Dear Parents and Carers

Trivia Night
Our trivia night was a really great chance to spend an evening with friends from the wider school community and raise some funds to replace our bus with one that is wheelchair accessible, and automatic! On our way to making an amazing $4500, a lot of fun was had answering the questions, sharing food and bidding for donated items.

It was a great night and a real tribute to the teamwork from many people across the school. Many thanks to all who attended, all who donated, and all who bought auction items. The challenge is now on for a bigger and better trivia night next year – do join us next winter for an evening of fun for a really good cause.

Creative and Performing Arts
Our high school students have performed beautifully at the Macarthur District Eisteddfod this week, and are now working on another item to perform with their unique blend of singing, signing and playing tuned percussion bells. Many thanks to all staff involved in achieving a high standard of performance, with particular thanks to Ms Tori McGuiness, a casual teacher at the school, who has written the music to enable the students to play their bells.

We are very proud of our gifted artist, Chance in Green Class, who is currently displaying a work at the Operation Art 2012 exhibition at Sydney Olympic Park. Chance has drawn a detailed picture of a pirate ship that hangs with works from other students across the state. Congratulations, Chance!

I would encourage families to visit the free exhibition at the Amory Gallery, Jamieson Street, Newington. Not only are there beautiful pictures to enjoy, there is the most amazing playground to spend some time in too – very tempting for children and adults alike with a wide variety of equipment to climb and swing on.

Sports
The students are looking forward to our annual carnival with Mary Brooksbank and Beverley Park Schools. We’re looking forward to a day of friendly rivalry and races and hope that parents will join us for a great day.

Diary Dates

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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.

Triple P—Positive Parenting Program
Notes went out this week inviting families to be part of a Positive Parenting Program we shall be running next term. The program will allow families to share their experiences and learn techniques for making home a happy place. It will be lead by trained staff from ADHC and DEC, and will be supported by staff from school. Please book your place as soon as possible and get ready for eight weeks of learning and sharing which will give each family skills and resources – a great positive experience in the run up to the long summer break.

Holiday Playgroup
A final reminder that there will be a play session at school on Thursday, September 19 from 10:00-12:00. Please let us know if you will be attending so that we can organize equipment and activities. After a fun and successful disco earlier this term, I would encourage you to come along with your child and enjoy participating in activities with them whilst also spending time with other parents and carers. See you there!

Julie Raciborska
Principal

Check out our school website
www.passfield-s.schools.nsw.edu.au
Pink Class students are a pleasure to take on trips outside the school. During our regular Tuesday shopping trips, we have been practising walking with the group and staying behind the adult who is leading and in front of the adult who is at the back of the group. Students have become very good at holding their partner’s hand while walking in safe areas and also walking sensibly holding a staff member’s hand near roads and traffic. With the lovely weather we have become more adventurous and have been discovering alternate routes to the mall.

All Pink Class students have enjoyed going bowling this term. While travelling to and from bowling on the school bus, Julian entertains everyone by singing various verses of ‘The Wheels on the Bus’. Most students can put on and take off their bowling shoes independently and have improved their bowling skills. It is encouraging see students putting their fingers correctly in the holes of the bowling balls and carrying the heavy balls with two hands. Rehannan bowls without a ramp but the majority of students use a ramp to launch the balls most of the time but are also experimenting with bowling without a ramp. Jesse practises reading the scoreboard and working out how many pins he has knocked down and how many he has left to knock down.

The term has passed so quickly and we hope students and their families have a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to another exciting and busy term next term.

Cheryl, Sonia and Rob

Plenty of performances for Purple Class

We are all looking forward to the holidays after a very busy but fun filled and exciting term. Students from the high school classes have been involved in another performance at the Macarthur District Eisteddfod as well as participating in a Disability Dance Workshop and a trip to Campbelltown Show. All of Purple Class gave a great performance at our school assembly this term and have represented our school with pride at the various events in the community.

To finish the term Purple Class will be celebrating Jessica’s 17th birthday, going to Get Active Macarthur Day, the Combined Sports Carnival and the movies. Our Footy tipping competition has finished and we congratulate Shada on winning with a score of 269. In second place was Terry on 261 with Daniel and Denae equal third with 241 points. Well done Shada! We hope you all have a lovely holiday and students return refreshed and ready for another busy term.

Alison, Jeanette and Jan
We like to move it, move it in Red Class
Red Class has enjoyed participating in gymnastics this term for sports at Yotala Gym. Students keenly looked forward to these sessions on Thursday mornings. Each of them is making dramatic progress in their skills on the equipment. There has been some beautiful singing and signing going on in Red class in preparation for our assembly item in Week 2, Term 4. Students find the Smart-board extremely engaging in reading/singing the lyrics of the song. Each student loves to come to the front of the class and sing and sign to their peers. Another thing the class has found exhilarating is dancing to the song, 'I like to Move it' from the movie The Lion King. The rhythm in their body movements and singing is infectious. Red class is having a great end to Term 3. In Term 4, we are going swimming to Eagle Vale pool for Sports.

We wish all students and their parents and carers an awesome spring break.

Exciting show day for White Class
Students from White Class had an enjoyable day at the Campbelltown City Show. Shada and Blair braved the Twister and looked a bit green when they got off. We all marvelled at the stunts performed by the motorbike riders but were a bit hesitant when looking into the snake enclosure. The students enjoyed feeding the baby animals and gave them straw or pellets. The mice eating a loaf of bread was a big hit. The mice were eating from the inside of the loaf out and it looked as if they had made a home. We enjoyed buying lunch and choosing a show bag.

