PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Quality teachers making a difference

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held for all classes during week 9 and/or week 10 of this term. These 10 minute interviews provide an opportunity for teachers to sit and share information with parents about their child. All interviews will be conducted in your child’s classroom and we ask all parents to please stick to their chosen time so that the interview sessions can run smoothly and to time. Should you require longer than the 10 minutes allocated per interview, you will need to organise another interview time with your child’s class teacher. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your child’s class teacher directly to make a mutually convenient interview time. Our online booking system for interviews will close this afternoon at 6.00pm. For all bookings once the system is closed, parents must contact the classroom teacher directly.

The Department of Education and Communities requires all teachers to conduct one formal parent/teacher interview per year and issue detailed student reports at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2. Should interviews be required at other times during the year, these can be requested by the class teacher or the parent. To contact your child’s class teacher should you wish to arrange an interview at any time, please phone or email the school.

Zone swimming carnival
Congratulations to all students who represented our school with pride at the Warringah Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Your efforts and enthusiasm throughout the whole carnival is greatly appreciated by our whole school community. Our thanks to Mr Aikin, Mrs McVey and all parents who assisted on the day and helped make the carnival run smoothly and to time. Congratulations to those students who have now been selected to represent the Warringah Zone at the Area carnival being held on Tuesday 25 March 2014.

Providing opportunities for all

Special interest groups
As presented to and supported by our P and C at the end of 2013, our school will be offering special interest groups for all students in the school from the beginning of term 2. These special interest groups will run for 7 weeks and will be held each odd week Friday afternoon from 2.00pm – 3.00pm (and assembly will continue to run each even week Friday afternoon). Information regarding what special interests will be on offer will be provided to all families next week. Each student in the school will have the opportunity to participate in two special interest groups this year. Staff have planned some very exciting activities and we look forward to being able to offer exciting, engaging, thought provoking and skill building activities that will interest all students. Keep an eye out for this very important information next Tuesday.

Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learners (PBEL)
As all students in our school know and understand, our Allambie Heights Public School community works towards three expectations in all that we do – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience. With the successful implementation of this program into school wide systems in 2013, we will build this program into classroom systems in 2014. In a few weeks, our PBEL committee (Mrs Latter, Mr Aikin, Miss Fleet, Mrs Parker, Ms Christie and myself) will attend a two day training session with DEC personnel on how we can achieve this goal. As our staff work towards a common goal and common understanding, our ultimate goal is to have consistency inside and outside the classroom in all that we do.

Your child may have come home talking about ‘Playground Arrows’. These special arrows are different to our Allambie Arrows as students receive ‘Playground Arrows’ for demonstrating Respect, Responsibility and Resilience in the playground setting. Not only are these awards different in appearance (as they are colour coded to the four house colours – red, green, yellow and blue) but instead of collecting ten and trading them with the classroom teacher for a Bronze Award, students who receive a ‘Playground Arrow’ place this award in their house colour tub near the canteen. Each week, our House Captains collate the ‘Playground Arrows’ in the four tubs and add the points together as a running total over the year. These points are displayed on a huge arrow and the point score is announced at our K-6 assembly each even week Friday. The house colour with the most points at the end of the year will be rewarded with a special surprise.
Farewell Mrs Hilton

After 24 wonderful years at our school (as a parent and an employee), it is with sadness for our school community that Mrs Lee Hilton will be retiring on Thursday 27 March 2014. I’m sure you join me in thanking Lee for the amazing job she has done during her 16 years working in our school. Her caring, gentle and supportive nature will be missed by our whole school community. I know for those of us who work very closely with Lee, we will certainly miss the wisdom and friendship she so willingly offers to all. I’m sure you all join me in wishing Lee all the very best as she transitions to the exciting and ‘free’ life of retirement.

Angela Helsloot
Principal

I bid a fond farewell to all the children and families at our school. My AHPS experience has been enormously rewarding both as a parent and an employee and the day to day encounters with the children are heart warming and entertaining and I shall miss them very much. I have formed strong and lasting friendships at this school both as a parent and an “office lady” and have always been impressed by the culture of kindness that prevails. Your willingness to form partnerships with your children’s teachers, the interest you show in the teaching programs, the energy and enthusiasm you display in volunteering and fundraising are, I believe, the best possible ingredients for a successful and continually improving education system. Warm wishes to all and thanks.

