



Prairiewood High School

*"A Local Comprehensive and Partially Selective High School...
the very best of both worlds"*

MONTHLY BULLETIN

"Challenging students for the future."

June, 2011

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES!

22nd June

Parent Teacher
Interviews

23rd June

Zone Athletics
Carnival

27th June

Year 8 Subject
Selection Evening
for Year 9 in 2012

28th June – 1st July

Physics Camp at
Coonabarabran

Wed., 29th June

Mid-Year
Presentation
Evening

1st July

Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday, 19th July

Students return to
school for Term 3

28th July

Multicultural
Concert

Hawkesbury Show Results

After a cold start to the morning, we were up and ready for a busy day at the Hawkesbury Show. Even though the number of red polls were down slightly when compared to previous years, we were still competing against another eleven animals in our competition - with two of those having finished in places ahead of our entries at Sydney Royal Easter Show a few weeks earlier.



Competition was very high, however, on the day our cattle and handlers rose to the task and we took out the Supreme Red Poll title for the 2011 Hawkesbury Show. Our results were as follows:

Red Poll Female (Firelilly)	12 – 15 months: First in class Junior Champion Female, Champion Female and Supreme Red Poll Exhibit
Red Poll Female (Destiny)	20 – 30 months: First in class Senior Champion Female, and Reserve Champion Female

**What's all the fuss?
What's going on?**

**Read all about it!
PRAIRIEWOOD
ON SHOW ...
see page 4!**



From the PRINCIPAL...

Parent Teacher Night

This important event on our school calendar provides an opportunity for parents to meet their children's teachers (and vice versa), but most importantly parents will be provided with some significant feedback about each child's attitude and effort in the classroom – compared to the other students in the course/class. So, to parents I say... please be sure to speak with as many teachers as possible in order to get a full and accurate picture of your child's strengths and weaknesses, as well as information about his/her progress. Should you require more detailed information, please ring the school office staff and make a separate appointment time.

Year 9 Subject Selections for 2012

Parents of our Year 8 students are invited to join us next Monday evening at 6.30pm to find out about the various courses that will be offered to students as Year 9 (School Certificate) *elective* choices for 2012. I encourage all students and parents to keep in mind that the most important thing for these students is that they choose elective courses that they will enjoy! The final decision really has absolutely nothing to do with possible future career choices.

Mid-Year Celebration of Student Achievement

This significant event on our school calendar will be held in the school hall next Wednesday evening, 29th June and will provide us with the opportunity to honour the academic achievements and celebrate the success of our students during the first half of 2011. We look forward to another wonderful presentation evening, with a range of students from all year groups receiving awards for the dedication and commitment they have shown in their studies.

Selective Classes in Year 8 for 2012 ... vacancies

For the very first time, there will be four student vacancies to be filled in the Year 8 Selective classes for 2012. Several students have moved to other suburbs or at the last minute decided to go to another school and the application forms for current Year 7 students (at Prairiewood or any other school) who are interested in submitting an application for a selective class placement in Year 8 next year need to collect an official application form from our school office. The special selective schools test will be held in August this year.

Excursions and Activities ... payment and permission notes

I need to point out to both students and parents that permission notes and payment for excursions and other events/activities (such as sporting matches or class excursions organised to support the curriculum) **cannot** be accepted on the day the activity is being held. Payments and notes need to be submitted by the due date listed on the excursion note and students who do not comply with the dress code for any particular event will not be able to attend. Please note that this rule also applies to students representing our school in sporting and other competitions.

School and Subject Fees

My thanks to those parents who have already paid these in full and also to those who are making regular payments throughout the year – your cooperation is greatly appreciated. All parents who have not yet paid any fees are asked to make these payments (or at least a part payment) before the end of this term so as to assist the school in continuing to provide materials and resources for students. Thank you.

Classroom Technologies

In recent weeks and months, some additional classroom technologies have been introduced at Prairiewood – to promote the use of appropriate technologies as useful resource tools for the classroom – using monies provided from Low SES National Partnerships funding. Additionally, our teachers have been attending training sessions to further develop their technology skills and the main focus at our Term 3 School Development Day in mid-July will be centred on the same overall topic. On this day, teachers from our school will join those from three other partially selective high schools to learn more about the ways in which the latest technologies can be used to support classroom learning programs.

