represented India and enjoyed taking part in all the events. Our favourite event was athletics which was held on the Bike Track. We jumped hurdles, ran around the track and used bean bags as shot-put to see how far we could throw them.

This term we are doing gymnastics for sports at Yotala Gym in Leumeah. Everyone is keenly engaging in studying life cycle of a frog, singing animal songs and reading ‘story of a seed’ in Science.

Sukhraj, Anna & Julie
Performing Purple Class

It has been a very busy start to term. In our first week back we went to watch the Wheelchair Basketball World Challenge at Homebush with Australia's Gliders (women's team) defeating the Chinese team. We went back to Homebush in Week Three to watch the National Wheelchair Rugby Championships and had fun cheering on the NSW Gladiators even though they lost to The Enforcers. In Week Two we celebrated Joe Roach's 18th birthday with a bowling party. Happy Birthday Joe. In the same week some of the students performed at the Fire in the Fields concert at Glenquarie and did such a great job they were invited to perform at the Public Education Ambassadors Ceremony at Revesby Worker's Club last week, where they received a standing ovation for their wonderful performance. On our Paralympic Day Daniel and Guemil carried the Olympic flag for our Opening Ceremony and Jessica and Andrew carried the Olympic torch. We all had fun trying out different sports and activities such as bocce, blind soccer and seated volleyball. This week five students from Purple Class will represent our school at a Student Voice Forum involving Mary Brooksbank School, Beverley Park School and Passfield Park School. Community work experience will begin for some students this week while others will start next week. Sport this term will be bowling on Tuesdays beginning next week.

Alison, Jeanette and Jan

Anzac acknowledgement in Green

Green Class has had a very energetic start to Term 3. Last week our students enjoyed our Paralympic Gala Day as well as a Multi Sports Day at Minto Stadium. The Netherlands was Green Class' chosen country for the Paralympic Gala Day. Students wore orange bandanas, the national colour of the Netherlands, around their necks and made a flag to carry to the opening ceremony. They participated in a variety of Paralympic sports and enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch with our visiting parents and family members.

On Friday at the Multi Sports Day our students enjoyed learning new skills in rugby league, AFL, basketball, T ball and golf as well as meeting some of the Wests Tigers. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and it was wonderful to see our students encouraging one another and cheering each other's achievements.

Thank you to all those who attended our Education Week activities and our Multi Sports Day. We hope you enjoyed your time with us.

Di, Narelle and Rob
Working hard in Yellow Class

After as great holiday Yellow Class is back and doing hard work again. We have been looking at the Olympics, its history and the venue this year, London. We are very impressed with the red double deck buses and the pictures of the new stadium. On Tuesday our school held its own Olympic Games. Our class decided to be Sweden because their national costume has a lot of yellow on it. The girls wore yellow aprons and flowers in their hair while the boys wore blue vests and yellow headbands. We loved all the games but especially enjoyed the athletics where we did running races, jumped the hurdles and threw the shotput. We all tried our hardest and we were all awarded a ribbon for our efforts.

This term we will be going swimming for sport. We are planning to train so we will one day be Olympians.

Cheryl Julie & Naiomi

Blue Class

Mrs Solway has been on class for the first part of this term and has enjoyed her time with Blue class and sends a great big thank you to Michele for all her support. We also welcome back Mr Fleming who has combined visiting family with having an awesome holiday while we have been working hard at school. Blue and White Class celebrated Zac's birthday in July. A great time was had by all.

On Paralympics day Tuesday 31 July Blue class chose to fly the Iraq flag and wore their red, black and white colours. We also made a video of Marwan singing the Iraq National Anthem. Ethan and Taylor were also part of the High School group that performed at Fire in the Field and people were so impressed they were asked to perform at the Revesby Workers Club Ambassadors presentation to which the performance of "We are Australians" presented by Passfield Park received a Standing Ovation.

Glenda and Michele

Olympic action in Orange Class

It is good to see all the students back after the holidays and Orange Class has had a few exiting changes this term already. A new student Zeke has arrived and Orange Class have welcomed him into his new class. They have also farewelled one of the class mates as Dyllan has moved on to Yellow Class. Orange Class has also celebrated Cassandra's birthday with a party and games last week.

This term already Orange Class has been learning about the Olympics, the athletes, were the Olympics will be held and they have already created some sensational artworks and models of the athletes in action.

Cheryl Julie & Naiomi

Alison and Kris
Congratulations to our students of the week:

- Daniel
- Jacob
- Julian
- Zac
- Aidan
- Shada
- Andrew
- Daniel
- Chance
Fire up your brain!!!
(or buy an answer)

Campbelltown Senior Citizens
Trivia Night
and auction
for

Passfield Park School
to be held at
Campbelltown and District Senior
Citizens and Pensioners Welfare Club
91 Queen Street, Campbelltown
(old Library building)
August 25, 2012
6:45 for 7:00pm start

$10
per head

for a great night where you could win prizes
(tea, coffee & biscuits provided)

Please call Cheryl on 9820 1700 to book
You may wish to organise a team of 6 or 8
or provide names to join one of our teams
Lots of fun activities!!!!
Please BYO drinks and nibblies.