It has been a very fast and busy first term. It seems to have passed by very quickly. We would like to wish all of our Cheltenham families and community a very happy Easter break and a restful holiday. Don’t eat too much chocolate!

Cross Country

The school Cross Country was held on 23rd February at Macquarie University sports grounds. It was a spectacular day and the girls participated in a gruelling course. Here is a summary of results from Cross Country on Friday.

A team of 60 will go on to represent the school at Zone Cross Country on Friday May 11 at Macquarie. Thank you to the P & C who make it possible for us to use these wonderful venues for our sporting events.

12 YEARS
Age champion and 1st place: Olivia Kear
2nd place: Kelsey Cooper-Phillis
3rd place: Charlotte Mclean

13 YEARS
Age champion and 1st place: Maya Leverett
2nd place: Rachelle Damm
3rd place: Ellie Jongma

14 YEARS
Age champion and 1st place: Stefanie Aisbett
2nd place: Danielle Mackay
3rd place: Rona Schwitter
Cross Country

15 YEARS
Age champion and 1st place: Rebecca Muir
2nd place: Carla Rank
3rd place: Kara Talty

16 YEARS
Age champion and 1st place: Kathryn Ramsay
2nd place: Rhiannon Evans
3rd place: Claire Mackay

17+ YEARS
Age champion and 1st place: Sophie Edmonstone
2nd place: Tessa Hillig
3rd place: Anna Barovs

OVERALL HOUSE RESULTS:
1st place: Mirrabooka
2nd place: Bookoola
3rd place: Dulkara
4th place: Coolaroo and Petarli
6th place: Wirreanda
Mr Crangle came 3rd in the 14 years race. Well done, Mr Crangle! Thank you to the PASS students and the Sports Council who were officials on the day.

Congratulations Rachel!
Rachel Horwood continues to excel at athletics. She ran at the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush on Friday. She competed in the U17s 400m. She was placed first in her heat. She then competed in the final where she again placed first.
On Saturday 31st March, a working bee was held at the school from 9am—12 noon. Although it was disappointing to find that it was so poorly attended, we did manage to complete a significant amount of work to the general gardens and permaculture areas. There were about 4 families and 3 staff represented at the working bee. The beautiful camellias that you will now see bordering the brick wall near the front of the main office entry were planted by Mr John Cunningham. The year 12 of 2009 donated a beautiful Golden Elm tree for the top quad which was also planted by Mr Cunningham during the week. All of these new plants and the drive way Crepe Myrtles were mulched and watered. The mulberry tree in the permaculture garden was removed to allow greater sun to the vegetable plants and there was a considerable amount of weeding and beautifying of the gardens.

The P & C hold a Working Bee once per term and we usually send out an SMS message to remind people of the dates and times. It would be wonderful to see some more families represented at the next working bee to assist in creating a quality learning environment for our students. Thank you to all those who attended and worked very hard for a number of hours!

At working bees you get to drive the mower and trailer just ask Sophie, Georgia and Sarah!
For 2012 we have made some changes to the format of reports. These changes include:

- An expanded personal profile
- The higher levels for the personal profile and outcomes are now on the right-hand side. This matches the graph which has the higher mark on the right-hand side.
- Maximum comment length on Junior Reports has been reduced due to the expanded profile.
- Year 11 Half-Yearly Report is simplified to enable earlier feedback to parents on student performance.

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Quiet Carriages Trial

CityRail is currently trialing “quiet carriages” on long distance train services between Central and Newcastle.

What are quiet carriages?
Quiet carriages are train carriages where everyone, including school students, is asked to respect the peace and quiet of others by avoiding:

- Loud conversations
- Loud mobile phone calls
- Playing loud music – including headphones

Who are quiet carriages for? – Maybe you / Maybe not
If you like to read, play games on your phone or laptop (with the sound off), or just sit and think, then a quiet carriage might be for you.
If you like to socialise and talk with others, in line with the School Code of Conduct, then a regular or non quiet carriage is probably more suitable.

