



# Best of the West

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PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH: 9570 4602

## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER

#### Tuesday 1st

- K-2 Concert Practice

#### Wednesday 2nd

- K-2 concert at Peakhurst HS 5.30pm

#### Thursday 3rd

- Volunteers thank you lunch
- Yr 6 HS Transition Day

#### Friday 4th

- PSSA Finals day

#### Wednesday 9th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS

#### Monday 14th

- School Disco from 5pm

#### Wednesday 16th

- excursion for all students
- Year 6 Farewell

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2009**

### January 2010

#### Thursday 28th.

- Students in yrs 1-6 return to school

### February 2010

#### Monday 1st

- Kindergartens start school

#### Friday 5th

- Swimming carnival for yrs 3-6 @ Peakhurst West PS



## Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Callum G from Year 4 who represented our district in the Premiers Spelling Bee State Final. Callum came about 17<sup>th</sup> in the State! Congratulations Mrs. Fitzgerald who organised this event for our school.

Congratulations to Jessica N from SH who won our school "Maths Bee" held at Peakhurst High School last week. Mrs Willis had a number of Year 6 students who took part in this competition each week to find our best mathematician. Thank you to Mrs. Willis for organising this.

Our new Kindergarten students for 2010 have now completed their "Kindy-Start program" and we now look forward to them joining us next year. Our Year 5 students have been assigned a "buddy" and we hope this buddy system will help our new students through their transition to "big school".

Each class is making a basket raffle prize for our annual end of year Super Christmas Raffle. Please make sure you check with your class teacher as to what your class is putting together. The P&C will be sending home raffle books soon and this will be drawn at our end of year Christmas Disco on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Our school has revised and are implementing our Anti Bullying Policy and it is important that parents

understand that school is the place where students learn about who is a good friend and who is not. At school students learn to mix as a part of society. Some students make mistakes during this learning just as they make mistakes in class work. At school we give students the opportunity to make up for these mistakes through "restorative practices". Bullying happens if a child who is weaker is continually targeted by the same more powerful child. This can be physical or emotional. Many of the incidents we deal with at school involve students finding their social place in the world and are one off "mistakes" that need to be corrected. In most cases a restorative conference stops issues of bullying and I am pleased that there have been no ongoing occurrences of bullying at our school. Learning to live in a social world, as experienced in the playground is an important part of growing up and "making things right" if you do the wrong thing is extremely important.

Staff will be learning more about restorative practices after school finishes for students this year and next year there will be sessions for parents so they can understand how "restorative practices" works.

Thank you for your support.  
Merrilyn Jenkins  
Principal

## CANTEEN CRUNCH

As we approach the end of year some items will sell out and will not be restocked until next year. Please be understanding if the item you wish to purchase is not available.

**The last day for canteen will be FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER.** It will be closed on the last week of term.

Clean up day will be Tuesday 15th December from 9.30am, if anyone can help out for an hour or so it would be very much appreciated.

## *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.*

*Other NEW items such as small toys, soaps, toiletries, stationery etc would also be appreciated.*

*All items will be collected on Tuesday 8th December. Thank you for your support.*

## FOUND

### BLACK SCHOOL SHOES

If someone went home without their shoes last week, we have a nice pair of black school shoes in the office. Please come in and describe them so that they can go home to the owner.



### READING GLASSES

One pair of reading glasses found in the playground.

## Reminder

Next Friday 4th December is the last day for payment for all of our end-of-year activities.

If your child is not going to one or all of the events advise the office in writing as soon as you are able.

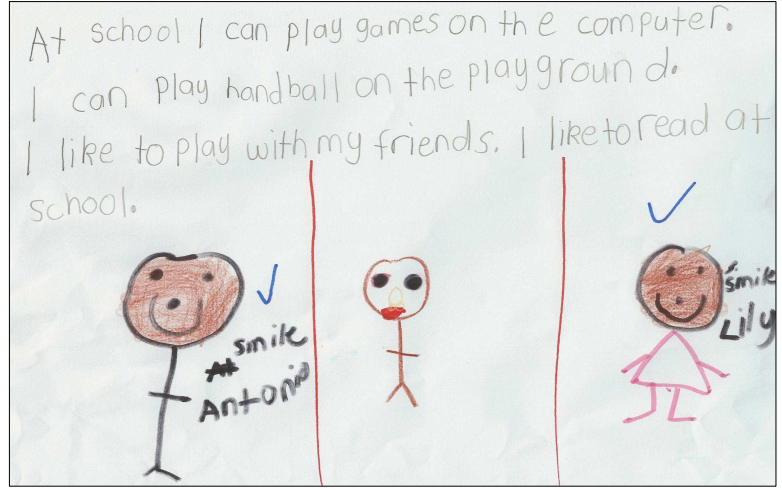
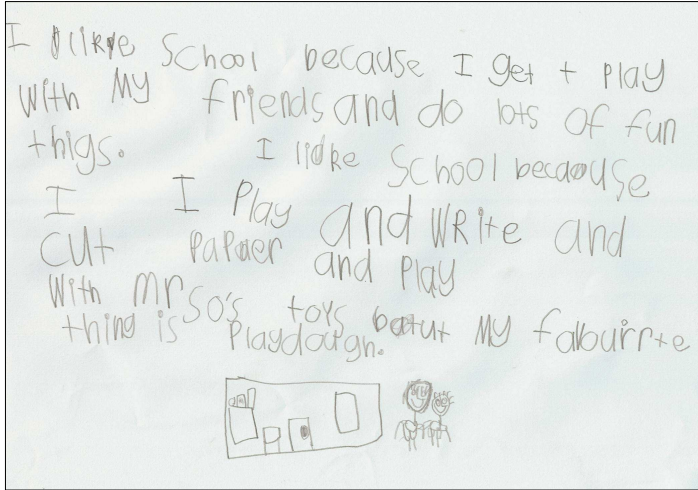
### PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Please note that once the buses leave for the Presentation Assembly there will be NO ONE at school on this day and the gates will be locked. ALL STUDENTS are expected to attend and ALL STAFF will be accompanying students to Peakhurst High School.

