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Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Tuesday 27th

- Jnr's N & H to Hazelhurst Art Gallery
- School public speaking finals (evening)
- Bandannas on sale

Wednesday 28th

- Kindy Orientation

Thursday 29th

- Jump Rope for Heart

Friday 30th

- National Bandanna Day

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd–Friday 13

- Swim scheme for Yr 2

Wednesday 4th

- Kindy Start Program

Tuesday 10th

- P & C Meeting in Staff Room at 7pm

Wednesday 11th

- Kindy Start program

Tuesday 17th

- Year 6 County Fair

Wednesday 18th

- Kindy Start Program

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st

- K-2 Concert Practice

Wednesday 2nd

- *K-2 concert at Peakhurst HS 5pm*

Thursday 3rd

- Volunteers thank you lunch

Friday 4th

- PSSA Finals day

Monday 14th

- School Disco from 5pm

Wednesday 9th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS

Wednesday 16th

- excursion for all students
- Year 6 Farewell

**LAST DAY FOR
STUDENTS 2009**

PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH: 9570 4602

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Another extremely busy term is planned full of important learning, assessment and fun!

Congratulations to those students who took part in the recent UNSW Maths competition. We had our best results ever with 3 High Distinctions (Jessica N, Jordan T, Kevin L), 10 Distinctions, and 13 credits. This is a fantastic result and shows that our Maths results are really improving.

We have a number of important fundraisers happening this week with Jump Rope for Heart (Heart Foundation) on Thursday and Bandanna Day (Cancer Charity- CanTeen), in memory of Sam Nakkan. Thanks to Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Willis and the SRC for organising these.

We have a few parent satisfaction surveys that have been returned. If you would like to give your opinion on how we can improve our school this is an important opportunity. Extra surveys will be on the reverse of another parent survey that will go home this week regarding our "School Culture". These surveys help us plan for 2010 and are used to inform comments in our Annual School Report.

Stage 2 and the Art group visited Hazelhurst Art gallery over the last two weeks. (Thanks to Mr Entwistle for organising this). We also have student work entered in the "Not Just a Brush" exhibition.

Congratulations to Tiarna, Claudia, Julia, Matthew, Elyce, Tina & Claudia whose artworks are on display. This exhibition begins on the 30th October at the Hazelhurst Gallery Cnr Tamara Rd and the Kingsway Gynea. It runs for 2 weeks and features the best Primary Art work from across the Sydney Region. It is truly worth a visit with your family. Special thanks must go to Miss Leece for her work with the Art group, and for entering our student's work in this important exhibition.

Our Public speaking competition is on (tomorrow) Tuesday evening at 5:00pm for K-2 and 6:00pm for years 3-6. This is an opportunity for our talented speakers to speak to a real audience and demonstrate their skills. Public Speaking is an important part of the curriculum and the winners of this competition will go on to represent our school at the District Competition. Well done to all stage representatives for getting to the final. Thanks to Miss Hancock for organising this event.

As we begin planning for next year if you know that your child will not be returning in 2010 or will be back later in the term due to a holiday, it is essential that we are given this information in writing now. Please send the notes directly to the office.

Thank you for your support.

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal

NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY

We will be selling bandannas for \$3.00 each in support of National Bandanna Day which is on FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER to raise money for CanTeen —The Australian Organisation for young people living with cancer in memory of our dear friend Sam Nakkan. This is the chosen charity of the Nakkan family.

Bandannas will be sold before school and at recess in from of Mrs Butler's room on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday this week.

Please note that bandannas are only to be worn on Friday at school and not at sport.



Help us to raise much needed funds for this worthwhile charity.

Student Representative Council

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS—NEW HATS HAVE ARRIVED

The new style surf hat has arrived and is available from the uniform shop for \$10.00. We no longer have any baseball style caps left.

Microfibre sports shorts have also arrived for girls in years 3-6. If you have ordered they have been delivered to your daughter last week. If you would like to purchase for sport they are readily available from the uniform shop at \$15.00 each. Refunds will be given out to those who have already ordered as they came in cheaper than advertised.

We still have a limited number of white short sleeved polo shirts available at \$15.00 each, some summer weight bootleg pants at \$10.00 each and skorts still available until all sold out.

LOST PROPERTY IS GROWING AGAIN

The lost property was cleared late last term but has multiplied again. Please come to sick bay and check if you own anything. All items here at the end of term will be thrown out or given to the 2nd hand shop.

