8 November 2013

From the Principal

As most of you would know, the Principal of GRC Peakhurst, Mr Rick Seretis, has for the past twelve months, been working on a large reform program for the Department of Education and Communities. Late last term, Rick formally accepted an offer for the position of Director, Public Schools NSW - Nirimba Network. This has meant that he will be relinquishing his position at GRC Peakhurst.

Rick has been associated with GRC Peakhurst for many years, firstly as Deputy Principal from 2002 to 2005 then returning as Principal in 2008. During his time he has introduced many new initiatives, developed productive partnerships with the whole school community and moved the school forward into a digital learning environment. At the core of his vision was a focus on teaching and learning to create an atmosphere where all students can reach their potential.

A merit selection panel has now been formed and the position of Principal will now be advertised on the DEC website.

I am sure you would all join me in congratulating Rick on his promotion and thank him for his many years of service at GRC Peakhurst.

RAM

There has been recent media coverage on the new way schools will be funded. The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is something that we, as a pilot school for the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership will be trialling in 2014. We are yet to understand the whole impact of the new model and are currently being trained in its use and implications.

To see more on the RAM click on the Forms and Documents tab on the left of the newsletter.

New Hall

The construction of the new hall is moving very quickly with changes noted every day. The completion date is set for mid-January, so we should be able to use this new facility on our return to school in 2014. The Dome will be demolished during the Christmas school holidays and new basketball courts installed where the Dome once stood.

Peakview

Our annual Creative Arts display was yet another resounding success. Another extraordinary effort from the CAPA staff, their friends and students. The quality of student work and the professional displays presented, highlighted once again the talent we have at GRC Peakhurst.

Taking Peakview to a new level this year with the introduction of ‘Vivid’ was an exciting innovation, adding another layer to the ever expanding range of activities to highlight student achievement and staff commitment and enthusiasm.

Staff achievements

Miss Nadja Kundrys-Little recently competed for Australia in the Mixed Division of the Men’s and Mixed Netball World Championships in Sun City, South Africa.

The tournament is played every 4 years with teams from all around the world competing over the 8 days.

Her team, Australia, played Australia A in the grand final and won convincingly.

Mr Ibrahim Haydar’s NSW Premier League team, Sydney United 58 won the minor premiership of the NSW Premier League.

Due to this success they were invited to play in the National Premier League, a 3 week tournament held over Australia on weekends in October.
He travelled and played Canberra and Queensland in the lead up to the Grand Final and his team then went on to beat Tasmania in Hobart 2-0. Ibrahim scored the second goal of the match from a header. Their team was crowned the National Premiers.

In order to reward students who have been doing exceptionally well both academically and in extra-curricular activities. The Head Teacher of Welfare Ms. Michelle Walton has organised a Reward excursion to Jamberoo Park. It will be on Friday 29th November 2013. It is exciting to see that about 40 year 7 students have achieved a Bronze level which is 80 points or above in our school welfare system.

Students who missed out this time should concentrate more on good behaviour and consistent participation in class in order to get a chance to be part of this reward on the next Reward excursion. These reward excursions happen twice every year.

In term-4 week 4 and 5, all students in Year 7 have also been involved in an aquatic safety program. This program is meant to develop water confidence and teach basic survival techniques to students, for situations such as if they get caught in difficult situations in water. The program is conducted over two days and each daily lesson is 2 hours long. This scheme will be delivered by PDHPE staff in addition to staff at the swim centre.

Overall, this year has been very productive for year 7 and most students have proven to be quite mature and responsible members of our school.

There will be more academic rewards awarded to deserving students before the end of the year.

I am looking forward to working with all of you next year again. Till then take care and have a safe and happy new year.

Kind regards
Year 7 advisor
Harmeet Sandhu

YEAR 9 Advisors Report
Towards the end of last term, Year 9 viewed a drama performance by Brainstorm Productions titled ‘Verbal Combat’. The live performance addressed the issue of cyber bullying and was delivered by two young actors who were able to engage the audience in a scripted cyber bullying presentation. The performance mainly focused on the use of social media in young people’s everyday lives and how technology and social media sites have become a catalyst for many young people to bully each other. I would like to congratulate all of Year 9 on their fantastic behaviour during the performance and I hope that each student took something valuable away from it.

