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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

From Mrs. Jenkins' desk

Dear Parents,

Last week was the saddest of weeks. I'd like to thank everyone who attended our special assembly for Lachlan on Friday. I'd especially like to thank the staff for the amazing way they were able to help our students make gifts and memories for the Hornby family. The butterflies were Mrs O'Brien's idea and the hall stage along with the butterfly release was beautiful. Our students sang and behaved in a respectful and caring manner. I have never been so proud of our school the students, staff and community, as I was on Friday.

As some of you now know Mr Entwistle and Mr Ryan have a transfer to schools closer to their home. We would like to formally thank them for all they have added to the learning of students at Penshurst West. Mr Blanch is also moving to the North Coast and we wish him well in his future career. We have one vacancy filled and Miss Ivy Zhou will commence next year. The other position will go to merit selection and this will be filled during term 1 2013. We are excited by the prospect of new staff and new skills and expertise coming to our school. We all wish Mr Blanch, Mr Entwistle and Mr Ryan well in their new schools.

Our Year 6 fun day raised \$1600 and Year 6 will be purchasing the school a gift to be decided this week. Congratulations Year 6 on a great day of fun and thanks to the teachers for assisting you to organise this great event. A special thanks to parents Mrs Day and Mrs Osborne who helped clean up classrooms after some of the more messy activities.

Our P&C disco and BBQ is tonight. Gold coin entry at the gate from 5:30pm. Hopefully you will be able to join us in this end of year celebration. There are many stunning prizes for our raffle so I hope you have bought your tickets! We will be selling tickets tonight and any sold tickets can be handed in tonight.

Following our presentation day on Tuesday many staff and families may wish to attend Lachlan Hornby's funeral at Mortdale/Oatley Baptist Church at 2:30pm. There will be teachers at school to mind students who return to school after presentation day.

Again thank you to our volunteer parents and community helpers who assist us every day to run our school. We could not do this without you. Volunteers make our school the special place where your children love to learn. We had a list of over 75 volunteers and if we left any one off the list we are really sorry – it is a huge task to make sure we cover everyone.

Thank you for your support!

Merrilyn Jenkins
Principal



CALENDAR UPDATES

DECEMBER

Monday 10th

- Whole school disco from 5.30pm

Tuesday 11th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS (WHOLE SCHOOL) from 10.15am 12.30pm

Thursday 13th

- Years 3-6 to Aquatic Centre

Monday 17th

- Yr 6 Farewell at Masonic Club

Wednesday 19th

- K-2 Excursion to movies
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY 2013

Wednesday 30th

- Students return to school for 2013

CANTEEN CRUNCH

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the canteen this year, we could not have had it open so many days without you. We will be having a clean up day—if you are able to help—on Thursday 13th December between 9.30—11.30am.

This Wednesday (12th December) will be the last day for lunch orders.

Canteen closed tomorrow for Presentation day.

Canteen will reopen next year on Monday 4th February.



END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS 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.
(Please enter at Scott Street)

Date: Monday 10th December 2012—TONIGHT
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!!

