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Pittwater High School Self-Evaluation

As part of the school's self-evaluation, last year I forwarded a survey to parents, students and staff on different areas of school life. I greatly appreciate the input from the 145 parents and caregivers who completed this, many who also took the time to write a comment. Overall the feedback was very positive showing strong support for the direction of the school and the leadership of the Principal. Parents and students clearly value the effort put into things such as excursions and camps, while finding year advisers and teachers approachable. Over 80% of parents felt that there was effective communication including SMS for attendance, letters home and the newsletter. As a staff we identified that timely letters home to communicate any concerns is an area we can improve, to bring parents into the loop sooner in addressing such issues. Although there was no question about the uniform, many parents commented that they value the effort the school has made in supporting the improvement to uniform and wish this to continue.

Although the majority of parents and students recognise that the discipline is fair and that quality teaching takes place at Pittwater High, analysis of results by year group identified that we need to raise the benchmark in year 10 and engage our students with more challenging work. To this end as an executive and staff we have been discussing ways to better engage students in year 10 so that their learning is maximised and to fully prepare them for the demands of the senior school. What we have planned for year 10 will be outlined at the year 10 student and parent information night next week - we are very positive about initiatives planned. Another focus for 2013 will be more fully differentiating student learning so that accommodations are made for students with learning difficulties while out top students are identified and challenged.

Sailing at Pittwater

I was delighted to be invited to and attend the Pittwater Interschool Sailing Regatta on the weekend. As a non-sailor, although that might have to change, I was greatly impressed by the technical skill, physical demands and amazing teamwork that was evident. Students from years 7 to 11 competed against six other schools, all private. After 54 races sailed over two days, the team finished in first place tied with Mater Maria – but after a tie breaker three race playoff, Mater were the champions. But in my mind Pittwater took out the top prize in terms of fairness, courtesy and team spirit, values that reflect so much of what our school is about. Thanks to all the parent helpers, especially Leisa Stranack for all her organisation of this event. And thank you guys for making such a novice feel so welcome.

CALENDAR

Thursday 21February	French Tour Information evening 6.30pm
Friday 22 February	PHS Swimming Carnival
Monday 25 February	Vaccinations—Yr 7&9 Boys—HPV; All Yr 7 students—Hepatitis B
Wednesday 27 February	Yr 10 Information Evening—6pm
Wednesday 27 February	P&C AGM and P&C meeting
Tuesday 5 March	Open Night—5.15pm
Friday 15 March	Blood Bank
Friday 29 March	Good Friday
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday
Friday 12 April	Last Day Term 1
Mon&Tue 29&30 Apr	Staff Development Days—no students attend
Wednesday 1 May	All students return
Friday 3 May	School Photos

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT— Renee Andrews and David Muirhead

We have seen a busy start to the year with some innovations already in place. Parents can access the school calendar from the website and we are striving to have the website work more effectively as the centre for information about the school.

We have already had successful Year 11 and Year 9 Information evenings with the Year 10 Information Evening coming up on Wednesday the 27th of February 6.00.p.m. in the school hall. Don't miss this evening if you are the parent of a year 10 student. Assessment booklets will be distributed along with information about the development of personal learning goals through an interview program with year 10. Additionally, we will be discussing the ROSA, the transition to the senior school, leadership and there will a presentation on cybersafety.

We have been heartened by the approach our students have taken to their education this year and their obvious pride in the school evidenced by their wearing the uniform with pride. I had cause to speak to students about their behaviour on buses last week. If students are being respectful and responsible as they journey to and from school we can expect that the community will hold our school in high esteem.

With the swimming carnival coming up on Friday we look forward to seeing our students perform in a different context. I would encourage all students to participate. It is not about winning but about being involved as you can only get out of school what you put in.

The P&C AGM and next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27 February 2013 at 7.30pm in A Block (Administration) on the 1st floor - Teacher Common Room.

The AGM will precede the P&C meeting and all positions on the P&C are open for nomination. This includes the President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and subcommittee positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to one of the above positions please email me the details. Only financial members can vote at the meeting.

Following the AGM the first P&C meeting for the year will be held.
All parents are welcome to attend.

