



STAGE 3 STUDENTS SELLING DRINKS FROM THE BUSHFIRE APPEAL

# Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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TERM 4, WEEK 8 – 26 NOVEMBER '13

Welcome to another great week at Penshurst West.

Our aim as a school is to have effective partnerships between home and school. Part of that process allows parents to have their say in what works (and what doesn't) in the school setting.

This week all eldest students were given a parent survey on the culture of our school. Students in Years 3-6 were also given a similar survey, as were all staff. Please take the time to complete the survey and return to the Office. If you have any comments you can email them directly to me at [matthew.ackerman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:matthew.ackerman@det.nsw.edu.au)

Your thoughts are very important to us and will allow us to plan for 2014. Thanks for your support.

Have a great week at our beautiful school.

*Mr Ackerman*

Principal (rel)

## Student Leaders

This week many of our Year 5 leaders spoke about their hopes, beliefs and values during their push for School Captain 2014.

What an honour it was to sit and listen to 14 wonderful ambassadors for our school. The school and its community can be very proud of the leaders we have in the school. Irrespective of the vote, we are assured of school leaders next year with a firm sense of what our school values are all about, Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Effort.

Our thanks and best wishes to Zale B, Milan C, William D, Jason L, Lomi S, Gabriel T, Patrick V, Mary A, Victoria H, Riana H, Heba I, Natalie M, Esther R and Annie W. You are all winners.

Thanks also to Ella-Rose and Erik for compering, it must have been a very surreal moment for them.

The Captains will be announced at Presentation Day.

## Gold & Silver Awards



### Silver:

Jasmine H  
Luke R  
Luke M  
Stevan D  
Jemima F  
Andrew H  
Amber P  
Jayda F  
Itaf I  
Nathan M  
Jarryd M  
Ethan W  
Hayat A  
Caitlin H  
Josh J  
Jasmyne P  
Ben W  
Kai D  
Evan P  
Jayden H  
Farzaad P

Farzaad P  
Farzaad P  
Nelson L  
Sawyer H  
Hunter P  
Youssef S  
Tori N  
Lomi S  
Jake C  
Azeeza A  
Riana H  
Hani D  
Athena C  
Lachlan M  
Keyanoosh S  
Emma M  
Audrey S  
Leah H  
Anes B  
Casey J  
Mourin Y

### Gold:

Jayden B  
Jasmyne P  
Hayat A  
Ben W  
Farzaad P  
Hunter P  
Anes B  
Leah H  
Casey J

### Medal:

Ben W  
Leah H

## Year 6 Fun Day

Due to a clash of dates, the Year 6 Fun Day has been moved to **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Starting at 12.00pm, the Year 6 students have been working hard to ensure there are lots of great games and activities.

It is a mufti day for all students and activities all cost around the 50c and \$1 mark. All parents are welcome and it should be a great day.

## Raffle Tickets

This week all eldest students in each family received a book of raffle tickets to sell for the P&C end of year raffles, drawn at the Disco.

Please support the school by selling as many tickets as you can. The hampers from each class will be well worth the \$1 ticket. All ticket stubs and money to be returned by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to the Office.

If you haven't received your hamper note please see your child's class teacher.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

## PSSA

Despite the season not being the best in terms of weather and having a number of games cancelled due to the wind, rain or fires, all students represented Penshurst West in a fair and honest way.

A big thanks to all the teachers who took PSSA teams this season – Mrs Sarafoski (Touch Football), Mrs Kovacs (Teeball and Softball), Miss Gorman (Basketball), Miss Zhou (Newcombe Ball).



## Schools Spectacular

This Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 22 of our students and Mrs Kovacs will be travelling by bus to the Sydney Entertainment Centre to watch the Schools Spectacular. They're sure to have a great time!

## Bushfire Appeal

We were reminded of what great student leaders we have at Penshurst West last week, when two students came to the Office and asked if they could hold a fundraiser for the victims of the recent bushfires.

Gabriel and Zuhair chatted to Sophie in the Canteen to determine what they could sell, discussed options for a mufti day, designed posters and wrote a note for students.

