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PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH:9570 4602

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st–Friday 5

- Yr 2 swim scheme continues

Wednesday 3rd

- Kindy Start Program

Tuesday 9th

- Fundraising meeting at 9.30am
- P & C Meeting at 7pm

Wednesday 10th

- Kindy Start Program

22–26th November

- Stage 3 on Camp

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st

- End of year Disco/BBQ

Thursday 2nd December

- Scripture Christmas Assembly

Monday 6th

- Presentation Assembly at GRC Peakhurst High

Tuesday 7th

- Yr 6 into 7 orientation day

Wednesday 8th

- Year 6 Farewell @ Penshurst RSL Club

Wednesday 15th

- LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY 2011

Friday 28th

- Students return to school

FEBRUARY 2011

Wednesday 2nd

- New Kindergartens return to school

Tuesday 8th

- Swimming Carnival @ Peakhurst West PS

Dear Parents

This week many of our Year 2 students are participating in the Swim Scheme, that is run over two weeks. Miss Wagstaff and the students are enjoying the program but not the cooler weather we are experiencing this week. Hopefully next week the weather will improve for them. The students are being great role models and making good progress with their swimming.

Bienvenue Mme Robertson or welcome back Mrs Robertson. Mrs Robertson looks very refreshed from her overseas holiday. The students in 1/2DR were all very excited to see her again and are happy that she is back. Thank you to Mrs Currie who replaced Mrs Robertson for most of the time she was on leave.

On Tuesday, Mr Entwistle and Mrs Furey took six teams to the Dragon Tag Gala Day. There were 2 senior boys teams, 2 senior girls teams and 2 junior teams. From all reports the students were very well behaved and played well. Both senior boys teams made the semi finals. One of the junior teams, Penshurst West White, got to the semis, however they were beaten in extra time. Congratulations to all the teams involved and a special thanks to Mr Entwistle and Mrs Furey.

We had the first of three Kindy Start sessions this Wednesday. The Year 5 students got to meet and play with their new buddy. Mrs Butler, Mrs Smith, Mr McGuinness and Mrs Currie commented on how settled the preschoolers were and how

quickly they are learning the school routines.

A session on literacy was held in the technology centre for the parents and was well attended. Thank you to Mrs McTaggart for the helpful tips for reading readiness she prepared for the parents. Next weeks parent session will be on hints and tips on a smooth transition to school, what to do and what to bring. There will also be information about school routines, lunches and fruit break. The school nurse will also be speaking at this session.

Finally just a short note about wearing make-up and nail polish to school. Some Year 5 and 6 students have been wearing make-up and/or brightly coloured nail polish to school. This is not part of our school uniform so it is not to be worn at all.

Thank you for your support.

Gerry O'Brien

Relieving Principal



The best thing to do behind a persons back it to pat it.

Dear Parents

We are still putting together our annual report and this year we are evaluating teaching. Please complete the following survey so we can add your opinions.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BCBNDV473>

Thank you. Merrilyn Jenkins

Canteen Crunch

Mid-term treat: Ice-cream day

This Thursday the 4th of November we will be selling ice-creams as a special treat. These will be available at RECESS ONLY for a cost of just \$1.00.

We will have chocolate coated vanilla ice-creams as well as pine-lime splits.

Plain lemonade ice-blocks will also be available. Remember to bring your \$1.

The canteen will NOT be open for lunch orders or any other sales on this day.



Discontinued product:

As from 15th of November Fried Rice will no longer be available in our canteen. Until this time you can order fried rice for your lunch for only \$1.50.

Menu changes:

GV to Go Juice has been replaced by Berri 100% juice in a 300ml bottle. Price remains at \$1.50. Flavours are apple, orange and pineapple.

P & C FUNDRAISING FOCUS

Our final fundraising event for the year will be a raffle to be drawn at the End of Year BBQ & Disco. We have some fantastic prizes donated already including Microsoft Software, a car service and a Navman.

We would like to especially thank Jane Davis for her very generous donation. Each class will also donate a hamper to the raffle, please see the note that was sent home this week. Raffle tickets will soon be sent home for you to buy and/or sell. There will also be a pizza lunch awarded to the class that sells the most raffle tickets. This is our final fundraising event for the year – with your support we can reach our fundraising target to provide air conditioners to our new classrooms.

Can you help out at school next year?

As the year draws to a close and some of our long serving volunteers move on to high school we are looking for people to replace them especially in the canteen. Volunteers are needed to keep this service going for our children and we have various roles available, some you are able to do from home, this is great if you have a small child but still want to be involved. Your children love to see you in the canteen, even if only once a month. And this is a great way to meet other parents from the school.

Please think about this and contact the school office if you are able to help next year.

Bandana Day

Thank you to all who bought bandanas last week for this great cause. We raised \$1639.80 for canTeen.



The Salvation Army Appeal



Can you please 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 enough food at Christmas. They don't have an opportunity to celebrate as a family in the way they would like. While we have some resources to assist, we would really like your support.

Penshurst West would like to help by having a donations box in the school office where we are asking families to give some non-perishable items. Some examples are: tinned food, Christmas cake with a 2011 use by date, jars of sauce mix, pasta, rice etc.

Also if anyone would like to add a "personal" or "gift" item these would also be appreciated eg. Bath items, stationery etc.

From our School Council

Penshurst West School Council consists of elected parents, teachers & the Principal. The role of the council is to assist managing the school through budget monitoring and actions in relation to community and government concerns.

Do you have an idea, suggestion or concern with our school that you would like discussed in our next School Council meeting?

PWPS have a dedicated and dynamic team which include members of staff, parents and community members, all working hard together to make our school a great place to be.

I'd like to introduce you to our parent representatives who would be more than willing to assist you on School Council issues:

Peter Ocean (Father of Essence in KS), Natasha Russell (Mother of Benjamin in KO)
Stephen Tan (Father of Edmund in SF), Lee Beck (Community member)

They speak a variety of languages, are kind, trustworthy and helpful.

Please contact the school office for their phone numbers or catch them in the playground to talk to them IN CONFIDENCE.

NO MAKE-UP AT SCHOOL

Recently we have had some children wearing makeup at school (this includes nail polish), not only does this not represent our school in a good light but make up is NOT PART OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM. Any child found wearing make up at school will be asked to wash it off and their parents will be notified.

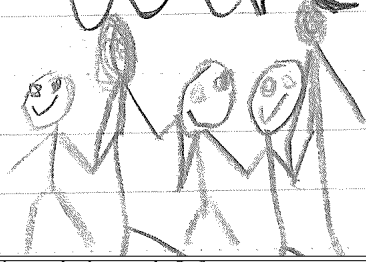
Our school Website has all up-to-date information, newsletters, term dates and notes posted on it. If your child has lost their note please go to the website for another. These can be downloaded and filled in for permission slip etc.

Also the calendar on the website is updated on a regular basis. The date gives a brief overview of the event but usually there is a link to more information.

If your child is not reliable in bringing notes home this is a great way to keep informed.

KO writes about their weekend

My weekend I went
to the moovease and
I watch dis pik blame.



1.11.10

My weekend I played
prinses and the
dragen and won
the game. I liked
it when I went on
the castle

1.11.10

My weekend I went
to the park I played on
the swings and I played
the board game
and we had a picnic