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.

Do lock into your diary the next P&C meeting being held on Wednesday, February 27 at 7.30 pm upstairs in A Block.

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Year 10 Information Evening

for all parents/caregivers and students

Wednesday 27th February 2013

at
6.00 pm

in the
School Hall

- The Record Of Secondary Achievement
- Preparing for success in the Senior School
- Issuing Year 10 Course assessment booklet and outline of assessment procedures
- Developing Personal Learning Goals Program
- Presentation on Cyber Safety
- Leadership

HSIE

HSIE is happily established in our new staffroom on the second floor of A block. Term 4, 2012 was a transitional period and I greatly appreciated the assistance of Bobbie Ferguson, who had responsibility for Social Science last year.

2013 staff are:

Sharon Behringer is teaching Mandatory History, HSC Modern History and Legal Studies and Preliminary Legal Studies.

John Donnelly is teaching mandatory and HSC Geography and Preliminary Business Studies this year.

Elinor Gorman is teaching mandatory History, Ancient History in both years of the senior school and Ext History.

Colin Green is teaching HSC Business Studies, Commerce and mandatory Geography.

Bronwyn Hixson is teaching mandatory History and HSC Studies of Religion.

Stephen Kovaks is teaching both mandatory History and Geography, Preliminary Modern History and Society and Culture.

David Muirhead is teaching Preliminary Economics.

Alyce Peruzzi is teaching mandatory History, Preliminary Studies of Religion and Ancient History and HSC Legal Studies.

I am delighted to be leading this team and appreciate their enthusiasm and expertise. I am also fortunate to have staff with excellent technology skills to enhance teaching and learning. As a faculty we are focusing on using explicit literacy strategies to improve learning and on developing persuasive writing techniques.

A number of staff are attending professional learning opportunities to assist with improving HSC results. In 2012 HSC results in Ancient History, Legal Studies, Modern History and Studies of Religion were well above state average and I congratulate the students and teachers involved for their commitment and focus on achieving excellence.

All students in the junior school should have their A4 books organised with pride and attention to detail. All books should have a course outline, homework and book policy pasted in the front. I encourage you to read these so that you are aware of what is happening in the semester or term. Responses should be written in clear sentences with attention to punctuation and spelling. I will be visiting classes this week to congratulate students and award Blues Points.

I am happy to discuss any concerns that you may have about your child's learning and always believe that a partnership between teachers and parents can only improve the learning outcomes of students.

Sharon Behringer—Head Teacher

ANNIVERSARY OF SORRY DAY

At Wednesday's assembly our School Captain Eden G addressed the school.

"Today is the fifth anniversary of Sorry Day when Prime Minister Rudd made a formal apology to Aboriginal people in the House of Representatives in Canberra. Sorry Day is an annual event held in Australia to remember and commemorate the injustices towards indigenous people. Government policies violated basic human rights and resulted in aboriginal children being forcibly separated from their parents. These children became known as the Stolen Generations. Many families were broken up and psychological damage is an ongoing issue.

On this day in 2008 our former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd apologised to the indigenous people for past laws, policies and practices. This day reminds us and raises awareness of indigenous issues. Today we should all appreciate the country we live and appreciate the high price that was paid by indigenous people. Let us all reflect on a positive future and strengthen the ties between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

Studies of Religion Excursion

To support the Preliminary Studies of Religion topic, the Nature of Religion and Beliefs, the Preliminary Studies of Religion class went on an excursion to Palm Beach Basin, and undertook a guided tour around the Aboriginal rock engravings. They experienced a Welcome to Country ceremony, with white ochre painted onto their foreheads and hands and examined the range of rock engravings, learning how they are connected to Aboriginal spirituality and culture. The excursion improved student understanding of the Dreaming, a necessity for their preliminary course.

The Studies of Religion course also explores three of the five major religious traditions allowing students to develop a comprehensive view of these religions. The Preliminary and HSC Course focus on Buddhism, Judaism and Islam and Hinduism is studied during HSC coursework

A productive and engaging experience was had by all! Congratulations Year 11 on your energetic and focused approach to all aspects of the day.

