

CALENDAR UPDATES

OCTOBER

Wednesday 17th

- Kindergarten Orientation

Friday 19th

- PSSA Round 5

22nd October—2nd November

- Swim Scheme

Tuesday 23rd October

- Kindy Start Program

Friday 26th

- 20 & 2V Playday Performance

Saturday 27th

- Trivia Night at Mortdale RSL

Wednesday 31st

- Kindy Start Program

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7th

- Kindy Start Program

Monday 12—Friday 16th

- Yrs 5 & 6 at camp

Wednesday 14th

- Stage 2 Incursion in hall

Friday 23rd

- White Ribbon Day Breakfast
(see page 2)

Thursday 29th

- Year 6 Fun Day (at school)

DECEMBER

Wednesday 5th

- Yr 6 Orientation Day

Tuesday 11th

- Presentation Assembly at
Peakhurst HS (WHOLE SCHOOL)
from midday

Thursday 13th

- Years 3-6 to Aquatic Centre

Monday 17th

- Yr 6 Farewell at Masonic Club

Wednesday 19th

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS

JANUARY 2013

Wednesday 30th

- Students return to school for
2013



Best of the West

We are also on the web...

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

From Mrs. Jenkins' desk

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4!

I would like to welcome to our staff Mrs Leonie Dufty who is teaching 2V as Miss Vranistas resigned suddenly to take a position in another profession. Miss Hancock is continuing in the ESL position and taking gifted and talented withdrawal groups on a Tuesday. Mrs Lorena Lopes is continuing in the Learning Support position while Mrs Speechley recovers from her broken leg. Our new Assistant Principal for 2013 Mr Matthew Ackerman, will be attending our Kindy orientation and Kindy start program over the next month.

If you attended our Public Speaking Night last week you would have been amazed at the standard of our student speakers. As this is a whole school program where students learn to speak in front of an audience from Kindergarten to Year 6, it was easy to see the progression in skill and talent as students have more and more experiences in developing and delivering their speeches. Congratulations to Sierra T, Olivia C, William D and Ella-Rose L who won their stage final and now go on to represent the school at the District final at our school on Wednesday 24th October. Thank you to our class teachers for training our students so well and to Mrs O'Brien who led this program.

I will be at the State Principal's Conference and then taking some long service leave from 22nd October to 12th November. I will however be at Trivia Night! Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Sarafoski will be sharing the role of principal in my absence. I

Our School Trivia Night has an amazing number of prizes and I am sure this will be a fantastic evening of entertainment. We have everything from a new Kid's Bike from The Mortdale Bike Shed to signed league memorabilia. There are many quality prizes and best of all the opportunity to be the winning table! If you have not yet bought your tickets they are selling fast and need to be in by Friday. Thanks to Melanie Crowley and Annie Inskip who have hassled sponsors and organised a great night!

Please another reminder not to walk through our school car parks. Children are asked to always use the pedestrian gates as they cannot be seen if a car is backing back. It is really difficult for our students to understand if we tell them not to walk through the car parks and then parents use the car gates, often holding their child's hand. This is an important safety issue and we ask you to model safe walking – through the pedestrian gates.

Once again if you know your child will not be returning to Penshurst West in 2013 please let the office know in writing as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following volunteers, we are always looking for more helpers. Please see the office if you can help out on any day or we may have to look at closing the canteen for another day. Thank you

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Tuesday 16th: James McMaster & Reille Bullivant

Wednesday 17th: Melissa Tucker & Chloe Knight

Friday 19th: Shayestah Sadeghpour, Ziba Sabri-Matanagh & Tracey Kelley

Monday 22nd: Rhiannon Bull & Kata Pesut

Tuesday 23rd: Sophie Barclay

Wednesday 24th: Sandy Xu & Mary-Anne Streeter

Friday 26th: Kerry Coleman, Rachel Hornby & Tracey Kelly

Monday 29th: Tama Thompson & Dina Miroforidis

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB - SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW!

The final batch of bookclub brochures for the year have been sent home. To save our wonderful bookclub ladies some valuable time we have decided not to individually write return dates on each brochure.

Please return completed orders with the correct money to the office by Wednesday the 25th of October.

There are some fantastic educational ideas for stocking fillers at drastically reduced prices, so don't forget to get your orders in.

WHITE RIBBON DAY—FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

The P & C is supporting a BBQ breakfast for the men in our school community on Friday November 23 at 7.30am. The invitation is for all dads, step-dads, grandads and any other men associated with the school community. Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley will also be in attendance. It will be an opportunity for the white ribbon day message to be promoted in a relaxed setting, through conversation over breakfast. Please note, this is an event only for adults.

What is White Ribbon?

White Ribbon is an organisation that is working to prevent one of the most common and pervasive forms of male violence – that towards women. All forms of violence are unacceptable. White Ribbon believes the prevention of violence against women will change society for the better.

White Ribbon believes in the capacity of the individual to change and to encourage change in others. It believes that our generation can and must work towards stopping men's violence against women.

www.whiteribbon.org.au

BANDANNA DAY

Penshurst West PS will again be supporting National Bandanna Day which is on Friday 26th October. Mrs Kovacs and the SRC will be selling bandannas all next week in the bottom playground outside the canteen BEFORE SCHOOL and will be \$4.00 each or \$3.00 for a pen.



Students will be allowed to wear the bandannas at school but if they wear them on their head they will still need to wear their school hat.

Please support this great charity. For more information their website is www.bandannaday.com.au

PLEASE TAKE 5 MINUTES TO COMPLETE A SURVEY

At the last P&C meeting parents raised the issue about how homework is done at Penshurst West PS. Please take the time to complete the survey from the link below so we can address any concerns.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FMFS7FW> Thank you

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PENShurst WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER "THE MACQUARIE ROOM" – MORTDALE RSL
MACQUARIE PLACE, MORTDALE
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30pm FOR A 7PM START**

THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY EVENT

Single tickets are available or you can book a table with your friends (10 per table). Come and join us for a night of trivia fun. There will be plenty of prizes, giveaways and raffles to be won plus fun games and silent auctions.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE UNTIL THE 19TH OCTOBER

Ticket price includes a small platter of hot finger food per table

Please enclose the following slip with your money/cheque in an envelope marked "Trivia Night" and take it to the school office. Cheques made payable to Penshurst West Public School P&C.

I would like to purchase _____ ticket(s) @ \$20 each - enclosed is \$ _____
(cash or cheque only)

My/our name(s) is/are: _____

Eldest child's name and class (to send tickets home) _____

for seating arrangements please select from one of the following

1 / we do not mind where I / we are seated or

2. please seat me/us with our friend(s) _____