



Pittwater Press

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Term 2 Week 10B

27 June 2012

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have been notified that the NSW Teachers' Federation has directed all members to stop work for 24 hours on Wednesday 27 June, 2012

Please be advised that the majority of teachers, including executive staff are likely to be involved in this action and therefore classroom lessons **will not take place** on that day. Only very minimal supervision for those students who attend on the day will be provided.

This action will not affect the Trial HSC exams which will continue as scheduled.

Any student who attends school will need to bring their lunch as the canteen will not be opening on that day.

It is with great pleasure I am able to announce the appointment of **Jane Ferris** as Principal of Pittwater High School. Jane is an experienced Principal, currently appointed to Asquith Girls High School and has taught in a number of comprehensive, coeducational schools throughout her career. Jane is returning to the Northern Beaches after working in the Hornsby area.

When I was first appointed as a Deputy Principal I met Jane at the Deputy Principal's network meetings and know she always places the needs of students at the centre of her decision making. She will be an invaluable asset to the Pittwater community.

We are currently planning functions to meet Jane early next term and parents will have the opportunity to meet her and hear from her at the P and C meeting scheduled for Wednesday 25 July.

Year 12 Refresh, Revitalise and Re-commit

Year 12 and their parents are invited to a breakfast seminar supporting students in the HSC. A separate invitation will be emailed outlining the morning's activities including a guest speaker, an opportunity to meet the new Principal and student seminars.

Week 10

Calendar Dates Term 2

Mon 18 – 29 Jun
Wed 27 Jun
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Fri 29 Jun
Tue 17 Jul
Sat 21 Jul
Tue 24th Jul
Mon 30th Jul

Trial HSC
Teachers Stop Work meeting
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in "A" block
Last day of term
First day of Term 3 - students Wk A
NSW Band Festival
Parent/Teacher night for Yrs 7 to 11
Y10 work experience week

Happy holidays

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday and hope you return refreshed and in a positive frame of mind to work towards your goals.

Tania Turik Acting Principal

be responsible be respectful aspire



P & C MEETING

27TH June 2012
7.30pm in the
Staff Common Room
Upstairs 'A' Block

All welcome

The next P&C meeting will be on
Wednesday June 27 at 7.30 pm in A Block

Mr Richard Mitchell will be the guest speaker at the next P&C meeting. Pittwater High School is seen as a school having a great deal of success in Science in the network. We have more students electing Science courses in the HSC than in the rest of the network and he is going to discuss this.

The draft minutes of the previous meeting and various reports are on the school website at <http://www.pittwater-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/parents-citizens>

The P&C are volunteers working on your behalf to address your priority issues in conjunction with the school for the best outcomes for our children. Come along to the next meeting and provide your input.

Remember the next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday June 27 at 7.30 pm upstairs in A Block – put this in your diary and come along and get involved in your school!

Pittwater High School P&C
Michael Kotow
Secretary
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Pittwater High School will once again take part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. Staff and parents can collect stickers from the checkout (one sticker for cards available from Woolworths. Once completed, sticker cards can be returned to school or put in the collection box at every \$10 spent) and place them on sticker your local Woolworths.

Has your child lost keys, electronic controller, glasses, jewellery, pencil case, usb, headphones, diary, mobile phone, umbrella, watch, sunglasses, tennis racquet etc. chances are they are awaiting collection at the school office.

Items of lost clothing can be collected from Mrs Milliken's Special Ed classroom in B block.



Canteen News

Wednesday 27th June
CANTEEN CLOSED

Thursday 28th June
Fiona Little, Deb Holmes, Greg/Debbie Edwards,
Carolyn Currie, Sharon Winney

Friday 29th June
Catherine Campbell, Lisa James, Karen Santos –
HELP NEEDED

End of Term 2

Term 3

Tuesday 17th July
Jo Van Hesden, Deborah Van Der Saag, Katrina
Mellon

Wednesday July 18th
Glenda Hanks, Leanne Pate, Jodi Williams – **HELP NEEDED**

Thursday July 19th
Karen Maguire, Toni Goran – **HELP NEEDED**

Friday 20th July
Tracy Carter, Peggy Armstrong, Chris Marshall,
Sandra Avedissian

If you are unable to make your rostered day please try to arrange a swap or advise canteen managers Lisa/Katrina (ph 9999 4035 x122).

If you are able to make a day where it notes that **help is needed** please let myself know. Or you can call the canteen managers direct. A reminder if you can make just one day that is still very much appreciated by all.

