## Term 4 Week 10

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11.00am Parent Helpers’ morning tea  
Semester 2 reports sent home |
| Thurs. 12 Dec. | 10.00am Presentation Day rehearsal at PHHS |
| Fri. 13 Dec. | 10.00am Presentation Day at PHHS |

## Term 4 Week 11

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<td>Mon. 16 Dec.</td>
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<td>Tues. 17 Dec.</td>
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| Wed. 18 Dec. | Students’ last day of attendance  
2.15pm Farewell Year 6 and Mr Moran                                    |
| Thurs. 19 Dec. | School Development Day                                                |
| Fri. 20 Dec. | Staff’s last day of attendance                                         |

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### 2014 HOUSE CAPTAINS TEAM

I am delighted to announce that the following students have been elected House Captains for 2014.

- Angophora: Brandon and Hamish
- Banksia: Kathleen and Finley
- Grevillea: Ellie and Joel
- Melaleuca: Zoe and James

As mentioned in last week’s Pennant, Charlotte, Patrick, Jacob, Connor, Eloise, Greta, Ben, Joshua, Kayla and Millie were elected to the student leadership team.

It is also my pleasure to announce that the 2014 School Captains are Charlotte and Patrick and the Vice Captains are Greta and Connor.

I congratulate all of the children on their election to these student leadership positions and I look forward to working with them next year.

They will receive their badges at our Presentation Day Assembly to be held at Pennant Hills High School on Friday 13 December 2013, commencing at 10.00am.

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**CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE SERVICE AND PARENT HELPERS’ THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

Family and friends are welcome to join the children and teachers for the Scripture Christmas Celebration to be held at St Mark's Anglican Church tomorrow, Wednesday 11 December. The Year 3 – 6 service will commence at 9.30am and the K – 2 service at 10.15am. Following the services, staff and I will be hosting Morning Tea as a means of thanking all parents, carers and Scripture and Ethics teachers for their support of the school and our students throughout 2013.

The morning tea will commence at 11.00am in the school hall on the K – 2 site. ALL parents, carers, Scripture and Ethics teachers are invited to attend.

**NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Following Merit Selection procedures, Mr Glen McAnally, currently relieving Assistant Principal at Roselea PS, has been appointed to the Assistant Principal position, replacing Mr Jack Moran who is retiring at the end of this year.

I take this opportunity to thank Miss Gai Davis, Mrs Melissa Griffith and Mr Simon for their significant contribution to the merit selection process as staff, Director’s nominee and parent representatives respectively.

**ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY**

All parents and carers are invited to attend the school’s annual Presentation Day Assembly, to be held this Friday 13 December, commencing at 10.00am at Pennant Hills High School.

**CAROLS EVENING**

Thank you to all students, parents and carers who attended and supported this event last Friday evening.

Our thanks go to conductors, Catherine, Julie Anne Stevens, Peter OAM and Naira, to parent performers and to our very talented students who performed beautifully as always.

On behalf of all involved, I would like to acknowledge and thank the organising committee, Michele, Dayan and Mark who were very ably assisted by Emma, George and Mark, and to Alexis and Simon who ran the barbeque with support from a number of other parents.
Our thanks and appreciation also go to Conor who very kindly sourced PA equipment from his workplace, Ravenswood, and gave his time to ensure that it all worked perfectly.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL YEAR 6
On Monday evening, Year 5 students hosted the Year 6 Farewell in our school hall which was enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations and thank you to the Year 5 parent organising committee who did a magnificent job decorating the hall, with Winter Wonderland being the theme.

Special thanks to Mark for his assistance with lighting and sound.

I would also like to thank the Stage 3 teachers for their support in preparing for the evening and all staff for their attendance.

On Wednesday afternoon next week, 18 December, we will be farewelling Year 6 AND Mr Moran commencing at 2:15pm on the 3 – 6 site. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION
Thank you for your very generous donations to the Parramatta Mission Christmas hamper collection. There was a magnificent response which will result in assistance being given to many needy families.

Our thanks to Ms Geary who coordinated the collection throughout the school.

PRINCIPAL’S PIZZA LUNCH – TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER
I hosted the final Principal’s Pizza Lunch for 2013 today with the invaluable assistance of Mr Moran. Congratulations to the following students who have earned three Principal’s Awards and who attended the lunch today.


PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to Caitlin 1Z, Yuying 1H, Nicole 3P, Alannah KB, Maddy 4A, James 4/5M, Rachel 1L, Brandon 3L, Chloe 5/6C, Naomi 6M, Noah 3L, Alice 1T, Evrim 5/6C, Richard 4A, Rhiannon KP, to whom I presented a Principal’s Award last week.

