



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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Public Speaking Competition

TERM 4, WEEK 2, October 2015

From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back and I hope our students and staff have had a well deserved and relaxing break following an intense and challenging term 3. There were many notable activities throughout term 3, many being during the last weeks leading up to the holidays. The school held the Public Speaking Competition finals. The quality of both the prepared and the impromptu aspects of speeches were very high and were commended by the judge. Congratulations to the following students:

successful and will take up the position from the beginning of the 2016 school year. Mrs Scanlan will continue to relieve in the position for the remainder of the year.

I would like to thank Miss Stratikopoulos, for her teaching of 5/6S during the last 4 weeks of term 3. Mr Cork has now returned after having some leave.

Sadly we said farewell to Mrs Turk-Nikro and Mrs Ilias at the end of last term. Mrs Turk-Nikro accepted a full time School Learning Support Officer position at a different school. Her work at the school has been greatly appreciated by all. Mrs Ilias had been filling the position of School Administration Officer since the beginning of the school year. The Department of Education has now appointed a permanent person to this role who will commence from the beginning of term 4. Once again we have lost a highly effective staff member who has been a great support to staff, students and the community during her time with Penshurst West Public School.

Finally, Mrs Sando has been

successful in an expression of interest position to State Office to support the administration aspects in schools. This is a temporary deployment for the remainder of 2015.

Awards

Silver

Harper C	Mischa H
Lily V	Manase F
Salma K	Emelia V
Jack M	Jamal D
Rein H	Benji M
Dean P	Zoe S
Harley P	Alexandra K

Gold

Anastasia M	Samuel Y-D
Rhys Y-D	Emelia V
Claire W	Benji M
Jamal D	

Public Speaking Competition Winners	
Early Stage 1	Harper.C
Stage 1	Thomas. S
Stage 2	Peta-Lee D
Stage 3	Sasha. S

We wish them luck as they will go on to compete at the District Competition next week.

Staff Update

Towards the end of term 3 Interviews were held for the Assistant Principal position. Miss A O'Riordan was

Learn To Swim Program

I enjoyed hearing great reports about our students as they attended the Learn to Swim program daily during the last two weeks of term 3, not only for their behavior but the efforts and progress that they were making throughout the lessons. The Learn to Swim program

teaches vital safety skills and it will run again in 2016. I highly recommend that you consider this program and follow up with any other learn to swim program to ensure your child's confidence in the water.

Jump Rope For Heart

The school Jump Off day was held on the last Thursday of term 3. The students were involved in many skipping activities allowing them to refine their skipping skills and have fun whilst improving their fitness. Thank you to all the students and their families who collected sponsorship money for the Heart Foundation. Your generosity and efforts have helped us to reach a total of \$3233.05.



PSSA Season 3

Our sport representatives for hockey, touch football and basketball all competed in the first round of the season during the last week of term 3.

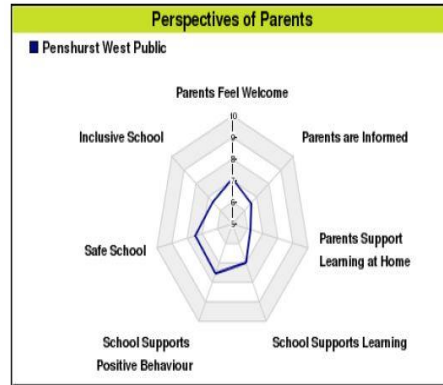
Some of our hockey players participated in a Gala Day at Sylvania recently which was a great experience. Watch out for coming PSSA updates in the next newsletter.

Survey Results -

The Recent Parent Survey results are in. Several of our focus areas have improved between last year's survey and this year. The opportunity to comment in this survey was not present as it was governed by the

Department.

The survey reports on the following aspects: Parents feel welcome, Parents are informed, Parents support learning at home (Homework), School supports learning, School supports positive behavior, Safe School and Inclusive School.



A greater analysis of the results will be presented this term and in the Annual School Report.

