



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

TERM 4, WEEK 6 – 11 NOVEMBER '13

At 11:00am on Monday 11 November, Australians pause for one minute's silence to remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives while serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peace operations. At Penshurst West we all paused during a moving ceremony put together by Miss Henry. Thanks to the School Captains, Ella-Rose and Erik for leading us during this time.

Mr Ross Angus, Principal of Penshurst West PS in 2014, will be attending this month's P&C meeting starting at 7.00pm on Tuesday in the staffroom.

Have a great week at Penshurst West.

Mr Ackerman

Relieving Principal



Mrs Harcombe

Recently Mrs Harcombe was honoured with a St George Community Award for 2013, and it was truly well deserved. This award was nominated by the P&C and was a terrific event with 60 awards presented and over 450 people attending. Host Mark Coure, MP for Oatley, was very honoured the Governor of NSW took part in proceedings as special guest. Mrs Harcombe is an integral part of our school. As a parent, Scripture teacher and Choir conductor, Karen adds a great deal to the culture of Penshurst West and we too thank her for all her efforts. Thanks Mrs Harcombe!

The St. George Community Awards have a rich history with Penshurst West. In 2012, Ms Barclay was also a recipient, again nominated by the P&C. Sophie works tirelessly in the Canteen as a volunteer Canteen Manager. I'm sure all the students at Penshurst West would agree Ms Barclay does a wonderful job in our fantastic Canteen.

Mrs Harcombe receiving her award from the Governor of NSW, Mrs Marie Bashir and Mark Coure, MP for Oatley

Gold & Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Silver:

Matthew D
Adam M
Ryan M
Damon P
Sasha S
Isabella H
Lachlan F
Ezekiel H
Philip A
Lofitu F
Lucas P
Zachary S
Jackson C-S



Gold:

Lucas P

Year 7 Selective High 2015

Applications for students seeking selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015 (current Year 5 students) will be available from 15 October 2013. Most parents are expected to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 13 March 2014**. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to apply by **Friday 18 November 2013**. We will send home more information as it arrives.

Enrolment in 2014

Having accurate enrolment numbers is extremely important. Penshurst West is starting to plan for 2014. If you know that you will be taking a long period of leave in the beginning of 2014 or are leaving the area can you please ring or call in to the Office to let us know.

NAPLAN Growth in Year 5

As part of our annual review process, we compare how our students grew from Year 3 to 5 in the key areas and compare that to the State and NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) average. In 2013, our students grew an average of;

- 96.3 in Reading (83.1 State and 85.6 NSW DEC)
- 74.5 in Writing (54.4 State and 54.2 NSW DEC)
- 84.1 in Grammar (77.7 State and 79.4 NSW DEC)
- 104.7 in Numeracy (88.5 State and 89.7 NSW DEC)

All our results outshone both State and NSW DEC averages. This is a great outcome and students, parents and staff should be very proud. Full results of our targets will be in our Annual School Report, available at the end of the Year.

2014 School Calendar

Attached to the newsletter this week is a calendar for 2014 showing all school terms and holidays. The most notable change for 2014 is that Easter and Anzac Day all fall in the end of term one school holidays. Happy planning.

Yoga Trial

Last week a variety of students were lucky enough to attend a 30 minute Yoga introduction. The sessions were very well received and students and staff were impressed with the activities that took place.

We are currently investigating this program as an option for 2014, perhaps rotating the gymnastics or Dance program.

If you have any thoughts on the matter you are able to email me directly.

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Purchase a Mini Gelato Cup from the canteen

Thursday 14th
November *lunchtime*
only



\$1.50

Selection of flavours

- Gluten Free
- Halal approved
- Correct money would be appreciated!!



come & make a gingerbread house
Fri 29 Nov • 7.00pm
Pobbers House Christian Fellowship
500 Forest Rd. Penshurst

RSVP: BY TUES 19 NOV TO DOREEN 0425 223 494
COST: \$25
includes supper, lollies*, all supplies and beautifully gift wrapped
payment: cash to Doreen upon RSVP

*real oven to bring additional lollies / decorations to add to your design

we look forward to seeing you there!



Bexley North Public School Fete

10am - 3pm Saturday 16th Nov
116 Kingsland Road Bexley North

- * Prizes
- * Stalls
- * Rides
- * BBQ
- * Face Painting
- * Jumping Castle
- * Craft & Plants
- * Cakes
- * Multicultural Entertainment

Free Entry!

\$20 Earlybird Unlimited Ride Pass.

On the Day:
Single Ride tickets: \$5
Unlimited Ride Pass: \$25

Stall & Ride Pass enquiries:
email: bnpspandc@gmail.com
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2nd Mortdale Scout Group Christmas Tree Sale



When: Saturday 14th December 2013, 8 am– 11am

Where: 2nd Mortdale Scout Hall, Cnr Gungah Bay Rd & Roberts Ave, Mortdale

Cost: \$50 each (All Christmas trees are 7 ft tall)

Tree stands: \$25 each

How to order: Send us an email to 2ndmortdalescouts@gmail.com with your name, contact details and your requirements: number of trees, *delivery or collection, tree stands.

Payment Options: Cash on the day or direct credit for pre-orders.

* Deliveries are within a 5km radius - please add \$10 to your total

Please note there will be a limited amount of trees available on the day so we recommend pre-ordering.

All orders to be received and paid for by Thursday 28th November 2013.

Thank you for supporting 2nd Mortdale Scout Group



Calendar Updates



Being such a busy and exciting term, I hope that our term calendar has a special place on your fridge. Please refer to the calendar, our website and our new, OFFICIAL FACEBOOK page for regular information about school events and activities.

NOVEMBER

11 Monday
Remembrance Day Ceremony
10.30am Hall

15 Friday
PSSA Round 8

22 Friday
PSSA Round 9

25 Monday
School Leader Elections

28 Thursday
Year 6 Fun Day

29 Friday
PSSA Finals Day



DECEMBER

4 Wednesday
High School Orientation Day

5 Thursday
Combined Scripture Service

10 Tuesday
Presentation Day @ Peakhurst High 10.30am

12 Thursday
3-6 Fun Day @ Hurstville Aquatic Centre

13 Friday
K-2 Fun Day @ Funarama, Kirrawee

16 Monday
Year 6 Farewell

18 Wednesday
Students Last Day

19 Thursday
Staff Development Day

20 Friday
Staff Development Day



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