Yearly exams were held in Week 3. Students should be commended on the way they organised themselves and focused during the exams. Any student who was absent will need to ensure that they catch up on the exams missed. Also, a medical certificate is required for students who were sick. I would like to encourage Year 9 to maintain a consistent and motivated approach to their schoolwork for the remainder of the year as it is important to continue to meet course outcomes in order to be prepared for Year 10.

Finally, Year 9 students from GRC Peakhurst Campus have been invited to be part of a pilot project called Reach Out Local Leaders (ROLL). The project aims to address mental health issues that many young people may experience. I have received interest from a few students who would like to be a part of the

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Staffing
Congratulations to Julia Picone for her appointment as a permanent teacher, Support, at GRC Hurstville. Julia has been with us as a temporary teacher for the past seven years teaching Support and PDHPE. Julia has also been a valued member of staff in her positions as Year Adviser, SRC coordinator and many other roles over the years.

Also on the move is our Christian Studies teacher Matt Hall. Matt has been a wonderful support to the students and staff and he is always willing to help at any opportunity. Matt will take-up a position as a pastor at Helensburgh next year.

Best wishes to you both from all of us at GRC Peakhurst.

Uniform shop
Our school uniform shop has been providing second-hand uniforms at affordable prices all year, with the funds used to provide resources to the students at GRC Peakhurst. Our dedicated parents who supervise the shop each Wednesday have noted a shortage of smaller sizes available for resale. If you have any uniform items at home which are in good condition, especially smaller sizes, could you please donate them to the school.

Neale Harries
(Rel) Principal

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program; however, it would be great to have several more on board. So any Year 9 students who have been thinking about becoming involved in ROLL, please let me know.

Happy Learning!

Julia Picone
Year 9 Advisor

YEAR 10 Advisors Report

Year 10 are engaged in their most important term this year. Their College Exams are currently being held as well as many Yearly Examinations across all subjects. Many of you have been developing regular revision and study routines. This has been very pleasing to see. I recently issued you all (in your English classes) some useful tools for revision and time management, in order to prepare for your examinations. Hopefully you found some use for these. Remember to carefully check the school website for examination information and to use your time in between examinations carefully.

If any student has missed receiving important notes regarding their ROSA and end of year requirements, please see me or collect one from outside the English staffroom.

The Year 10 Formal is still currently being organised and I am looking forward to sharing the occasion with you all. The night is going to be held on Wednesday 27th November from 6-11pm at Waterview, Bicentennial Park. Parents are encouraged to arrive at school from 4:30pm (departing at 5pm) to take photos and farewell our students before we board the buses. Remember that students must be demonstrating exemplary behaviour each day in order to attend this function.

I dropped in on some Year 10 students during a GAT day for Science where they engaged in a variety of exciting projects throughout the day. Photos are attached. It was great to see students so involved in their studies.

We also saw some very talented ladies sing and the boys in the Year 10 rock band perform at a recent Formal Assembly, so amazing to see such diverse talent in this year group!

Year 10 Important Dates –

- Year 10 College Examinations Monday 4th – Friday 8th November
- Year 10 Yearly Examinations Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th November
- Year 10 Formal – Wednesday 27th November.
- Year 10 Orientation at Oatley – Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December
- Year 10 Gifted and Talented Day at Oatley Campus - Wednesday 4th December
- Year 10 Big Day Out at Oatley – Thursday 5th December
- Year 10 Presentation Ceremony rehearsal and Sign Out - Thursday 12th December
- Year 10 Presentation Ceremony - Friday 13th December

HSIE News: Australian Geographic Competition

Earlier this year, a group of students from Year 9 competed in the Australian Geographic Competition. The Competition challenges Australian secondary school students to demonstrate their geographical knowledge and skills. It rewards student excellence with great prizes, including selection for Australia’s international geography teams.

All participating students will receive a certificate for their participation but special mention goes out to a group of students who excelled in their age group, highlighting the number of budding Geographers we have at GRC Peakhurst.

