PENSHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From The Principal's Desk

The performances at our School Concert by our students and teachers were fantastic. I do not think I have seen such a fantastic show by a school in my career. The costuming, routines and drama were achieved on a very small budget which is a testament to the wonderful talents and skills of all involved. A great deal of hard work went in behind the scenes which resulted in a well-polished show. Congratulations to the Concert Committee on an outstanding production. This newsletter contains some photos from the show and additional photos can be found on the School website and Facebook page.

Penshurst West also underwent External Validation last week, with a panel examining our school practices. On a rating of 4 (Developing, Delivering, Sustaining and Growing and Excelling), our school had identified itself as Sustaining and Growing for 13 of the 14 elements, with one element at Delivering. The Panel's feedback was positive and highlighted the "outstanding achievements of the school, which include their highly effective and comprehensive wellbeing programs and their commitment to embedding formative assessment across the school, which has improved their external performance data".

The Panel agreed with our evaluation but also felt that we were excelling in Learning Culture, Wellbeing and Leadership. This is a strong indication of the work our school staff and community put into the programs for our students. I would like to thank the community for their continued support in our children's education.

Finally, I invite all parents, carers and friends who have helped within the school to attend a Thank You Morning Tea on Thursday 1 December. This includes members of our P&C, parents who help with classroom programs or parents who have led and supported our fundraising efforts. This Morning Tea is to thank our dedicated parent and community volunteers for their efforts throughout 2016. The Morning Tea will be held in the staff room at 11.30am. We hope that you will be able to attend.

P&C Farewell BBQ

The P&C will be holding the Farewell BBQ on Monday 12 December. The event will be held under the COLA with music, fun activities and a tasty BBQ. The drawing of the Christmas Raffle will also take place on the evening.

Parent In-service

In keeping with our partnerships for learning, the school has combined with Learning Links to run an evening for parents. The Topic is "Helping Your Child with Maths at Home". The presentation is informative and practical.

This will be held at 6:30pm in the School Library on Tuesday 22 November. It will cover some of the following information:

- Warning signs that your child may be struggling with Maths
- Helping your child with their Maths skills
- Counting / Addition / Subtraction / Multiplication / Division
- Problem solving help
- Handy hints for managing Maths homework.

Awards

Gold		
Angelica G	Hannah M	
(6W)	(6W)	
Kai D	Brendan B-H	
(6W)	(5/6H)	
Lucas P	Emily G	
(3/4A)	(3/4A)	
Emilyn A (2/3F)		

Silver		
Hannah M	Brendan B-H	
(6W)	(5/6H)	
Cindy H	Lincoln M	
(3/4S)	(3/4S)	
Elijah T	Emilyn A	
(3/4A)	(2/3F)	
Natu M	Khyas H	
(1LB)	(KL)	
Mason M (KO)		

Staff Update

Due to an unforeseen illness, Mrs Sheen has been instructed to take three weeks off class. Miss Bekiaris has been taking 1S and is continuing with the class program and routine. Mrs Sheen is expected to be back on class next week.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea Invitation

In appreciation for the support and effort throughout this year the staff and students of Penshurst West PS would like to invite you to our Parent Helpers' Morning Tea.

Date: Thursday 1 December 2016 Time: 11.30 am Venue: School Staffroom.

No RSVP is necessary.

Year 6 Farewell

Payment for the Year 6 Farewell is now due. Please make the payment as soon as possible.

A Night on Broadway School Concert

Last Thursday night was certainly a fantastic evening of entertainment enjoyed by the students, teachers and wider school community!

Our whole school concert was a special opportunity for students to perform in front of a large audience and showcase their skills in the Creative Arts.

Thank you to the students and teachers who spent so much time preparing and rehearsing their class items. Congratulations to our drama students, Peta-Lee, Natalie, Daniel, Jacob, Anastasia and Lillian, who worked very hard creating the storyline for the concert with the support of Miss Mackie.

I would like to thank the teachers involved in the Concert Committee: Mrs Scanlan, Miss Andreacchio, Miss Mackie, Mrs Apostolovski, Miss Iordanidis and Mrs Sheen, for all their hard work and effort in putting this year's concert together.

Also thank you to family and friends for your support and encouragement. It is always very much appreciated.