P&C Meeting in August

The next meeting of our Parents and Citizens' Association will be held on Wednesday, 3rd August at 7.00pm in the school library. Our special invited guest at this meeting will be the newly appointed Schools Liaison Police Officer and a special presentation about supporting students and their careers choices will be the focus topic at the September meeting. All parents are invited to attend these meetings.

Fanulla Sapountzis

Well – our Prairiewood students continue to be successful in a range of schools' competitions and sporting matches. School Captain, Fanulla Sapountzis of Year 12, will go down in history as the very first Prairiewood student to reach the State Finals of the SMH Plain English and Public Speaking Competition. This event will be held in Sydney towards the end of July and we wish her every success. What a great honour – congratulations Fanulla!

Boys' Volleyball Success

Another first for Prairiewood has been the outstanding success of our Boys' Volleyball team who have in the past few weeks played in the Regional Finals of the schools competition ... and won! What a truly great result for some very dedicated sporting students who will now play in the State Finals at the end of June. We wish them every success.

Prairiewood On Show

What a wonderful new event this was at Prairiewood High School! Unfortunately, I was ill and couldn't attend on that night but every report and piece of feedback I have received from students, teachers, parents and other invited guests has been really positive and praised the achievements of our students. Congratulations to Mrs Stewart (Home Ec. HT) and her team of workers – and also to the many students who contributed to the great success of this event.

Steve Dinham... PHS hosting this special district schools' event

As part of providing valuable opportunities for staff to build and develop their existing skills, our LowSES school planning document for 2011 included a special presentation and workshops by renowned Australian researcher and educationalist, Dr Steve Dinham from Melbourne. We are hosting this event on 11th August from 3.30 until 8.00pm and have invited teachers from other local primary and high schools to participate ... and the response has been extremely positive. Steve Dinham will be focusing on the key topic of "Moving and Improving Your School" and we are looking forward to his visit and the chance to be part of his workshop sessions. If we are to model to our students that learning is part of a continuing journey, it is important that teachers, too, set the example of the need for ongoing learning and development of teaching skills. In this way, both teachers and students benefit.

~ J. Pickering

Prairiewood On Show

Rave reviews were received for the Prairiewood on Show evening held on the 7th June in our school hall.

The evening showcased many student achievements with public speaking, dance, music and textiles on show. Those attending were also entertained by movies from agriculture, sport and the stop motion group. This was professionally presented by our VET Entertainment students who used the night as part of their professional practice.



Guests marvelled at the amazing canapés made by our VET Hospitality students and were served perfect cappuccinos and lattés by our I.O. Hospitality students.



and teachers, as well as community representatives attended the evening and all had a great night. This was a great opportunity to see and celebrate the many talented achievements by our students.



Many parents, students



Fashion Parade

If you weren't there, catch it on a friend's iPhone. The fashion parade at Prairiewood on Show this year was something to make you say **wow!**

Year 10 textile students opened the show with their amazing masks and modelled their textile art skirts and pyjama outfits. Our I.O. textile students showed us how it was done, displaying the hand-made scarfs they had created. Year 11 had a very high 'cute' factor with their parade of little girls' dresses with many thanks going to the pint-sized models on loan to us from teachers and families.



The parade crescendo was Ivy Ly's triumphant strut in her breathtaking costume from the musical "Wicked". Ivy showed us what talent together with persistence can achieve as she modelled her green silk and acetate 'Elphaba' gown. I was extremely proud to see my students confidently step out because I have seen how hard they have worked and how they have developed their skills in such a short space of time.

Congratulations to all our textile students and many thanks to parents for their support of our textile program here at Prairiewood.

Mrs S Williams
Design & Technology

Movie Trailer by Year 8 Selective Students

For the recent Prairiewood On Show event, students in 8H and 8S decided to create movie trailers for a novel they studied in class, Fearless by Tim Lott.

Both trailers were excellent and really showcased the talent of the students in the Year 8 Selective classes, their passion for literature, their creative flair, tenacity and ingenuity. Students in 8S posted their trailer on youtube and then decided to contact the author Tim Lott in London, providing him with the link to the trailer, and asking for his opinion of it.

Mr Lott wrote in reply, "Thank you for this, I really enjoyed it and

was very flattered that you should go to the trouble of making it. It is very encouraging to me that people still enjoy reading Fearless..."