Student comments included:

"The guide shared stories about his personal dreamtime and his experience with the rock engravings."

"We learned about different aspects of Aboriginal life which helped me understand how children are raised."

"I was interested in hearing about the importance of oral history of the culture and the importance of family and elders."

"I enjoyed the Welcome to Country ceremony, and the reason he identified with Aboriginal spirituality".

Studies of Religion Excursion

NSW SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Ministry of Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school–based vaccination program.

In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered:

Hepatitis B vaccine - a 2 dose course for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of Hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby.

Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine - 1 dose for all Year 7 students who have **not** previously received Varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine - 1 booster dose. This dose was previously recommended at 15 years of age. Your child will only be offered this vaccine in Year 7.

HPV vaccine (Human Papillomavirus) - a 3 dose course. The vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female student and Year 9 male students as a 3-dose course over the school year. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 at school but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child's school. Please ensure the child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parent/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so in writing to the school Principal. The procedure for withdrawal of consent is on the NSW Ministry of Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Register and for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Pittwater High School Swimming Carnival 2013

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013

PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

EVENT NO.	EVENT			TIME	
1	Boys 12 years	50m	Freestyle	10.15am	
2	Boys 13 years	50m	Freestyle		
3	Boys 14 years	50m	Freestyle		
4	Boys 15 years	50m	Freestyle		
5	Boys 16 years	50m	Freestyle		
6	Boys 17+ years	50m	Freestyle		
7	Girls 12 years	50m	Freestyle		
8	Girls 13 years	50m	Freestyle		
9	Girls 14 years	50m	Freestyle		
10	Girls 15 years	50m	Freestyle		
11	Girls 16 years	50m	Freestyle		
12	Girls 17+ years	50m	Freestyle		
	Multi Disability Event				
13	Boys 12 years	50m	Breaststroke	11.15am	
14	Boys 13 years	50m	Breaststroke		
15	Boys 14 years	50m	Breaststroke		
16	Boys 15 years	50m	Breaststroke		
17	Boys 16 years	50m	Breaststroke		
18	Boys 17+ years	50m	Breaststroke		
19	Girls 12 years	50m	Breaststroke		
20	Girls 13 years	50m	Breaststroke		
21	Girls 14 years	50m	Breaststroke		
22	Girls 15 years	50m	Breaststroke		
23	Girls 16 years	50m	Breaststroke		
24	Girls 17+ years	50m	Breaststroke		
25	Boys 12 years	50m	Backstroke		
26	Boys 13 years	50m	Backstroke		
27	Boys 14 years	50m	Backstroke		
28	Boys 15 years	50m	Backstroke		
29	Boys 16 years	50m	Backstroke		
30	Boys 17+ years	50m	Backstroke		

Pittwater High School Swimming Carnival

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013 (CONT.)

EVENT NO.	EVENT			TIME	
31	Girls 12 years	50m	Backstroke		
32	Girls 13 years	50m	Backstroke		
33	Girls 14 years	50m	Backstroke		
34	Girls 15 years	50m	Backstroke		
35	Girls 16 years	50m	Backstroke		
36	Girls 17+ years	50m	Backstroke		
	Novelty Event (Boogie Board Races)				
SERIOUS COMPETITORS ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS					
37	Boys Open	50m	Butterfly	12.30pm	
38	Girls Open	50m	Butterfly		
39	Boys 12 years	100m	Freestyle		
40	Boys 13 years	100m	Freestyle		
41	Boys 14 years	100m	Freestyle		
42	Boys 15 years	100m	Freestyle		
43	Boys 16 years	100m	Freestyle		
44	Boys 17+ years	100m	Freestyle		
45	Girls 12 years	100m	Freestyle		
46	Girls 13 years	100m	Freestyle		
47	Girls 14 years	100m	Freestyle		
48	Girls 15 years	100m	Freestyle		
49	Girls 16 years	100m	Freestyle		
50	Girls 17+ years	100m	Freestyle		
51	Boys Open	100m	Breaststroke		
52	Girls Open	100m	Breaststroke		
53	Boys Open	100m	Backstroke		
54	Girls Open	100m	Backstroke		
Relays				1.00pm	
55	Boys 12 & 13 years	4 x 50m	Freestyle relay		
56	Boys 14 & 15 years	4 x 50m	Freestyle relay		
57	Boys 16 & 17 years	4 x 50m	Freestyle relay		
58	Girls 12 & 13 years	4 x 50m	Freestyle relay		
59	Girls 14 & 15 years	4 x 50m	Freestyle relay		
60	Girls 16 & 17 years	4 x 50m	Freestyle relay		
Clean Up				1.45pm	
Buses				2.00pm	

