



# Best of the West

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PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH: 9570 4602

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

#### 16th November

- Year 6 Fun Day

#### 22-26th November

- Stage 3 on Camp

Please note: children NOT at camp are to come to school as normal.

### 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

#### Monday 13th

- Class party day & talent showcase

#### Wednesday 15th

- LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS

### JANUARY 2011

#### Monday 31st

- Students in yrs 1-6 return to school

### FEBRUARY 2011

#### Wednesday 2nd

- New Kindergartens return to school

#### Tuesday 8th

- Swimming Carnival @ Peakhurst West PS

Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to thank Mrs O'Brien for all her work relieving while I was away. I was impressed to hear how well the concert and public speaking evening went. Thanks to Miss Wood and Mrs Butler for running these events. Also I would like to thank Mr Entwistle for organising the Dragon Tag competition.

I was particularly pleased to see William Delezio run into the office with a large trophy after winning the district Stage 1 Public Speaking competition.

Well done William!

Year 2 students have taken part in the two week swimming program where they had the opportunity to learn to swim. Final testing shows that all students made excellent progress with their swimming. Thanks must also go to Miss Wagstaff who went swimming every day for two weeks, as a part of the team who taught our students to swim.

Don't miss our presentation assembly on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This will begin at 12:00 midday and will be held at Peakhurst High School Hall. Also our end of year Christmas Disco and BBQ will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. These are important events to celebrate the end of the year for the whole family.

I have been advised that our new buildings will finally be completed in the last week of this term. Hopefully we will be in by day 1 next year.

I'd like to thank the P&C fundraising committee who have worked tirelessly this year and if our Christmas Raffle goes well they will have met their goal to buy air conditioners for our new classrooms. Thank you to all parents for donations to class hampers and for selling the tickets!

The "My School" website will be released soon. This year it also contains student NAPLAN growth data as well as school financial figures. It is important to note that the financial figures include teacher salaries and a percentage of regional and state office salaries in the calculation. The entire education budget for NSW has been distributed across the total student population to give the figures provided on the site. The real figures that show the budget the school operates on are found in our annual report. The School Annual Report will be available early next year.

If you have not completed our parent satisfaction surveys please go to our school website and click on the link on the top banner to have your say. If you do not have internet access please see the office for a paper copy.

Thank you for your support.

Merrilyn Jenkins  
Principal  
15/11/10

**IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS  
IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THIS  
SURVEY CAN YOU PLEASE DO  
SO BY FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

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

"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without" — Confucius

## REMINDER—WHOLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

This year our annual Presentation Assembly is to be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at GRC Peakhurst High school – Samuel St, Peakhurst (OPPOSITE Gannons park) commencing at 12.00noon. At this presentation all class & sports awards are presented as well as our school achievement awards. The 2011 school captains will be announced.

**All students and staff will be attending this assembly – no one will be at school** and all will be travelling by bus. You are welcome to take your child home after the assembly.

The bus fare for this is \$4.00 per child. Please sign the permission form sent home recently and return to the money slot in the office. If your child has lost the note it is available on our school website.



## END OF YEAR DISCO & RAFFLE

Donations are coming in for the class hampers which will be raffled at the Disco. If you have lost the note, below is the theme for each class and a sample in brackets to go towards making up a hamper:

KO: Movie Night (popcorn, chips, softdrink, DVD )

KH: Chocoholics (anything chocolate)

KS: Backyard BBQ (sauces, tongs, aprons, relishes, cookbooks)

1W: Boredom Busters (pencils, puzzles, games, cards, crayons)

1B: Back to School (pencils, pencil cases, glue sticks, sharpeners, erasers)

1/2DR: Perfect Picnic (condiments, tea/coffee, plastic plates, hats, sunscreen, games)

2N: Summer Holiday: hat, sunscreen, sand toys, beach ball

Jnr E: Salty Snacks (peanuts, chips, pretzels, nuts)

Jnr L: Pamper Package (moisturisers, massage oil, face mask, hand cream)

Jnr G: Book Worm (magazines, writing books, reading books)

Snr F: Christmas Cheer (decorations, anything for Christmas)

Snr W: Lolly Heaven (jelly beans, liquorice, lolly-pops, snakes)

Snr R: Bodacious Baking: (cake/biscuit mixes, flour, recipes, cake decorations)

Snr H: Gardening: gardening magazines, gloves, tools, seeds



All donations are to go directly to the classroom. Raffle tickets were also sent home this week, there is a class prize for the most tickets sold.

## 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.

## The Salvation Army Christmas 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.

We are asking families to give some non-perishable items suitable for hampers. 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.

***Penshurst West has a donation box in the school office where items can be placed before 7th December***

# ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS & PRE-SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED TO THE END OF YEAR BBQ & DISCO WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY 'DANCE2BFIT'

Disco, BBQ & live entertainment all for the cost of a gold coin at the gate!  
Come dressed in your favourite Christmas outfit.

Date: Wednesday 1st December

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

**All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Sausage sizzle, chicken kebabs, drinks, lollies for sale.

Hope to see everyone there!!

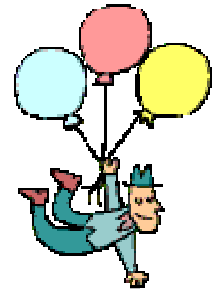


## Year 6 Fun Fair and Mufti day is on tomorrow!

This is to raise money for the year 6 students to give a gift to the school at the end of the year.

Tomorrow between recess & lunch the year 6 students will be organising drink stalls, hair spraying, nail polishing, face painting and lots of games and other exciting events.

Please bring a gold coin for mufti and some spare change to participate at this fun event.



## Combined Christian Scripture Invites you to the *Christmas Assembly*

Thursday 2nd December 2010

At 11.45am for K-2

At 12.25pm for 3-6

Penshurst West Public School Hall

All parents are invited to attend.



### **P & C FUNDRAISING FOCUS**

Our final fundraising event (End of school BBQ / Disco Raffle) is fast approaching. Raffle tickets were sent home last week – they are \$1 each. Please give your support to this final fundraiser and sell to your family, friends, neighbours etc. More booklets are available at the office. A pizza lunch will be awarded to the class that sells the most raffle tickets. Don't forget to put your class name on the green cover note when you return your sold tickets to the office so that it can be added to your class total. For families who have more than one child and only purchase / sell one booklet, you may put the class name for all your children on the cover. Please return your sold / unsold tickets and money to the office no later than the 26<sup>th</sup> November. With generous donations from the local business community we have some fantastic prizes including hair and beauty vouchers, art / craft supplies, a car service valued at \$150 in addition to a Navman valued at \$400 and a very substantial amount of Microsoft Software. There is also a hamper donated from each class to be won.

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.