Ms Rodic and Mrs Young were extremely proud of the efforts of the students who worked on the trailers and congratulated them on their excellent work!

[Photos taken from youtube]

Ms S Young
English Dept



CAREERS @ PHS

Year 12 & Beyond Seminar

On Thursday 19th May 2011, Prairiewood High School held our annual Yr12 & Beyond Seminar. The day comprised of two parts, the first being the seminar, which involved a series of keynote speakers addressing Yr12 in the library and the second being a Careers Fair in the dance studio for all senior students to attend.

1) The key note speakers included representatives from UWS, UWS College, NSW Police Force, University of Notre Dame (Private University), the Australian Defence Force, TAFE, the Board of Studies (dispelling myths surrounding the HSC) and past Prairiewood High School students, who took part in a panel-style set-up speaking of their experiences during Yr12 and the many lessons learnt.

2) The other part of the day comprised of the Career Fair set-up in the Dance studio. Many exhibitors attended on the day - the major Universities, Private Colleges, TAFE, the NSW Police Force, the Australian Defence Force, Master Builders Assoc, AusGrid (Energy Australia), Rail Corp, Price Waterhouse, AGT NSW, 1300Apprentice, Laing and Simmons Real Estate, World Vision and many others from Industry..... our gratitude going to such organisations which have repeatedly given their time to assist and thus help make the Seminar the success it is.

A special thank you goes to the PHS Coffee Shop Crew who catered the event as well as the Yr10 and Yr11 volunteer ushers and assistants on the day which received accolades from many who attended the seminar on the day, showing the spirit of Prairiewood High School.

Yr10 TAFE Sampler Day 2011

On Wednesday 8th June 2011, Prairiewood High School and South Western Sydney TAFE joined forces to give Yr10 students a sampler of what it is like to attend TAFE for a day. The day comprised of visiting two TAFE campuses, Miller TAFE and Wetherill Park TAFE.

On arrival at Miller College students attended three pre-chosen workshops, options being - Child Studies, Plumbing, Business Administration, Carpentry, Information Technology, Metals and Engineering, Music and Media, Brick Laying and Electrical.

After enjoying a lovely lunchtime BBQ we headed off to Wetherill Park College where again students attended workshops - Nursing, Aged Care, Auto Mechanical, Panel Beating, Hospitality.

Our thanks go to Johanna Vance and to her team for a very informative day for our Yr10 students who are getting ready for subject selection. TAFE application forms will be made available to students, beginning Term 3, on their return from the school holidays.

Healthwise Expo

The Healthwise Expo held at Prairiewood High School on Thursday 26th May 2011 was, as many have stated, one of the most successful Healthwise Expo's they have attended and we are still receiving accolades from all present on the day.

Healthwise was established as a partnership between South Western Sydney Local Health Network (SWSLHN) and Prairiewood High School, the key organisers being Florence Olugbemiro (SWSLHN) and Mrs Penny Evans (Prairiewood High School) working together with our teams, bringing together two major industries (Health and Education) showcasing the dynamic career paths within the Health Industry to the students who will become the professionals of tomorrow.

So many helped make it such a successful event - from the South Western Sydney Local Health Network (SWSLHN), NSW Ambulance, local hospital personnel, key note professional speakers, universities and colleges, local high school students with their teachers, Prairiewood High School Yr10, 11 and 12 students, teaching and support staff and parents. We had a full capacity audience on the day with over 450 students, 50 hospital professionals, 20 university personnel and our two fabulous Yr12 MCs - Fatafehi Fa and Sione Maake not to mention the Yr12 VET Entertainment and Yr10 Dance students.

The event began with the sound of an ambulance siren hurriedly making its way towards the school hall. From there began the Emergency Skit, choreographed by the Yr10 Dance students (pictured) and Ms Balcazar - which saw them portraying different careers in the Health Industry via a choreographed dramatic performance. That was followed by a small panel of key note professional speakers from the industry, giving a short rundown of what they do. Then there was a DVD and Powerpoint presentation outlining different pathways into the industry.

The students were then given the opportunity to visit the different stands showcasing varying areas within the health industry, many involving hands-on/interactive sessions, as well as the universities - showcasing health courses on offer. Whilst this was happening, some students were escorted across the road to Fairfield Hospital where they were taken on a personal tour of the hospital.