Sydney North Regional Sports Trials

The Sydney North Area Sports Unit conduct team sports trials in a number of sports.

In most cases these trials are open to all "elite" high school students (years 7 to 12).

In most circumstances only students from years 10 to 12 will be considered. There are several sports that do cater for younger student with Under 15 years trials (Tennis, Touch, Rugby League, Rugby Union (16s) and AFL).

Below is a list of the sports and their details for 2013. Details include both the carnival date and a nomination date (which has to be strictly adhered to).

Any student qualified and keen to attend the trial will need to see Mr. Askew at the PDHPE staffroom well prior to the nomination date cut off.

Sport	Term/week	Nomination. Date	Carnival Date
U15 B/G Tennis	1/4	7/2	21/2
B/G Tennis	1/4	7/2	22/2
B/G Basketball	1/5	12/2	26/2
B/G Golf	1/7	18/2	11/3
Girls Soccer	1/7	6/3	15/3
U15 B/G Touch	1/8	4/3	21/3
Boys Soccer	1/9	11/3	26/3
U15/Open Rugby League	1/10	N/A	2/4
Netball	1/10	18/3	3/4
U15 AFL	1/11	22/3	9/4
B/G Touch	1/11	27/3	12/4
Boys Cricket	4/3	10/10	24/10
Girls Cricket	4/7	5/11	19/11
Softball	4/8	11/11	25/11

Thank you for supporting PHS School Sport!

Mr Askew and Ms Fleming

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SUMMER BIATHLON REPORT

Over 120 competitors from a dozen peninsula schools lined up for this hallmark school event, a record number of participants. We were again blessed with ideal weather conditions for the 400 metre swim and five kilometre run, followed by a sumptuous breakfast at Pittwater High. Students, teachers and parents participated as individuals or in a team format, in a race that focusses as much on participation as competition. Both male and female champions were juniors, stunning older rivals with their performances.

First out of the water were specialist swimmer Luke Bibby and individual competitor David Euers, both of Pittwater High. However Luke's partner Dean Meadows was overtaken on the final straight by the first team of Jackson Borg and Harlan Mulherin, both 14, of Mater Maria College, in a time of 24.01. This team was the defending champion. Jackson also competed as an individual and in an incredible effort for a 14 year old, crossed the line in fourth place (24.36) overall to be the first biathlete. Second placed individual was PDHPE teacher from Barrenjoey High, Simon Flood.

The first female individual was Sophia Brinkman, also 14, of Stella Maris College in an impressive time of 26.26 which saw her overcome the first female teams who dead-heated: Brittany Barnes/ Holly Duggan and Brittany Barnes/ Madison Hartmann (28.35), all of Mater Maria College.

Placings are summarised below:

Individual Boys

1.	Jackson B	(Mater Maria College)
2.	David E	(Pittwater HS)
3.	Hugh M	(St Luke's College)

Individual girls

1.	Sophie B	(Stella Maris College)
2.	Micaela S	(The Forest HS)
3.	Maddie H	(Freshwater Senior Campus)

Male Team

1.	Jackson B/Harlan M	(Mater Maria College)
2.	Luke B/Dean M	(Pittwater HS)
3.	Jayden M/Josh C	(Freshwater Senior Campus)

Female Team

1.	Brittany B Holly D	(Mater Maria College)
2.	Brittany B Maddison H	(Mater Maria College)
3.	Khali N Caity M	(Cromer Campus)

