Easter Fun Day- A Total Success!

On Thursday 28th March, the Peakhurst Public School SRC decided to hold a fundraiser to raise money for Stewart House. The SRC decided to have an Easter Fun Day. The students of PPS were able to participate in Easter activities, such as art, craft and games. The students brought in gold coin donations, everyone had a great time! Thank you everyone for your support.

Sophie Luo

On the 28th March the SRC organised various activities with their fellow students such as races and many other fun games. Thomas Calderon

Easter Fun Day was a blast! Stage 3 had an egg and spoon race, Easter Bunny race and a chopstick challenge! Stage 1 and 2 had an Easter egg hunt and the Easter Bunny even visited! All in all Easter Fun Day was a fun day! Emilija Trkaljanov and Maddison Mitchell

Our next initiative- Going Green for Kidney Disease and Organ donation!

Next term, on Thursday in Week 1, the SRC will be running a green liberty day to raise funds for the Renal Ward at St George Hospital. This ward supports people suffering from kidney disease and also provides dialysis to many unwell people. Unfortunately despite the important work this ward does, it has not received donations since 1994.

We are also encouraging people to get involved in signing up to donate their organs. 1 donor’s organs and tissues can save up to 10 lives. That’s a pretty amazing gift! Whilst you may have signed the back of your license, this is no longer enough consent. For more information on organ donation and how to sign up, as well as kidney disease please visit:


Sunrise Clip- Organ Donation in Australia- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coJZ-ZeTTIM

The importance of organ donation (Australian NRL stars): http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Ea8HWA0fuxw

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN FOR SALES ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2013 [the first day students return to school after the April holidays]
**Athletics Carnival**

We had the best day at our Athletics Carnival. The weather was fantastic and the atmosphere around the track matched it. Our students really enjoyed themselves and showed great sportsmanship and commitment to their sport house. Congratulations to all the winners. I must say that I was particularly impressed with the outstanding behaviour of all our students. The canteen staff at the ground were very complimentary as well, saying that it is not often that they have a school at the ground with students so courteous and well-mannered. Thank you to Mrs Hosking and Miss McIntosh for organising the Yr3-6 and K-2 carnivals respectively and to all the staff who supported them. Thank you also to the numerous parents and grandparents who attended. We thoroughly enjoyed your company. Our parent races at the end of the carnival was the icing on the cake.

**Book Character Parade**

We are looking forward to our Book Character Parade this Thursday 11th April. Students are to wear their costumes to school and will need to bring $2.00. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend. The parade will start at 1.30pm underneat the big COLA outside the Library Learning Centre. Prizes will be awarded to the three best characters in each stage.

**SRC Organ Donation Awareness and Fundraiser**

The SRC are taking a new direction this year under the mentoring of Miss McIntosh and Miss Harrison. The students are committing their time and action to more meaningful, real and at times local community issues. They are currently learning about kidney disease and the role that organ donation plays in the lives of people who have life threatening kidney disease. They are proposing to do a number of things in the next couple of weeks. One is to raise the awareness of kidney disease and organ donation in our school community through Focus. The next is to hold a mufti day - “Green Day”- on Thursday 2nd May. The money raised will be forwarded to a local kidney disease fundrasier to be held the following week and then to conduct an organ donation awareness campaign. Keep an eye out for the SRC section in Focus.

**Expressions of Interests for Dance Groups and Instrumental Ensemble**

Currently there is an expression of interest advertised, for students to join either a Jazz or a Tap Group (please see page one of Focus). We are also very keen to provide a more extensive range of musical opportunities for our students in Years 3 - 6. In the short term we are proposing that we start on a small scale with an instrumental ensemble from the beginning of Term Two. In the long term we would like to expand this into a school band program. If you are interested in your child participating in this exciting musical program please complete the “Expression of Interest” survey that has been sent home to all families of Yrs 3 - 6 students this week. The survey can also be accessed on our school website or by using the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7LW97QV There will be a charge each term that will cover the cost of tuition, music and hire of instrument for students who do not own their own instrument. Surveys need to be completed by Friday 12th April. We will keep you informed of our progress.

**New Homework Centre**

To support students who may not have access to the internet at home either in the short or long term, the school will be starting up a Homework Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons each week starting at the beginning of Term 2. Our teachers have been very generous in offering to support this initiative by providing supervision from 3.30 - 4.15pm. Students will be able to complete the homework set by teachers as part of class work. There will be a booking slip available from the school office (also available on the school website). The booking slip will need to be handed into the school office each morning before morning assembly.

Have a relaxing holiday.
Chris Geelan
Principal

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**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

To celebrate the re-opening of the school library there will be a Book Character Parade.

**Date & Time:**
Thursday, April 11 at 1.30 pm

**Dress:**
Your Book Character must be from a book in the Fiction section of the Library. A label must be worn which will list the name of the character and the book the character comes from.

**Entry Fee:** $2 per student

**Prizes:** There will be prizes awarded for the best dressed students in each stage.

A simple Google search will yield some great ideas for characters for you to dress up as.

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**UNIFORM SHOP @ PEAKHURST**

OPEN FROM 9.30AM ON TUESDAY MORNINGS
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY EFTPOS, CASH OR CHEQUES

ORDERS PLACED AT THE OFFICE MUST BE PRE-PAID AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE - PLEASE COLLECT PROMPTLY FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We have received a small number of orders for Long-sleeved summer tunics, but need a minimum of 10 orders. If you are interested, now is the time, to be ready for term 4.

The cost would be $13 plus the cost for that size.

As these are special orders there are no refunds or exchanges.

Please see Mrs Geelan before placing your order.

End of term 1 is the final cutoff for orders. If there is insufficient interest the orders will not go ahead.
The Veggie Garden

Those of you who walk past the school vegetable garden might have noticed a change. In the last couple of weeks the vegetable garden got dug out, levelled up and replanted. Mr Vele, some dedicated parents and some of our best Eco Kids spent 40mins or more planting the garden with products like celery, spinach, garlic, spring onions and beetroot. You’ll have to stay tuned for when you can get your hands on our produce!

Our monitoring project

During Tuesday lunchtimes the Eco Kids group is broken up into two teams (1 and 2). One team goes with Mrs Hill to the garden and the other works with Miss McIntosh to monitor electricity usage, littering and water usage. Last week group 2 collected over 183 pieces of rubbish in under 7 minutes! Now they are fired up to crack down on littering and brainstorm some new initiatives! Watch this space for helpful hints on nude Food lunches and how to reduce, reuse and recycle from our dedicated team!
SYDNEY UNI FLAMES
SUPER SKILLS CLINIC

Venue: Blakehurst High School,
Forster St entry, Blakehurst

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm
Age: 8-16 years - open to girls and boys
Cost: $40 per person

Please bring a ball, drink bottle & lunch
(no canteen facilities available)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: 

Street Address: 

Suburb & Postcode: 

Mobile: 

DOB: 

Current Age Group: 

Email: 

PAYMENT DETAILS

St George Basketball Association PO Box 32, Peakhurst LPO 2210

P 02 9547 3290 | M 0418 287 366 | F 02 9547 3291 | E stgeorgebball@bigpond.com

Payment enclosed by (please tick): ☐ Cheque ☐ Money Order

For cheques, please make payable to St George Basketball Association

CASH PAYMENTS

Please make a cash payment in person at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre by Thursday 11th April between 5pm to 10pm.
No credit card facility available.

For more information please contact Anna Pazarin on 0418 287 366,
9547 3290 or email stgeorgebball@bigpond.com

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Many thanks to Mr Tambimuttu with the photos at the Athletics Carnival more photos to follow on our school website.