All items that have names on them (that can be easily read) are returned as soon as we are able. If you would like to order some labels at a very reasonable price there is an order form in the school office. These are very easy to use and you will probably only need one set in your child's school life.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

As we approach Term 4 ,very soon teachers will start to look at classes for next year. If you know that your child will not be coming back to our school or if you will be on a holiday and will not be here for the start of the school year, please send a note or SMS to school as soon as possible. If your child will be enrolling at a new school you need to get a transfer certificate from the office.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**Penshurst West Public School JUMP OFF DAY**

The Students have been participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program since last term. The program aims to get our students active whilst raising funds to save lives through heart research.

On **Thursday 29th October**, we will be holding our Jump Off Day. This is a day where we focus on fun, group activities and community spirit and celebrate the new skipping skills the students have learned. The fun and games will start at 9.25 -10.25 for K-2 and 10.25-11.25 for 3-6 on the top playground and we would like to invite all of the students' family and friends to come along.

We will be doing a number of different activities on the day including:

- Jump rope challenges such as relays
- Skills such as criss cross, cowboy, backwards, speed

Long rope activities and partner work

Reminder: The Jump Off Day is also when the sponsorship forms and funds the students' have raised need to be handed back.

For more information about the Heart Foundation or Jump Rope for Heart please visit www.heartfoundation.org.au. You may also find the Healthy Kids website useful for more information on how to get kids eating healthy and being active. <http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/>

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION and KINDY START PROGRAM

Kindy orientation is on this Wednesday. If you have a child coming to school next year or know of someone who is due to start school and they have not enrolled yet please come to the office and pick up an enrolment form so that they do not miss out on this very important transition time.

Starting Kindy

If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, these ten tips for parents can make planning for this event easier. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/tentips.php

SHOE BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all who have already donated a shoe box of gifts for children to go overseas who are less fortunate. If you would like to participate the boxes are still available from the office but will need to be returned by the end of this week.

ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

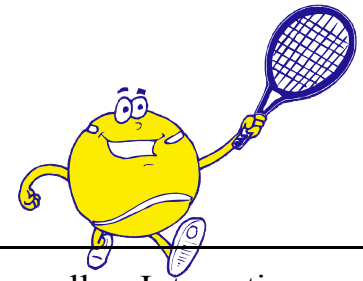
For those who wish to apply for selective high school in 2011 the note has gone home today. Please fill in request for the package and return to the office as soon as possible as applications close on the 13th November.

**LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL TERM THIS YEAR FOR STUDENTS IS
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

**FOR 2010—STUDENTS GOING INTO YEARS 1—6 RETURN ON
THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2010.**

Kindergarten 2010 commence on Monday 1st February.

Tennis Lessons



Do you want your child to be active and improve their: **technique, fitness, game sense, point play....???**

Tennis coach (Advanced Level), registered with Tennis Australia as well as Internationally.

Our aim is: **for kids to be able to serve, rally and score, max participation & learning through playing the game. We use modified equipment (slower balls & smaller courts) to allow all students to experience success and continue playing tennis.**

Types of lessons offered: Groups, modified lessons for 5-7 year olds, private, as well as competitions and holiday tennis camps.

We also sell rackets (all sizes) and other tennis equipment!

Call Ranka for more details on **0405 458 658**.

Fitness Karate & Flexercise

(not-for-profit group)

Training is held in Penshurst West Public School hall, corner Scott Street & Forest Road, Mortdale

Fitness Karate

Group Exercises in Karate & Self Defence
Tuesdays & Fridays 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Fitness Flexercise

A unique exercise routine which combines many forms including **warm up, callisthenics, stretching, fitness boxing, step, stair, abs workout, yoga, etc.**
Mondays & Thursdays 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm

We are inviting you to try out any of these sessions for one month for free. After that normal fees will apply; however these fees are very reasonable compared to many other fitness classes

For further information, please contact:

Robert Barretto
Professional Fitness & Karate Instructor
Tel: **0458 207 991**

AMY'S ART SCHOOL

Amy's drawing classes will introduce children to the exciting and creative world of art. Children will be taught the basic skills of drawing and cartoon design right up to professional sketching and painting.

Small group lessons, ages 5-20 years. \$18 per lesson (90mins).

Classes are located at :

**Oatley
Hurstville
Riverwood
Bankstown**



Please feel free to speak to **Amy**
on **0405 356 708**



Georges River Autism Support for Parents Autism Seminar Series
Guest Speaker: Marina Bailey, Child Psychologist

Session one: Wednesday 28th October : **Understanding the nature of challenging behaviour in autism spectrum disorder**

Session two: Wednesday 11th November: **How to achieve positive behaviour change**

Session three: Wednesday 25th November: **Practical strategies and case studies**

All Sessions: 10am -12.30pm, Cost \$5 per session

Venue: 23 Stanley Street Peakhurst, 2210, Ph 91536300

Morning Tea provided

Bookings essential

For Information or bookings contact: Glenn Power 91536300 or email glenn@grcbc.org.au