



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk

This week I offer congratulations to a different group of people in our school. We regularly highlight the achievements of our students but last Wednesday evening I went to an awards evening for the Department of Education. This was to recognise teachers, administration staff, community members, executive and schools. We had two staff members who received highly commended recognition awards. Miss Abela as an early career teacher and Mr Gray as a school general assistant. It is fantastic to have the efforts of our staff recognized in this way and I congratulate these two members and all our staff on their efforts throughout the year.

We are entering the final few weeks of the 2015 school year and as such there are many tasks to conclude. Next week the year 6 will hold its annual fundraising event, "Year 6 Fun Day" This will be on Wednesday and all students are invited to come in Mufti for the cost of a gold coin donation. A huge array of activities

and stalls will be operating with costs ranging from 50c to \$1.00. The activities will take place during school time and have always proven to be a lot of fun.

2016 Election for School Leaders

Following last week's election the six students ship positions for next year have been notified.

Congratulations to Summer G, Sasha S, Lauren V, Brendan B-H, Liam D and Benjamin R. The actual roles will be announced on our Celebration of Learning Day.

End of Year Excursions

At the end of the year, our school offers an excursion. For students in K-2 that excursion is to Funarama. On this day K-2 students will travel to Kirrawee via bus and will have full use of the play centre facilities, including a maze, jumping castle, ball pit, slides and lots more. The cost is \$16.00. A note was sent home on 15th October. Payment for this excursion is due by 3rd December so that numbers can be confirmed for buses and the venue. The note for this excursion remains

on the school website under "Newsletters and Notes" Scroll down to find your grades note. There are a few other activities on that note.

For students in years 3-6 their excursion is to Hurstville Leisure Centre. Students will have use of the Stadium for mixed sports lead by Sports Coordinators and use of the Leisure pool, internal and external slides under supervision of Hurstville Aquatic Centre Lifeguards. The cost of this activity is \$15.00.

The end of year excursions are both held on Thursday 10th December.

Please ensure you have paid for these activities by the 3rd December.

Recognition Assembly

The Recognition Assembly will be held on the COLA on Wednesday 2nd December with a 10.30 start.

The assembly recognises several sporting and cultural awards with the major sporting awards being presented on Tuesday 8 December at our Celebration of Learning.

Silver	
Travis H	Sawyer H
Kalan T	Jackson C
Ryan M	Bella R
Zac E	Lawrence B
Gold	
Bella R	Tiarna M

Christmas Raffle

One of the major fundraising efforts for the P&C is the Christmas Raffle. Please help by making a donation according to the class theme. Raffle tickets will be coming home shortly from the P&C. The raffle will be drawn at the end of year Christmas BBQ and Disco. Below is a list of the themes.

- KH Lets go on a picnic
- KJ School supplies
- K/1S Baking
- 1S Family movie night
- 1/2A Christmas hamper
- 2S Summer BBQ
- 3F Savoury snacks
- 3/4A All things chocolate
- 4LW Party!
- 5/6A 'Sweet thing'
- 5/6H Aussie summer
- 5/6S Mixed batch

Thank you for your support. All items will be collected in class and made into hamper prizes.

UNIFORM SHOP – HELPERS NEEDED!

The uniform shop is run by the P&C as a not for profit service to the school community and is staffed by parent volunteers. It's a great way to be involved in the school and meet people! Our current team is retiring at the end of term 4, thank you for your hard work Mrs Khedr and Mrs Holbrook, you will be missed.

Therefore we are looking for new volunteers to join the uniform shop team for 2016. The time commitment is 1-2 hours a week. The role involves ideally 2 people opening the shop 1 morning a week, selling uniforms, making up pre-orders, cash handling, writing receipts, tidying and monitoring stock levels. The management and administration will be performed by P&C, and you will be shown what to do. If you can help please contact the school office and a P&C rep will contact you.

School Assemblies on Monday Morning

It is wonderful to see so many parents attending our assembly on Monday mornings. It adds value to the awards presented to the students and helps to make the occasion special. However, recently several groups of parents have held loud conversations during the assembly which is distracting to the students, disrespectful to the student speakers and works against the school values that we are trying to instill.

I am sure you have noticed students who arrive late, stop at the edge of the COLA to wait quietly, while the assembly conducts the welcome to country, say the pledge and sing the National Anthem. This is a sign of their respect to the importance of the assembly. Please help us to build and support our school values by listening and remaining quiet. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Primary Ethics Classes

At Penshurst West

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes, and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don't attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 76 topics, starting with *Questions and Puzzlement*, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Teachers

In 2015, we have had three trained teachers at Penshurst West teaching children from Kindy to Yr 4. One of our teachers is standing down next year, and we need at least one more volunteer teacher to meet the expected demand for ethics classes in 2016.