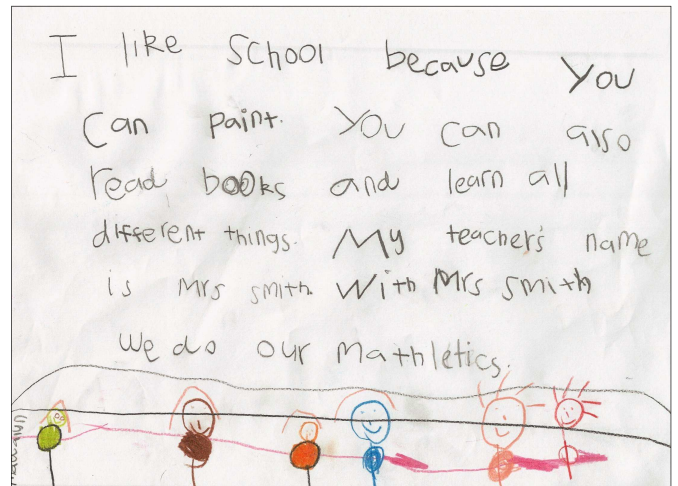
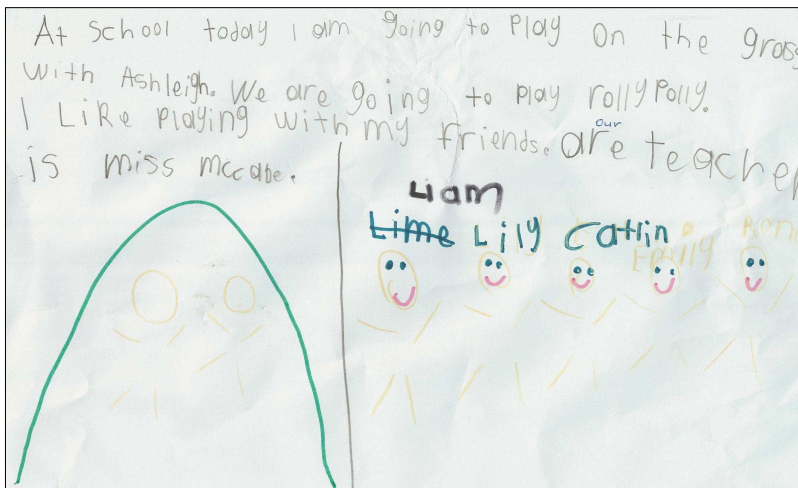
Parents and carers are invited to attend this very important school event from 12.30pm at GRC Peakhurst High Campus.

### EXCURSION TO THE MOVIES.

Last day of school all students will be travelling to Beverly Hills movie theatre. Again there will be no one left at school to look after children who have no permission and have not paid for this.



*Work samples from our Kindergarten children*



**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.

**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.**



## **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**

## **Christmas Kids' Club**

**For children in  
Years K – 6**

Interactive learning from the Bible – Art/Craft,  
games, singing, movie

**When:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December  
9.00am – 12.00pm

**Where:** Christ Church Mortdale,  
110 Morts Rd, Mortdale

**Cost:** \$5 per child/per day  
including morning tea

**Places are limited:** closing date for  
registrations is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of December

**To Register/More Info:**  
**Phone 9585 2855**

Registration forms are available at the  
school office

**Christ Church Community Anglican  
MORTDALE**

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**Mortdale!**

Drop by on the **28<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Grab a **Kids Pack!**  
and get a **free Santa photo!**

Only valid at Subway Mortdale, 22 Morts Rd (Inside Video Ezy).  
Santa Photo only available from 10am - 6pm on 28 November 2009.