



Pittwater Press

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Term 3 Week 1A

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Without a doubt, I am privileged to be the new Principal of Pittwater High and am very excited about the wonderful opportunities and challenges we can embrace as a school community together. This school is based on strong foundations that will enable us to continue to grow and to move forward to the benefit of all our students. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of the students who have been friendly and courteous. At the Year 12 breakfast on Wednesday I also met many parents – truly it felt like meeting old friends as they were all so welcoming. The staff have greatly impressed me with their enthusiasm, clear dedication and willingness to readily support me as the new leader of the school. I am fortunate indeed to have such great colleagues. At this point I would like to thank Ms Tania Turik for being Acting Principal for the last 12 months and for her hard work over this time. She has been most helpful and supportive as I have settled in.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Wendy Harmer who was the inspirational and entertaining guest speaker at the Year 12 **Refresh Revitalise and Recommit** morning on Wednesday. Also thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to run sessions with the students to encourage them to refocus in preparation for the HSC.

On another note, I have spoken to the students about the need to take responsibility in wearing the correct school uniform every day. Whether we like it or not, a school is judged by the broader community on the standard of the uniform. Also a uniform cultivates unity and equality between students while setting a positive standard and attitude that transfers to the classroom. Correct uniform includes correct shoes. Uniform will be monitored daily in roll call and infringements will be recorded and reported on the school report at the end of the year. For those students already doing the right thing, well done.

Week 1

Calendar Dates Term 3

Thur 19 th Jul	Y10 into Y11 Subject Selection evening
Fri 20 Jul	Y11 Business Studies MARKET DAY
Sat 21 Jul	NSW Band Festival
Mon 23 Jul	Regional Athletics
Tue 24 th Jul	Parent/Teacher night for Yrs 7 to 11
Mon 30 th Jul	Y10 work experience week
Fri 24 – Wed 29 Aug	Visit to PHS by Bando Junior City High School, Japan

Finally, I hope to have the opportunity to meet many more parents at upcoming events over the next week including the P&C meeting on Wednesday evening.

Ms Jane Ferris
Principal

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P & C Meeting

Wednesday
25th July 2012
at 7.30pm in the
Staff Common
Room A Block

All welcome

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday July 25 at 7.30 pm in A Block (Administration) on the 1st Floor in the Teacher Common Room.

Ms Jane Ferris, the new Principal for Pittwater High School will be the guest speaker at the next P&C meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to meet, greet and hear Ms Ferris' views on her role and objectives for Pittwater High School.

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 July 25 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
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Secretary
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Canteen News

Friday 20th July

Tracey Carter, Peggy Armstrong,
C Marshall, Sandra Avedissian

Monday – 23rd July

Leisa Stranack, Diana Shanks,
Miriam Bookey, Janet Howard

Tuesday 24th July

Lyn Wilson, Carolyn Helm, Robyn Stonnell,
Michelle Rubenach

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
Pennywinterbottom1@hotmail.com
Phone 0432 679977

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.

Links to Learning – JUMPSHART PROGRAM GRADUATION

The 4 Year 9 students who attended were:-

James C
Tyler S
Brandon P
Billy P (absent)



PCS NAIDOC Celebrations

To tie in with the PCS Under the Starry Sky NAIDOC celebrations the following students represented Pittwater High at Bilgola Plateau Public School. Pittwater High Students attended the celebrations on Thursday 28th June and slept over until Friday 29th June 2012.

Students who attended the NAIDOC celebrations were treated to a workshop run by Jimmy Smith, containing a message about NAIDOC Week. The students were involved with a smoking ceremony, didgeridoo playing demonstration and learning indigenous songs.



Marcus and Alessandro L, Luke T, Mungo L and Milo D slept under the stars (see picture above), painted an aboriginal inspired original artwork (see picture below), helped out with organisation of the younger PCS students and slept out in the cold weather.



Congratulations to the boys for representing our school and their artwork will be displayed in A block for all to see.

At the 25th Interschool Snowsports, which over the years has produced 18 Winter Olympians, this was one of the highlights:

For the first time in some years Pittwater High School were able to form a male Ski Team. The team arrived at the top of the Rossi racecourse at Thredbo for the Alpine race in which teams of up to four compete, with the best three times of two runs combined to form results. At the race start area we find 3 teams from The Kings School in their matching lycra one piece suits, fancy racing poles and race skis (that don't touch the snow until race time) to which my youngest announced "they look so intimidating". The competition was fierce with 15 teams and 10 individuals. It was however one of those blue sky, picture perfect race days with an icy course where speed was not the only factor in play and anything could happen.

The parents gathered at the bottom of the course to watch the runs and to the sounds of "ooh" and "aargh" we watched one after another racer miss gates or fall due to excessive speed and lack of control. As their turns came around the Pittwater boys donned their race bibs (over their bulky parkas) and took to the course giving it their best but not skiing outside their capabilities with each one successfully completing their runs without a fall or disqualification. The end result was a very fantastic 7th place.



