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Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Our Year 6 students were superbly behaved at our Year 6 farewell last week. It was good to see how well dressed they were and to see the girls wearing shoes they could dance in! Every student danced all night (joined later by Year 5) and the event was held at the new venue of St George Masonic Club which was a resounding success. Thank you to Mrs Willis, Mr Ryan and Mr Matthews who organised this. Thank you to Mrs Furey who taught the students the dances during the weeks before. Farewell Year 6 and good luck in high school!

I'd like to formally congratulate Mrs Willis on her promotion to Assistant Principal at Lidcombe Public School. We wish her well at her new school and we know she will be greatly missed.

Our presentation day was a celebration of achievement at Penshurst West in 2011. Students won prizes or awards based on achievement and hard work. Not all students win an award and it is a life lesson to be able to celebrate the achievement of others. The number of parents able to attend was a disappointment and perhaps we can plan to put this in the school calendar earlier to maximise parents joining us at this important event. It was great to see so many of our performance groups have the opportunity to showcase their

talents before the school and the community. Teachers give freely of their time to develop the skills and talents of our students and I can't thank them enough. Thank you Mr Matthews, Mr Entwistle, Miss Wood, Mrs Smith and Miss Gatis for your time, skill and passion! I'd also like to thank Mrs Scanlan for organising the presentation assembly and Mrs Sarafoski for the slide show.

School reports went home last week and these are a summary of your child's progress this year. Should you have any enquiries about your child's report please don't hesitate to contact the office for an appointment.

As the school year draws to its end teachers are planning ready for next year. If you know your family will be back late or are moving schools it is essential the school knows as soon as possible so that class estimations are made knowing potential enrolment numbers.

Once again I'd like to wish all families a merry and safe Christmas. I hope students and families will rest, recharge and come back next year ready for another exciting year of learning.

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal

Diary Dates TERM 4

DECEMBER

Friday 16th

- K-2 excursion to the movies
- **Last day of term for students.**

JANUARY 2012

Monday 30th

- Students in yrs 1-6 return to school.

FEBRUARY 2012

Thursday 2nd

- **NEW KINDERGARTEN**
Children start school

Tuesday 7th

- Swimming carnival for yrs 3-6



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is now available via email sent directly to you. **From 2012 we will no longer be giving out 'pink' copies unless specifically requested.** All students were given a note recently with instructions. If you don't have this note please go to the school website and click on the notes/newsletter tab, this will take you directly to the link where you can enter your email address.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Wednesday 30th November at the Powerhouse museum in front of hundreds of students, parents & teachers as well as various guests, the regional Number Crunchers was held. This is a very prestigious competition where students from years 6 & 7 compete against each other in a maths quiz. Students are asked questions in front of the entire audience and have 10 seconds to answer (with no paper for working out).

We are very pleased to announce that **JORDAN TRUONG** was the overall winner of the Sydney Region. He has now been chosen to travel to China in 2012 to represent Sydney as part of a group of very talented maths students.

WELL DONE JORDAN!!

A message from Mrs Willis

I have very mixed feelings about leaving Penshurst West PS. On one hand I am very excited about my new promotion to Assistant Principal at Lidcombe PS but I will be sad to leave. I have enjoyed wonderful support from the staff, students and parents throughout my seven years here, and for this I am truly grateful.

To the staff: don't stop believing that we make a difference in children's lives.

To the students: always dream big and you will achieve.

To the parents: your children are your biggest gifts, always cherish them.

Thank you all and I wish you all peace, love and happiness always.

Lee Willis

PLEASE GET ME FROM LOST PROPERTY!!!

I have been here for some time now and have not been claimed, it is getting very crowded in the lost property box, I will be sent to a new home soon if I am not collected and I will be very sad to be left here over Christmas and not be with my family. I could be a jacket, jumper, lunchbox or a number of other various items.

PLEASE PLEASE COLLECT ME FROM SICK BAY.

Uniform Shop

Will be open this Friday and again on Thursday 2nd Friday 3rd February 2012.

Thank you to Cathy Osborne and Kaylie D'Arney for all the hours given up to run the uniform shop so efficiently.

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