PRINCIPAL’S WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

As part of their homework, children in Year 3 can look up the word and write it and its meaning in their homework book. Students in Years 4 – 6 can look up the word in their dictionary and in their homework book, 1) write the word, 2) write its meaning, 3) write a sentence which includes the word and 4) write five words which are in the same “word family” or have the same suffix or prefix. Students in Year 2 might like to look up the meaning of the word for discussion in class.

With my best wishes to all families,

Penny Willis
Principal

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Award Certificates were received by:
6M: Josephine, Andrew, Simone
6T: Carissa, Jazmin, Eden
5/6C: Lucas, Anastasia, Tim
5B: Carson, Max, Kathleen
4A: Emma, Molly, Daniel
3G: Teresa, Avi, Brendan
3L: Anjani, Grace, Mitchell
3P: Olivia, Charlie, Nidhi

Book of the Week: Jason 3P
2 Dragons: Lucy, James
2 Fish: Aditya, Riya
2 Geckos: Jasmine, Karina, Syhel
1 Hippos: Lily, Orlando, Charlotte
1 Lions: Kalea, Rachel
1 Tigers: Finnian, Claire
1 Zebras: Denethi, Jack, Nandini
K Bunnies: Helen, Aidan, Alex
K Koalas: Oliver
K Puppies: Owen, Joshua

Environment Award: 1 Lions
Computers: Ruby KB, Jacinta 1L, Leo 2D, Medha 3P, Jasmine 4/5M, Sean 5B, Evrim 5/6C

Indonesian: Claudia KP, Daniel 1H, Claire 2D
Library: Abbi 4/5M, Aaliyah 4A, Christina 3/4I, Claire 3L
Music: Alex KB, Ruby KB, Jonathan 1Z

THE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

BAND
Friday night saw over 140 children perform from the String Ensemble, Choirs and four bands at the P&C Carols Evening. Congratulations to all the performers, it was a wonderful night of music and socialising. To our fabulous conductors, Mr Peter OAM, Ms Catherine, Ms Naira and Ms Julie Anne an enormous thank you. A very big thank you to Mark and Dayan for their organisation of the evening, George and Emma for hosting and to George and Mark for assisting Conor with sound and lighting which was spectacular. A huge thank you also to Alexis and Simon who along with other parents ran the BBQ.

For those families who would like their child to join band next year, ‘Instrument Offers’ need to be accepted and returned to the K-2 office by no later than Friday 13 December. For those wanting to hire an instrument, please email me regarding methods of payment.
A reminder that the CB3 hire instruments will be collected from the children at the conclusion of next Tuesday's Recognition Assembly. Please ensure that all your child's personal belongings are removed from the instrument case prior to collection. Please keep all name and identifying tags on the case.

Michele – Band Coordinator

STRING GROUP
Congratulations to our Strings kids for a fabulous effort at the Twilight Carols event on Friday. And a big thank you to parents who helped with set up, pack up and the BBQ. A wonderful time was had by all!

Next Monday 15 December will be our final rehearsal, Christmas party and mini concert. All parents are invited to stay. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Thank you.

Dayan - String Ensemble Coordinator

P&C REPORT

THANK YOU TO W GROUP
At the Christmas drinks with staff prior to last Tuesday's P&C meeting, Matt of W Group Estate Agents presented the P&C with a cheque for $1000.00. This was the result of two sponsorships with the P&C. We thank them for their donation and remind you of their sponsorship arrangement whereby if you sell your house with them or refer someone to them. On settlement of the sale W Group will donate $500.00 to the P&C. Contact them at Shop 15/5 Hillcrest Rd.

P&C VACANCIES
There are a number of vacancies on the P&C that we would love to fill. The IT Working Group is still interested to hear from parents who would like to be involved in planning technology for the school into the future and the Canteen Committee is looking for more committee members. The canteen committee meets approximately once every term, and is involved in the decisions behind the scenes to help the canteen run well. For information on either of these committees, please email pandcpresident@gmail.com.

CAROLS EVENING
What a great musical evening the Carols was last Friday night! And for that, we owe thanks to many people – Dayan and Michele for their organisation along with Mark, George and Emma for being the MC’s, Alexis for organising the sausage sizzle and Conor with help from Mark for the superb sound. Thank you also to the conductors and to all the participating children – a great festive time to showcase their talent!

PENNANT HILLS LOCAL BUSINESS VOUCHER BOOK
The Pennant Hills business discount coupon booklet has entered design phase and will proceed to print prior to the end of term. The booklets will provide more than $100.00 value and support local business. Further information regarding the booklet will be shared in due course.