Credit

- Sean Bouza
- Garrick Chippendale
- Brendan Kaihe
- Anita Kelly
- Rebecca Maltby
- Blake Thomson
- Lachlan Straney
- Clarence Villasista

- Distinction
  - James Redmond
  - Braiden Toko

- High Distinction
  - Jayden Prior

Ms H. Diamond
H.S.I.E. Head Teacher

Lauren Osmond
Year 10 Advisor
Music News

Year 10 Recording Studio Excursion

Late last term our Year 10 Elective Music class along with a selection of Year 9 Music students had the experience of a lifetime. We visited a fully operational professional recording studio in East Balmain and recorded our class single for 2013. This project began in term 2 with a class song writing competition which was won by Cara Bancroft. Months of work arranging the song and rehearsing for the recording culminated in this amazing day in the studio and a very excited group of students. After catching a train and ferry and walking (a good thing for musicians to do!) we arrived at the studio and got straight into gear with setting up drums and working out some more parts. Everyone who performed and assisted us did an amazing job and the song has turned out to be an outstanding reflection of these talented and dedicated students. It was a long day finishing at around 9pm with an exciting walk to the Ferry in the rain and an eerie ferry ride across the harbour to the train.

‘Try’ will be released online shortly so that you can hear it and get your own copy. All the proceeds from the sale of this single will go towards future projects. Many thanks must go to Mr Page, Mitchel Thornton and David Keevers along with Sean Rudd our producer and the studio owner for their hard work and assistance in making this an outstanding day for our Elective Music students.

Schools Spectacular and our GRC Peakhurst Vocal Group

Earlier this year our very own GRC Vocal Group was selected to be involved in the Schools Spectacular as a part of the Secondary Arena Choir. This is an amazing privilege and not every school group is chosen to be involved. Our Vocal Group is led by Lucy Fisher our Vocal Tutor and Mr Reidy. Schools Spectacular is a yearly variety event hosted by the Arts Unit and is in its 30th year. This year the Spectacular is being filmed by the Nine Network and will be shown nationally a little later in the year. The event is attended by thousands of students, parents, friends and relatives and is not to be missed. Tickets can be purchased online through Ticketmaster.

From the PDHPE Faculty

Year 10

To enhance literacy levels, all Year 10 students were issued with a loan copy of the novel The Story of Tom Brennan at the end of term 3. Students were expected to read the novel over the holidays and are now completing a unit of work to compliment it. Their Yearly examination will be based around the novel so please check with your child that they have read the novel. We encourage Year 10 to prepare adequately for their Yearly examination and they are invited to speak with their teacher if they require assistance in preparing for their exam.

The PDHPE department and Year 10 would like to thank the P & C for their generous support towards this literacy initiative.

For a copy of this note click on the Forms and Documents tab on the left of this newsletter.
Champions for Change Youth Forum

We joined Miss Whiley on an excursion to the Champions for Change youth forum at Butterfly House, Crows Nest in September. The aim of the ‘Champions for Change’ youth forum was to bring together senior students from secondary schools in and around Sydney to share their views and ideas on promoting positive body image and self-esteem within their school communities. The forum featured presentations, workshops and small group discussions via interactive methods and we are now looking forward to working with the SRC to produce practical solutions and strategies to promote this important issue within our school community. We would like to thank Miss Whiley for choosing us to attend this worthwhile forum and allowing us to take the journey with her.

Year 7 Swim School

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who attended Swim School at Hurstville Aquatic Centre during weeks three and four. Swim school was intensive learn to swim program, which developed water confidence and provided students with basic to advanced skills in water safety and survival. Thank you to our fabulous swimming instructors: Miss Kundrus-Little, Mr Haydar, Miss Sheehy and Miss Whiley and also to Mr Miller for facilitating the organisation of the program.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to the wonderful students who sold chocolates to raise money for the Dance and Aerobics programs at GRC Peakhurst. The funds raised have allowed for the purchase of state of the art gym equipment to aid competition and performance preparation, iPads and School Aerobics National Team uniforms.

First Aid and CPR Course

Students who are currently studying Year 10 PASS and Child Studies will be completing their First Aid and CPR certificates on Monday 25th November. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note to their classroom teacher. Payments (instalments or full payment) can be made at the front office up until the 20th November.

