Principal’s Report:

Welcome back to Term 2. We all hope you had a restful holiday break and are primed and ready to work hard this busy term.

We welcome back Ms Walsh who took some leave late last term and Mr Morhi who will be working on a casual basis for a few weeks before departing to support the Socceroos at the World Cup in Brazil.

EXPO
You are all warmly invited to our School EXPO for 2014 on Tuesday 20 May from 6pm-7pm. This is an opportunity to showcase some of our great programs. The school choir will perform and some demonstration classes will be set up for parents to view. We will also have representatives from some of our support programs and after school programs to provide information for any interested parents whose children are currently enrolled or may enrol in the near future.

Cross Country
On Monday, we held our School Cross Country down at Virginius Reserve. The day was an outstanding success and I was especially proud of all students who really tried hard to complete the races and conducted themselves in accordance with our school rules.

Special thanks to all the parents who attended and assisted with the carnival. These events could not be run so effectively without your support. Also a special thanks to the organising committee, Mr Springall, Mrs Doust, Mrs Korkidas and Miss Bennie for coordinating such a fantastic community event.

The results and subsequent representation at District level will need to be finalised next week as we have a number of students who missed the carnival while representing the school at other PSSA events. They will get an opportunity to run the same course next week and times will be checked before results are published.

Tri Skills
After consultation with the P&C, the school made the decision to implement a physical education program targeting Athletics and Gymnastics. Our justification for the program is that gymnastics is a mandatory outcome as part of the PD.H.PE syllabus which requires a large amount of equipment and expertise which the school lacks. While later in the year, the whole school will participate in our Athletics carnival which requires students to compete in various events that they may not have the experience or background in.
Last week, I sent home a reminder note as there was a substantial number of parents who had not paid for the program. Could payments be forwarded to the school this week as any student who has not paid will be excluded from the program and will complete a separate physical program conducted by the class teachers.

If you require a payment plan, please contact the office and make a suitable arrangement.

NAPLAN
Next week the school will be conducting the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students from Year 3 and 5 will sit these tests each morning beginning Tuesday and concluding on Thursday.

The school receives a lot of important diagnostic data which we as a team analyse to celebrate our successes and improve on any weaknesses. Although these tests are important for the school as well as parents, it is vital that we do not place any additional pressure on the students to perform well.

For the Year 3 students, it will be their first formal test in closely moderated conditions and this can be uncomfortable for some students. It is also important to remember that this assessment is only a snap-shot and that the school conducts regular on-going assessments and observations that can paint a true picture of your child unlike the formal pen and paper tests.

The product of our school-based assessments is our Semester 1 Reports which will be issued later this term. The best advice is to reassure your child, ensure they get a good night sleep and they eat well in the morning before the assessments.

Opportunity Class Year 5 2015
Online applications were made available last Monday 28 April at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The last day to apply is Friday 16 May. If you do not have access to the internet, you may collect a paper application from the office. Advice regarding where the test centre will be located will be received on Wednesday 9 July and the actual test date is Wednesday 23 July.

Social Media
Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe? It's no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z's technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

EHPSSA
Often, I try to recognise students who have excelled in different areas both in and outside school. However, I would like to acknowledge a member of staff, Mr Springall for his outstanding contribution to school sport not just at Revesby South PS but across the East Hills District.

Mr Springall was the Swimming Convener for East Hills PSSA in 2014. This event required a huge amount of organisation and time which he willingly gave up to coordinate and run the carnival. The carnival was similar to our school carnival in being a great success.

Recently, he coordinated and coached the U/11 East Hills PSSA Rugby League side which then proceeded to participate in the
Sydney South West Regional Championships. Once again, he gave his personal time to trial and train (when it wasn't washed out) the team before the carnival.

I was happy to hear that last week, Mr Springall was invited and met with the NSW PSSA Executive and was recognised for his contribution across the region for his work in school sport and promoting in what I believe to be the best gifted and talented program in the Department of Education and Communities.