On Monday, selected students from Purple and Blue classes joined us at the Macarthur Eisteddford. Once again the students performed brilliantly with the adjudicator and a number of schools commending us on our performance. We are looking forward to going to Get Active Macarthur on Thursday and the Sports Carnival on Friday.

Birthday wishes go to Mark. Purple and Blue classes joined us for a party. With school holidays starting at the end of next week, we wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Olena and Kris

Blue Class has been using iPads and visuals to aid communication in speaking and listening activities. We use visuals to create sentences about what we have done at the weekend and deliver them in brief presentations to the rest of the class. The iPads have been loaded with software (Proloquo2go) to aid students in making personal choices, as well as with options for key events in the day. Blue class have a hectic end to term with plenty of scheduled activities including the Combined Sports Carnival, Get Active Macarthur, Bandaged Bear Day and Travel Bugs. Next term we will change to our summer menu in the canteen program. Hot food (party pies and sausage rolls) will be exchanged for cold items (zooper doopers and fruit and jelly cups). We thank you for your continued support of our canteen program. Some of the photos to the right are from our bowling sessions this year. Next term we plan to have swimming sessions at a local pool. We plan to work on our swimming skills and enjoy sensory time in the water.

Sukhraj, Anna & Rachel

Busy Bees in Blue Class

Mat and Michele
Silver Class has been learning about special things at home and at school, places in their community and community helpers. The students really enjoyed role play and showed understanding of some of the tasks our community workers undertake. We are looking forward to our excursion to our local park and fast food outlet in Week 10! In cooking, the students have created some delicious breakfast meals such as fruit salad, fruit yoghurt, toast and smoothies. Yum yum! In music and dance, we have been using percussion instruments and practiced making a simple beat and using dance to identify and locate many parts of our body. It has been lots of fun! We have also been practicing our communication techniques and fine motor skills. The students have a great imagination when using play dough, have threaded some groovy necklaces and bracelets and have shown a greater interest in drawing and colouring. Our class has been using the Proloquo2go app on the iPads to form sentences, learning and practicing new signs and some students using their Go Talks and Super Talkers to communicate effectively with the teachers and their peers. And what a difference it has made.

Sarah and Sharon

This year, Green Class has been visiting Sarah Redfern PS’s canteen as part of our money program. Everyone looks forward to the weekly visit. Each student has a wallet in which they place a visual of their canteen choice and a $2 coin. They then line up and wait for their turn to proceed to the canteen window to make their purchase. After they receive their purchase they place their change and visual back in their wallet and sit quietly while their classmates have a turn. The class then returns to school to enjoy their snack. It is wonderful to see how each students’ confidence and independence has grown over the year. We would like to congratulate Chance whose artwork is currently being exhibited at The Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park as part of Operation Art 2012. Well done, Chance!

Di, Narelle, Mandy and Rob
**Taking a dip in Yellow Class**

This term has been a great adventure in Yellow Class. For sport, we have been using the Beverley Park School hydro-therapy pool. The only available time to use the pool was 1:00 pm on Thursdays so we have had a later afternoon. This hasn’t mattered as we love the pool so much. The pool is a heated indoor pool with all the hoists and changing equipment needed for our students. What an asset! Jackson and Rebecca have been enjoying the freedom of movement in the water and we have been using special floatation devices to assist their experience. We need to thank the parents who have helped with this program, Bianca, Anna, Christina and also Rebecca, Kris’s daughter. Without their support this program could not have happened. We hope to continue this next term. The other highlight of our week, is the Wednesday when it is our turn to use the iPads. Each student is able to use their own device and is fully engaged in operating and accessing the programs. We were delighted to see Rebecca deliberately change the screen. The iPads are a great learning tool and we are so lucky to have a school set. It has been a busy term and we are all looking forward to the holidays.

**Farewell to Leandra from Orange Class**

As Term 3 speeds by, Orange Class has been enjoying reading and working through Eric Carl’s ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ and we also explored the life cycle of a butterfly, number skills and literacy. This book fits in with what we have been learning in science about living things and in HSIE about time and change. We have learnt how to take care of both tadpoles and worms in conjunction with Green and Red Classes as we all share the upkeep of these small creatures. Orange Class has really enjoyed watching the tadpoles’ and worms’ growth, development and feeding of them. Recently, Orange Class celebrated Aaron’s birthday and last Friday we farewelled Leandra. We all will miss her very much but we are excited for her as she and her family move to their new house and school.

Cheryl, Julie & Naiomi

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Broderick Gillawarna School is running a Parent Workshop on Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 10:00am and all parents/carers are welcome to attend. Morning tea will from 10.45am. Select the session(s) that you would like to attend.

This will include presentations by:

10:00 – 11:00am
Occupational Therapist Alex Aguet: - Turn-taking

11:00 – 12:00
Naturopath Sienna Wolke – How to support your child’s dietary requirements 
- Tips for Fussy eaters

12:00 – 1:00pm
PSP Partnership Officer Fatima Amr—Increasing Home School Relations

1:00 – 2:00pm
Ipads in the classroom

For further information, please contact

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Congratulations to our students of the week

Thank you to Blue Class students for taking our photos