



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to the final term of 2016. It is going to be one that will be busy, filled with the celebration of achievements and the end to a group of students who have spent upward of seven years at Penshurst West Public School.

Over the next few weeks we have the mobile Dental Clinic (W3), our School Concert on Thursday 10 November (W5) and the Stage 3 Camp (W6). We already have a great deal to look forward to.

In this Newsletter I am seeking your feedback through a survey on the extra programs that we have implemented this year to help organise programs for 2017. Please take the time to send this survey back. A small number of families have provided their thoughts through the *Tell Them From Me* survey. But as we only had 20 responses from over 200 families it does not provide enough information as to which programs you felt were beneficial for your children.

High School Students Collecting Siblings

Last term the school requested that high school students remain outside of the school gates when collecting their siblings. This was as a result of a number of high school students being in the vicinity of the senior classrooms and swearing, disturbing the students and generally being disrespectful to the teachers and classes. Over the years there have been similar issues where groups of high school students are on the grounds for more than 40 minutes before our school finishes.

At Penshurst West PS we wish to provide the best possible learning environment for our students but also recognise the need for some high school students to collect their siblings in the afternoon. I would like to welcome back those students and acknowledge the parent support that has been given.

The high school students are welcome to wait in the lower playground around the Hall and Canteen. This will allow them to easily find their family members but not disrupt the learning of our students.

Enrolments in 2017

Currently the school has 31 Kindergarten students for next year. This is a decrease in the enrolment numbers from the past few years but we believe there are still some families who are yet to enrol. If you know of any families who are planning to come to Penshurst West Public School next year, please ask them to complete an enrolment form. The Kindergarten Orientation Program is being held on Wednesday 16, 23, and 30 November.

We also have a number of families each year who move away from the area. If you know that you will be moving and not returning to Penshurst West Public

School in 2017, please let the Office know as this will also affect the number of classes. Your help in these areas is greatly appreciated.

Awards

Gold	
Dorothy Y (3/4A)	

Silver	
Jayda F (3/4A)	Tumara Q (3/4S)
Sam A (3/4S)	Dylan J (2/3F)
Jemima F (2/3F)	Nathan M (2/3F)
Lucas H (2/3F)	Elsie B (1S)
Chloe L (1LB)	Dominic N (KO)
RJ S (KO)	

Celebration of Learning and Recognition Assembly

The feedback from families has shown that the separation of the Celebration of Learning Assembly and Recognition Assembly causes difficulties with time away from work. In trying to build a school climate and culture of celebration and welcoming we will be holding the events on Tuesday 13 December at Penshurst West Public School under the COLA.

The Celebration of Learning will be in the morning and will commence at 10.00am with all K-6 students attending. The Celebration of Learning focuses on the academic awards and major school awards. A recess break will be given allowing for the students to have a break and morning tea will be available for our

community.

The Recognition Assembly will be then held for the Year 3-6 students. This will be held straight after the recess break so we are expecting the ceremony to start around 11.15am. This assembly presents the many sporting awards for PSSA teams and participation certificates for student involvement in school activities. Further details about the day will come out during the term.

End of Year Picnic

In 2016, the End of Year Picnics are going to be held on Thursday 15 December. This year, instead of Hurstville Leisure Centre and Fun-arama we will be organising activities within the school grounds. More details about this will be released soon. The cost will be reduced considerably by not having the expense of the buses.

P&C Farewell BBQ and Fun Night

Plans have commenced for the Annual P&C Farewell BBQ Evening. Please mark Monday 5 December in your calendar. Our end of year function will be held on the top playground and will feature the P&C Raffle with basket prizes of goods.

School dates

The last day of school for students is Friday 16 December and the first day of school for students is Monday 30 January, 2017.

A Night on Broadway Concert Tickets

The first release of tickets for the School Concert will continue to be sold for the remainder of the week. Tickets are \$15 each and there is a limit of three per family for first release tickets.

As of Monday 24 October, the remaining tickets will be available to purchase on a 'first in, best dressed' basis until sold out.

Year 6 Camp

The balance for Year 6 Camp is due Friday 21 October. Please send the remaining amount owed to the Office.

2018 Selective High School Applications

Selective High School applications for 2018 are now open. Information forms are available from the Office but will need to be completed online at <http://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>. Applications close Monday 14 November.

