

Diary Dates

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Monday 10th–21st October

- Year 2/3 Swim Scheme (first 30 children only)

Wednesday 19th

- Kindergarten Orientation

Sunday 23rd

- Family Portraits in hall

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

- Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 9th

- Kindergarten Orientation
- Dragon Tag Gala Day

Friday 18th

- PSSA Finals

Wednesday 23rd

- Year 6 fun day

Friday 25th

- School Spectacular

DECEMBER

Monday 5th

- Year 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 7th

- Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 13th

- Whole school presentation assembly at GRC Peakhurst High—12noon

Friday 16th

- Last day of term for students.



Best of the West

We are also on the web...

PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PH:9570 4602

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Term 4 has begun smoothly with our Public Speaking finals last week. The standard of our speakers was superb and students were a credit to their teachers and parents who had obviously put in many hours of advice and listening to get the speakers to show such incredible skill. Congratulations Mrs Butler for organising this important event. A full list of winners appears later in this newsletter.

We would like to welcome Mrs Kerrie Lake who will be working in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays. Mrs O'Brien will be relieving as Principal next week as I will be attending the State Principal's conference.

A special thanks to Mrs Kay Roberts our P&C secretary who applied for and was successful in gaining a \$4,736, grant for the P&C from the Federal Government. This is to go towards purchasing a portable shade shelter for carnivals and P&C events. This will be discussed at the P&C meeting on Tuesday 18th October at 7:00pm in the staffroom. I have also now ordered our large shade shelter to go over the basketball court and I am hopeful construction will be completed in the Christmas holidays. Our P&C fundraising committee have worked tirelessly to raise enough funds for this structure including spending time in the holidays selling raffle tickets at Westfield. Well-done to Lauren V, Patrick V, Madeline C, Olivia C, Emma M and Mackenzie I for helping sell the tickets on a Saturday. I know there are still books to sell and any help in selling the final books would be greatly appreciated.

Please see the office if you can take a few more books to sell. The raffle will be drawn at our end of year BBQ and disco on Tuesday 29th November.

Year 2 and many non-swimmers are currently attending the two week learn to swim program. Swimming is an important skill and thanks to Miss Leece, Mrs Fasullo and Miss Mackie who are assisting with this program. We know that students who take part in this intensive swimming program make huge gains with their swimming ability.

Our school SMS system is once again working and you can SMS your child's reason for absence to the school on : 0415 185 364

Our Kindergarten Orientation and Kindy Start program begins on Wednesday this week. If you know of any students who are not yet enrolled please advise them to enrol quickly as we have very few Kindergarten vacancies left. Similarly if you know your child will not be returning next year or if you will be on holidays and miss the first few days of term 1 next year, we need this advice in writing now.

Thank you for your support!

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal

Still a few places left for family photos, see page 4 of the newsletter for more details.

The back gate to Treloar Ave will now be locked between 9.30am and 3.15pm

Also if you need to come to the school for any reason or if you are helping out in the classroom, please go to the office first and get a visitor sticker.

World Vision Smiles Day 2011

Thank you for donating and being part of World Vision's Smiles Day at the end of last term we raised \$292.35. With this money we were able to train 2 teachers in a disadvantaged country and purchase emergency food for children in these same disadvantaged areas.

The school's contribution will go a long way to help change the lives of children, families and communities in need.

We should all feel immensely proud.

Mrs Lee Willis

We are once again going to support National Bandanna Day in remembrance of our dear friend Sam Nakkan. As we count down to the big day on Friday 28 October, we will be selling as many bandannas as possible which will make a huge difference to young people living with cancer.



We will start selling the bandannas for \$4.00 each from Monday 24 October at 9am each morning until sold out on the verandah outside Mrs Willis' room and at first half of lunch.

Remember that every bandanna we sell will go towards helping ensure that young people living with cancer have all the support they need to get their lives back on track.

The school's fantastic efforts in selling as many bandannas as possible means that these young people will be able to attend programs and recreation days, helping them cope with grief, build life skills and get invaluable support from their peers.

Please note students will be able to wear the bandannas for the week 24/10/11 - 28/10/11 but not at PSSA sport.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Lee Willis

Relieving Assistant Principal

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

The Kindy Orientation begins this week, if you have not enrolled your child or you know someone who needs to start school next year please enrol as soon as possible so they can be included in our program.



HELP COVERING BOOKS NEEDED

The Library has recently purchased many new books and in order to make them available for borrowing they require covering in contact. If you are able to assist in covering 10 books please return this note or see Mr McGuinness and he will arrange for the books and contact to be sent home.