A copy of this note can be found by clicking on the Forms and Documents tab on the left of this Newsletter.

Emily Newham’s Tour of New Zealand

Congratulations to Emily Newham of Year 10, who has just returned from a basketball tour of New Zealand. The tour was called Hoops for Health and games were played in Auckland, Rotorua and Gisborne. Emily played in the Under 17’s division with players mainly from the Parramatta Wildcats Basketball Association. Not only did the tour allow her to thoroughly immerse herself the Maori culture, she believes the experience allowed to greatly improve her game. We look forward to seeing Emily’s progression through the ranks of the sport!

Tennesy Holtz, Veronica Guardala, Isabella Russell and Rebecca Lai

Congratulations Annastasia Alysandratos

Well done to Annastasia Alysandratos of Year 10 on her recent surfing success! Annastasia has been competing in the Board Riders Championships at Cronulla Beach each weekend since April. She competes against women aged from 8-40 years of age and has just been crowned Board Rider of the Year! She has won a custom designed surf board, which she is really excited to design! It’s great to see our girls shining in the sports arena this month!

Ms. Elise Whiley
Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE/LOTE

For a compilation of photos and videos from last Terms Pass Camp click on the link below.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVrEAlfMoTs

PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL MEDIA NEWS

PIXEL PRIZE

On Thursday night the 10th October I was lucky enough to be invited to attend the opening of the ‘Pixelprize’ Photography exhibition held at McGlade Gallery Strathfield Campus, Australian Catholic University.

The theme for this year’s competition was ‘Visions of a Sustainable World’ This competition is open to all high school students in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales who have a passion for photography. The competition aims to encourage the use of photography as a means of expression thought, feelings and opinions on a theme through a vastly dynamic artistic medium.

I am pleased to announce that this year we had 5 students who made it as exhibition finalists and one student awarded a certificate of participation. Also what is very important to note is that only 69 students were selected to be hung as finalists from a whopping 400 entries.

Congratulations goes to the students below whose work has been selected for the pixel Prize NSW exhibition. We are very proud to have this many finalists this year from both Photography and Digital Media classes.

Ms. M. Walton
Year 10
Jessica Cracknell- Finalist

Year 9
Mikaela Collins- Finalist
Anita Kelly- Finalist
Selena Green- Finalist
Tiffany Li- Finalist
Danielle Walton - Certificate of Participation

MORAN CONTEMPORARY PRIZE COMPETITION
All students were invited to take part in yet another Photography competition called the Moran Prize.

The prize is a national competition that awards and promotes Australian contemporary photography. This year’s theme was your interpretation of “Contemporary life in Australia” with an emphasis on day-to-day life.

I am pleased to announce that this year we had a finalist from Year 8 Fletcher Hall. We wish you all the very best with the final judging taking place shortly.

Well done Fletcher!

Ms M Walton

From the TAS Faculty
Sydney Tower Restaurant Excursion
Late in Term 3, Year 9 and 10 Food Technology students were given the opportunity to attend an excursion to Sydney Tower restaurant. Forty eight enthusiastic students experienced a highly informative tour of the three dining venues and the commercial kitchens. Students were given a history of the tower as well as information on the daily operational practices carried out by staff. The tour concluded with lunch in the revolving buffet restaurant with a stunning 360 degree view of Sydney. Students were able to sample a variety of multi-cultural cuisines as well as some Australian delicacies. Whilst the kangaroo was a little unpopular, the highlight of the meal was dessert! Students were perfectly behaved on the day and were great ambassadors for Georges River College-Peakhurst. We thank everyone for their keen participation and look forward to visiting Sydney Tower restaurant again in the future.

Year 10 Food Technology Catering
Year 10 Food Technology students have been studying the topic Food Service and Catering and as part of the unit have undertaken their first catering task. A high tea was organised for the staff at GRC, with students involved in the planning, preparation and presentation of food for the event. Students worked in pairs to prepare food which included finger sandwiches, mini quiches, sausage rolls, smoked salmon blinis, cupcakes, cinnamon scrolls and sweet pastries. The final result was very impressive with the hard work of all students being evident. The team work and communication skills exhibited during this exercise were outstanding. Congratulations to Year 10 for all of their efforts.

