



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk

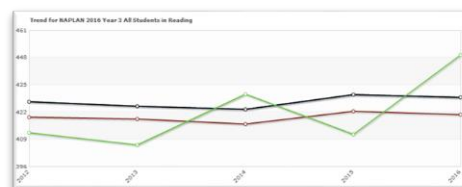
Recently our dance performances drew great attention both at school and at SPAF. This fortnight it is our sporting teams and our students' results in NAPLAN that are making the newsletter.

Overall, our Year 3 and 5 students have out-performed the state in all NAPLAN tests. In Reading, 50 percent of Year 5 students at Penshurst West achieved marks in the top two bands which is markedly higher than the 38.6 percent across the state. Forty-five percent of our Year 5 students were also in the top two bands in Numeracy, compared to the 30.5 percent of Year 5 students across the state.

The growth achieved between Year 3 and 5 was also particularly strong. Notably, the Year 5 students had an average growth in Reading of 97 growth points compared with the 80.1 growth points across the state. In Numeracy, our growth was 102.1 growth points

compared with the 91.7 growth points across the state. A summary of the school's performance in NAPLAN will be given at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 13 September.

Below is the Year 3 Reading trend. Penshurst West is represented by the green line, the black line indicates all students in NSW and the red line represents all Public School students. An enlarged copy of the chart can be found on page three of the Newsletter.



Our School also shone in the sporting arena last week with five of our eight teams qualifying for the semi-finals. The Junior and Senior Netball Teams went on to the Grand Final, with the Junior Team tying in the last game to become

joint Premiers.

The Junior Boys Soccer and Junior Rugby League Teams both came fourth in their competition while the Senior Rugby League Team won their Grand Final becoming Premiers. An excellent result overall. Congratulations to all our PSSA teams on your consistent effort, sportsmanship and achievements.

Parent Survey

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, the *Tell Them From Me Survey* is open to the community to provide feedback to the school on our progress and achievements. The Survey is online and can be found at <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/pwps4051>.

Please take the time to complete the survey, as the information gathered is vital to our school's continuous improvement.

Awards

Gold	
Liam D (6W)	Evan R (5/6H)
Annais R-L (3/4S)	Andrew H (3/4S)
Maddison S (2S)	Harper C (1S)

Silver	
Rhys Y-D (6W)	Evan P (6W)
Alex L (5/6S)	Tyson W (3/4A)
Emilyn A (2/3F)	Lawrence B-H (2/3F)
Alan T (2/3F)	Juha K (2S)
Toni S (1LB)	Leo X (1LB)
James C (1LB)	Harper C (1S)
Saina P (KO)	Joycelyn L (KO)
Siddharth G (KL)	

Staff Leave

Miss Andreacchio is on leave for the next three weeks. Miss Poole will be teaching 3/4A for the duration.

Mr Angus will commence Long Service Leave this Thursday. Mr Hyslop will be Relieving Principal for the remainder of the school term. 5/6H will be taught by Mrs Iordanidis.

Following some recent comments, I would like to point out that our teachers also have families and, at times, sickness either to themselves or their children means that they are away from school.

We also have various mandatory requirements relating to Professional Learning that requires classes to be

covered by casual teachers. Considering the enormous effort and time that our teachers give up outside of school time, and the effect that the Professional Learning is having on lessons and student achievement, I hope that parents understand that it is upsetting when teachers are questioned about the amount of time they may have missed, particularly when their child has been sick. I am sure that our community is well aware that the staff at Penshurst West Public School is dedicated to the students and school as a whole.

Parent Teacher Interviews

At the end of this term, the school will hold parent teacher meetings. Parents will be able to book in for an interview with their child's class teacher to discuss progress and any concerns.

The process will be the same as it has been previously through the online booking website. A separate note will come home with the instructions, web-address and code to enter for Penshurst West Public School.

Interviews can be booked with the teacher between 2.15pm and 6.45pm. The duration of interviews is ten minutes. All interviews will be held in the school hall. If you require an interpreter, please let the school know so that one can be arranged. Phone interviews can also be arranged.