It was a major event for which many deserve thanks. It is something we here at Prairiewood High School and the SWSLHN would like to see us host once again next year, so we look forward to seeing you at HealthWise 2012. Many contributed to this successful event but it would not have reached the heights it did had it not been for Florence Olugbemiro, to whom again we, here at PHS say, "Thank you".

Mrs P Evans
Careers Advisor

Visit to Garden Island by Year 10 History Students.

On Thursday 26 May an intrepid group of Year 10 History students set off from school on a visit to Garden Island Naval Dockyard at Woolloomooloo. The aim of the trip was to gain some information for a site study as part of their Year 10 History course. The school is greatly appreciative of the sponsorship of CabraVale Diggers RSL club for this excursion – they provided the bus and driver and paid the student fee for the excursion. This provided students with an opportunity that may otherwise have not been available to them. Thank you to Mr O'Brien and Mr Foulkes from CabraVale Diggers for their efforts in providing us with this travel opportunity. Special mention must also go to our bus driver, Simon who successfully negotiated us through some extensive peak hour traffic to get us to our destination exactly on time. Thanks also to all the members of the Naval Historical Society of Australia who volunteered their time to show us around the Dockyard and provide us with valuable insights into the history of Garden Island.

On our visit we saw some very old buildings that were used over 100 years ago to support the repair and maintenance of ships that visited Sydney. We learned that Garden Island was named after a small garden that was planted to provide vegetables and fruit to the early colony and that it was then developed as a ship repair facility. It remained an island until World War Two when a graving (dry) dock (the largest in the southern hemisphere) was built to repair warships. The graving dock was built and joined Garden Island to the mainland. When we visited there were three large Royal Australian Navy ships in the dry dock in varying states of repair. We also saw the hammerhead crane which was capable of lifting a load of up to 250 tonnes. It was last used in 1988 and is now heritage listed. It is 68 metres high and has a boom of 83 metres. In other words, it's huge. Have a look next time you take the ferry to Manly. The dock can be opened to the sea to let ships float in and then it is blocked off to the sea by a big block called a caisson. When the caisson is in place and the ship is in position, water is pumped out of the dock at the rate of one Olympic swimming pool every ten minutes. When full, the dock holds 3000 million litres of water. As the water is pumped out the ship drops gently onto wooden keel blocks and is secured. When the dock is fully emptied of all sea water people can go in and work on the ship. When the ship has been repaired they pump water back into the dock, remove the caisson and float the ship out again. The pumps can empty the dock in four hours. Building the dry dock was a huge feat of engineering. Work on the dock started in 1940 and it was completed by 1945. It was named after Captain James Cook (Royal Navy). The dock is 345metres long, 45metres wide and 14metres deep.

We also visited the chapel built in 1902 for church services that were a regular part of sailor's lives in those days. The timber for the chapel's interior came from various ships over many years. The chapel can seat up to 300 hundred people and regular church services are still held there today. It has stained glass windows that commemorate various ships of the Royal Australian Navy.

Another part of our visit took us to the Kuttabul Memorial which commemorates an incident in which 21 sailors lost their lives when a torpedo from a Japanese midget submarine missed its intended target (USS Chicago a US Navy cruiser) and exploded near the accommodation ferry Kuttabul during World War 2. This incident occurred at 12:30am on June 1, 1942. There is a memorial service held each year to remember these sailors. Ironically, the day we visited, and whilst we were at the Kuttabul Memorial, a bus load of Japanese naval officers arrived to lay a wreath at the memorial to commemorate the incident.

Upon completion of our guided tour of "The Island" we returned to the Naval Historical Society Building, collected our gear and spent the next hour and a half having lunch and checking out the northern section of Garden Island which is open to the public and touring the Naval Heritage Museum. In the museum you can look through a submarine periscope and see lots of things around Sydney Harbour. The museum exhibits lots of examples of Australia's naval history and is well worth a visit. There are also examples of various warship parts on display outside the museum.

Once again, our thanks and appreciation to CabraVale Diggers club and it's CEO, Mr O'Brien, and we look forward to more visits in the future as it gives students some insight into the history of Sydney.

Mr D Rose & Ms B Jansen

Prefect News...

The Prefects are very busy at the moment with lots of different activities/projects happening.

Breakfast With The Principal

We recently had our second breakfast meeting with the Principal and Mr Conroy, where we discussed upcoming events and plans and ideas we had for future events. It is always nice to get this time with the Principal and Deputy and the Prefects really appreciated their time and ideas.