Lee Hilton

CALENDAR

Wednesday 19 March  P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 20 March  Year 6 It’s Academic
Monday 24 March  CSIRO Science Show
Tuesday 25 March  CSIRO Science Show
Area Swimming Carnival
Friday 28 March  Extra K-6 assembly
Band Camp
Saturday 29 March  Band Camp
Sunday 30 March  Band Camp
Monday 31 March to
Tuesday 8 April
Life Education
Friday 11 April  School development day—staff only

Click on this link for more calendar days on our website: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

ZONE SWIMMING

On Tuesday 11 March 2014, 32 students from Allambie Heights competed in the Warringah Zone Swimming Carnival. The squad behaviour was exemplary. They encouraged, supported and congratulated each other, as well swimmers from other schools. Their performance in the pool was also spectacular. At the end of the carnival we had topped the points tally and were crowned Zone Champions. I would like to pass on my appreciation to all parents who ensured their children were at the Aquatic Centre for an early start, and to those who supported the children during the Carnival. A special thank you to those who assisted with team managing and time keeping. Congratulations to the following swimmers who will be representing the Warringah Zone when they swim at the Area Carnival at Homebush on Tuesday 25 March 2014.

Ashleigh W  Sophie D  Ben M  Tyler K
Tamsyn C  Sam C  Jack D  Freya G
Ella S  Oliver C  Annie D  Grace C
Aydan M  Olivia F  Anna C

Boyd Aikin
STAFF CARPARK
For the safety of all students and their families, with staff coming and going during the day, please observe the following rules regarding the school driveway and staff carpark.
- no entry to school via the driveway of staff carpark
- no parking under any circumstance in the staff carpark at any time of the day

PSSA SPORT REPORTS
T-Ball A Team
The player of the match was Lara. She was amazing and the whole team would agree with me. By Tara D

T-Ball B Team
The player of the match was Jaslyn B. The first innings was fantastic and everyone hit well. The final score was Allambie 22 and Forest 17. By Nicki C

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY
The Allambie Heights Public School Community Business Directory is located on our school website. Please use the links in the directory to view the businesses listed. For more information on how to advertise in the Community Business Directory please email allambieht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please use the following link to view the Community Business Directory:

SCHOOL WEBSITE

- Zone Swimming Carnival photos have been uploaded to the website. Click on the following link:

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- If you are volunteering at school you are required to complete a Working With Children Check. This form has now been uploaded to our school website on the A-Z page. Click on the following link:

INTERNET CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT
Our records show that not all students have completed the Student Medical Details and Health Conditions form. If your child brings this form home please complete it and return to the office by Friday 21 March 2014.

STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS & HEALTH CONDITIONS
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AWARD WINNERS

BRONZE AWARDS

| KC | Chelsie B | Aurora B |
| KE | Olive C | Lachlan M |
| KK | Claudia S | Max M |
| KL | Xavier L | Claire D |
| KM | Salah R | Tahila W |
| 1W | Annabel R | Allister B | Emma S | Harry G | Charlie T | Zach O |
| 1S | Sophie B | Jennifer | Zachery H | Lila L | Sophie B |
| 1/2H | Jack D | Sam D | Sienna S | Nathaniel K | Fynn K |
| 2A | Ryan S | Ruby S | Mason L |
| 2F | Lucy H | Toby K | Cleo R | Emily F | Xavier G | Darcy F |
| 2J | Thomas D | April B | Jet M |
| 3P | Gruffydd P | Holly H | Demi L | Georgia A | Liam K | Spencer B |
| 3B | Charlie H |
| 3/4S | Poppy T | Pippa H | Max M | Taylor A ||
| 4D | Josh W | Samantha M | Ziv P | Anna C |
| 4/5J | Adam D | Ella M | Ingrid F | Oliver D | Mitchell B |
| 5B | Oliver K | Jasmine B | Dimitri C |
| 5M | Coco B | Indi S | Scarlett A x2 |
| 6B | Alisha V | Sophia M | Grace C | Harry F | Isabella K |
| 6G | Imogen T | Caitlin P | Tristan H |

SILVER AWARDS

| Kiara B | Chiara M x2 | Eliza D | Megan O | Tianna V | Lucas M | Alfie M |
| Ella M | Benjamin V | Luca B | Emma S | Zach O | Issac C | Thomas M |
| Sophie G | Sienna S | Fynn K | Xavier G | Angus B | Willow M | Liam K |

GOLD AWARDS

| Eloise P | Luca V | Gracie B | Claudia B | Georgia A | Hannah M |

SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER

Don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Allambie Heights Public School.