Grandparents Day

The students of Penshurst West are inviting their grandparents and grandfriends to celebrate Grandparents Day on Monday 5 September. This special celebration recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.

Please find an overview of the day below:

Classroom visits – 10:00am - 10:30am

Morning tea in the hall – 10:30am

Performances by the students – 10:50am

All grandparents and grandfriends are welcome to join us to celebrate Grandparents Day this year.

Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge

To celebrate National Science Week, the school participated in the Young Scientist Paper Plane Competition. Students were invited to make a plane that would travel a distance of 12m or fly aloft for a period of 5 seconds.

Congratulations to Luke M, Luka B, Yash G, Sawyer H, Tom W, Jacob B and Kaarl T who have qualified for the Finals to be held at Sydney University Sports and Aquatic Centre on Saturday 27 August.



Book Club Orders

It's that time of term again! Book Club catalogues will be coming home today. Orders are due in by **Friday 2 September**.

If you haven't already done so, please download the LOOP app to place your order.

It's amazingly quick and easy! They even have promotions where you can get free books but ONLY if you order through the LOOP app.



Flexischools

Our school now has Flexischools for online ordering and cashless payment from the canteen and uniform shop.

A flyer will be sent home with your child that outlines the steps involved if you would like to use this service. Please visit

flexischools.com.au for more information.



2018 High School Information Morning - Sydney Tech HS

Information days and evenings for students going into Year 7 in 2018 are starting to be held at high schools around the area. Sydney Technical High School has an Information Morning on Thursday 13 October 2016.

The session will be in the School Auditorium at 9.15 am. Flyers are available from the office.

Olympic Day Lunches

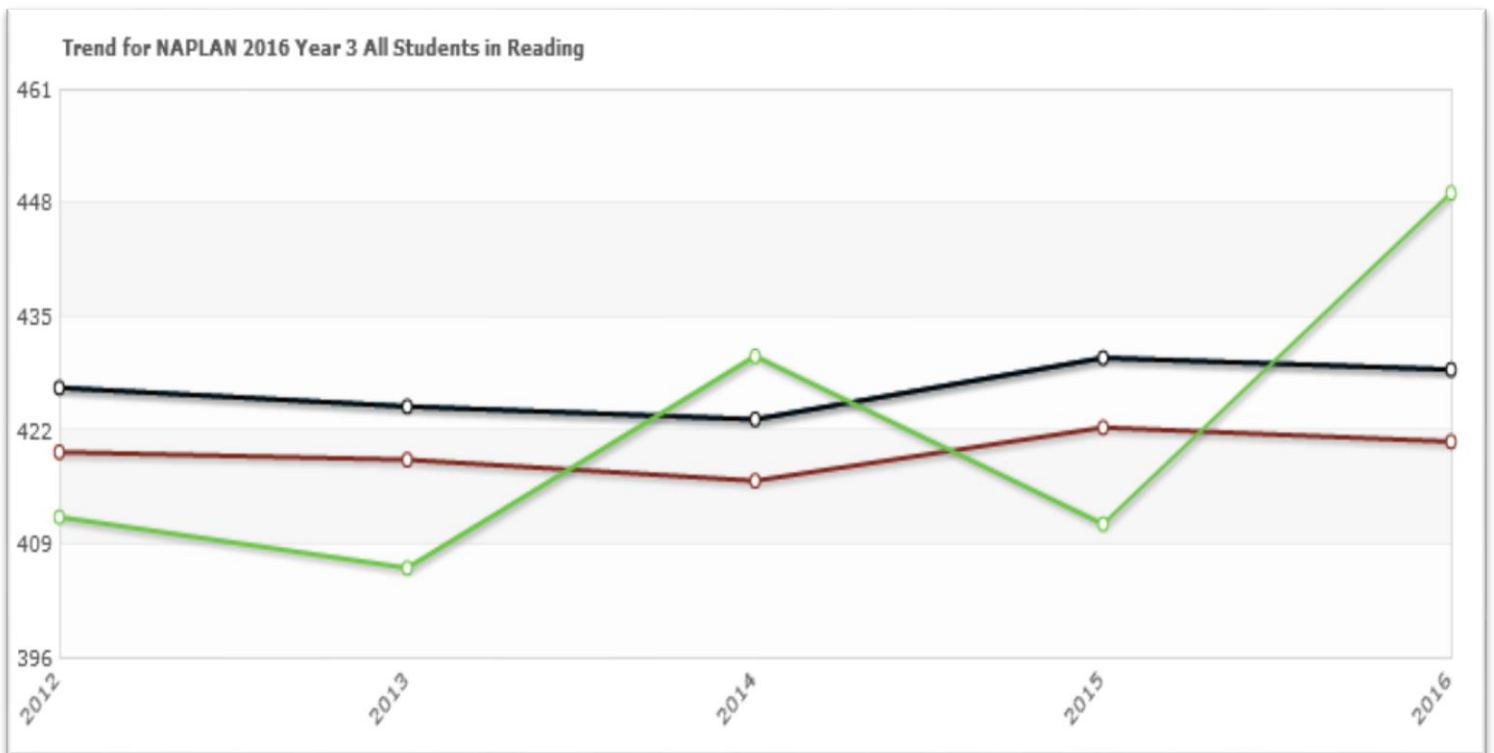
Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers in the canteen who coordinated the Olympic Day lunches over the last three weeks.

Our students have been able to experience a variety of foods from different countries thanks to your organisation and efforts.

Thank You

Thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered to cover our new Guided Readers. We recently purchased over 200 new books to be used across K-6 and, with your help, the teachers are on their way to using them in the classroom.

2016 NAPLAN Reading Data for Year 3 Students



PSSA Match Results

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the second season of PSSA Sport and represented Penshurst West well both on and off the field. It was a successful season with five of our eight teams qualifying for Finals Day. All teams displayed great effort and team work in their last two games. Congratulations to both our Senior Rugby Team and Junior Netball Team who topped the ladder at the end of the season and became Premiers. The PSSA coaches are excited to see what Season Three brings.

The final ladder results of the season were as follows:

Junior Rugby League **4th** Junior Netball Team **Premiers (tied)** Junior Girls Soccer **5th** Junior Boys Soccer **4th**
 Senior Rugby League **Premiers** Senior Netball Team **2nd** Senior Girls Soccer **6th** Senior Boys Soccer **7th**

	Rugby League	Netball	Girls Soccer	Boys Soccer
Round 9				
Juniors	56 - 20 Penshurst West def Narwee	13 - 5 Penshurst West def Oatley	2 - 0 Penshurst West def Narwee	1 - 0 Penshurst West def Penshurst
Seniors	46 - 44 Penshurst West def Narwee	30 - 10 Penshurst West def Oatley	4 - 0 Penshurst West def Narwee	3 - 0 Penshurst West def Penshurst
Finals Day				
Juniors	Semi-Final 42 - 42 Penshurst West def by Oatley Game Two 34 - 4 Penshurst West def by Oatley West	Semi-Final 8 - 3 Penshurst West def Lugarno Grand Final 7 - 7 Penshurst West tied with Oatley West	—	Semi-Final 1 - 4 Penshurst West def by Lugano Game Two 1 - 3 Penshurst West def by Oatley West
Seniors	Semi-Final 78 - 26 Penshurst West def Narwee Grand Final 50 - 28 Penshurst West def Oatley	Semi-Final 38 - 3 Penshurst West def Oatley West Grand Final 19 - 29 Penshurst West def by Kingsgrove	—	—