Prefects Attending After-School Learning Centre

This term we began a roster whereby two Prefects attend the After School Learning Centre on both Mondays and Thursdays, volunteering their time to help the younger students of the school with their school work. The Prefects assist the teachers at the centre and enjoy helping the students with their homework, and will also be having training in how best to assist the students at the centre.

Roll Call Visits to Year 7

All year the Prefects have been visiting Year 7 roll call classes on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, assisting the Year 7's transition into high school as well as providing them with a friendly face amongst the seniors of the school with who they can go to for help/advice etc. All of the Prefects have enjoyed getting to know the Year 7's and love visiting them twice a week.

Year 7 Peer Support Camp

Continuing the good work that they do in Year 7 roll call, the Prefects will be attending the Year 7 Peer Support Camp (June 20/21st), acting as team leaders, ensuring everyone has the best time possible while at camp. They will also be running one of the sessions Year 7 will participate in while at camp.

Mid Year Presentation

The Prefects have been very busy preparing this annual event. The Mid Year Presentation evening is an award night organised and run completely by the Prefects for the students, to celebrate the hard work and diligent efforts of the students at the school.

KEYS 2 DRIVE ... helping parents teach their Learner driver

As a parent you may be a good driver; but being able to teach your Learner is not an easy task.

A recent national survey of more than 1,250 parents of Learner drivers found that almost half (45.5%) were nervous or apprehensive when they began teaching their teen how to drive.

keys2drive is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective.

keys2drive is a **free** lesson (involving theory and on-road) delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – most often a parent.

This program, the single largest Learner driver safety program undertaken in Australia, represents a unique and valuable experience for parents and their Learner drivers.

To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit www.keys2drive.com.au



The Australian Automobile Association constituent members are the motoring clubs in each State and Territory

Rock the Schools Concert

Logitech Rock the Schools is a free education and entertainment initiative aimed at inspiring thousands of students across Australia to follow their passion and provide them with direction and knowledge regarding various careers in the music industry. As part of this initiative. The Australian Institute of Music facilitates two and a half hours of workshops plus they bring up and coming Australian Rock bands into school halls and transform the venue into a Live Rock Gig!

In May, Rock the Schools and the band 'Delamare' visited Prairiewood. During the day our Entertainment VET students were instructed on how to set up a concert including lighting and sound, whilst our Hospitality students catered for the band and the stage crew and the entire Prairiewood student body was invited to listen and dance to a great upcoming Australian band.

It was an outstanding success and as you can see by some of the photos Prairiewood students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mr C Harris
Deputy Principal





Fairfield City
Celebrating diversity

Families Together

In Partnership with The Early Childhood Intervention Coordination Program invite parents to a free information session



Supporting Siblings of Children with a Disability or Chronic Condition

Having a child with a disability affects the lives of all family members. Often siblings feel a range of emotions and reactions which change over time.

In this information session we will provide an opportunity to discuss experiences and raise awareness about-

- siblings experiencing confusion, depression and isolation
- common experiences that siblings face
- services and support available

Presented by
Jessica Smythe
Psychologist & Family Counsellor | Koorana Child and Family Services

DATE: 29th June 2011 (Wednesday)
TIME: 6.30 – 8.30pm
PLACE: Training Room
Brian Wunsch Centre,
126 Avoca Rd, Wakeley
(parking available on site)

No cost!
Bookings are essential as places are limited.

For information or to register please contact 0407 708 626

Child minding is not available for this course.

Families Together is for parents. Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.



Families Together is funded by Family and Community Services / Community Services and sponsored by Fairfield City Council

From the Ag Plot...

Life at the Show.

After many months of being at the ag plot before and after school, preparing cattle for the 2011 Sydney Royal, we finally arrived on the 11th April with the pampered team of cattle which consisted of 3 angus steers, hereford steers, 2 red poll steer for the hoof and hook competition and a Red Poll heifer and a Red Poll cow and calf for the Stud Cattle judging.

The 12 days at the show were no holiday, like some of us thought it may be, whether it be washing, grooming, feeding or cleaning their poo, it was all hands on deck. After late nights of 11 pm, Mr Mulcahy had us up at 5 am to wash and groom the cattle, clean the cattle stalls out, feed them a mixture of



pellets and hay, give them a drink of water, before we were allowed to do anything for ourselves like have breakfast.