Figure 1 - Pittwater High School 2012 Ski Team. Mitchell C, Nick E, Max B, Imogen B & Alisha C.

Figure 2 - Mitchell C. carving up the slopes in his first of 2 Alpine runs



Callum W has been invited to carry the flag for Pittwater to the State Championships held in Thredbo in August. Good luck Callum we'll be cheering for you.

So if your kids love skiing or snowboarding think about joining us next year. Send me an email if you are interested or have any questions. If we have enough interest we will hold an information session.

deanne@intuitivecolour.com.au

Full results:

Event	Div.	Team	Individual	Result
Snowboard Male	3		Callum W	11 th (individual)
	2		Matthew C	15 th (individual)
Boarder Cross Male	3		Callum W	10 th (individual)
	2		Matthew C	14 th (individual)
Skier X Female	3		Alisha C	35 th (individual)
	1		Imogen B	19 th (individual)
Skier X Male	2	Pittwater High A	Max B	Team 13 th (35 th individual)
			Nick E	Team 13 th (23 rd individual)
			Mitchell C	Team 13 th (29 th individual)
Alpine Female	3		Alisha C	37 th (individual)
	1		Imogen B	21 st (individual)
Alpine Male	2	Pittwater High A	Max B	Team 7 th (28 th individual)
			Nick E	Team 7 th (12 th individual)
			Mitchell C	Team 7 th (32 nd individual)

Well done everyone!

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

Music News

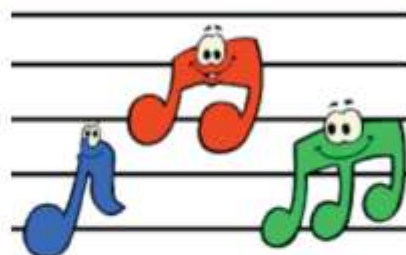
NSW BAND FESTIVAL

Saturday 21st July

NSW University, Clancy auditorium

Concert Band: Arrive 12pm for performance at 1pm; finish 1.40pm

Symphonic Band: Arrive 4.30pm for performance at 5.30pm; finish 6.10pm



PERFORMANCES & DIARY DATES:

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

TERM 3

Sat Jul 21st NSW Band Festival; Concert and Symphonic bands.

Tue Jul 31st *DATE CHANGE* European Tour – "Knowledge on Europe" in Performance Space at 5.45 – 6.15pm

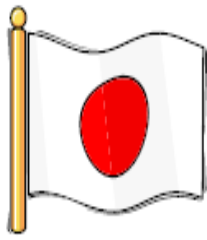
Tue Aug 7th Band Meeting at Pittwater RSL @ 6.30pm

Tue Aug 14th Combined Concert at Pittwater RSL – Bands & Time TBC

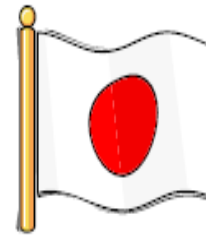
Sat & Sun Aug 25th & 26th North Coast Band Combined Concert & workshop – Details to follow

TREASURER still needed urgently. The current treasurer will definitely be resigning on Tuesday 7th August. Someone must step up to the position. The successful applicant will only be doing financial jobs no secretarial duties.

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.



Seeking Host Families



Pittwater High School will soon be hosting a group of 20 students from Bando City Junior High School, Japan.

We are seeking friendly families to host one student each for 5 nights. This is a great opportunity to share the wonderful lifestyle of the Northern Beaches with a visitor, learn about another culture and maybe even pick up a few words of Japanese!

The group will arrive on Friday, August 24th (after school) and leave on Wednesday, August 29th. During this time families will need to provide their visitor with accommodation, 3 meals a day and transfers to and from school. They will also have the weekend to spend with their visitor as they please. Hosting families will receive \$200 towards the cost of the homestay.

The visiting students are aged 12, 13 and 14 so families with a student in year 7, 8 or 9 would be ideal, but any interested families are encouraged to apply.

If you would like to host a student please respond by email (colleen.lustig@det.nsw.edu.au) or return the slip below to Colleen Lustig in the language staffroom (B block).

We would like to host a Japanese student August 24th - 29th

Family name: _____

Student name(s) and year(s): _____

Contact email/phone: _____



MID BASKET NIGHT BALL

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre

Saturday nights

7.30PM - MIDNIGHT

4 August - 22 September 2012

VOLUNTEER NOW!!

Variety of roles available

Basketball knowledge not necessary

REGISTER NOW - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Register Online: www.midnightbasketball.org.au/locations/pittwater

Or contact: Steve Shortland at Youth Reach

9907 2604 / steve.shortland@vinnies.org.au

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You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

TIME & DATE:
Wednesday 8 August
6.30 - 8.30pm

VENUE:
Mona Vale Library
Park Street, Mona Vale

BOOK NOW ON: 9970 1196 or
michelle_carter@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

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**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.