SRC News

Congratulations to the SRC Committee and the Enviro Mentors for establishing a wonderful initiative to make Penshurst West a more sustainable and enviro-friendly school. With the help of a few teachers, the Enviro Mentors successfully set up two compost bins near the school garden. Every day the Enviro Mentors collect the scraps from *Crunch 'n' Sip* and place them in the compost bins. Eventually, the scraps will break down to create a nutritious soil for our garden beds. This initiative not only reduces the school's food waste but also teaches students about the importance of caring for the environment.

Help Needed

The P&C would appreciate any parent or community member who would be able to conduct an audit on the P&C finances. Ideally the person should be someone with a background in accounting or a qualified CPA. Please make contact through email chriscr70@yahoo.com.au

Penshurst West PS Parent Survey

In preparation for the 2017 school year I am seeking parent feedback about the school. Towards the end of last term the *Tell Them From Me* survey was available. However there were only 20 responses. Although valuable feedback was contained, the school needs a greater engagement from our community. **Please return this survey to the office by Friday 28 October 2016.**

Extra-Curricular Programs

To improve educational opportunities for students the school identifies organisations that offer and deliver extracurricular programs. In 2016 the programs offered were Gymnastics (Term 1), Sports in Schools – Athletics (Term 2), Jelly Beans Music K-2 and Scope IT 3-6 (Term 3). **Please indicate your opinion of these programs by providing a rating of 1-4 (1 being low and 4 high).**

	Value for Money	Students enjoyed	Educationally value
Gymnastics			
Sport in Schools			
Jelly Beans Music			
Scope IT (Coding)			

In 2017 the programs available could be each of the following. In each case they can be K-6 or reduced to a K-2 and 3-6 program. These programs can be found on the Internet if you would like some more information: *Gymnastics, Foot Steps Dance, The Drama Toolbox, Jelly Bean Music, Sports in Schools Australia, Scope IT.*

How many programs would you like to see run during the school year? _____

Please put the programs in your preferred order.

1st _____
3rd _____

2nd _____
4th _____

Communication

In 2016 the school has significantly expanded the use of Facebook and the website to provide more information about what is happening at school and to give easy access for notes. As a result we have Facebook posts almost weekly. The newsletter has also been expanded on previous years highlighting student work, achievements, upcoming events and general information.

Are these information sources providing the information you need to be aware of what is happening at school?

How could we further improve whole school information?

Please describe your highlight of the school year in 2016 _____

Swim Scheme

Over the past two weeks, a group of students have participated in the Swim Scheme program. This intensive program helps to develop water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.



PSSA Match Results

Boys Basketball

Girls Oz-Tag

Mixed Hockey

Round Two

Juniors
20 - 8
Penshurst West
def
Peakhurst

Juniors
3 - 10
Penshurst West
def by
Oatley West

Juniors
0 - 3
Penshurst West
def by
Hurstville South

Seniors
20 - 0
Penshurst West
def
Peakhurst

Seniors
11- 2
Penshurst West
def
Oatley West

Seniors
4-3
Penshurst West
def
Hurstville South

Round Three

Juniors
10 - 30
Penshurst West
def by
Beverly Hills

Juniors
10 - 3
Penshurst West
def
Peakhurst South

Juniors
1- 7
Penshurst West
def by
Oatley West

Seniors
40 - 28
Penshurst West
def
Beverly Hills

Seniors
5 - 3
Penshurst West
def
Peakhurst South

Seniors
1-8
Penshurst West
def by
Oatley West

PBIS

Students at Penshurst West Public School have been revising the School Values and ways to make positive choices in the classroom and on the playground. Our Positive Behaviour in Schools (PBIS) program explicitly teaches the rules of our school and behavioural expectations. Congratulations to our Values Award recipients for displaying positive behaviour over the past two weeks.

