The President writes....

Welcome back to Term 3. In a few weeks the ‘eyes of the world’ will turn to Beijing to witness the world’s ultimate sporting event – the Olympic Games. To all of the athletes good luck.

Many of the competitors representing Australia have participated in the school sport program. For many school sport was their entry into representative sport, their first opportunity to test their skills against the best in their chosen sport.

I have often been asked by colleagues why should our school become involved in school sport - what are the benefits for the students in our school?

Simply put school sport provides the educator with another strategy to engage the learner. Very few competitors will reach the elite level but all who participate will have the opportunity to

- develop life skills (eg communication, concentration, commitment)
- learn responsibility and discipline
- learn how to work with others in a team environment
- learn to cope with success and failure
- develop a sense of community, loyalty and cohesion
- help some gifted young people become aware they are role models for others and
- be active.

In previous newsletters I have challenged schools to “engage in activity”. In April this year the “Premier’s Sporting Challenge” was launched and to date over 80000 students from 450 primary and secondary schools have taken the challenge. What a remarkable effort! To the PSC team congratulations. As an association we look forward to maintaining this momentum.

In December the 8th Pacific School Games will be hosted by the Australian Capital Territory Department of Education. Over 5000 students from all Australian States and Territories and in excess of 28 nations will meet in Canberra for a week long celebration of school sport. Students from throughout New South Wales will participate in Swimming, Diving, Basketball, Hockey and Athletics. With the exception of the Track & Field Team all teams have been selected. Information regarding the selection pathway for athletes may be found later in this bulletin.

As an association the NSWPSSA is inviting your input. Early in Term 4 we intend to distribute a survey regarding your involvement or non involvement in school sport. In closing “engage in activity” and reap the benefit.

‘Be a part of it’

Mark Sanders
President
Principal, Fairvale Public School

Closing Date for
2009 Knockout Entries
28 November 2008
State Carnivals 2008

Term 3
25 July............... Cross Country-Eastern Creek
29-31 July...................Girls Netball-Dubbo
19-21 August........... Girls Touch-Forster
19-21 August............... Rugby-Nowra
26-28 August.............. Boys Touch-Cronulla
12 September............Golf-Waratah Golf Club
23-25 September ...... Girls Softball-Camden

Term 4
15-16 September ............ Athletics-SOPAC
28-30 September .......... Boys Softball-Orange
29 Nov-6 Dec ..........Pacific School Games-ACT

State Sports Directory

The following contact details for State Sporting Organisations are provided should schools like to organise a visit from one or more of the State Sporting Organisation’s.

Athletics NSW .................9746 1122
NSW / ACT Australian Football ......8333 8000
Basketball NSW...............8765 8555
Cricket NSW ....................9339 2969
Football NSW ..................8814 4400
Hockey NSW ...................9764 1911
Netball NSW ...................9646 5666
NSW Rugby League .............9971 0877
NSW Rugby ......................8354 3300
Softball NSW ..................9677 4000
Swimming NSW ...............9763 5833
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Touch Mark Clemson Woongarrah PS 4392 7493 4392 7807
NSWPSSA Representatives at the 2008 PSG

Diving
Tamara Ambrose .......... Clarendon Meadows PS
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Nicholas Bransdon ...... Regentville PS
Genevieve de la Motte ............... MLC
Liam Drummer ................. Prouille
Kosta Fedes ................ McCallums Hill PS
Liam Heather ................ Biddabah PS
Christian Holman .... Oxford Falls Grammar
Kyle Lovell ................. Oxford Falls Grammar
Elizabeth Macarounas ......... PLC, Sydney
Sinead McNamara .............. St Joseph's, Pt Macquarie
Sita Poole ..................... St Marks, Drummoyne
Freddie Pryor ................. Belrose PS

Hockey – Girls
Madison Fitzpatrick ............... Lindisfarne
Keely Murray ................. Pottsville Beach PS
Ashlee Dansons ........ St Joseph's, South Grafton
Kiara Marsh ...................... Kiama PS
Grace Stewart ................. Gerringong PS
Georgia Honey .............. Pymble PS
Madison Smith ................. Calare PS
Kate Hanna ................. St Anthony's, Girraween
Emily Hetherington .... Murwillumbah PS
Dana Constable .......... St Edward's, Tamworth
Mikaela Patterson .......... Kiama PS
Lacey Devlin ................. Goulburn PS
Haley Butcherine ............ Calare PS
Maddison Lippiatt ........ Bathurst South PS

Hockey – Boys
Max Hughes ................. Port Kembla PS
Zach Sharp .................... Zig Zag PS
Isaac Farmino ................. St Michael's, Manila
Jacob Purser ................. Westlawn PS
Hunter Medcalf .......... Dubbo South PS
Blake Govers ................. Kierraville PS
Harry Fahey ............... Grafton PS
Blake Wotherspoon .... Murwillumbah East PS
Lachlan Sharp ................. Zig Zag PS
Kurt Lovett ..................... Holy Family, Parkes
Jackson Harrison ........ St Claire's, Narellan
Chris Ninness ................. Westdale PS
Brad Hughes ............... Lismore Heights PS
Thomas Smith ............. St Mary's, Grafton
Umpire: Tim McKenzie ........ Oxley HS