Pittwater High
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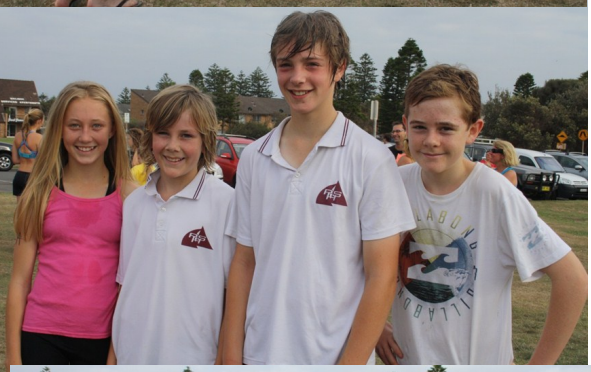

Rats
RUGBY
ACADEMY

BIATHLON RESULTS

Place	Time	Name	School	Age	Sex	Category
1	24.01	Jackson B/ Harlan M	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Team
2	24.19	Luke B/ Dean M	Pittwater High	17	M	Student Team
3	24.36	Jackson B	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Individual
4	24.4	Simon F	Barrenjoey High	30	M	Teacher Individual
5	24.47	Adrian V W/ Jack R	Cromer Campus	46/23	M	Teacher/ Student Team
6	25.04	Jayden M/ Josh C	Freshwater Campus	17	M	Student Team
7	25.33	Jayden M Harry L	Freshwater Campus	17	M	Student Team
8	25.34	Jackson B/ Nathan W	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Team
9	25.36	Jackson B Gabriel J	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Team
10	25.46	Matt H	Mater Maria College	42	M	Teacher Individual
11	26.05	Daniel E/Tom T	Pittwater High	15/16	M	Student Team
12	26.19	David E	Pittwater High	15	M	Student Individual
13	26.26	Sophie B	Stella Maris College	14	F	Student Individual
14	26.37	Nick S Blake W	Pittwater High	15	M	Student Team
15	27.13	Hugh M	St Luke's College	13	M	Student Individual
16	27.34	Darcy M Kevin M	Mater Maria College	15/40	M	Father/ Son Team
17	27.5	Jackson B Matt H	Mater Maria College	14/13	M	Student Team
18	27.51	Jackson B Liam E	Mater Maria College	14/13	M	Student Team
19	28.25	Patrick F	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Individual
20	28.27	Josh D	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Individual
21	28.35	Brittany B/ Holly D	Mater Maria College	14	F	Student Team
22	28.35	Brittany B/ Maddison H	Mater Maria College	14/13	F	Student Team
23	29.36	Ejay S	Barrenjoey High	14	M	Student Individual
24	29.37	Jake D	Mater Maria College	15	M	Student Individual
25	29.43	Khali N/ Caity M	Cromer Campus	12	F	Student Team
26	29.45	Mark Dailhou/ David Gleeson	Pittwater High	49/31	M	Teacher Team
27	30.05	Finn H	Barrenjoey High	13	M	Student Individual
28	30.09	Braedan B	The Forest High	15	M	Student Individual
29	30.11	Ejay S Cameron M	Barrenjoey High	14	M	Student Team
30	30.18	Tom F	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Individual
31	30.25	Alex M	The Forest High	14	M	Student Individual
32	30.3	Matthew B	Barrenjoey High	16	M	Student Individual
33	30.31	Lauren C/ Sarah	Freshwater Campus	16/17	F	Student Team
34	30.34	Micaela S Naomi P	The Forest High	14	F	Student Team
35	30.45	Kristy L Megan D	The Forest High	15/14	F	Student Team
36	30.49	Liam D	Pittwater High	13	M	Student Individual
37	31	Patrick F Zac A	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Team
38	31.06	Patrick F/ Sam C	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Team
39	31.07	Josh B James S	Barrenjoey High	17	M	Student Team
40	31.07	Sam K/ Lily H	Mater Maria College	13	F	Student Team

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RESULTS cont.