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!

Complete three deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to help your school have the chance to win a 3m x 3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 $50.00 deposits into your School Banking account.

Great things happen when you save!
There has been an increase in student numbers, and therefore lunch orders, over the last 2 years which is fantastic for the SNACK SHACK. We no longer have the additional time it takes to process manual orders. These orders regularly list unavailable items for the day, use incorrect pricing and paid for with large notes which we are unable to change.

There will be **ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY FROM TERM 2**.

More details to come, in the meantime, please note that Friday 4 April 2014 will be a sausage sizzle meal deal, with on-line ordering only and a cut off of Wednesday 2 April 2014.

**Snack Shack Roster, Term 1**

Final slots for which we are looking for volunteers for the term are:-

**Monday:** At this stage we have no volunteers for 24 March – The Snack Shack will be closed unless we can fill the 2 spots by this Thursday 20 March; one volunteer needed on 31 March.

**Tuesday:** one volunteer on 25 March; two volunteers needed on 8 April.

**Thursday:** one volunteer needed on 10April.

**Friday:** one volunteer needed on 21 March from 12:00pm – 2:00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MOBILE NUMBER FOR ROSTER POINT OF CONTACT:-**
0450 014 355 (Lisbet - Roster Co-ordinator) / ahpscanteen@gmail.com

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P and C REPORT

Dear parents and students

Tomorrow night we meet for our next school P and C meeting in the Library. We warmly welcome all who would like to participate and would especially encourage newer parents to consider joining us.

The meeting begins with a report from the school Principal, followed by reports from the Treasurer and sub-committees. As well, guest speakers are invited to give presentations on topics of interest. P&C meetings also provide a forum for parents to raise issues for discussion about the school and local community.

The P&C also promotes fundraising activities to assist the school in providing general and specialist educational programs and equipment for teachers and students. Funds raised are held in trust and donated to the school at the discretion of the P&C Association. Our first welcoming BBQ was held in February, with thanks to Kelly Barr-Jones & Lyndall Pamp for their efforts. Last Friday we had our first Disco night for 2014. A massive thanks to Vicki Allison and her team who organised an excellent evening.

At every P&C meeting, we hear a report from each sub-committee to update us on their monthly progress. The Band Committee shared that 86 students now participate in three bands: these include a Training Band (mostly Year 3), a Concert Band (mostly Year 4) and a Performance Band (mostly Stage 3).

The Annual Band Camp is on Friday 28 March to Sunday 30 March and all 3 bands will attend with the Performance Band and Concert Band sleeping over 2 nights and Training Band 1 night. We have 82 students attending the camp.

Both parents and teachers have generously offered to help over the weekend and the Band Committee wanted to thank Jane Chubb for the work she has put in behind the scenes and the teachers who will give up time over the weekend to help.

Equipped with a newly purchased tenor saxophone, the Training Band will perform at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod on Thursday 22 May whilst the Concert Band and Performance Band will perform at the NSSWE community concerts in June.

We want to especially thank Deanne Hutt and the Band Committee who have worked so hard to encourage and equip our students and who have made all this possible.

Warm regards
Robin Kinstead
President of AHPS P&C Association

BAND NEWS

REHEARSAL ADJUSTMENTS
There will be no performance band rehearsal on Monday 31 March 2014 due to the band camp finishing on the Sunday afternoon prior.

BAND CAMP - Friday 28 March 2014 to Sunday 30 March 2014
The parent roster was emailed last week. Please contact Jane Chubb on 0414 278 970 if you have any questions in relation to your allocated slot. A site map was also emailed. A medical form will be sent to parents in the week prior to the event.

Training band require black folders: If not purchased already could parents please supply a black folder (with plastic inserts) for their child's music sheets. These folders are required for all training band students and should be brought to the band camp.