Swimming
Meg Bailey ...................... Merewether PS
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Liam Covi ...................... Erina Heights PS
Oliver Cox ...................... Sydney Grammar
Kate Diamond ................. William Carey
Christopher Dwyer .............. St Ignatius
Bernadette Flannery .... St Mark's Drummoyne
Amanda Fowler ............... Mt Riverview PS
Samuel Fowler .......... Cronulla South PS
Jaymee Fuller ................. Macksville PS
Jodie Gifford .............. Villa Maria Hunters Hill
Lorne Greenlaw .......... Ocean Shores PS
Zachary Grenenger ........ Shore Prep
Olivia Gunawan ........ Greenacre PS
Abbey Harkin ............... Maitland East PS
Joseph Hillsberg .......... Sydney Grammar
Hayden Hinds-Sydenham .... B. Hills North PS
Annabel Hopkins ........ Central Coast Grammar
Mitchell Kilduff .......... Carlton South PS
Kandisha King ............... Lismore Heights PS
Ryan Leonard .............. Biraban PS
Amy Light ...................... Neutral Bay PS
Edward Marks ............. Trinity Grammar
Ami Matsuo ................. Artarmon PS
Te Haumi Maxwell ......... Newington College
Brayden McCarthy ...... St Joseph's, Tweed Heads
Georgia McConville ..... Swansea PS
Lucy McJannett .......... Maroubra Junction PS
Matthew Mensforth ......... Jewells PS
Georgia Miller ............. St Maris College Manly
Jade Moody ................. St Catherine's, Singleton
Oliver Moody ............. St Catherine's, Singleton
Connor Morgan ............ St Joseph's Kilaben Bay
Kirsty Morgan ............... Cammeray PS
Vladimir Pan ............... Keiraville PS
Jessica Payne ............... Pacific Hills PS
Reece Pettit ............... Eleebana PS
Elise Pidutti ................. Eleebana PS
Taylah Pollard-Hughes ... Beaumont Hills PS
Monique Rae ................. Kegworth PS
Emily Rosskelly ............. Balarang PS
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Joshua Skinner .............. Crestwood HS
Elizabeth Slack ............. Roseville College
Alice Stuart ................. Roseville College
Lucy Tabrett .............. Hillsborough PS
Alina Tape ................. St Patrick's, Macksville
Gabrielle Turnbull ......... Miranda Nth PS
Paul Wan Westing ......... Knox Grammar Prep
Joel Walker ..................... Gymea Bay PS
Bradley Woodward ......... The Entrance PS
Patrick Yap ................. Eastwood PS
Joe Yeomans .............. St. Joseph's, Walgett
Basketball - Girls
Tanja Tanevski.............. Bankstown Grammar
Gabrielle Turnbull........... Miranda North PS
Riley Evans..................... St Anne's, Temora
Brittnee Sewell.................. Quakers Hill PS
Emily Malouf.... Bishop Druiit College, Coffs H.
Brittany Gianoli - Wilson..... St Francis Xavier
Jayden Ainsworth ............... Korora PS
Christina Doxaras............. Panania PS
Tahliia Tupaea ...................... Emu Plains PS
Eleri Morris ...................... Waniora PS

Basketball - Boys
Luke McGuire... St Therese', West Wollongong
Thibaut Potin ...................... Illawong PS
Jack McVeigh ..................... Kingscliff PS
Jacob Cincurak ................... St John's, Jindera
Liam Pitty .......................... Croydon PS
Sachin Thapa .............. Central Coast Adventist
Mitchell Naumovski ....... St Brigid's, Gwynneville
Jacob Rauch..................... Eleebana PS
Joshua Gibbs...................... Jannali East PS
Nicholas Bagaric ............... St Pius X, Unanderra

Track & Field Selection Pathway
As this year, the Pacific School Games will be held and NSW are sending a team, there will be no School Sport Australia Exchange. Therefore no NSW PSSA team shall be named at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival on the 15th and 16th October at Homebush.

A squad of approximately 430 able athletes and 110 Students with Disabilities between the ages of 10 and 19 years of age will be selected to represent NSW at the Pacific School Games. These students will be selected at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships held on 14th September – AWD Athletes and 25th – 28th September – Able Bodied Athletes at Homebush. Entry is by individual nomination.

If you wish to be considered for selection in the NSW PSSA/PSG team you must attend the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships from on 14th September /25th - 28th September at Homebush.

Information and Online Entries can be obtained through the ‘Online Entry Section’ on the ANSW Website at http://www.nswathletics.org.au/

Entry into these trials is the responsibility of the individual student not the school or any affiliate with NSW Primary School Sports Association.

For further information on the Pacific School Games and the available pathways, please go to the following website: