



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk

The past fortnight has been exceedingly busy and full of achievement and recognition.

Our Stage 3 students attended Point Wolstoncroft and, as you will see in the photos, they all had a wonderful time. I returned back to school last Wednesday to attend the 2016 Directors Awards. Miss Andreacchio, Ms Scanlan and Miss Wood received recognition not only for their outstanding classroom practices but also for the tremendous work they put into organising whole-school events and creative opportunities for our students to participate in.



This Thursday our staff will have the opportunity to thank the parents and

wider community for their help throughout the school year. There are many community members who have volunteered in the classrooms, canteen and the uniform shop as well as many parents who have helped with the behind-the-scenes organisation of school events and their involvement in the P&C. Through an open invitation, we invite all community members who have helped in any way this year to attend our Morning Tea on Thursday 1 December at 11.30 am in the Staff Room.

2017 Election for School Leaders

The commencement of our student leadership selection began last week. Students were nominated and then went through a voting process so that there were six candidates for the boy and six candidates for the girl positions.

The successful candidates who will be presenting speeches and seeking election to the role of Captain, Vice-Captain or Prefect are, in no particular order:

Philip A, Jackson C-S, Zac C, Daniel C, Sawyer H, Hunter P, Jessica C, Olivia C, Peta-Lee D-C, Emily M, Lily V, and Claire W. Congratulations to these candidates.

End of Year Activity Day

This year our end of year picnic and fun day will be held within the school grounds. A permission note went home last week and has also been placed on the website.

The cost of the day is \$20.00. This will cover the cost of all activities which include *Games2U* who bring a videogame studio, a water activity and bumper balls. *Bubbling with*

Energy are setting up an inflatable obstacle course, a giant water slide and other inflatable activities. These activities will be further enhanced with teacher led activities and their class parties.

Awards

Gold	
Mia S (3/4S)	Olivia C (2/3F)

Silver	
Anton M (3/4A)	Emelia V (3/4A)
Lofitu F (3/4S)	Liana H-C (3/4S)
Olivia C (2/3F)	Ashley D (2/3F)
Cyrus P (1LB)	Leo X (1LB)
Sarah M (KL)	Sharoan Raja T-F (KL)
Tahmid A (KL)	Kavin M (KO)

Presentation Day

This year, our Celebration of Learning will be held under the COLA at our school. This alleviates the need for buses to an outside venue and helps to build the celebration of achievement within our own school culture.

The Celebration of Learning is an important event in the school year where we, as a community, come together and recognize academic achievements and present significant awards to the students.

The event will be held on **Wednesday 14 December 2016** commencing at 10.00am. The students will break for morning tea at the conclusion of the Celebration of Learning.

The Recognition Assembly will also be

held on the same day. Our Recognition Assembly provides the opportunity to recognise a large number of students for their involvement in school activities. PSSA player trophies and students from our extensive performing arts programs are recognized as well. Students who receive the highest awards in the Premier's Sporting Challenge and the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their certificates at the Recognition Assembly.

Timely Reminder

As the school year draws to a close it is timely to provide some important dates. The last day of school for all students is Friday 16 December.

The 2017 School year will commence on Monday 30 January with students in Years 1-6 returning and Kindergarten following their schedule for Best Start assessments. The first full day for our new Kindergarten students will be Wednesday 1 February.

Social Media

We have been experiencing issues with students on social media. Although some of the issues are arising in Stage 3, the majority are coming from students in Stage 2.

Class teachers have talked extensively to their students about the potential dangers of social media. The inappropriateness of some of the conversations that have been occurring online and the age restrictions of the sites suggests that none of the Years 3 and 4 students should be using the apps.

There is some cyber bullying occurring which will not be tolerated at Penshurst West. But it is also concerning to have noted that students are creating an

unsafe environment for themselves by publicly posting their name, school and displaying photos in their school uniform on their social media accounts.