Place	Time	Name	School	Age	Sex	Category
41	31.09	Adam H/ Grace H	Pittwater High	42/ 12	M/F	Father/ Daughter Team
42	31.25	Erin F/ Jake N	Freshwater Campus	17	F/M	Student Team
43	31.25	David A/ Tim B	The Forest High	14	M	Student Team
44	31.27	Micaela S	The Forest High	14	F	Student Individual
45	31.27	Adrian V Aiden I	Cromer Campus	46/13	M	Teacher/ Student Team
46	31.27	George M Finn W	Pittwater High	13	M	Student Team
47	31.33	Brendan W	Mater Maria College	14	M	Student Individual
48	31.5	Roman Filapek V/Hayden P	Freshwater Campus	17	M	Student Team
49	32.04	Zara H Jordyn H	Pittwater High	13	F	Student Team
50	32.11	Samuel L Michael M	Mater Maria College	13	M	Student Team
51	32.11	Maddie H	Barrenjoey High	14	F	Student Individual
52	32.39	Ethan N	Cromer Campus	13	M	Student Individual
53	32.52	Georgia K Mali H	Barrenjoey High	12	F	Student Team
54	33	Mark Dailhou/ Tanika B	Pittwater High	49/13	M	Student Team
55	33.1	Maddie H/ Annalie H	Barrenjoey High	14	F	Student Team
56	33.13	Mitch N	Cromer Campus	13	M	Student Individual
57	34.24	Carolyn Hayes/ Emily Christian	Pittwater High		F	Teacher Team
58	34.39	Henri H/ Kerrie S	Avalon Primary		M/F	Student/ Adult Team
59	34.49	Harry St Ian S	Pittwater High	14/13	M	Student Team
60	35	Samuel L	Mater Maria College	12	M	Student Individual
61	35.07	Tully M	Mater Maria College	13	F	Student Individual
62	35.02	Courtney / Chloe S	Mater Maria College	13	F	Student Team
63	35.36	Amelia K Lucie L	Pittwater High	14/13	F	Student Team
64	35.5	Millie K/ Lucy M	Pittwater High	14	F	Student Team
65	36.36	Mark Dailhou/ Sally Stieven	Pittwater High		M/F	Teacher Team
66	36.36	Nick S	Pittwater High	14	M	Student Individual
67	36.41	Gemma Gr Allyssa D	Cromer Campus	12	F	Student Team
68	37.21	Peter Myers/ Michaela Myers	Pittwater High		M/F	Teacher Team
69	37.23	Flicity D/ Caitlin D	Mackellar Girls Campus	14/43	F	Mother/ Daughter Team
70	37.46	Lexi H Daisy Y	Bilgola Primary	10	F	Student Team
71	37.52	Tom S	Pittwater High	13	M	Student Individual
72	38.3	Emi B	Pittwater High	16	F	Student Individual
73	39.03	Dave Saunders/ Eleanor Gorman	Pittwater High		M/F	Teacher Team
74	41.13	Jud H/ Linda Y	Bilgola Primary	43/50	M/F	Adult Team
75	41.44	Matt L	Pittwater High	13	M	Student Individual
76	41.54	Luke R	The Forest High	14	M	Student Individual
77	41.55	Lachlan P	The Forest High	14	M	Student Individual
78	42.06	Caitlin D	Mackellar Girls Campus	14	F	Student Individual
79	48.15	Elysse S	Mackellar Girls Campus	15	F	Student Individual
80	51.31	Gus D	Pittwater High	15	M	Student Individual

Careers

Year 11 and 12 TAFE students: need to let me know if they can't attend TAFE for any reason.

Careers Lessons for Year 10: in English classes this term, we will be doing some personality profiling!

Tax File Number Applications: it is a much easier process for the school to apply than individual student applications, (no proof of age required, the school verifies that). I am doing the first school application for the year now, see me for a form and return to me no later than the 1st March!

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!

Chess Club News

Chess Club would like to extend a warm welcome to all year 7 students and especially to those girls and boys who participated in interschool chess at primary school level.

We are a very friendly club and you will find us on Thursdays at lunchtime, either outside in the quad, near A block, or upstairs in A16.

This term we have been invited to attend The Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge which takes place on Sunday 24 March. This is a full day event from 9.30am to 3.30pm. There will be a canteen and students will get to play many games of chess which will greatly improve their game. It will not only be a fun day but it will be a good chance for your child to represent Pittwater High in one of our teams.

