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PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH: 9570 4602

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Callum G (first) and Jordan T (second) who were the winners of the district Junior Premiers Spelling Bee. They are now off to the state final next term. Thanks to Mrs. Fitzgerald for organising this competition. This is a fabulous result for our school as they defeated around 20 other primary schools.

Don't miss the primary concert at Blakehurst High School Hall-Woniora Rd Blakehurst on Wednesday 30th September commencing at 7:00pm. All students and families are invited. There is a \$2 per person door charge to help cover the cost of costumes.

Congratulations to those students who are competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival today it is great to see our school so well represented.

Mrs O'Brien organised an excellent Jump Rope for Heart demonstration last week. I am sure seeing other primary students able to perform so many tricks with a skipping rope will really inspire our students to get skipping during the holidays. Our "Jump Off" is early next term.

If you know of any Kindergarten 2010 students who have not yet enrolled please let them know that we need applications immediately as our Kindy Orientation is week 2 next term. Also if your child is not returning or returning late in 2010 we need a note in writing as soon as possible so that enrolments for 2010 can be estimated.

I wish all families a safe and happy October holiday and hope that students will return on Monday 19th October recharged and ready for an exciting term 4.

Have a wonderful break!

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal
28/9/09



Penshurst West school office hours are 8.45am to 3.45pm. Please ring during these times only.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 30th

- Stage 1 to Seymour Centre Excursion
- Primary Rehearsal (day) & Concert (evening) at Blakehurst High school

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd

- **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Monday 19th

- All students return to school for Term 4

Tuesday 20th

- Jnr E, Snr H (yr 4) & Art Group to Hazelhurst Gallery

Tuesday 27th

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

Wednesday 28th

- Kindy Orientation

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd–Friday 13

- Swim scheme for Yr 2

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st

- K-2 Concert Practice

Wednesday 2nd

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

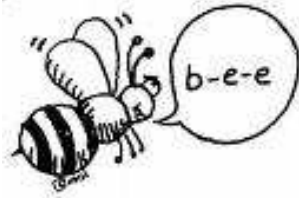
Wednesday 9th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS

Wednesday 16th

- End-of-year excursion for all students
- Year 6 Farewell

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2009

CONGRATULATIONS

Callum G & Jordan T came 1st & 2nd in the Regional Spelling Bee for Stage 2. Callum will be competing in the state finals later in the year. Well done !!!

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

To make it easier for payments, if you have more than one child attending an excursion or you wish to pay for a few things together, please put the total of ALL money due into the one envelope. We will get a receipt for all payments back to your child through their class teacher.

Please note that the UNIFORM SHOP & BOOK CLUB are the exception.

Also remind your child to bring any money to the office BEFORE SCHOOL. It is not safe to have it in their bag for the day.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The new style surf hat should be available at the beginning of term 4. We no longer have any baseball style caps left.

An order form went home on Friday to all girls in year 3-5 for the new microfibre sports shorts. If you would like to order a pair of these for your daughter please send it to the office before the end of term.

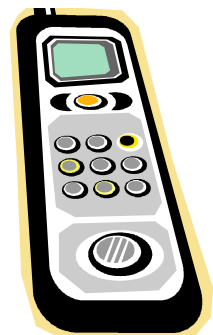
We still have a limited number of white short sleeved polo shirts available at \$15.00 each, some summer weight bootleg pants at \$10.00 each and skorts still available until all sold out.

Children in the playground

With the sun coming up early at the moment lots of children are arriving at school well before the 9.00am bell. While it is good for children to be on time, (but not early) please remember that there is NO SUPERVISION in the playground before 9.00am. Also children are to be reminded that there are no ball games to be played in the bottom playground. Any child who is playing with footballs, soccer balls etc will have it taken from them.

ABSENCES

Don't forget that if your child is away from school you need to let either their teacher or the office know. To make it easier for you please send a SMS with the reason eg. Sally is away sick today. This message comes to our school email and there is no need to send a note. If you do it on the day your child is away then it is still fresh in your mind. School SMS number is on the front page of the newsletter. Please save this to your mobile phone.



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.

SWIM SCHEME FOR YEARS 2 & 3

A note went home recently to all year 2 students regarding the school swim scheme program that is run each year at Roselands Aquatic Centre during school hours with the children going at 9.30am each morning and returning by recess. The lessons run for 2 weeks. This is an intensive swim scheme for children who are not able to swim 25metres with confidence. It was initially opened up to year 2 students but as we have a few places left we will now open it up to students in year 3.

Please note that the lessons are free but there is a fee for bus fare and pool entry. If your child is in year 2 and has lost their note or in year 3 and would like to attend please come to the office for more details. This will be on a first in basis.



LOST PROPERTY

The lost property has now all been cleared and all non school items were thrown out and some unlabelled school items were donated to the 2nd hand rack.

There were at least 100 items with NO NAMES that we were not able to return to the owner.

All items that had an iron on type label were easily identified and returned to their owner. 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.

NAPLAN FOR PARENTS WEBSITE

The 2009 NAPLAN test results were released nationally on 11 September. Reports to parents and caregivers were dispatched from schools in the week beginning 14 September.

To facilitate access to NAPLAN information for parents of NSW school students, a new website www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au has been developed. In addition to general information about NAPLAN, this website contains documents to assist parents in understanding the student report and the NAPLAN reporting scales. Parents are also invited to provide feedback on NAPLAN reporting by completing an online survey.

MOVIE VOUCHERS

We have a limited number of discount movie vouchers for Beverly Hills & Cronulla cinemas to be used in the school holidays. Each one is valid for 4 adults & 4 children. If you would like one please come to the office and ask.

UNIFORM POLICY

An orange coloured note went home last week regarding our school uniform policy. Please read this and talk to your child about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. If your child has lost their note there are plenty available at the admin office.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that on Wednesday 30th September all children except kindy will be out of the school therefore the **CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR THIS DAY.**

Special - Until the end of this term, purchase a bottle of GV to Go Juice (orange or tropical) for only \$1.20 - save 30 cents.....(available until Friday 2nd October, unless sold out earlier).

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**

REMINDER FROM THE PREMIERS OFFICE

Kids Adventure Passport

Visit over 70 museums, galleries and other cultural institutions around NSW and primary school kids get in for free, with a Kids Adventure Passport. Available at participating institutions, the passport offers the holder free entry on weekends, public holidays and school holidays. The passport expires on 27 January 2010, so get busy these holidays. For more details go to:

www.arts.nsw.gov.au/KidsAdventurePassport.aspx

Congratulations to our school chess team who won the 2nd round of the Sydney regional Finals. The chess team is Kevin, Aaron, Clarise & Cedric.