Year 8 Textiles mini elective
Students in the Year 8 Textiles mini elective have been busy working on their Toy Design brief. Students were requested to design and make a soft toy suitable for a small child. Some of the projects included stuffed elephants, bunnies, giraffes, fish and a very realistic Sponge Bob. The standard of work has been exceptional and all students should be proud of their efforts. We look forward to seeing the results of the fabric decoration unit that will also be completed in Term 4.

Ms K Willis
TAS faculty

SRC Report
After recovering from Leadership Camp, the SRC have been working on a number of projects.

We will be holding a Mufti Day for the school on Friday 22nd November. A gold coin donation is required from students wishing to participate on the day. Food will also be for sale and there may even be opportunities for sponge throwing at some of your favourite teachers!

The SRC, led by our school captain Cara Bancroft will also be running training sessions during term 4 on The String movement, an anti-bullying initiative. Many students helped us to paint a banner during lunchtime on Friday 25th October full of handprints, representing equality and working together to combat bullying.

Elections for Years 8-10 SRC 2014 as well as School Captains and Vice Captains 2014 will be taking place in Week 8-9 so anyone interested in applying for these positions should come and see me for further information. I will be holding meetings with each year group prior to this so make sure you listen out for important announcements. Remember, to be eligible to apply for School Captaincy in Year 10 you must have represented the
SRC at GRC Peakhurst Campus for at least one year prior, so why not apply!

Miss Osmond
SRC Coordinator

Student Welfare Report

Year 6 Transition

It will continue to be an exciting and extremely busy Term for all, as Year 6-7 Transition will occur. Mr. James Cooper (Year 7 Advisor 2014), Mr. Scott Wilson (Deputy Principal), Mrs. Monique Van De Pol (LAST), Mrs. Jenny Jarman (STLA) and I will be visiting our feeder primary teachers and students to prepare for 2013. We are looking forward to meeting with both the staff and students.

An excursion has been organised for all students who are on Bronze, Silver or Gold (i.e. students who have reached and maintained 80 points or more) in the school’s welfare and discipline system. This Rewards Excursion will be to Jamberoo Action Park on Friday 29th November 2013. There are so many students who have attained these levels which is a testament to their commitment and efforts at GRC Peakhurst Campus in all areas. The Welfare Team is looking forward to a wonderful day with these students.

Rewards Morning Teas

This term has seen once again the commencement of special ‘Rewards Morning Tea’s’ to congratulate the achievement of students for doing school service in a variety of ways. On the 17th October during recess in the Library we rewarded 20 - Dance and Aerobics students from Year 7-10 for being hardworking members of the school community. These students have given up many hours of their time for rehearsals, performances locally and interstate all year round as well as formal assemblies and our annual ‘Peakform’ night.

Well done to the following students!

Lauren Chappel
Hayley Chick
Cassie Crowder
Olivia Florance
Ashleigh Givins
Jasmine Handsaker
Ashley Harris
Jacinta Jackson
Emily Keogh
Rebecca Lai
Jordan Lang

Congratulations to these students for wonderful efforts and commitment to these worthwhile extra-curricular activities.

Jump Start TAFE Visit

On the 5th of September I was lucky enough to take 5 boys from the Jump start program on a special behind the scenes tour of St. George TAFE Kogarah Campus. The boys got to experience what the campus offers. Highlight of the day was being able to witness a spray painting session on a cars bonnet and some panel beating, not to mention tasty treats at the canteen.

Thank you to the following Year 9 boys for excellent behavior and contribution to the day. Also a big thank you to Mark Hunn for arranging the visit.

- Cameron Guppy
- Joe Thompson
- Dylan Drakoulis
- Ryan Fensom
- Jack Ferguson

Bully Prevention Committee

Well done to the following Year 9 students who gave up their time on two separate occasions to work with me on updating our Anti-Bullying School Policy. You all contributed extremely
well during our meetings and has awesome ideas. I look forward to working with you to produce some wonderful posters later in the term. Excellent work and congratulations to the following students.