Mrs Jenny Ferlazzo Assistant Principal and Concert Coordinator

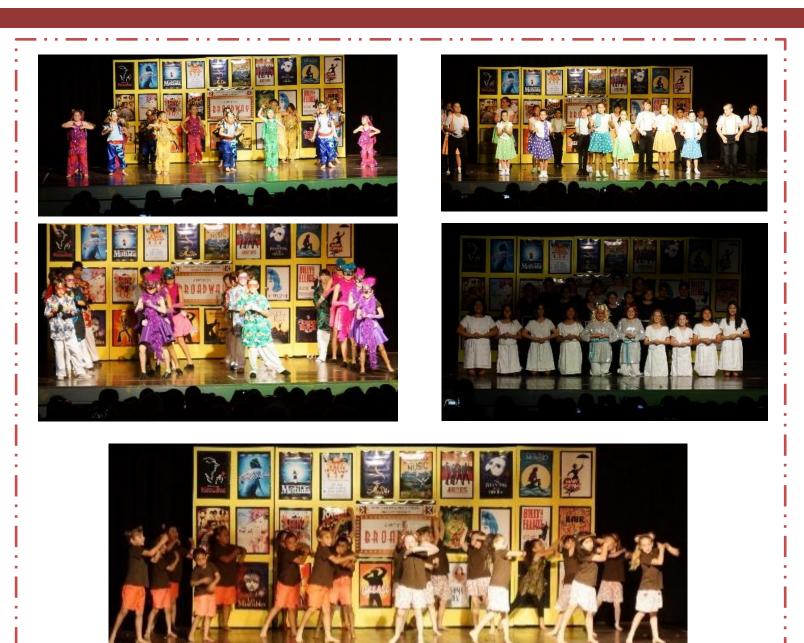


Scholastic Book Review Crew

Congratulations to Lillian K for having one of her reviews published in the latest Book Club Catalogue. As a member of the Book Review Crew, Lillian has been reviewing new books for Scholastic. You can read Lillian's review on 'Believe in Magic' on page 14 of the catalogue.







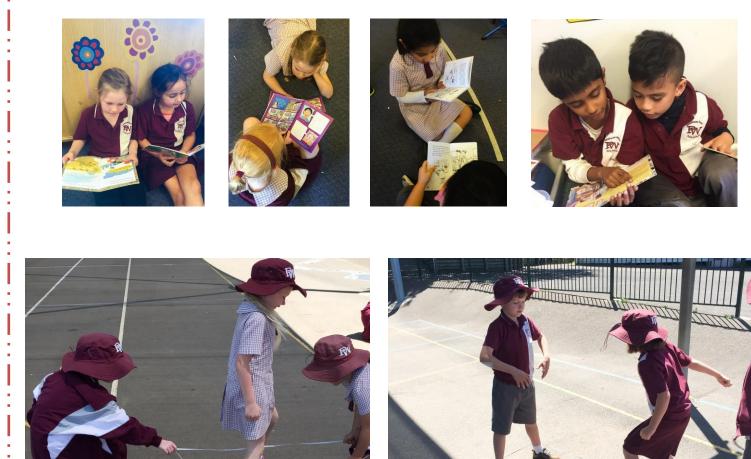


Reading and Sport in 1S

Throughout the term, Year One classes have been working on cooperation skills while participating in various physical games. This fortnight, they had a taste of 'old school fun' by playing 'elastics' in small groups.

1S have also been enjoying paired reading during literacy sessions. This strategy encourages cooperation and promotes peer-assisted learning.

Mrs Sheen



		PSSA Ma	tch Results		
Boys	Basketball	Girls	S Oz-Tag Round Six	Mixe	ed Hockey
Juniors	12 – 9 Penshurst West def Kingsgrove	Juniors	7 - 2 Penshurst West def Hannans Rd	Juniors	0 - 4 Penshurst West def by Lugarno
Seniors	46 – 26 Penshurst West def Kingsgrove	Seniors	12- 2 Penshurst West def Hannans Rd	Seniors	4 - 3 Penshurst West def Lugarno
		R	ound Seven		
Juniors	6 - 26 Penshurst West def by Oatley	Juniors	0 - 10 Penshurst West def by Kingsgrove	Juniors	-
Seniors	40 - 42 Penshurst West def by Oatley	Seniors	1 - 12 Penshurst West def by Kingsgrove	Seniors	-

PBIS

Week 4: Safety in the classroom

FOCUS AREAS:

- Stay in correct play and eating areas
- Sit during eating time
- Wear your school hat



Canteen News

The canteen will be open for the next three Wednesdays (16th, 23rd, 30th Nov). Lunch orders can be placed for **Wednesday Wraps ONLY**. No other orders will be accepted.