For information about Primary Ethics, our curriculum, and how you can become involved as a teacher, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the school's ethics coordinator, Natasha Russell, on 0412 276 874.

If you are interested in your child attending ethics classes next year, please send a signed note to the school office requesting this.



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.

News from the P&C

Christmas Raffle

One of the major fundraising efforts for the P&C is the Christmas Raffle. Shortly the school will let you know of the theme that your child's class will be collecting donations for to build the raffle prizes. Please help by making a donation according to the theme. Raffle tickets will be coming home shortly from the P&C. The raffle will be drawn at the End of year Christmas BBQ and Disco.

Uniform Shop

For the remainder of 2016 The Uniform Shop will open on Friday's from 9.00 am.

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2015 Week 8 Term 4			25/11 Year 6 Fun Day		PSSA Sport Uniform shop 9.00
2015 Week 9 Term 4			2/12 Recognition Assembly 10.30 start	3/12 Final Scripture & Ethics lessons. Volunteer's morning tea 11.30 am	Uniform shop 9.00
2015 Week 10 Term 4	7/12 Year 6 Farewell Club Rivers	8/12 10.00am Presentation Day ----- 5.30-7.30pm P&C Disco		10/12 Picnic Day K-2 Funarama Yr. 3-6 Hurstville Leisure Centre	Uniform shop 9.00
2015 Week 11 Term 4			16/12 Last day for students	17/12 Staff Development Day	18/12 Staff Development Day
	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
2016 Week 1 Term 1		Australia Day 26 th Jan	27/1/16 Staff Development Day	28/1/16 First Day of Students Best Start assessment commences	29/1/16 Best Start assessment continues
2016 Week 2 Term 1	1/2				
2016 Week 3 Term 1	8/2	P&C Annual General Meeting			
2016 Week 4 Term 1	15/2				
2016 Week 5 Term 1	22/2			22/2/16 Interrelate 6.00 Where did I come from 7.15 Preparing for Puberty	



When: Saturday 12th December 2015, 7.30am – 11am

Where: 2nd Mortdale Scout Hall

Cnr Gungah Bay Rd & Roberts Ave, Mortdale

Cost: \$55 each pre-ordered & pre-paid or \$60 to purchase on the day
(All Christmas trees are 210cm or 7 ft tall)

Tree stands: \$25 each (pre-order only)

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

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

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

**All pre-orders need to be received and paid for by
Monday 30th November, 2015.**

* Deliveries are strictly within a 5km radius of 2nd Mortdale Hall – please add \$10 to your total.

Thank you for supporting 2nd Mortdale Scout Group





Penshurst West Public School



**CHRISTMAS
DISCO & BBQ**

You are invited to come along to the Penshurst West Public School Christmas Disco and BBQ.

Date: Tuesday 8th December 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wear your favourite Christmas outfit and your dancing shoes!

Gold coin donation - please enter at the Scott Street gate.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Your family can enjoy a BBQ dinner, drinks and snacks – all available for purchase from the canteen.

The Christmas raffle will be drawn on the night and raffle tickets will be on sale. Make sure you buy your tickets for a chance to win one of the fabulous class hampers! Raffle ticket books will also be sent home with your eldest child.

Hope to see everyone there!!



Any parents who are able to help on the night from 5pm (even for half an hour) would be greatly appreciated. Helpers are needed to cook the BBQ and serve in the canteen. Please return this slip to the office if you are available to help. Thank you!

NAME: _____ CHILD NAME/CLASS: _____

PHONE: _____ TIME AVAILABLE: _____



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

0458 207 991 or robertofkf@bigpond.com

PENSHURST WEST FC

Men, Women, Boys & Girls Needed!

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

4th JAN 2016 visit

www.myfootballclub.com.au

EARLY BIRD RATES APPLY FOR REGOS

(Completed before 12th Feb 2016)

Check our website for further rego instructions
www.penshurstwestfc.com.au

Free shorts & socks for new players
One-off registration fee

New Players Registration Dates for ID:

Olds Park Sports Club

1 Olds Park Lane, Beverly Hills

Sun 31st January 2016 12pm – 4pm

Sun 7 February 2016 10am – 2pm

Contact us:

secretary@penshurstwestfc.com.au