All day long we had to sit and watch to quickly clean any “mess” they made, and on judging day they were given the salon treatment with a wash before being blown dry, then a style cut along with hair spray and other products to keep their hair in place and make it shiny. Once this was done we had to stand near them and when they decided to go to the toilet hold their tail up and then clean their bottoms so they didn’t make a mess of their new look.

We were very proud of our achievements, with all our carcasses achieving a score of 80/100 (average score was 75) and above. Even though they didn’t receive prizes, Mr Mulcahy was very pleased with the results as he works hard on trying to achieve high quality carcasses, by preparing very strict feed rations which we need to follow. Because as he says “It doesn’t matter how well they look in the show ring, it is how they hang up as a carcass which is important.”

The Red Poll cattle which Mr Mulcahy has bred for us, were shown on the 17th April against some tough competition with other cattle breeders travelling from as far away as Victoria and South Australia to compete at the Sydney Royal. Our young Red Poll Heifer called Firelilly managed to achieve a Second place in her class and Destiny and her calf gained a first Place in 24-30 month old female and narrowly missed out on gaining Snr Reserve Champion Red Poll.

Even though we were sleep deprived, physically exhausted, and often stretching Mr Mulcahy’s patience to the limit, we had many laughs and made new friends and met up with old friends from different schools and farmers from across the state and country, exchanging ideas and learn new techniques for preparing the cattle.

A big thanks goes to Mr Mulcahy for giving up his holiday, and the time and effort he has put in since late last year, collecting cattle from all over the state and spending many extra hours during the Christmas holidays, before and after school helping us to feed, train and groom the cattle. Without his time and effort it would be impossible for us to go to the show and have the cattle in such top condition. With planning, animal selection and breeding programs already underway hopefully Prairiewood will shine at the 2012 Sydney Royal.

Kylie Hooker
Year 12

2011 Cross Country Carnival

The annual Prairiewood High School carnival was held on Friday 6th May at the Fairfield Showground. It was a perfect autumn's day with more than 700 students in attendance.

Students enthusiastically participated in the long distance running events and also in an array of activities which included cricket, soccer, touch footy and volleyball.

The relaxed atmosphere was also accompanied by music playing through loud speakers with many students dancing along. This was definitely a highlight for our Special Ed students who eagerly danced for most of the day.

Once again this year, the Year 12's under the supervision of Mr Gianni and Ms Walsh provided an outstanding and delicious BBQ.

A special thank you also to our canteen staff for the excellent mobile service they provided for our school.

Carnival Results

1st place – Hollows [258 points]

2nd place – Bradman [220 points]

3rd place – Fraser [203 points]

4th place – Goolagong [195 points]

Age Champions –Boys

12 – Profita Keo

13 – Matthew Smith

14 – Steven Tran

15 – Daniel Garzaniti

16 – Nemanja Grujic

17 – Adrian Ciancio

Age Champions – Girls

12 – Linh Nguyen

13 - Katrina Dos Anjos

14 – Enise Askin

15 – Helen Quach

16 – Alicia Gaffey

17 – Jana Zabakly



Lansdowne Zone Carnival

The 2011 Lansdowne Zone Cross Country carnival was held on the 19th May at Fairfield Showground.

There were twenty Prairiewood students who successfully progressed in qualifying for the Sydney South West Regional Cross Country.

Special congratulations to Enise Askin who won the 14 Year Girls Age Championship.

Prairiewood students performed well at the Regional Carnival held at Hurlstone Agricultural High School on 16th June.

Carnival Organisers

Mr I Schein & Ms D Georgievka

15's Girls Soccer

I am extremely proud of the girls who represented our school in today's game (Friday 20 May 2011). They displayed courage, tenacity and enthusiasm for their task. We were up against it from the start. Freeman was our opponent - they play regularly and their teamwork and skill was clearly superior to ours in the first half. They applied good pressure and our lack of match experience clearly revealed some basic structural weaknesses in my game plan. They scored four goals during the half and we had no answer in attack or defence.

However, the second half was a totally different story. We made some adjustments to our game plan and the girls played their best. Inspiring captaincy from the 'Gaffinator' and better positional play from all players kept our opponents scoreless for most of the second half – they managed to score only one goal from a free kick close to our goal towards the end of the game.