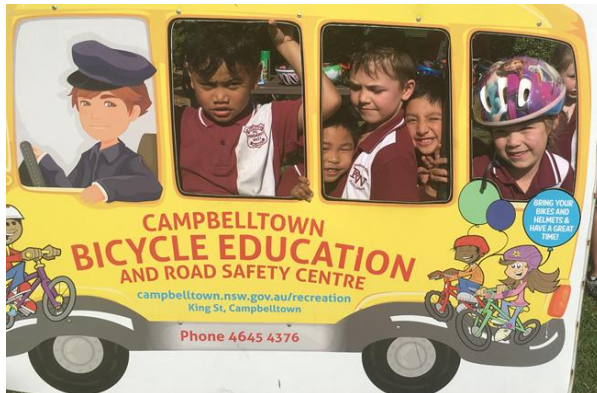
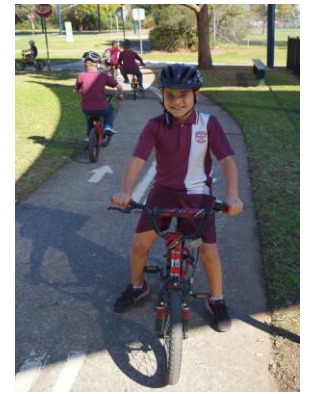
PSSA Finalists



Olympic Day



Stage 1 Bike Excursion



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.

Week 5: Respect in the Classroom

Students revised ways they could show respect in the classroom. They were reminded that they were expected to follow the instructions of all teachers and adults, to use polite language when working with each another and to put up their hand to speak. Students discussed the benefits of being part of a respectful classroom and the importance of showing respect to others.



Week 6: Safety in the Playground

Students explored ways they could make responsible choices out on the playground. They were reminded to play sensibly with their own equipment and to take jumpers and hats with them when they leave the playground. Rubbish on the playground has been a reoccurring issue these past few weeks so students were reminded to put all their rubbish in the bin. Students were also encouraged to take ownership of their actions by being honest and trying to deal with problems on the playground appropriately.



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.

Upcoming Events

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 Term 3	22/8 Stage 3 Ceramics in Schools	23/8 Scope IT	24/8 Jellybeans Music Stage 2 Excursion	25/8	26/8
Week 7 Term 3	29/8	30/8 Scope IT	31/8 Jellybeans Music	1/9	2/9
Week 8 Term 3	5/9 Grandparents Day	6/9 Scope IT	7/9 Jellybeans Music Public Speaking Maths Olympiad	8/9	9/9
Week 9 Term 3	12/9	13/9 Scope IT	14/9 Jellybeans Music	15/9	16/9
Week 10 Term 3	19/9	20/9	21/9 Parent-Teacher Interviews	22/9	23/9
	26/9 Holidays	27/9 Holidays	28/9 Holidays	29/9 Holidays	30/9 Holidays
	3/10 Holidays	4/10 Holidays	5/10 Holidays	6/10 Holidays	7/10 Holidays
Week 1 Term 4					
Week 2 Term 4					

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17th August 2016

Grandparents Day

Dear Parents,

On Grandparents Day we celebrate the vital role that grandparents play in our society, as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.



The students of Penshurst West will be inviting their grandparents or grandfriends to a special celebration, recognising the important moments they share together and how special they are in their lives.

Grandparents Day Activities will be held on Monday 5th September

Classroom visits – 10:00am - 10:30am

Morning tea in the hall – 10:30am

Performances by the students – 10:50am

All grandparents/grandfriends are very welcome and we hope you are able to join us to celebrate Grandparents Day this year.

Please ensure you fill in the slip below to assist with catering for the morning tea and return it to your child's class teacher by Monday 29th August.

With thanks,

Mrs Lorena Lopes

Mr Ross Angus
Principal

Grandparents Day

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

YES My _____ grandparent/s or grandfriend/s **will be attending** Grandparents Day.
(number)



NO My grandparent/s or grandfriend/s **will not be able to attend** Grandparents Day.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Date: _____


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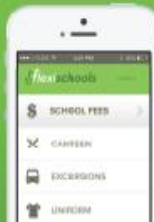
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Signed: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____



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