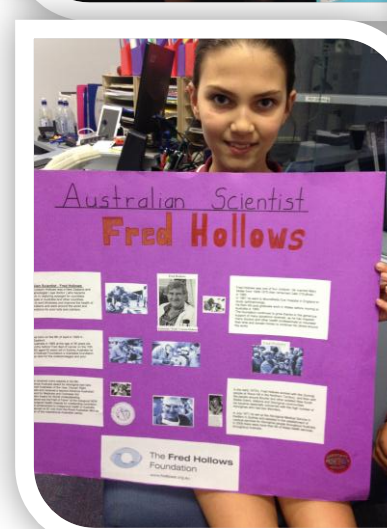
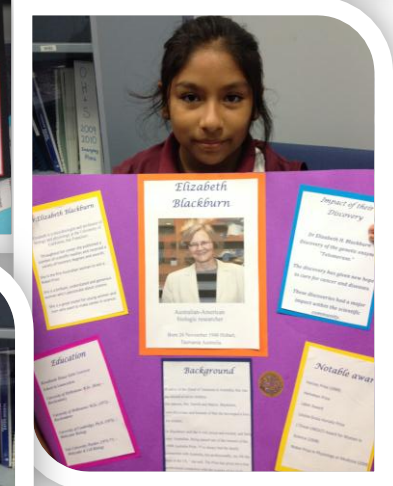
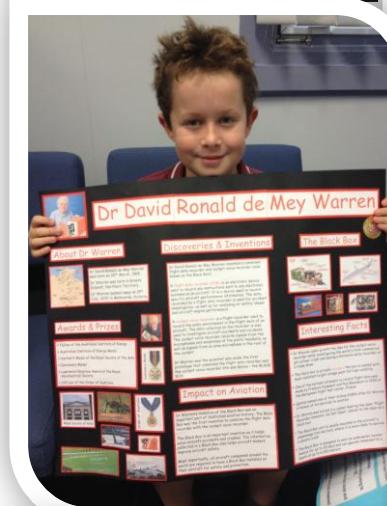
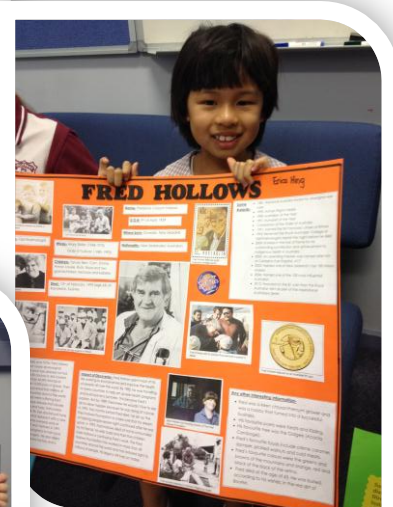
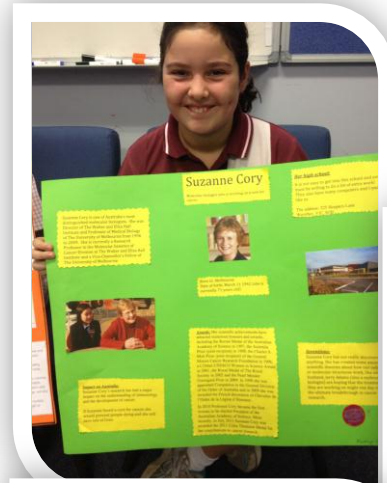


The day was a great success, with \$330 raised in mufti money and \$230 in drink profits making a total of \$560. The cheque will be presented on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Assembly to the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal.

What a great example of student leadership with a conscience. Thanks boys, from all of us at Penshurst West.

## Scientist Projects in JO

Students in JO have been working hard on their research projects of Scientists. Displaying wonderful research and presentation skills, a few students were selected to show the Principal who they chose to research and explain why. Thanks to Madalyn, Erica, Sarah, Liam, Joaneth and Emily.







# END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS BBQ & DISCO ENTERTAINMENT BY 'FIT FUTURES'

We would like to invite you to Penshurst West Public School's Disco and BBQ. Why not come along and take the opportunity to meet other families by joining them, all for the cost of a gold coin at the gate for everyone who enters!