An additional survey that allowed comments closed yesterday and we are awaiting the reports from that survey

Create South

This week many of our talented senior students will participate in a three day workshop, learning how to develop a performance. Family and friends are then invited to watch the performance at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on the evening of the third day. Congratulations to Liam, Sasha, Mackenzie, Jasmyne and Caitlin who have successfully auditioned, displaying talent in the areas of technology, dance, drama or choir. We hope you really enjoy this amazing experience.

Health Alert

A suspected case of chicken-pox from a student who attends this school has been notified by the parent. It is not at the moment confirmed.

Please be cautious if your child is not immunised.

2017 Selective High School Applications

This notice is for this years, Year 5 students wishing to apply for a selective school for year 7 2017.

Applications will open online on 13th October 2015 and will close on 16th November 2016. Applications can only be made online through this website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement The Selective High Schools test will be sat on 10th March 2016.

There are 47 selective high schools in NSW consisting of 17 fully selective, 25 high schools with selective classes and 4 Agricultural high schools. 33 of these classes are in metropolitan Sydney.

Cyber-bullying

It is an unfortunate that a fact of our society that bullying has become prevalent in all our interactions. Social media creates opportunity for people to make comments which they would never say to the person or even out-loud. It is also unfortunate that many of our children have access to social media which makes it difficult to escape the intimidation.

Today the students of Penshurst West listened to a presentation from the Police Youth Liaison Officer on Cyber-bullying and social media. This was to address the growing incidents of bullying and cyberbullying that is occurring outside school hours.

The legal age limit for a profile on most social media is 13 yet many of our students much younger have their own profiles. Please ensure that you monitor their use for their safety as well as protecting others.

Uniform

The students have returned to summer uniform. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct clothing from Black school shoes to their school hat. Our uniform class competition commenced today with the class having the highest weekly average of students in full uniform receiving an iceblock on Friday's.

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2015 Week 2 Term 4	12/10 Create South	13/10 Create South	14/10 District Public Speaking competition Create South		PSSA Sport Friday
2015 Week 3 Term 4					PSSA Sport
2015 Week 4 Term 4		27/10 Stage 2 Incursion Colonial Australia	28/10 Kinder Orientation 9.45 – 11.30		PSSA Sport Friday 31/10 - Saturday Panorama – Steel Band Competition
2015 Week 5 Term 4			4/11 Kinder Orientation 9.45 – 11.30		PSSA Sport
2015 Week 6 Term 4			11/11 Kinder Orientation 9.45 – 11.30		PSSA Sport
2015 Week 7 Term 4					PSSA Sport
2015 Week 8 Term 4			25/11 Year 6 Fun Day		PSSA Sport
2015 Week 9 Term 4			2/12 Recognition Assembly	Final Scripture and Ethics lessons	
2015 Week 10 Term 4	7/12 Year 6 Farewell Club Rivers	8/12 Presentation Day ----- P&C Disco		10/12 Yr 3-6 Picnic Day – Hurstville Leisure Centre	
2015 Week 11 Term 4			16/12 Last day for students	17/12 Staff Development Day	18/12 Staff Development Day

Like us on Facebook

We now have an official Facebook page administered by the school, authorised by the Department of Education. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/PenshurstWestPublicSchool> or by looking for our page name: Penshurst West Public School - NSW DEC.



Calendar Updates

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

Student Absence Slip

Please return this slip to your child's teacher the day your child returns to school.

Dear _____ (teacher's name)

My child, _____, of Class _____ was absent from school from _____ to _____ because _____

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

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FITNESS KARATE & *Flexercise*

Welcome to F K F

We sincerely believe that every person should be trained both mentally and physically in order to achieve a well balanced lifestyle and fitness level.

We are a not-for-profit group who do our best to promote fitness within the community.

FITNESS KARATE

Group Exercises in Karate & Self Defence,
with the focus primarily on Fitness

Tuesday & Friday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm



FITNESS *Flexercise*

Exercises to improve overall Flexibility &
Muscle Tone

Monday & Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm



*Training is held at the Penshurst West Public School hall,
corner Scott Street & Forest Road, Mortdale NSW 2223*

Interested? Then contact **ROBERTO** on

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