INVOICES
Band fee/instrument hire invoices will be emailed in April 2014.

HIRED INSTRUMENTS
Please email ahpsband@gmail.com if your hired instrument has any problems. For term 1 we may be able to arrange for the service provider to collect and repair the instrument. From term 2, it will be the parents responsibility to arrange any repairs.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE YEAR.
- Northern Beaches Eisteddfod: Training band has been entered into this eisteddfod and will perform on Thursday 22 May. More information to follow.
- **Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE)** concert series. Performance band will perform at the Forest High School on Tuesday 10 June and the Concert Band will perform on Thursday 12 June. These events are in the evening. Please put these dates in your diary. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

- **Yamaha festival**: 13 to 17 June 2014 and 20 to 22 June 2014 at the Chatswood Concourse Theatre. (This is the only competition that the School participates in so please put this time period in your diary. There will only be one performance per band but we don't know these dates yet. We will let you know as soon as we find out).

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Short sleeve polos in all sizes and medium wide brim hats are back in stock. We are filling all orders this week and they will be ready for collection by Friday morning from the school office. We are still waiting on size 8 summer dresses.

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**Allambie Heights Public School Science Week**  
**Monday 24 March - Friday 28 March**

Allambie Heights Public School is too excited to wait until August to celebrate Science Week so we will be celebrating our own Science Week next week. Every student will attend the CSIRO Energy Science Show in the school hall on Monday or Tuesday. During the week all classes will spend additional time focussing on scientific investigation and experimentation.

During Science Week, Kindergarten will participate in a rotation of activities where they will investigate our school environment. They will conduct simple field studies looking at the different living things to be found, investigate different natural and man-made materials used within the playground, and explore at how those materials can be used in different ways.  
*Mrs Elliott*

Science Week came early for Stage 2 when they attended "A Case of Discovery" Trial Forensic Workshop on Friday 28 February in the Allambie Heights School Hall. Students were presented with a mock crime to be solved. Security guard Joseph Connor had been attacked and poisoned and was currently in hospital. It was the job of students to find the facts of the case using forensic evidence. Students were able to use a digital microscope to take a close look at things from the crime scene. They used a DNA evidence puzzle to identify the characteristics of the attacker. The type of poison was analysed and students used a UV light tent to identify hidden writing on maps and newspaper articles. This was a fun and exciting learning activity for all involved.  
*Mrs Johnson*

A National Science Week is held in August every year. This year the National Science Week will be held from 16 – 24 August. Events and activities are held at different locations throughout the state. More information for the National Science Week can be found at [http://www.scienceweek.net.au/](http://www.scienceweek.net.au/)

To celebrate Science Week, Stage 1 will rotate through a range of science experiments that relate to change. During these sessions the students will transform into ‘detectives’ and have opportunities to observe the different changes that take place when, for example, food is heated. Furthermore, the students will look at the scientific processes of these experiments to promote both scientific thinking and inquiry.  
*Miss Irwin*

Stage 3 will be investigating energy during Science Week. Students will participate in a range of activities to further their knowledge of circuits, current, static electricity and renewable energy sources in an afternoon session of practical experiments and investigations. These activities will be complemented by the CSIRO Energy Science Show.  
*Mrs McVey*
Swimming Carnival
Zone Swimming Carnival
HOLIDAY CAMPS
Sydney Academy

A fun-filled daytime only holiday camp for kids. In partnership with Bunnings Warehouse, this camp is designed for kids to get hands on and experience constructing fun items for themselves. Under the supervision of qualified staff, these items include the construction of model cars, catapults and Postum boxes all as part of a community project. Campers will also make a marble maze to take home.

Participants will also have the opportunity to enjoy some traditional camp activities including high ropes, archery, canoeing, flying fox plus lots more. Parents must organise transport to and from the Centre each day.

Kids’ Camps
Budding Builders 14-17 April 8-12 years $214.00

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- Self contained accommodation
- Group accommodation
- School camps

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Holiday Sports Camps
Multi Sport Holiday Camp
Forestville Memorial Hall
4-9yrs 9am-3pm

Weekly Multi Sports Programs
Forestville & Warriewood for ages 2.5-5yrs

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