Term 3 Week 10: Safety in the classroom

FOCUS AREAS:

- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Walk in the classroom
- Use equipment appropriately
Push chairs in and sit on them properly



Term 4 Week 1: Effort in the Classroom

FOCUS AREAS:

- Be honest
- Complete set tasks and try your best
- Ask for help if needed



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

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Upcoming Events

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2 Term 4	17/10 Swim Scheme	18/10 Swim Scheme	19/10 Swim Scheme	20/10 Swim Scheme	21/10 Swim Scheme
Week 3 Term 4	24/10 Dental Clinic Visits	25/10 Dental Clinic Visits	26/10 Dental Clinic Visits	27/10 Dental Clinic Visits	28/10 Dental Clinic Visits
Week 4 Term 4	31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11 Dental Clinic Visits	4/11
Week 5 Term 4	7/11	8/11 Concert Rehearsal P&C Meeting	9/11	10/11 Broadway Musical Concert	11/11
Week 6 Term 4	14/11 Stage 3 Camp	15/11	16/11 Kindy Orientation	17/11	18/11
Week 7 Term 4	21/11	22/11 Year 6 Fun Day (TBC)	23/11 Kindy Start	24/11	25/11
Week 8 Term 4	28/11	29/11	30/11 Kindy Start	1/12 Last Scripture	2/12
Week 9 Term 4	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12
Week 10 Term 4	12/12 P&C Christmas BBQ & Hamper Night	13/12	14/12 Presentation Day	15/12 Picnic Day (TBC)	16/12 Last day of school



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YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO REQUEST

Dear Parents,

As part of our Year 6 end of year celebrations, we would like to know if you have any photos of your child, and their friends, over the school years that you would like us to share as special memories of your child's time at our school? These photos will form part of a slide show presentation that will run throughout the evening of the Year 6 Farewell.

Additionally, and most importantly, we would appreciate you sending in 2 photos of your child – one as a baby (under 2) and one of them in Kindergarten (school photo or first day of school).

Please send the photos to **Miss Wood** in an envelope with your child's name on the outside so that the photos remain a secret. Alternatively, please send them in on a labelled USB or email them directly to alison.wood3@det.nsw.edu.au. All photos and/or USBs will be returned to you.

The last day to provide photos will be **Friday 11th November**.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Wood, Mr Hyslop & Miss Stratikopoulous
Year 6 Teachers

Mr Hyslop
Relieving Principal

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Penshurst West Public School

21st September 2016



Our Bi-Annual K-6 Concert, 2016

When: Thursday 10th November

Time: Concert begins at 6:30pm
 (Doors open from 6pm)

Venue: Sydney Technical Boys High School Hall
 (686 Forest Rd Bexley)

Tickets: \$15 each Limit of three tickets per family

(Children 2 years old and under sitting on laps are free – no strollers permitted)

More tickets may become available. A note will come home closer to the concert if this is the case. EFTPOS can be used for ticket purchases.

Ticket Sales: Begin Monday 10th October (1st day back Term 4)

Tickets will be sold outside the school hall from 8:30am – 9:15am each morning if you wish to purchase your tickets and choose them off the seating plan.

(Tickets will be given to you directly. Please note that they are numbered seats.)

OR

Return your order form and money to the office by Friday 28th October. Tickets will be allocated each day so the best seats can be obtained for those who get in early.

(Tickets will be sent home via your child once allocated. Please note that they are numbered seats.)

On Concert Night:

Arrival time for students: 6pm fully dressed in performance outfit

Pick up time for students: All students are to remain for the entire duration of the concert as they will be involved in a finale item and will be marked off their class roll when picked up after the show. (Approximate concert finish time will be clarified early in Term 4 after rehearsals begin.)

Full School Attendance: As Creative Arts is a major curriculum area with performances requiring a whole class commitment, it is expected that your child will be participating. This will also be a component for their Semester 2 report.

Please complete the form below and return it to the School Office with payment as soon as possible to secure the best seats.

With thanks,

Mrs Jenny Perlazzo
Assistant Principal

Mr Matthew Hyslop
Acting Principal



Ticket Order Form

Please return to the office as soon as possible with payment - no later than Friday 28th October, 2016.

Child(ren's) Name and Class(es):

Number of tickets required (max. 3): _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

If your child will not be participating in the concert on Thursday 10th November it is imperative that your child's teacher knows in order to fully prepare the class for their item. Please return this slip which will be recorded at the office and then given to your child's class teacher.

My child _____ of class _____ will not be able to attend the concert on Thursday 10th November, 2016. I understand that this is a major component of learning in Creative Arts and that teachers may be using this to assess their students' ability, attitude and commitment.

Reason(s) for my child not attending (optional):

Signed: _____ (Parent/Caregiver) Date: _____

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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



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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, Mordiallie NSW 2223

Interested? Then contact **ROBERTO** on

0458 207 991 or robertofkf@bigpond.com

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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