Thank you to all the helpers that we have this year.

Penny Winterbottom
Canteen roster co-ordinator
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Phone 0432 679 977

TAS FACULTY NEWS JUNE 2012 - Year 9 Timber Challenge

On Friday the 15th June two teams of four students selected from the Year 9 Industrial Technology Timber classes competed in the Industrial Arts and Technology Educators (IATE) State-wide Year 9 timber challenge local heat round. It was the first time Pittwater High has hosted and competed at such an event and the tension was building amongst the students. We were up against two strong teams from Mater Maria. The task was clear, yet challenging. In 2 hours the teams of four had to manufacture four identical carry trays according to the plans and specifications supplied on the day. They had to work with both hand and machine tools showing team work, communication and accuracy in a subject area usually undertaken individually. The workshop was abuzz with 16 competitors who were focussed and determined. The clock seemed to speed up as the finish was approaching. At the last minute carry trays were being quickly assembled. This was some of the most efficient work practices we had ever seen. In the end a strict marking criteria found one of the Mater Maria teams taking out 1st place with the Pittwater B team coming a close 2nd. All of the participants deserve congratulations as they worked really hard and demonstrated exceptional application. The students have benefited from this friendly competition and we hope they take their enthusiasm back into the classroom. This Timber Challenge is held throughout NSW schools and after regional heats the finalists compete at the Timber and Working with Wood Show.

Miss C. Samojlowicz (HT TAS & Industrial Technology teacher) and Mr P.Brewster (Industrial Technology teacher).



A Team: David, Luke, Billy and Nick.



B Team: Harrison, Joshua, Charlie and Lachlan.



The teams are hard at work and focussed on accuracy and efficiency as the clock ticks down...



Kickstart your Career

Apprenticeships & Traineeships can be done as part of your HSC!!!

Sean D (Carpentry), Joshua J (Carpentry), Andrew M (Carpentry), Daniel M (Electro) in Year 12 and **Jordan N (Hospitality) and Jamie T (Automotive)** in Year 11 are Pittwater HS students undertaking **School Based Traineeships or Apprenticeships** within their HSC study pattern. Their school timetables have been structured to support this pattern of study and employment.

These students are among over 115 students across the Northern Sydney Region combining school, training and paid work as part of their HSC pattern of study.



There are many different career areas to choose from such as Carpentry, Hairdressing, Tourism, Electro-technology, Automotive, Retail and Hospitality. Students incorporate a Vocational Education and Training course into their HSC pattern of study. They complete a minimum of 100 – 180 days of **paid work** over two years, but this varies depending on the Industry area.

Securing a supportive employer is essential to the program. Most students do work experience in Year 10 in an area of interest. Often as a result of successful work experience a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship can be organised.

As well as working during term time students can work occasionally on Saturdays and during the school holidays. The students have commented that this mode of study is good as it allows them to remain at school, get paid and gain an extra qualification. Their employers stated that the students are well motivated, use their initiative and are capable and competent.

On successful completion of the HSC and the School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship at the end of Year 12, students will have the HSC, a Nationally Accredited Industry Qualification and a pathway to further employment and study. They will also have become part of an adult team in the workplace and gained valuable industry skills.

See your Careers Adviser for more information.



Inaugural Cafe Pittwater

On Wednesday 20th June , 12 students were fortunate enough to have learnt Barista skills with Mrs Alison Trapnell from Brookvale TAFE in the Trade Training Centre. The course was an introduction to coffee making with skills learnt in tamping coffee, milk foaming, creating the perfect crema and responsibilities of a Barista.



The students learnt the differences between latte's and cappuccinos' and how to "feather" the milk to form a decorative pattern. After many attempts to perfect the skills in coffee making, the students were able to make a coffee to take to their favourite teacher and office staff members to assess their skills in coffee making.



All students will then be eligible to work in the soon to be **Cafe Pittwater** which will operate from the Trade Training Centre in the mornings and at recess to sell coffees and hot chocolate to staff and students.



One teacher Mr Lutton actually had four latte's on the day so that could be the reason he was seen running around the basketball courts at lightning speed during period 3.



As you can see from these photos there were many willing representatives to try the creations of the students. The appraisals from all those kind staff who volunteered their taste buds proved the course was a resounding success.

Photographic evidence from Mrs Roulston (Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies)

Every Student, Every School

Northern Sydney Region Parent Information Sessions.