Please send 10 books and contact home with _____ Class _____

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Tuesday night we held our annual Public Speaking Competition in the hall where the finalists from each stage spoke. Congratulations to the following students:

Early Stage 1:	1st Place: L. R. Sweeney	2nd Place: D. Cvetanovski	3rd Place: C. Webber
Stage 1:	1st Place: M. Crowly	2nd Place: L. Truong	3rd Place: L. Davis
Stage 2:	1st Place: E. Liasides	2nd Place: W. Delezio	3rd Place: C. Jacobs
Stage 3:	1st Place: M. Watson	2nd Place: E. Webber	3rd Place: E. Cutajar

POEMS FROM 4/5S

YELLOW

Yellow is like the sunshine in your eyes
 Yellow is like shiny sparkly gold
 Yellow is like bright yellow sunflowers
 Yellow is like a lemon tree in the garden
 Yellow smells like golden honey
 Yellow tastes like fresh lemonade
 Yellow sounds like squeezing a lemon
 Yellow looks like a sunny hot day
 Yellow feels like feathers of a budgie
 Yellow makes me feel happy

By Adish

LAVENDER

Lavender is a warm spring day
 Lavender is enjoyment in every single way
 Lavender is a lovely, expensive perfume
 Lavender is a side to the food you consume
 Lavender smells like the gorgeous garden air
 Lavender tastes like the delicious food you share
 Lavender sounds like a light and warm breeze
 Lavender looks like little purple trees
 Lavender feels like a day by the sea
 Lavender makes me bubbly and extremely happy
 Lavender is a awesome colour!

By Ella

RED

Red is the time out chart on the board
 Red is sunburn on a fat man
 Red is a supernova exploding
 Red is a red pen with ink spilling
 Red smells like crazy old people in a lodge
 Red tastes like fiery jalapenos
 Red sounds like a howling
 Red looks like blood from a blood test
 Red feels like a nasty fever
 Red makes me horrified
 Red is cool

By Lachlan

MAUVE

Mauve is a lavender with bees all over it
 Mauve is a beautiful holiday on the beach
 Mauve is a beautiful sunny day with all the pollen in the air
 Mauve is me dreaming of a beautiful motel on the sunset
 Mauve smells like the freshness of the yoghurt I eat everyday
 Mauve tastes like a nice & juicy grape
 Mauve sounds like the water dropping onto the beautiful plants
 Mauve looks like the future and all the nice holidays I'm going on
 Mauve feels like my silky blanket at home
 Mauve makes me sneeze like I would in the morning
 Mauve is a unique colour!

By Aaran

SHOEBOXES FOR CHARITY

Each class teacher has decided to 'fill a shoebox' for a disadvantaged child to be sent overseas. These gifts will be delivered to underprivileged children and young victims in 105 countries including: Bosnia, Cambodia, Iraq, Rwanda, Somalia just to name a few.

Each class will aim to fill 2 shoeboxes suitable for a boy and girl. If you would like to donate to your class please send something suitable for to your class teacher. Some samples of items that would be suitable are: Soft toys, dolls, farm toys, bouncy-balls, marbles, tea sets, finger puppets, skipping ropes, mouth organ, necklaces, hair clips, socks, pair of thongs, textas, colouring books, note books, pens, coloured pencils, pencil case, toothbrush, hairbrush, soap, wash cloth.

FUNDRAISING FOCUS

Gold Coast Holiday Raffle

Please return all sold books and money to the office by the end of October.

Family Photo Day – Sunday October 23rd

Would you like to have a fabulous framed 10” x 13” famed family photo for only \$15.00? This is happening THIS SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER in our school hall. You will need to make an appointment time and there are a few spots left in the afternoon.
Please contact Alison on 9596 0399 or the school office to make a booking.

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

We have had a number of children bringing their lunch order to the canteen at lunchtime and expecting to get hot food or sandwiches straight away. Most of the time this is not possible as hot food is by order only and no extra is heated also there is often only one person on canteen or it is very busy with over the counter sales.

ALL LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AT THE CANTEEN BEFORE SCHOOL TO ENSURE THAT THE LUNCH IS MADE.

TERM 4—CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4

TERM 4	<i>Tuesday 18th</i>	<i>Wednesday 19th</i>	<i>Friday 21st</i>
OCTOBER	Sophie Barclay Kwee Choong	Janelle Vizey Nino Piro	Kerrie Coleman Karolina Rongo
<i>Monday 24th</i>	<i>Tuesday 25th</i>	<i>Wednesday 26th</i>	<i>Friday 28th</i>
Rebecca Harrison Tama Thompson	Weini Ho	Lisa Pemberton Lynne Chignell	Ziba Sabri-Matanagh Shayteh Sadeghpour
<i>Monday 31st</i>		Please be at the canteen as close as possible to 9am for opening	THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP
Guang Yang Sophie Barclay			

Please return to the school office as soon as possible if you are able to help in the canteen.

I can help out with the canteen on the following day:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday

Times: 9-11.15am 11.15—2pm All day

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Childs Name: _____