I would also like to congratulate Kristen Cuskelley and Michaela Cosgrove who made it into the East Hills PSSA Netball team. Good luck at the Regional carnival.

Chris Whitten-Principal

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**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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**Square Dance Classes**

Have fun in a friendly atmosphere learning to square dance with happy people.

Great family entertainment!

Friday Evenings 7.30-10.30pm

St Catherine’s Catholic Church Hall

Cnr Gymea Bay Road & President Avenue, Gymea

Beginners classes commencing 16th, 23rd & 30th May 2014

Enq: Chris & Linda Froggatt 9542 3518 or 0421 133 518
REWARDS - Congratulations to Lorna Rimington (1 Yellow) & Linkin Overs (1 Blue), who both redeemed their Dollarmite tokens for a Handball.

TERM 2 PROMOTION – all you need to do is make 3 or more deposits into your Dollarmites account to be automatically entered into the draw for “An Underwater Family Adventure Holiday” including 5 nights accommodation at Sea World Nara Resort; VIP passes for 2 adults & 3 kids to Sea World, Movie World & Wet & Wild; A Dolphin Aqua Adventure; and $3,000 travel voucher to get you there!
Runner-up prizes - there are also 130 Toys R Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

REMEMBER- School Banking Day is every Thursday!
For any further information please contact Catherine White on 0411 33 11 58.
**WANTED WANTED WANTED**

Do you have any spare buttons?

Kindly donate them to RSPS

We need them to complete a craft activity for our Life Skills group, next term. Please just bring them in and place in the jar in the office.

Thank you, Ms Suva

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**R.S.P.S Wizz Kids Website**

A website created to support and enhance student's learning. It includes interactive, educational games that are broken down into the key learning areas. A great way to support your child's learning from home.

Go to [www.rspswizzkids.weebly.com](http://www.rspswizzkids.weebly.com)
REVESBY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPO

WE WANT TO SHOWCASE OUR QUALITY PROGRAMS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Classroom tours
- Enjoy our exceptional choir performances
- Interactive whiteboard demonstrations
- iPad and laptop demonstrations
- Web 2.0 ICT tools in action
- Visit our Library
- Meet our P&C
- Meet the highly professional staff who will answer your questions
- Meet our Speech Pathologist

Please call for any further information

Tuesday 20th May 2014
6pm-7pm

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Ph: 9773 8886
Fax: 9792 3958

Email: revesbysth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.revesbysth-p.schoools.nsw.edu.au
Families Together invites mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers to

Who Runs Your House, The Kids or You?

Presented by
Karen Phillip

Karen Phillip is the author of "Who Runs Your House, the kids or you?" She holds a post graduate degree in Counselling and has been a Family Counsellor for over a decade. Karen is also the Parenting and Relationship expert appearing regularly on the Channel 9 TODAY Show. Karen has worked with many families who experience problems with their young children's behaviour, not knowing what to do or how to correct them. Karen has raised her own three children and has also been a preschool teacher for many years.

"Our children are beautiful active little people and we sometimes experience difficulties when their stubbornness or their behaviour leaves us confused. When our children will not listen to us, they behave in a manner we feel is not appropriate or they may act out with anger or tantrums at the worst possible times, what are we suppose to do?"

"Mums and dads are inundated with so much information about being a parent that they no longer know what boundaries and rules are OK to impose in their home. It's not only alright but also vital that parents feel that they can run their own home."

This session will also cover:
- How to avoid and end those tantrums
- How to have a conflict free home
- Have your children do as you ask without arguments

Copies of Karen Phillip's book will be available for purchase and personally signed, at the seminar for $20.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Families Together is for parents/grandparents/carers.
Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.
Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.

DATE: Wednesday, 14 May 2014
TIME: 6.30 - 9.00pm
PLACE: Conference Room A
          Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Ltd (Mounties)  
          101 Meadows Road
          Mt Pritchard 2170

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.

Please note: if you do not wish to receive these flers or would like to have them emailed to you please contact the number above.
Families Together is funded by the Department of Education and Communities and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.
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