Afternoon one and all, I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. No doubt the many Panthers supporters in our school community are flying high, with the team currently occupying top spot on the ladder. They’re almost as good as our rugby league teams…..almost…..

**Semester 1 Student Reports**

Teachers are busily working on student reports for Semester 1; these will be distributed to students in sealed A4 envelopes on Wednesday 25 June (week 9). I would like to thank the staff for their diligence in ensuring that reports are a true and accurate reflection of each child’s strengths and areas of need. In each envelope you will find a feedback sheet; please complete this and return it to your child’s teacher.

**Punctuality**

Whilst we understand and appreciate that school day mornings can be chaotic, it is essential that all students arrive at school by 8:55am. Commencing the school day on time sets the tone for the remainder of the time and ensures that your child experiences the maximum amount of learning time available. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time every day.

**Sydney West Dance Festival**

Last week I had the privilege of watching our Senior Dance Group set the stage alight at the annual Sydney West Dance Festival, held at the Evans Theatre, Penrith. The boys and girls did a wonderful job and the smiles on their faces left no doubt that they were thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to perform for the appreciative audience. Thank you to Mrs Channing for the enormous amount of work she has directed towards the dancers; thank you also to her mum, Mrs Wells, for the great job she did with the costumes and to all of the parents who assisted in various ways. Congratulations students, you were awesome!

**3-6 Athletics Carnivals & K-2 Sports Carnival**

On Friday 20 June our 3-6 Field Events Carnival will be held at Warragamba Oval from 11:00am – 3:00pm, each child competing in high jump, long jump, discus and shot put. Given the tight schedule, students in Years 3-6 are asked not to order their lunch on the day, but should bring their own lunch from home. Parents are welcome to attend. On Friday 27 June the 3-6 Track Events Carnival will be held at the oval from 9:00am – 3:00pm, children competing in 100 metre, 200 metre, 800 metre and relay events. Lunch orders will be available on the day and parents are most welcome to attend. The K-2 Sports Day will also be held on Friday 27 June, with details to follow.
Pathway Construction
Well work has all but finished on the shared pathway around and the school and I must say that in addition to vastly improving access to our school, it looks great. The area looks considerably neater and the days of picking one’s way through wet paspalum on a rainy day are now a thing of the past. The pedestrian crossing on Weir Rd is edging closer to completion and will make the task of crossing the road a much safer one. Thank you to Wollondilly Shire Council and Combined Concrete Constructions for their work.

Rugby League Update
On Tuesday of this week our Senior Rugby League Team played against Narellan Vale PS in the state knockout, winning 10-6 in what was a very muddy and very tough game. Congratulations boys and thank you to Mrs Merrick, Mr Hayes, Mr Stanford and all the parents who provided support and assistance. Details of the next round are yet to be confirmed.

Stage 1 “Trainworks” Excursion
On Tuesday 24 June students from Stage 1 will be travelling to “Trainworks” at Thirlmere for an excursion in support of the HSIE unit they are currently studying, “Transport”. All permission notes and payments are due back to school by Friday 20 June and late payments will not be accepted. Please return your child’s note and payment ASAP if you are yet to do so, to ensure that he/she doesn’t miss out on this great opportunity. Thank you to Mr Smith for organising this excursion for the students.

Regional Cross Country
Today Zoe Walther (5/6B), Ruben Anthony (5/6F) and Josh Gavan (4M) represented Warragamba PS and Razorback Zone at the South Western Sydney Region Cross Carnival at Hurlstone, Glenfield. There are approximately 180 primary schools in the region; each of these schools send 32 runners to their respective zone events, with the top 4 from each race then going on to represent their zone at regional level.....that’s a LOT of children, so to earn the right to compete at such a high level is in itself a great achievement. Well done Zoe, Ruben and Josh.

Mathletics Update
Just as our students have been embracing Mathletics, so too have our staff. Yesterday Mr Phil Walsh from Mathletics conducted an afternoon of professional learning with staff, so as to build the capacity of teachers to get the most out of this exciting program. So enthusiastic has the reaction by students been that Miss Foster has reported that many of them are actually using the program during their lunchtimes in the lab; yes, you read correctly, students CHOOSING to use a Mathematics program during lunchtimes!

Orienteering
On Wednesday 25 June Mrs Barlow will be taking a number of students to compete in the South Western Sydney Region Orienteering Championships, held at Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Camden. This is a great event, dependent on teamwork, mathematics and navigation skills as much as it is on fitness. Good luck to all competitors and thank you to Mrs Barlow for organising this opportunity for the students. Please note that, as reports will be distributed on this date, reports for competitors may be collected from the office or sent home with a sibling; please contact your child’s class teacher in regard to the latter option.

Netball
Yesterday Mrs Luc took our senior netball team to compete in the Netball NSW Schools Knockout at Liverpool. The weather was looking a tad unco-operative however the team remained undeterred; the team won all 5 of their games, congratulations girls, what an inspiring effort! Thank you to Mrs Luc for organising this event, Mrs Kylie Feeney who kindly offered her services as umpire for the day and to all of the parents who provided transport and support.
Term 3 Planner
Elsewhere in this newsletter you’ll find a planner for Term 3, 2014; whack it on the fridge and stay in the know. Items and events will be added as the term unfolds.

Have a great weekend.

Ben Matthews
Principal

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- Year 2015 Parent Info Night
- Year 3 Kinder 2015 Final Day Term 3