Please make sure you encourage your child and make sure they get their names in preferably this week or next week as places are limited and Pittwater doesn't want to miss out. This event has not been held for several years and it should be good. Please let us know if your child wants to go but has a problem with transport.

The Metropolitan Secondary Schools Chess Competion (interschool chess) takes place in Term 2 with matches scheduled after school on Fridays. There are three grades in this competition:

Junior: Years 7-8
Intermediate: Years 9-10
Senior: Years 11-12

There are teams of four within each grade with each team having it's own team captain. There will be home and away games; parents will need to take students to away games and collect them for home games. Once again please let us know if your child wants to participate but has a problem with transport.

Please note: forms for both the Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge and the Term 2 Chess competition are available at Chess Club or in the Language staffroom and enrolments are open now.

A Chess noticeboard is starting this week in the Maths corridor. If anyone has any Chess related material to add to this noticeboard at any time, please let us know. This is your noticeboard Chess Club and we want to keep it interesting.

Finally, as Chess Club is growing, we are looking for parents who might like to support us. We need parents who could bake for fundraiser cake stalls, parents who are available to drive on Friday afternoons in Term 2 as required and parents willing to donate cash or prizes for essential equipment, resources and tournaments.

Co-ordinators: Phil Rawlings, Liz Horncastle

MUSIC NEWS TERM 1 WEEK 4

REHEARSAL, PERFORMANCE & MEETING DATES

Please note that rehearsals have started! First performance 5 March.

Term 1 - IMPORTANT DATE: Instrumental Music Programme Committee Meeting and AGM			
19 February 2013 **PHS IP Committee Meeting**	Tuesday	7.00pm	Pittwater RSL
Every Band member (parent) is welcome to attend the Committee Meetings – so Please Join Us!			

Term 1- Performances	Day	Time	Bands
5 March 2013 **School Open Day**	Tuesday	5.45 to 6pm 6pm 6.30pm	Strings, Symphonic, Both Stage Bands.
9 April 2013 **An Evening with Primary Schools**	Tuesday	7.00pm	Concert & Symphonic
Band Members are expected to play in every performance that their Band is taking part in. If a member is unable to attend a performance date, he/or she must inform the relevant Director as soon as possible, and hand in a signed note from their parent.			

The next **Committee Meeting** is on Tuesday, 19 February, 7.00pm at the Pittwater RSL. It will be a brief AGM, followed by an Ordinary Meeting.

School Spectacular: Applications are NOW OPEN for the Arts Unit School Spectacular 2013. For more information, or to apply, visit www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/school-spectacular/applications-and-auditions/.

Applications for the Arts Unit State Junior and Senior Music Camps open in March.

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod: Anyone interested in taking part in this will find the syllabus is available on line now at: http://www.northernbeacheseisteddfod.com.au Closing date for entries, 8 March 2013.

New Clarinet Teacher on the Beaches (Bilgola): Oliver Leimbach, $35 for 30 minutes, Tel: 0420 216 380, oli@luckycountryproductions.com

CONTACTS:
Band President - Karin Krueger: karin@kdkmedia.com.au or 0419 991 267;
Secretary - Joanne Gwatkin-Williams: joanne@thevastydeep.com or 0437 408 801;
Treasurer – Rick Elliott: icycold@outlook.com or 0400 461 941
Uniform – Geri Bergstein: geribergstein@hotmail.com or 0407 602 795.

Please be informed that the new opening hours for the uniform shop are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:15am—11:15am

Valentines Day - A great day had by all!

The year 12 prefect body of 2013 would like to send our thanks for everyones participation in our Valentines Day fundraiser in which we raised money for an important cause, the Heart Foundation.

It was a very successful day with the selling of roses, song dedications and serenades made.

A big thank you to the Mona Vale Florist nursery
for their contribution and support on the day.

Is your child interested in going to

We are planning a 14-day cultural excursion for April 2014. It will be an eye-opening adventure where students will gain an invaluable insight into French language and culture.