- Clarence Villasista
- James Gray
- Lachlan Beccaris
- Olivia Mc Clatchey
- Jasmine Handsaker
- Tiffany Hoang
- Ebony Thornton
- Selena Green

**World Vision 40 Hour Famine**

Once again in 2013, the World Vision 40 hour Famine was well supported by number of GRC Peakhurst students who raised a great total of $765.30.

This year’s Famine donations were distributed in Malawi, Ethiopia, East Timor, Nepal, Tanzania and Uganda to help families gain better access food and clean water. In Malawi the support will be used to diversify farmers’ crops, plant fruit trees, learn about raising livestock like goats and improving the quality of the soil.

Students collected donations from family members, friends and teachers for opting to do without food, technology or furniture for a forty hour period. This was to help the student’s identify in part with those who go without the things we here in Sydney take for granted. Increasingly over the past two years, students' donations have been arranged by direct debit.

![World Vision 40 Hour Famine Image]

**VACCINATIONS**

On Monday, 21 October 2013 the South East Sydney and Illawarra Health Unit administered the last of this year’s vaccinations. Qualified nurses give the vaccinations in a professional and caring manner.

Immunisation prevents outbreaks of the tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, chicken pox and Human Papillomavirus, a common virus that can lead to HPV-related cancers and diseases in males and females the associated within the community. These vaccines are no longer available from General Practitioners unless your child has a serious medical issue.

Vaccination forms for 2014 will be issued in early February; it will be appreciated if these forms are completed and returned to school promptly. Those students who missed vaccinations in 2013 will receive their catch-up vaccines in 2014.

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![Vaccination Forms Image]

On 18 October, two forums (Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10) were held to commemorate the United Nations Day of the Girl. This year’s theme ‘Innovate 2 Educate’ stressed the
importance of educating girls and the benefits that this can have on a whole nation.

A talented, former GRC Peakhurst student, Lejla Bekric spoke to the girls. She encouraged them to strive for excellence in their schoolwork and take every opportunity to join in extra curricula activities, get a part-time job and do voluntary work.

Lejla described her how her early schooling was interrupted on four occasions before returning to her parents’ homeland, Bosnia without any knowledge of the language. When her family moved to Australia Lejla once again had to learn a new language and she spoke of her initial difficulties learning English; with a lot of hard work and determination she topped English here. Today, despite health setbacks she has completed a Medical Science Degree with Honours and tutoring and lecturing at university as she undertakes the requirements to enter Medicine with the goal of becoming a Paediatrician. A YouTube clip from a newly released film “Girl Rising” followed Lejla’s inspirational talk. The film relates the stories of girls living in many different parts of the world where there are challenges for girls to receive any schooling. Take a look at the segment at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJsvkXhYaE

Why you need to provide the school with your child’s current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and an EpiPen® or Anapen® signed by their doctor

The plan sets out the steps the school needs to follow in an emergency. It is essential for us to have this to keep your child safe.

We will keep a copy of your child’s ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis stored with your child’s EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why it is important to talk regularly with your child about some simple steps to help keep them safe

It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this. Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won’t get into trouble. They need to tell a teacher immediately.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANAPHYLAXIS SHOULD HE OR SHE CARRY THEIR OWN EPIPEN® OR ANAPEN® TO AND AT SCHOOL?**

What is this article about?

If you have told the school that your child is diagnosed a risk of anaphylaxis you should have received a letter from Mr Wilson (Acting Deputy Principal).

This article provides more information about anaphylaxis.

What is an EpiPen® and an Anapen®?

EpiPen® and Anapens® are the emergency treatment for children who are having an anaphylactic reaction.

What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as being at risk of anaphylaxis there are some important things to remember that will help the school to support your child’s health care needs.

Why you need to keep us informed if your child is diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or if his or her condition changes. This includes if they have an anaphylactic reaction while not at school.

The school can only respond to risks it knows about. Please keep Mr Wilson informed so that we can plan to support your child at school.

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**Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®**

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form has been sent home and is also available from Mr Wilson.

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.

The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

**Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?**

Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child’s individual health care plan.

They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot.

To find out more go to the Department’s public schools website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php