I am asking for parents to be vigilant with their children's activity on social media apps and not simply believe what their child is telling them. Please take a moment to check the security settings of your child's account and monitor the time that they are on their devices. The teachers at school have found that several students are using social media apps between midnight and 2 am.

Your support in this area is crucial.

P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle

As you are aware each class is responsible for developing a Christmas Hamper associated with a theme. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 12 December at the P&C Farewell BBQ and Fun Night. This is a great evening where families can get together.

All raffle tickets must be returned to the Office by Friday 9 December. Extra ticket books are also available at the Office.

PSSA Finals

Congratulations to all our PSSA teams for yet another successful season. The coaches were impressed at the sportsmanship and team work of all students both on and off the field.

This Friday, the Senior Boys Basketball Team and the Senior Girls Oz-Tag Team will be participating in the PSSA Finals Day. Currently, both teams are sitting third on the ladder. We wish them the best of luck for their final matches.

Stage 3 Camp





The Schools Spectacular

On Friday 25 November, 72 students from Penshurst West PS attended The Schools Spectacular. It was a wonderful experience for the children to see a large-scale performing arts production come together. Thank you to the parents who came along and helped the teachers throughout the day.



PSSA Match Results

Boys Basketball

Girls Oz-Tag

Mixed Hockey

Round Eight

Juniors	Bye		Juniors	Bye		Juniors	Bye
Seniors	Bye		Seniors	Bye		Seniors	Bye

Round Nine

Juniors	23 - 21 Penshurst West def Penshurst		Juniors	Forfeit		Juniors	Forfeit
Seniors	46 - 18 Penshurst West def Penshurst		Seniors	Forfeit		Seniors	Forfeit



PBIS

Week 5: Effort in the classroom

FOCUS AREAS:

- Complete set tasks and try your best
- Ask for help if needed
- Take ownership of your actions



Week 6: Respect during Assembly

FOCUS AREAS:

- Be kind and polite to others
- Be quiet when someone is speaking
- Line up sensibly
- Sit quietly
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Sit still



Week 7: Responsibility on Bus Trips

FOCUS AREAS:

- Use polite language
- Use good manners
- Line up without touching others
- Sit and talk quietly
- Walk to and from the bus
- Sit with your back against the seat



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 8 Term 4	28/11	29/11 Year 6 Fun Day	30/11 Kindy Start	1/12 Last Scripture Thank You Morning Tea	2/12
Week 9 Term 4	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12 Year 6 Farewell
Week 10 Term 4	12/12 P&C Christmas BBQ & Hamper Night	13/12	14/12 Presentation Day	15/12 Picnic Day	16/12 Last day of school
HOLIDAYS					
Week 1 Term 1	30/1 Students Return K Best Start	31/1 K Best Start	1/2 Kindergarten commence	2/2	3/2 Gymnastics K-2
Week 2 Term 1	6/2	7/2	8/2 Jellybeans Music 3-6	9/2	10/2 Gymnastics K-2
Week 3 Term 1	13/2	14/2	15/2 Jellybeans Music 3-6	16/2	17/2 Gymnastics K-2
Week 4 Term 1	20/2	21/2	22/2 Swimming Carnival Roselands Pool	23/2	24/2 Gymnastics K-2
Week 5 Term 1	27/2	28/2	1/3 Jellybeans Music 3-6	2/3	3/3 Gymnastics K-2



2nd Mortdale Scout Group
Christmas Tree Sale

When: Saturday 10th December 2016, 7.30am – until sold out
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 EFT 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 28th November, 2016.

* 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 FC

Men, Women, Boys & Girls Needed!

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN
 9th JAN 2017 visit
www.myfootballclub.com.au

EARLY BIRD RATES APPLY FOR REGOS
 (Completed before 12th Feb 2017)


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 5 February 2017 12pm-4pm
 Wed 8 February 2017 3.30pm-7.30pm

Contact us:
registrar@penshurstwestfc.com.au




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

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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