What’s on

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th March
Grade information meetings for parents

Monday 3rd March
Zone Swimming Carnival

Thursday 6th March
3—6 Assembly—parents invited

Thursday 13th March
Preschool & K—2 Assembly—parents invited

Thursday 20th March
3—6 Assembly—parents invited

Tuesday 25th March
School photos

Wednesday 2nd April
P & C meeting

Friday 11th April
Easter Hat Parade
P & C Easter raffle

At Punchbowl Public School

😊 We are learners

😊 We are respectful

😊 We are safe

PUNCHBOWL PS 2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our student leaders for 2014 are

Captains         Ryan Boustany, Maysa Ghazzaoui
Vice Captains    Khadija Alam, Hizryan Kodarusman
Prefects         Ayman Arja, Kelitah Asuasu, Ali Kabbout, Fatima Arja, Henry Truong, Fatima Baydoun

Have you checked-out our school website?

Use the QT code or go to
www.punchbowl-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Dear Parents and Carers

I have very high expectations of our students’ learning and behaviour at Punchbowl Public School because I believe we have so much talent in our vibrant school. We are learners, we are respectful and we are safe . . . But above all we are AWESOME!!!!!

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome the newly elected P & C Executive for 2014. They are Zeinab Khalil (President), Nada Arja (Vice-President), Rana Jadid (Treasurer) and Erleen Tuatagaloa (Secretary). The P & C plays a critical role in strengthening the partnership between home and school and our parents. I am very much looking forward to putting in place strategies to achieve this.

The year so far has been extremely productive, especially with the introduction of the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PBL). We have many fabulous pilots in our school who are in charge of their own destiny. I will have more to say about this in a PBL newsletter for parents.

This week we are introducing school assemblies (years 3-6 in even weeks and P-2 in odd weeks) to acknowledge and celebrate the successes of our students. This will also provide a great opportunity for parents and carers to join us. I encourage you to attend.

Finally it is with great sadness that we say farewell to Ellen Chan who has made a huge contribution to the community in our school through her role as Facilitator of the School as Community Centre (SaCC). She will be greatly missed but we know that her future is filled with new and exciting adventures. Good luck, Ellen! Following an Expression of Interest a new coordinator will be appointed in the SaCC Centre until the end of June.

In the meanwhile remember, ‘It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness’.

Rose Manousaridis

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**SCHOOL LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**

- **Monday** — after school
- **Tuesday** — before school, lunch & recess
- **Wednesday** — before school, lunch & recess
- **Thursday** — before & after school
- **Friday** — before school

The school library is open for borrowing before and after school. Parents are welcome to come up to the library with their children to borrow books. If your child is in Preschool or Kindergarten you can borrow some lovely books to read to them. We also have many books in community languages. Our Librarian, Ms Rooney, is always happy to help you and your child find a good book!

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 25TH MARCH**

Envelopes to order and pay for individual and class photos will be sent home with all students on Monday 10th March.
All parents are invited to attend our weekly student assemblies. Thursdays @ 2:00 pm In the assembly hall.

Years 3 — 6 Student Assembly
Thursday 6th March   2:00pm   Assembly Hall
Presented by 3C and Mrs Christo.

Preschool, Kinder, years 1 & 2 Student Assembly
Thursday 13th March   2:00pm   Assembly Hall
Presented by 2C and Mrs Chapman

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Dear Parents and Carers
We know you are very keen to meet your child’s teachers and find out what is happening at school.

Please come along to your child’s grade information meeting. We have lots of good things to share with you.

When home and school work together to share information and understanding, we can achieve great things for our children.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Rose Manousaridis  Principal

KINDERGARTEN
Wednesday 12th March
2:00pm
Kindergarten building

• Meet the teachers
• Find out what your child will be learning
• Find out how you can help your child
• Find out about homework expectations

YEAR 1
Wednesday 5th March
2:00pm
Infants building

YEAR 3
Wednesday 5th March
9:00am
Assembly Hall

YEAR 4
Monday 10th March
9:00am
Assembly Hall

Year 2
Tuesday 11th March
2:00pm
Infants building

Year 5
Thursday 6th March
9:00am
Assembly Hall

Year 6
Thursday 6th March
12:00pm
Assembly Hall
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE SOUGHT FOR THE POSITION OF FACILITATOR OF THE SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRE (SaCC) BASED AT PUNCHBOWL PS

Suitably experienced members of the school community are invited to submit an expression of interest for the position of facilitator of the Schools as Community centre (SaCC). This is a temporary five day per week full-time position. The successful applicant will be required to commence in March. The position will continue until the end of term 2, with the possibility of extension.

Interested applicants should submit a written application of no more than 2 pages, addressing the selection criteria. The application should also include details of relevant training and experience and the names and phone numbers of two referees.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to work with local families and community agencies
- Demonstrated ability to co-ordinate programs and resources
- High level oral, written and negotiation skills.

Applications should be addressed to Mrs Wendy Sanderson. Applications may be submitted by email to wendy.sanderson@det.nsw.edu.au or in person at the school office. If you require more information please phone Mrs Sanderson on 9750 5055.

Applications must be submitted by 3:00pm on Monday 10th March.

P & C NEWS

The annual general meeting of the Punchbowl PS P & C was held on 26th February. Thank you to the many parents who attended. At the meeting we elected the P & C executive team for 2014. Congratulations to Zeinab Khalil (President), Nada Arja (Vice-President), Rana Jadid (Treasurer) and Erleen Tuatagaloa (Secretary).

At the meeting our President, Zeinab, handed over a cheque from the P & C to the school for $5000. This will be used to fund the installation of new shutters in the Canteen area, which will make this area of the school much more attractive.

The P & C also said goodbye our SaCC facilitator, Ellen Chan, and thanked her for the valuable contribution she has made to our school community.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGED CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION

ON SALE AT THE OFFICE

School hats $8.00
School library bags $6.00
All students MUST have a school hat.

SCHOOL SHOES SHOULD BE BLACK LEATHER

SATURDAY ARABIC CLASSES

Arabic classes are held at Punchbowl PS from 9:00am to 1:00pm each Saturday. Contact Mrs Hawat on 0401 571 382 to enrol or for more information.