



# Best of the West

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PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH:9570 4602

## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER

#### Wednesday 9th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS

#### Monday 14th

- School Disco from 5pm

#### Wednesday 16th

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

### AND LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2009



### January 2010

#### Thursday 28th.

- Students in yrs 1-6 return to school

### February 2010

#### Monday 1st

- Kindergarten start school

#### Friday 5th

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

*"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas"*  
Peg Bracken

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Our presentation assembly this week will be an opportunity to celebrate student success. It is also a chance to celebrate effort. Students who have won an award deserve it because they have really done their best. We should all be proud of every winner and we encourage all students to be proud of the efforts of their friends. Hopefully you will be able to join us for this special celebration on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm at Peakhurst High School dome. Parking will need to be in surrounding streets as the high school is operational on this day.

Our K-2 concert was a resounding success last week thanks to the talent and teamwork of both students and staff. This has been a huge effort and thank you to the over 500 audience members who were able to attend. It seems the 5:30pm timeslot and the venue worked well for most parents. Thank you to teachers and parents for the work in designing and making the fabulous costumes.

It is particularly important at events like the concert and the presentation assembly that students learn good audience manners. Teachers will be closely supervising students so that they show their best manners. It would be great if parents and friends could also model good audience behaviour by turning off mobile phones, refraining from moving around the venue or chatting loudly during awards. Please sit near the back if you have to leave with a restless toddler. If you are filming please don't stand in front of other audience members. It is extremely distracting for both performers and award winners if the audience is really unsettled. Of course we look forward to your enthusiastic clapping and cheering for those students who have done so well.

Hopefully all families have now received their reports and if you would like to discuss these with your class teacher please make an appointment directly. Having read every report, I am pleased with the levels of student growth in their learning and the generally positive comments by teachers. Teachers have worked tirelessly to complete assessments and write these reports at a very busy time of the year.

Our building work should commence over the holidays. It is important that if the gates are open for builders that students do not enter the school as schools during vacation periods are **NOT** safe places.

Participation in our exciting end of year events is conditional on students demonstrating their best behaviour. It would be really disappointing if some students miss out because they can't maintain the excellent behaviour that we expect.

Don't miss the family Disco/BBQ on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This year there will be live entertainment and there is a \$2 per person charge at the Scott St gate to cover the cost of the entertainment. There will be the usual BBQ and the raffle will be drawn. Don't miss this exciting evening beginning at 5:30pm with "Kids Covers Christmas Show" from 6:00pm. This is a great way to end the year and an exciting family evening out.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I wish all families a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and recharged for the New Year. School for Years 1-6 commences on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for your support.

Merrilyn Jenkins, Principal

### ***Presentation Assembly***

All parents and friends of Penshurst West students are invited to attend our annual Presentation Assembly. This is where students are recognised for their achievements throughout 2009 and our 2010 school captains are announced.

Date: **Wednesday 9th December**

Time: **12.30pm**

Place: **GRC Peakhurst High Campus, (enter via Isaac Street) in the school Dome.**

You are welcome to take your child home after the assembly, but please make sure you let their teacher know on the day so that their name can be marked off.

**PLEASE NOTE: Do no send a school bag with your child on Wednesday, just their lunch, recess and drink in a disposable plastic bag. Students will have an early lunch before we leave and afternoon tea when we return to school.**



### ***END OF YEAR BBQ & DISCO WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM "KIDS COVERS"***

Disco, BBQ & live entertainment all for the cost of \$2.00 at the gate for everyone who enters! Come dressed in your favourite Christmas outfit.



**Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

Live children's act "Kids Covers" from 6.30pm playing all the songs that kids (and their parents) will like. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sausage sizzle, chicken kebabs, drinks & lollies for sale.

### ***CANTEEN CRUNCH***

If your child is out of school for the day on an excursion or school activity they WILL NOT be able to have a lunch order on that day, so please don't expect the canteen volunteers to make something up in the morning before school.

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. These items are now no longer available this year: pizza pockets, pies, macaroni & cheese.

**CANTEEN CLOSED THIS WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER. The last day for canteen will be this FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER. This means it will be closed all of 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.



Combined Christian Scripture  
Invites you to the

## *Christmas Assembly*

Thursday December 10th, 2009

At 11.45am for K-2

At 12.25pm for 3-6

Penshurst West Public School Hall

All parents and friends are invited to attend.



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.**

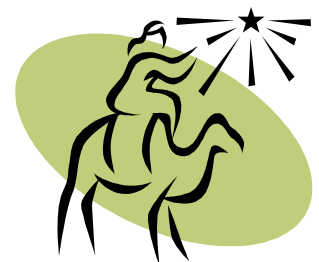
**Kindergarten 2010 commence on Monday 1st February.**

### **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.

The staff at Penshurst West Public School wish all  
parents, grandparents, carers and students a happy  
Christmas and a safe, restful holiday.

We look forward to your support in 2010.



## **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**

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## **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**

## **Reminder**

### **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 enter via Isaac Street, Peakhurst (opposite Gannons Park).

### **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.