JRPP MEETING THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 6.00PM AT HORNSBY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
All of you who signed and sent in submissions for the Fisher Ave/Trebor Rd DA should have received yesterday a letter inviting you to the JRPP (Joint Regional Planning Panel) meeting to be held on Thursday 19 December commencing at 6.00pm in the Hornsby Council Chambers. This is the meeting which acts like the Council to decide on this development. As with other things with this DA, the timing of the meeting on the 1st day of the school holidays, for a DA affecting two local schools, is very questionable. A parent representative from PHPS will speak to the panel on our concerns especially regarding traffic, which were never addressed, but I would strongly encourage you if you are able, to attend the meeting, or send a spouse/partner/representative, as a show of numbers of those opposed to the development in the current state is absolutely crucial. Thank you for your support in this.

Alison – P&C Secretary

CANTEEN

The last day for canteen this year is Friday 13 December. The canteen will NOT be open next week. This week, I am running down the stock, so we will run out of things. If we do not have what you order, I will do my best to substitute it with something similar. At the moment, there are very limited supplies of chips, however there are quite a few Jumpys. Fruit Tingle Playwater, Orchy cups and Gingerbread folk are sold out. With regards to hot food, there is not much lasagne, bolognaise, fried rice or party pies. If ordering these items (particularly on Friday), it may be advisable to write an alternative as well. I am sure that we will have enough hash browns, chicken nuggets, pizzas, chicken burgers and toasted sandwiches. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but I am sure you will understand that I do not want to leave much stock over the holidays due to ‘Use By’ dates and potential power failures.

Here is the roster for the rest of this week.

K-2 Site
- Wed. 11 Dec. Lisa, Jeannie
- Fri. 13 Dec. Ros, Elizabeth

3-6 Site
- Wed. 11 Dec. Jenni, Jing
- Fri. 13 Dec. Georgie, Ros
Thank you so much to everyone who has helped this year, and good luck to those who are leaving the school. There are still spaces on the roster at both sites. Please contact me if you would like to join the team.

Carolyn - Canteen Manager

MUSIC FOLIOS
Orders for Music Folios for the Band Program 2014 are being finalised this week. Music Folios will be distributed to your child with their instrument and band folder in Term 1, 2014.

DR SHOE HOLIDAY FITTINGS
Dr Shoe will conduct a school shoe fitting session at the 3-6 site during the school holidays. The proposed date Thursday 16 January from 9.00am – 11.00am. To express your interest and make an appointment, please reply to me as soon as possible via email. I will confirm your booking if there are sufficient numbers to go ahead.

HOURS FOR 2014
The last day of trading for 2013 will be Tuesday 17 December. The Uniform Shop will reopen on the following dates and times in Week 1, Term 1, 2014:
- Tuesday 28 January, School Development Day: 8.45am – 10.45am
- Wednesday 29 January, Years 1-6 students return: 8.45am – 10.45am
- Thursday 30 January, Kindergarten students commence: 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Hours will revert to normal the following week.

HOUS
Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 10.45am
Thursday 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Order forms are available on the school website by following the link to Our School.

Alison – Uniform Shop Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

PENNANT HILLS NETBALL CLUB
The PHNC 2014 Registration Day will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10.00am - 2.00pm in the upstairs function room at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. We look forward to welcoming both old and new members in 2014. If you have any questions or would like a registration form emailed to you, please contact us at pennanthillsnetsballclub@gmail.com 2014 Registration forms will be emailed to existing members soon.

PENNANT HILLS FOOTBALL CLUB
Come Play. Registration day will be held on Saturday 1 February 2014. Further details can be found on our website www.penno.com.au. All welcome.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & FAMILY FESTIVAL
Bring the whole family to get into the Christmas spirit this year with Carols, brought to you by St Matt's Anglican Church. Activities for the kids include face painting, jumping castle, food and drink stalls, glowsticks, coffee cart, live camels, petting zoo and heaps more!
Drinks and food will be available on the night, so why not bring the family for dinner? Details are:
- Date: Friday 20 December
- Time: 5.30pm Family Festival, followed by the Carols at 7.45pm
- Venue: West Pennant Hills Public School Oval, Cnr Church and Cardinal Ave, West Pennant Hills.
For more information please call 9479 3700.
www.stmatts.org.au

IT’S A GREAT TIME TO TRY HOCKEY!
Northern District Hockey Association will run a “Try Hockey” program over two consecutive mornings in the LAST week of the Summer school holidays. Wed. 22 Jan. & Thurs. 23 Jan. 2014 from 9.30am – 11.30am at Pennant Hills Park Hockey Field, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills. Details and online registration www.ndhockey.com.au For any enquiries contact Robert Nicoll on 0438 119 729 hookin2hockey@ndhockey.com.au