



## *Murray Farm 'Everyone's included'*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A part of our excellent school identity is our school uniform. The majority of our boys and girls wear full school uniform and I thank parents for their efforts to keep their children well decked out. Our uniform is a reflection of the pride we have in our school.

It is important that school uniform is worn for excursions, performances, band competitions and eisteddfods. Our uniform shop is providing a great service to our families and has recently sourced materials for our polo shirts and track suits that are more colour fast than in previous years. This means that the fabric will be less inclined to fade. When students are out in the community (especially when representing our school), they should look their best and consistent colour is important.

I would encourage everyone to make an effort in replacing fading and damaged uniforms and to maintain the pride we have in our appearance and our school. I have noticed a small number of different coloured

jackets this winter. Please make sure that winter jackets are school uniform. The School Uniform Shop is open at the front of the school every Tuesday morning from 8.30am and our uniform is also available from 'Lowes.'

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BANDS**

Last Sunday our three School Bands competed in the NSW Band Festival Competition. Congratulations to the Concert and the Beginner Bands for receiving Silver Awards and a very special congratulations to the Intermediate Band for receiving a Bronze Award. A great effort everyone! I listened to the adjudicator's comments on the performance of our bands and all bands played exceptionally well and sounded great.

Well-done boys and girls, Mr Darcy, tutors and Mrs Nelson. Thankyou for all of the parent support we received.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jane Nan Jian Bi of 3T for receiving The 2009 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages School. Well done Jane.

#### **NO ART AND CRAFT WEEKEND THIS YEAR**

This year will be the first year for 37 years that our school will not be holding an Art and Craft Weekend. We were unable to find a convenor to oversee the organisation for the weekend and as it is such a big event it was not practical to have an event without a co-ordinator.

Planning for the Art and Craft Exhibition for 2010 will commence in September. We are still seeking a convenor for the event and it is

hoped that someone will accept this position at our first meeting.

If you would like to help our school by taking on the role of convenor for either of these positions please contact the school on 9871 5952.

#### POSITIONS VACANT

Our school could not run as well as it does only for the great help and support we receive from parents as VOLUNTEERS. Our Cracker Carnival and Art and Craft committees need your help to fill some of the vacant positions to assist in making these activities run smoothly. We are in need of a convenor for the Cracker Carnival.

The role of the Cracker Carnival convenor is to conduct meetings leading up to the event in June and oversee the subcommittees which run their own team of workers for the event. This role is a coordination role.

We also need a convenor for the 2010 Art and Craft Exhibition and once again this position is a coordination role.

I hope you can help us in one of these roles so that these activities can continue for the benefit of our children.

#### P&C PURCHASES FOR THE SCHOOL

The P&C reported on some purchases they have approved for the school at the recent P&C meeting. They are planning to vote on other purchases in the coming P&C meetings.

Last week the P&C purchased new banners for our Sports Houses for use at carnivals as our other house banners were in disrepair and also have been misplaced. The P&C also purchased a new School Plan Sign to help direct people around the school. This will be placed near the car park.

The P&C will be considering the purchase of blinds for the windows and doors of the 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms. They will also be voting on provision of non-porous covers over the shade areas and the building of a new shade area over the handball area near the school car park.

#### STAFF CAR PARK

It has been noticed by parents and teachers that some parents are parking in the staff car park at 2.45pm to pick up their children. **I would ask those parents who are parking in the school car park to park in the surrounding streets along with all of the other parents of the school.** Children are not allowed to come into the school car park at any time because of the dangers involved.

Kindest Regards  
Colin Booth

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Leon Liu – 1S  
Renee Turco – 5N

#### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

David Nelson – 5H

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Thank you so much to all the families who have so promptly paid their Semester Two Statement of Accounts.

It would be appreciated if payment envelopes could be received at the office prior to 10.00am for receipting purposes.

Regards  
Sue Hackett

#### COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 2009

TERM 3	
24/08/09	Book Week
27/08/09	Hills Fest Choir Rehearsal @ Cherrybrook, K-6 Jump Rope Launch

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2009

This competition closes on 31 August (next Monday).

Your child needs to use their DET name and password (the one they use to log into the school computers), and put all the books they have read this year into the computer. Miss Gordon or I will then validate these.

Any entry recorded after the 31 August will not be validated.

Thank you  
Mrs Stevens and Miss Gordon

## NSW SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL

On Sunday the three school bands performed at the NSW School Band Festival. I would like to congratulate the bands on their performances and the way in which they presented themselves at the festival.

The Training Band met at NSW University at 8am and it was pleasing to see how many were there at that time on a Sunday morning. They all played their best performing "Old MacDonald Had a Band" and "Rock-a-saurus Rex".



Arya, Shrey and Amy show off the Training Band's Silver Award

The Intermediate Band struggled a little with the absence of one of their percussionists but worked together to give a good performance of "Dragon's Lair" and "The Simpsons".



Amy and Renee show off the Bronze Award for the Intermediate Band

The Concert Band gave their best performance ever to receive a Silver Award in the grade higher than they performed in last year.



Jerome, David and George and Mr D'Arcy show the Concert Band's Silver Award.

Cathy Nelson  
Band Coordinator

## CANTEEN

Volunteers for week beginning Monday 31 August.

**Monday 31/08/09** – Claudia Stanninger, **Help Needed**

**Tuesday 01/09/09** – Melaine Michalos, Shelley Wong

**Wednesday 02/09/09** – Jennifer Han, Michelle Azzo

**Thursday 03/09/09** – Sarah Hassarati, Jeffrey Tse

**Friday 04/09/09** – Joanne Power, Maria Chiofalo

Please ensure all lunch orders are written clearly in pen on a paper bag and handed into the Canteen before the 8.50am bell.

Thank you  
Ann and Kerri

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### *“Celebrating Multicultural Harmony”*

Hornsby Girls' High School  
invites you to our Multicultural Fair  
in the School grounds  
on Saturday, August 29, 2009  
from Noon to 5 pm  
in conjunction with HORNSBY ROTARY  
BOOK FAIR

- \* Fabulous Food from around the World
- \* Many Stalls selling a Variety of Goods (incl. 'white elephant', books, etc.)
- \* Cultural displays
- \* Delightful Performances in Dance and Music,
- \* Rides for Children of all Ages  
All Welcome

### **The Australian Youth Choir and The Australian Youth Dance Theatre - Singing Opportunities In 2010**

- \* Do you have a child who was born to perform?
  - \* Did your children delight you with their concerts during the holidays?
  - \* Perhaps they sing when they think you're not listening.
  - \* Do they move spontaneously when they hear music on the radio or TV?
  - \* Perhaps they watch all the current video shows and contests and yearn to join in.
- THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR AND THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH DANCE THEATRE can help to develop their interest and their skills.

We are currently holding auditions in your area for our 2010 intake.  
telephone 02 9808 5563 for an appointment.  
Our qualified choral staff are available to audition boys and girls aged seven at rehearsal centres in the following locations:  
Epping, Strathfield, Campbelltown,

Chatswood, Sans Souci, Waverley, Wentworthville, St Mary's & Newcastle.



A big thank you to the families and friends who have sponsored MS Readathon participants during the 30th year of the MS Readathon!

As students begin to close their books on this year's program it is now time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money-due date of August 31st, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum or dad.

Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323 to speak to the State Office.

### **Kids' Club is here!**

Come and have fun at Kids' Club on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6pm. It is held at West Pennant Hills Community Church which is at 41-43 Eaton Rd. West Pennant Hills. Enjoy games, craft and snack. Meet new friends. Become involved in a Christmas production based on 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. See you there! Enquiries to Beryl: 98711526