The Department of Education and Communities is implementing a new approach for meeting the additional learning and support needs of students with disability in all NSW public schools through its strategy “Every Student, Every School”.

A Learning and Support Framework will be developed in all NSW public schools to improve support for students with disability, wherever they enrol.

A wide range of projects will be put in place during 2012 and 2013 to establish the Learning and Support Framework and assist all public schools to better meet the diverse educational needs of their students, including those with disability.

Three information sessions for parents will be held across the Northern Sydney Region to explain the details behind “Every Student, Every School”.

The sessions will be held at the following times and venues:

- Thursday 26th July – Regional Office Dee Why, 72 Fisher Road Dee Why. (Meeting in main conference room)
- Monday 30th July – Oakhill Drive Public School, Oakhill Drive, Castle Hill. (Meeting in school library)
- Wednesday 1st August – Ryde Secondary College, Forrest Rd Ryde. (Meeting in H-Block off Forrest Road)

The information sessions will start at 6pm and finish by 8pm.

If you would like to attend one of these information sessions please contact Leanne Mulligan at Hornsby office on 9987 3900 or at Leanne. Mulligan2@det.nsw.edu.au.

John Hughes
Principal Education Officer
Every Student, Every School
Northern Sydney Region

Sports Stars

Congratulations to **Darienne A** of Yr 9 who was recently awarded the T.M. Guthrie award for Rookie of the Year for Newport Surf Lifesaving Club.

Good luck to Yr 9 students **Maddy H** representing Manly Warringah Netball Association and **Jemma B** representing Norths Netball Association at the NSW State Age Netball Carnival being held at Wyong for the first three days of the school holidays.

And in other breaking news, the combined forces of PE and Drama (Dailhou and Gleeson) easily accounted for the dismal Science representation (Taylor and Honywood) in the Pittwater Tennis Challenge. 6-1, 6-0. A thumping..."

Last weekend Nicole O and Nikhil N students from Pittwater School entered in the NSW Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Championship representing a local Martial Art Academy, Ortiz Martial Arts.



Nikhil came first in his division 16yr and under 56 kg with a cross collar choke submission in the final against his opponent.

Nicole, after winning the Nationals and the Pan Pacific in 2010 in the 15yr (mixed divisions) decided to push the challenge and entered this year in the Female Blue belt Adult Division 61kg and under.



First round Nicole faced a tough opponent - she controlled the fight from the beginning. In the final she faced a tougher opponent and attempted an inverted triangle which gave Nicole a win by advantage. It is the first time a teenager has won in an Adult division at blue belt category. Outstanding achievement for this young lady and definitely the beginning of her adult career in the sport



Well done.





What's been happening in the PCS this term?

The Peninsula Community of Schools continues to provide wonderful opportunities for PCS staff and students. The term began with an inspiring presentation by Robyn Moore who spoke to over 600 staff from our 13 schools about the Power of the Word. Robyn is the National Patron for the Make A Wish Foundation, Robyn is also the female voice of numerous characters from the radio show "How Green was My Cactus". Her voice has been heard in most homes in Australia and New Zealand on many ads and jingles and Robyn is also the voice of Blinky Bill. PCS staff were inspired by her thought provoking presentation and were appreciative of the opportunity to experience the Power of Robyn's Word.

The highly regarded professional learning opportunities delivered in the PCS have continued this term with staff attending workshops delivered by consultants and PCS colleagues. Our Office Staff attended another very popular Physiocise session held at Narrabeen Sports High School.

Planning is well underway for the 2012 NAIDOC Week acknowledgement. This year we will continue to celebrate the culture, history and achievements of our indigenous people during NAIDOC Week. Two events have been planned for students across the PCS.

The Year 12 students are in the final stages of preparation for their upcoming trial exams being held in the last two weeks of this term. We wish all Year 12 students success in these exams.

The PCS Music Festival Committee have finalised the auditions for this years Music Festival "The Magic Carpet Ride", the 220 choristers are busy rehearsing for this years concert whilst the other performers such as dancers, percussion groups and ensembles are rehearsing with much enthusiasm. Tickets for the performances are available from your school Stay tuned for more details.

The Advisory Council of the Peninsula Community of Schools which is made up of parents, students, principals and our community partners, met to discuss the current projects and activities within the PCS and our vision for future directions. At the Term 2 meeting our student members were presented with their badges.

Students from Years 10 have begun to consider their options for a pattern of study for their senior years. Narrabeen Sports High have held their subject selection evening and Barrenjoey and Pittwater will hold their subject selection evening early next term. Contact the High Schools for further information.

