



# Best of the West

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## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

#### Monday 2nd—Friday 13

- Swim scheme for Yr 2

#### 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 5.30pm**

#### Thursday 3rd

- Volunteers thank you lunch
- High school transition day

#### Friday 4th

- PSSA Semis & Finals day

#### Wednesday 9th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS

#### Monday 14th

- School Disco & BBQ from 5pm with 'Kids Cover Band'

#### Wednesday 16th

- excursion for all students
- Year 6 Farewell at Penshurst RSL (evening)

#### **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2009**

**P & C MEETING  
TOMORROW NIGHT  
(TUESDAY) IN THE  
STAFFROOM AT  
7.00PM**

PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH: 9570 4602

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents

The staff and students of Penshurst West would like to extend our sympathy to Mrs Jenkins on the sudden passing of her father. In Mrs Jenkins' absence I will be Acting Principal until she returns.

This term all Senior classes have been involved in the Kids' Design Challenge—Go Grains. Their task was to design and make an advertising campaign to teach students about the health benefits of eating 4 + serves of grain based foods a day. Last Wednesday a team of presenters from each class travelled to Macquarie University where they did their presentation.

Congratulations to Senior F who were awarded the Pitch Award whilst Senior H received the Overall Award for the best advertising campaign in 2009. Well done Stage 3 and Mrs Willis, Mrs Chapple, Mrs Furey & Miss Hancock.

Next Tuesday Year 6 will hold their Fun Day & County Fair to raise money to purchase a gift for the school. This year students have decided to purchase a range of materials to help make our school more sustainable. They hope to raise enough money to buy a water tank to water our gardens. Students are asked to bring a gold coin to wear mufti as well as some spare change to pay for games, ice cream, face painting and lots more! Please see page 3 for more information

This week all students from Years 2-6 have listened to speeches and voted for prefects for 2010. These will be announced at the Presentation Assembly.

Bandanna Day was a great success with over \$900 raised for CanTeen. Thanks to Mrs Willis and the SRC for organising this.

Our Public Speaking finalists delivered their speeches in front of a large audience. The quality of the speakers was fantastic with the following students moving on to represent Penshurst West at the District Public Speaking Competition. Although no one advanced past this level all performed wonderfully. The stage winners were: Early Stage 1—Lily B, Stage 1 — Casey J, Stage 2—Emily W, Stage 3—Callum L.

Our chess team won the District final and moved on to the Regional level but unfortunately were defeated. This week Cedric & Clarise have travelled to Turkey to represent Australasia in the World Youth Chess Championships.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Janette Hancock*  
Acting Principal

## *Can you help with our Christmas Appeal?*



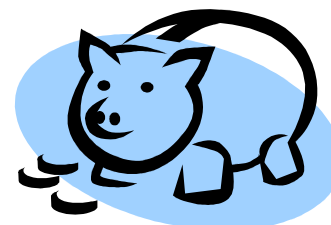
*Each year the Salvation Army provides Christmas hampers to the people in the community who, sadly, are unable to afford food at Christmas. They don't have an opportunity to celebrate as a family in the way they would like.*

*To help this appeal, Penshurst West School will have some boxes in the school office foyer where you can place donations of non-perishable food items to be included in the hampers. Examples of non-perishable food items are any canned food, pasta, bottled sauces, tinned ham or any shelf type foods that have a use by date before January 2010.*

*All items will be collected on Tuesday 8th December, so any donations before this date will be greatly appreciated.*

## School Banking

Thank you to Ritu Bawa who has been doing the school banking for this year. Due to an overseas holiday the last day for banking for 2009 will be tomorrow—Tuesday 10th November.



## RISC

What's RISC? A spelling mistake? No there is no *risk* involved!

RISC, or the **Register of Individual Student Contact**, is the data base commonly used by schools to keep track of individual events in a child's school life.

Some children think a RISC entry is undesirable, however this is not always the case.

At PWPS we use RISC to track students who have received Silver and Gold awards. We also use it to keep track of unacceptable behaviour. Sometimes it helps us to identify trends in student behaviour.

RISC can also be used to notify parents of more serious incidents involving their child. If you would like to know more about RISC please feel free to ask me.

Peter Nolan  
Assistant Principal

## To all Year 5 Parents.

### Selective high school applications reminder

If you have a child seeking placement in a selective high school in Year 7 in 2011, applications must be made to Penshurst West Public School by **Friday 13 November 2009**. Application packages are available from the school office now. For more information and application procedures go to:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php)

## GO GRAINS REFLECTION

SH had a lot of fun during Go Grains. Our class came up with lots of great ideas but we had to narrow it down to our top three products to send as our entry for Go Grains. The Products we chose were a memory game for our class prototype and a comic book and radio ad as our two elements. Through doing Go Grains SH has learn't the different types of grains, how many grain based foods you should have each day, how they are good for you and how much effort this all took to make our prototype and elements quality. We have all put in a lot of effort and had a lot of fun during this great experience. On Wednesday nine representatives from our class went and presented our pitch to the executives of Go Grains. After a long day it was time to find out the winning team. We are proud to say that our class won the entry for Go Grains throughout NSW.

In the end we enjoyed Go Grains and would love to do it again.

Thankyou  
Emily & Shakira

### Year 6 'County Fair' - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 11:45am-1:00pm

Dear Parents,

Each year the Year 6 students hold a **County Fair** in order to raise money to purchase a gift for the school. In the past, the students have purchased fixed picnic seating, umbrellas and a video camera. This year the students want to raise lots of money for the school gift and they need your help. At present the students are considering purchasing equipment to make our school more sustainable.

***Donations of pre-loved toys, games and books for our Trash and Treasure Stall would be much appreciated. Jars filled with lollies, stationery items or toys for our Bottle Stall are also needed. The Year Six students will be organising drink stalls, hair spraying, nail polishing, face painting, games and lots more exciting events!***

Next Tuesday we would like the students from Kindergarten to Year Five to pay a gold coin donation for mufti and bring along lots of spare change so that they can participate in this fun filled day. **Parents if you wish you are invited to join in the festivities as well.**



*Hope to see you there,*

*Year Six teachers: Miss Hancock, Mrs Chapple, Mrs. Furey, Mrs. Willis*

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.**

## **SOCCER CITY**

**\$5 off**

\*present this coupon when spending \$50 or over, conditions apply

**www.soccercity.com.au**

418 Stoney Creek Road, KINGSGROVE  
9554 4111

## **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**

### **FOUND**

1 scooter, please come to the office and describe your lost scooter so that it can be returned. May have been lost a while ago.

## **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.

### **Cyberbullying website**

The Department of Education recently hosted a Cyberbullying forum, bringing together national experts on the subject. If you would like to know more about cyberbullying and what can be done about it, or if you'd like to contribute your opinion or experience to the online blog, you'll find it at [www.cyberbullyingforum.org](http://www.cyberbullyingforum.org)