It was a great privilege to coach such a wonderful group of inspiring girls. They did our school proud. Special thanks to Cameron Napret who refereed the game for us.

Our 15's Girls soccer team included: Alicia Gaffey (inspirational captaincy), Aimee Kovacic (solid in all aspects of the game), Bianca Craus, Katrina Dos Anjos (great keeper and field player), Deniz Hendrickse, Anh Nguyen (determined and hard working throughout the game), Kim Nguyen, Ana Razov, Adriana Shimon, Kathleen Voon (outstanding keeper and field player), Jelena Lukic, Cassandra Pasten, Francesca Pereira, Marcia Riva, Hasti Saeedi, Regina Andrews (solid and reliable in defence), Amirah Todor (solid in defence), Helaina Narvaiza (energetic, determined and enthusiastic throughout the game).

Next year we should do better if we can keep the nucleus of our younger players together.

Well done girls. Even though we were not successful you all displayed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the game. You were a credit to the school and yourselves.

To quote Jack Gibson "played hard, done good."

Mr D Rose

Coach

PHS Athletics Carnival

Prairiewood HS held its annual athletics carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park on Wednesday 25th May. Despite the cold weather, more than 600 students attended and participated enthusiastically. Some outstanding performances occurred throughout the various events during the day. Congratulations to all competitors for their excellent efforts.

School Results

House Points

1st	Goolagong	931 points
2nd	Hollows	926 points
3rd	Fraser	673 points
4th	Bradman	577 points



Age Champions

12 Boys	Izaya Nuku
13 Boys	Gavin Tu
14 Boys	Shivan Mudliar
15 Boys	Jamahl Shepherd
16 Boys	Stanley Chukwueke
17 Boys	Kye Wills

12 Girls	Linh Nguyen
13 Girls	Sandy Chea
14 Girls	Kathleen Voon
15 Girls	Gaby Pese
16 Girls	Unaloto Apolosio
17 Girls	Alyssa Martinez



Ms A Pool PDHPE

Tennis Success

The open girls tennis team consisting of Shannon Rowland-Clarke (Year 12); Jelena Lukic, Hasti Saedi and Diana Trkulja (Year 9) have achieved the best result in many years for Prairiewood. So far they have had convincing wins over St Johns Park, Bossley Park and East Hills Girls High Schools. They will play the Sydney South West Regional finals against Fairvale with the winner to play Westfields on Wednesday 22nd June at Marconi Tennis Centre.

Congratulations girls and best of luck in the semi final.

Ms A Pool Coach

Volleyballers Make State Finals

The open boys' volleyball team has created history - last Monday they became the first Prairiewood boys' team to win the Sydney South West Regional Championship and qualify for the state finals. They defeated James Meehan High School 3 sets to 0 in the semi final and Westfields Sports High School 3 sets to 0 in the final. The team were outstanding with their performances in both matches. Congratulations and well done boys.

The team consisted of FJ Mauala (Captain), Leroy Muaulu-Tamapua (Vice-Captain), Kevin Fiu, Leo Kefu, Richard Loau, Levi Muaulu, Kite Paseka, and Joachim Taalili, all of Year 12.

The open girls team also qualified for the state final, by defeating Eagle Vale 3 sets to 1 in the semi final and then losing the final to Thomas Reddall 3 sets to 0. The girls all played exceptionally well, particularly in the very close semi final. Congratulations and well done girls.

The team consisted of Fatefehi Fa (Captain, Year 12), Nazli Hocaoglu (Vice-Captain, Year 11), Katrina Loau, Catherine Schuster and Ioka Vaituutuu; Latai Fa, Alicia Gaffey and Emmalini Koro (Year 11) plus Gaby Pese (Year 9).

Good luck to all players in the State finals at Olympic Park on the 29-30th June.

State Selections

Leroy Muaulu-Tamapua became only the 2nd Prairiewood male student to be selected in the NSW CHS Team and competed in the Trans Tasman Tournament in Wollongong in June.


Gaby Pese became only the 2nd Prairiewood student to be selected in the NSW All Schools Under 16 girls team to compete in the National Championships in Perth in August.

Congratulations and good luck in the upcoming tournaments.


Ms A Pool Coach

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- ◆ Start date: 18th July, 2011 at 9am

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Centre link exceptions apply

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CEEW III Course


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