There will be many exciting experiences such as visiting famous Parisian monuments and art galleries, travelling by TGV, enjoying delicious French cuisine, visiting the beautiful chateaux of the Loire Valley and travelling to the glorious south of France. We may even squeeze in some time for a bit of shopping...

If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime experience for your child, please come along to the information evening. Details below:

<u>France 2014 Information Evening</u>

When: 6:30 pm Thursday 21st February

Where: PHS Staff Common Room (upstairs in A Block)

Tea and coffee provided. Both students and parents welcome.

Please RSVP if you are coming to the information evening.

Either email kirsty.cosentino@det.nsw.edu.au

or return the slip below to Kirsty Cosentino (Language faculty)

Special Community thank you to E&A Lawyers - Mona Vale

The PHS English Department would like to formally thank E&A Lawyers of Bungan Street Mona Vale, for the very generous donation of computer equipment for our Year 12 English Studies class.

The two desktop computers, monitors and keyboards donated will allow the class to have freedom and flexibility within their practical vocational English course.

This course focuses on English connections within students' immediate world and this technology support will enable much greater access to resources .

Uniform Shop News

Please be informed that the new opening hours for the uniform shop are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:15am—11:15am

Year 8 book packs are still available at $41 each

Canteen News

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY: Anne Carolan, Giovanna Graziano, Hayley Malone, Bess Brooks

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY: Fiona Little, Carolyn Currie - Helpers needed- please call canteen to confirm.

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY: CANTEEN CLOSED—SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY: Carolyn Helm, Robyn Stonnell, Tina Kekwick, Karen Lambert, Michelle Rubenach

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY: Michelle, Jo Van Hesden - Helpers needed- please call canteen to confirm

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY: Leanne Pate, Jodi Williams, Fiona Griffith Helpers needed- please call canteen to confirm

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY: Glenda Hanks, Karen Maguire, Karen Shapcott Helpers needed- please call canteen to confirm

FRIDAY 1 MARCH: Peggy Armstrong, C Marshall, Sandra Avedissian Helpers needed- please call canteen to confirm

MONDAY 1 MARCH Lisa Strannach, Dianne Shanks, Miriam Bookey, Janet Howard

TUESDAY 5 MARCH Kathie Rich Helpers needed- please call canteen to confirm

Penny Winterbottom;
Canteen roster co-ordinator
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Parent Forums

Understanding your teenager

Ku-ring-gai Council and KYDS invite parents of teens to a series of forums.

Each forum is held on a Monday from 6.30pm - 8.30pm (registration from 6:15pm) at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

Topics

- When to Worry
- Resilience
- Supporting Young People with Disabilities
- Communication
- Internet

Parent forums

March 4	Adolescence 101: When to Worry
May 6	Resilience Building 101
June 24	Supporting Young People with Disabilities
August 5	Communicating with your Teenager 101
October 14	Internet Safety 101

$5 ENTRY

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the forums contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au

PATS

PAYING ATTENTION TO SELF

P Peer support group for young people age 13 to 18 who have a parent with Mental Health Issues

A Aims to provide young people with a supportive, fun, friendly and understanding environment. The group is run by qualified workers and peer facilitators.

T The group will run for 8 weeks and is free of charge. It will run between 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesdays and will be held at KYDS, 265 Pacific Highway, Lindfield. *Transport costs (taxis) can be refunded.*

S Seeking interested young people. Please contact the below number(s) for an initial chat.

"*A fun, helpful place to express your feelings and leave all your worries behind*"

Young Person, age 17

"*Meeting different people who share the same difficulties as you do at home*"

Young Person, age 14

KYDS

For more Info please contact:
David Citer or Kym Carlson at KYDS
9416 9824 or kyds@bigpond.com
www.kyds.org.au

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes".

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Physie and Dance is for girls and ladies of all ages. Classes incorporate modern dance, jazz, ballet, strength and stretching exercises with the opportunity to compete at a regional and national level. Come and join in the fun at Bayview Physie and Dance while gaining friends and fitness!

For more information on Physie and Dance and for class times contact Kate on 0411 469 184 or bayviewphysie@hotmail.com or check us out on facebook.