Which carriages are quiet carriages?
Until May, quiet carriages will be available on trains operating between Central and Newcastle. Quiet carriages are the:

- First and last carriages of 6 and 8-carriage trains
- Last carriage of 4-carriage trains

What can you do?
Avoid any problems by re-considering where you wait on the platform. Non quiet carriages are typically located in the middle (lengthways) of the platform.

How do quiet carriages work?
Quiet carriages are self regulated. This may mean that other passengers, who feel you are being too noisy, may ask you to be quiet or move. If a passenger says something like this to you - the best course of action is to simply comply and/or move on to another regular carriage.
No one will receive a fine for not being quiet (in a quiet carriage), but we encourage you to be community minded and play your part in this trial.

Tony Eid
RailCorp

Early leave Terms 2 and 3 reminder

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28 March 2012

Dear resident,

**Beecroft Road Bridge closure for concreting commencing Saturday 7 April 2012**

Significant progress has been made on the Hills M2 Upgrade since work started in January 2011. The project will reduce congestion and travel times during the busy morning and afternoon periods and improve access to the motorway. The upgrade will be completed in the first half of 2013.

To facilitate widening of Beecroft Road Bridge, new bridge piers have been built in the centre median and will now be joined with the existing bridge deck. To reduce the impact of vibration caused by passing vehicles and allow the newly poured concrete to set, Beecroft Road Bridge will be closed during the Easter long weekend.

**Work activities**

The concrete will be poured between 6am and 8pm Saturday 7 April however the Beecroft Road bridge will remain closed to traffic until 12pm Monday, 9 April to allow the concrete to set.

Machinery and equipment needed for this work includes a crane, concrete trucks, concrete vibrators, lighting towers, light vehicles and hand tools. You may experience increased noise levels as a result of the work. The project team will take measures to keep this to a minimum, including:

- Using non-tonal reversing alarms, which make a “quacking” sound instead of a “beeping” sound.

For more information about how we will manage noise, please refer to the **Hills M2 Upgrade Noise Management Fact Sheet** which is available on the project website hillsm2upgrade.com.au.

**Traffic conditions**

All lanes on Beecroft Road Bridge will be closed between 4am Saturday 7 April and 12pm Monday 9 April. The Hills M2 westbound off ramp and citybound on ramp will remain open to motorists throughout this period. Motorists will not be able to turn left onto Beecroft Road from Kandy Avenue during this period. Please refer to the lane closures shown on the map over the page.

At 12pm on Monday, 9 April, all lanes will reopen to motorists and a 40km/hour speed reduction may be in place until 5am Tuesday, 10 April. Delays are expected so please plan your journey and allow extra travel time. Please drive carefully and follow the signs.

The community complaints and information line 1800 196 266 (select option 2) will be attended day and night during construction. Complaints received will be responded to within two hours and we will investigate the complaint as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback please contact us on the 1800 number or email inquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,

Sanjin Muhic

Hills M2 Upgrade Community Relations Manager
Beecroft Road Bridge over the Hills M2 motorway will be closed during the Easter long weekend from **4am Saturday 7 April to 12 noon Monday 9 April** while concreting work is completed.

Concrete will be poured during the day on Saturday and the bridge will remain closed to traffic until **12 noon Monday 9 April** to allow the concrete to set.

A **40km/h** speed limit may be in place until **5am Tuesday 10 April**.

The Beecroft Road westbound off-ramp and citybound on-ramp will remain open during this period.

Delays are expected along Carlingford Road and Pennant Hills Road. Please plan your journey and consider using alternative routes. See over for detour map.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

For more information, visit [hillsm2upgrade.com.au](http://hillsm2upgrade.com.au) or call **1800 196 266** (select option 2).

For up to date traffic information please check [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or call **132 701** for traffic updates.