The canteens last opening day for the year will be Friday December 9. If any parents can spare some time to help with the end of year tidying up please see the ladies in the canteen.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen. Even if you can only help out once a month, please come and see us. If there is a friend that you'd like to be rostered on with, let us know. If you feel you can't volunteer because you have a little one with you then consider getting together with some other mums who also have younger children to form a child minding group. Not only does your child get to socialize, but you do too!

There have been a couple of changes to the canteen menu:

- Hash browns will no longer be available
- Juicy corn on the cob has been added to the menu. It is served heated in foil with a bit of butter for 70c
- We now have several gluten free options as shown below.



Gluten Free

Macaroni Cheese	\$4.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Pie	\$4.00
Sausage roll	\$3.50
Sandwich	
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(Choose from our sandwich menu items and add-)0.6

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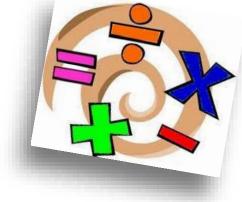
We now have an official Facebook page administered by the school, authorised by the Department of Education. Find us at <u>https://www.facebook.com/#!/PenshurstWestPublicSchool</u> or by looking for our page name: Penshurst West Public School

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Upcoming Events

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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





Does weekly Maths homework lead to tears?

In this hands-on workshop you will learn to play some great Maths games that will help your child to develop their mathematical skills at home.

Topics Included:

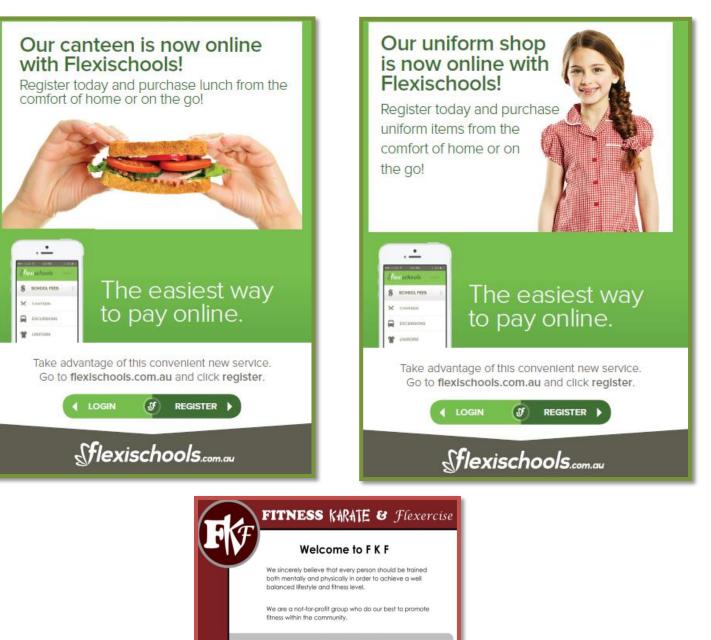
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Details:

Date: Tuesday 22 November 2016 Time: 6.30 – 8.30pm Venue: Penshurst West Public School Library Address: Scott Street, Mortdale

Contact: Ross Angus – 95704602







Student Absence Slip

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

Dear	(teacher's name)			
	, of Class tobecause			
Signed:	Print Name:	Date:		
χ	Student Absence Slip			
	Please return this slip to your child's teacher the day your cl	hild returns to school.		
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	, of Class tobecause			
Signed:	Print Name:	Date:		
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Dear	(teacher's name)			
My child,	, of Class tobecause			
Signed:	Print Name:	Date:		
<i>²</i>	Student Absence Slip			
	Please return this slip to your child's teacher the day your cl	hild returns to school.		
Dear	(teacher's name)			
	, of Class tobecause	was absent from school from		
	Print Name:	Date:		