The Year 6 leadership teams have enjoyed a visit to Macquarie University. Students were provided with a wonderful experience where they participated in an adventure around the campus looking at the sculpture gardens, participated in a drawing class and visited the Indigenous art exhibition. The student responses and artwork impressed the staff from the University.

Almost 3500 people have visited the PCS Blog. Have you? The Message of the Week goes on there as well as other information about the PCS. You will need to type in the following address to reach the blog.

<http://peninsulacommunityofschoools.wordpress.com/>

Have a wonderful few weeks!

PCS Coordinator

Sharon Smithies

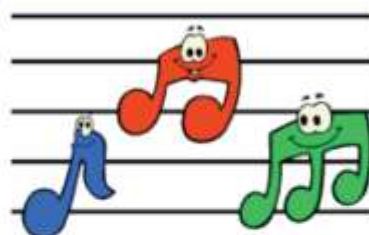
Music News

REGISTRATION OF HIRE INSTRUMENTS

Morning of Wednesday 27th June

Performance Space

If your child has a PHS instrument it is compulsory that the instrument is brought in to Vanessa Cesta so that a hire agreement can be signed and the instrument checked and added to the school asset register.



PERFORMANCES & DIARY DATES:

*** Please continue to check back as various dates are subject to change*

TERM 2

- Mon 25 Jun: Concert Band at The Forest High at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start and 8.45pm finish. Please remain for the entire concert. Full uniform – long hair tied back. Address: 135 Frenchs Forest Rd, Frenchs Forest - park in nearby streets.
- Wed 27 Jun: Registration of Hire Instruments in Performance Space in the morning. This is compulsory for ALL students that have a school instrument.
- Thu 28 Jun: Symphonic Band at The Forest High at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start and 8.45pm finish. Please remain for the entire concert. Full uniform – long hair tied back. Address: 135 Frenchs Forest Rd, Frenchs Forest - park in nearby street.

TERM 3

- Sat Jul 21st NSW Band Festival; Concert and Symphonic bands. Times TBC
- Tue 24 Jul: European Tour – "Knowledge on Europe" in Performance Space at 5.45 – 6.15pm

If you have any questions please contact Band President Karin Krueger at karin@kdkmedia.com.au or 0419 991 267 or Secretary Joanne Gwatkin-Williams at joanne@thevastydeep.com or Babette Lake (Europe Tour and general info) at mvlakes@ozemail.com.au.

CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 11

TAFE-there are no TAFE classes this week, it resumes first week back next term, week of July 16th!

YEAR 12

TRIAL exams-nearly over!!!

Remember: I am also your assistant **Year Adviser** if you need any support?

YEAR 10

Careers Classes: students should be updating their Careers Portfolio each fortnight!

The "Job Guide" Book: if you would like a copy, please send a note with your child to me requesting one, otherwise check out the website: www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au

LAST Work Experience Date: 30th July, (forms have to be in by 25th July)-see me for documentation! If you did a previous work exp, please hand in your employer evaluations to me, (I can give you a copy to keep!)

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS: Please log onto

"My High School Careers" website-Pittwater High School subscribes to this website. To login: use "**parent**" or "**student**" then password "**outlook**". You can also register for email alerts! The "Calendar" is great info!

**PARENT/TEACHER MEETING FOR YEARS 7 TO 11
FROM
4.00 TO 6.30PM ON 24TH JULY.**

PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

ONLINE BOOKING GUIDE

Parents have been issued with a booking code via email. Each student has been allocated a different booking code.

Step 1

Open Internet Explorer (or any web browser) and type edval.com.au/book into the address bar. Enter that booking code allocated.

Note

If you want to book for more than one child at once, you can click on the "My Details" tab and select "Add". By entering another booking code, you can link siblings to the one booking sheet, simplifying this process.

Step 2

Click on the "Request Interviews" tab. Under Available Interviews, teacher names appear. Any teacher that appears in green has specifically requested an interview with you.

Click and drag the teachers you want to see across to the "Teachers you want to see" column.

Step 3

Click on the "Modify Interviews" tab. This will allow you to book in your times. By clicking on one of the three dates available, choose the date you want to attend. Select times from the schedule by clicking on the available space. If you want to change the time, simply click on a different space within that teacher column. If you want to remove that interview altogether, simply click on the students name in the booking.

Step 4

To print off your schedule, click on the "My Interviews" tab.

We look forward to meeting with you during these events.