(Please enter Scott Street entrance)

Come dressed in your favourite Christmas outfit!

Date: **Wednesday 4 December  
2013**

Time: **5.30pm – 7.30pm**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sausage sizzle, chicken kebabs, drinks and lollies for sale.

Hope to see everyone there!!

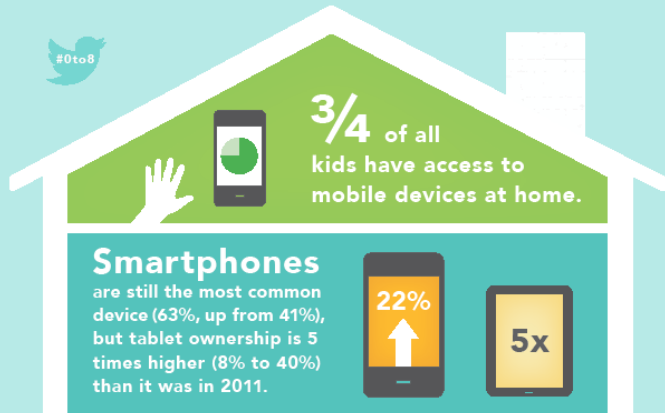


# ZERO TO EIGHT

Children's Media Use in America 2013

## Growing Up Mobile

In the two years since Common Sense Media first reported on the media use of 0- to 8-year-olds, our latest survey in the series, *Zero to Eight: Children's Media Use in America 2013*, shows the media environments and behaviors of young kids have changed. More than ever, they're growing up mobile.



The number of kids who've used mobile devices has nearly doubled since 2011 (38% to 72%).

Average daily use of mobile devices has tripled, from 5 to 15 minutes a day.



## TECH SAVVY TODDLERS:



In 2011, 10% of kids under 2 had used a mobile device.

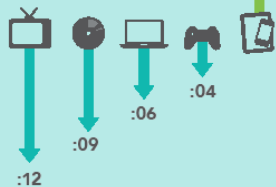
Now, that's grown to **38%** of all kids under 2.

Traditional screen time is down but mobile screen time is up.

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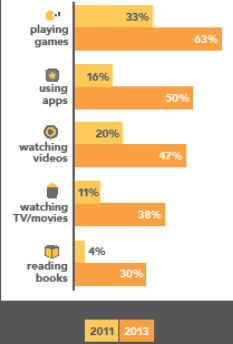
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Shift in daily screen time, 2011-2013

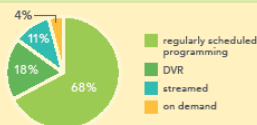


**Despite the move to mobile, TV still dominates kids' screen time.**

What are kids doing on their mobile devices?



Of the nearly two hours of screen time (1:55), 50% is spent in front of TV sets ... but the when and how is changing.



## FREE COURSE FOR WOMEN IN 2014!

The Career Education & Employment for Women Course at Gymea TAFE is a course for women who wish to refresh their skills to re-enter the workforce or do further study.

Classes are 3 days per week in school hours for 18 weeks.

Subjects include: Computing, Communication Workplace Writing, Resumes, Interview Skills and more.

There is no administration fee.

### Information session:

Gymea College, The Kingsway, Gymea Block A

Room AG17

11 am Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013

or

11 am Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014

Enquiries: Phone 9710 5136



**When:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 8 am – 11 am

**Where:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

# 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. The website also has copies of all important notes sent home.

## NOVEMBER 2013

**27 Wednesday**  
Year 6 Fun Day

**29 Friday**  
Schools Spectacular (Stage 3)



## DECEMBER 2013

**3 Tuesday**  
Claymation Day

**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

## JANUARY 2014

**26 Sunday**  
Australia Day

**27 Monday**  
Australia Day Public Holiday

**28 Tuesday**  
Teachers return

**29 Wednesday**  
Years 1-6 return  
Kindergarten Best Start

**30 Thursday**  
Kindergarten Best Start

**31 Friday**  
Kindergarten start school

## FEBRUARY 2014

**13 Thursday**  
Swimming Carnival (Peakhurst West)

