



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—Jane Ferris

Commendation Ceremonies

Last week we recognised the midyear achievements of students in years 7 to 11 with two Commendation Ceremonies. The purpose was to recognise commitment to learning as reflected in either students' outstanding progress or achievement of personal best. Also there were additional awards in areas such as debating, public speaking, sport, Duke of Edinburgh and music. It was most gratifying to see so many parents, grandparents and caregivers of award recipients in attendance – particularly appreciated as everybody leads busy lives and we were only able to give minimal notice. I also appreciate the positive feedback about the ceremonies and the sense of occasion generated. This was greatly aided by our student performers, our student leaders running the assemblies, the audience of students being respectful of their peers and staff planning of these events. Thank you all, a job well done!

As I said in my address, we are indeed fortunate to have many wonderful educational opportunities at Pittwater High School and indeed throughout Australia. Sadly throughout the world, most recently evident in Syria, many children and young adults have their schooling disrupted while their lives are at risk. There is much to take from their examples of resilience and determination. How they would long for our opportunities. Therefore we need to be responsible and make the most of the opportunities we have. Seize the day! I challenge every student at Pittwater High to be as equally determined and resilient, making the most of your opportunities as you strive and aspire to achieve.

School Contributions

Thank you to all those parents who have paid their school contributions and subject costs. Although it is very time consuming, I have started to ring parents that have not yet paid as these are overdue for all year groups. Often it is an oversight, while other parents welcome a payment schedule to help them. To assist me, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the school to settle these accounts or arrange a payment schedule ahead of me ringing you. For senior students, these accounts need to be resolved before the sign out process is completed at the end of this term – year 12 as they finish school and year 11 prior to them starting year 12 courses next term.

The P&C contribution and the Building Fund contribution are voluntary. However for those of you that can contribute in these areas it is greatly appreciated. The P&C are currently looking to projects they can support the school including further enhancement of technology. The Building Fund not only helps with the school maintenance schedule, but we also would like to start setting some aside to improve the library layout starting with the student service area. The Building Fund is tax deductible. I appreciate your consideration of assisting in these areas.

CALENDAR	
Thursday 5 & Friday 6 September	CHS Athletics
Thursday 5—Monday 16 Sept	Year 11 Exams
Friday 20 September	Last Day Term 3
Tuesday 8 October	First Day Term 4
Wednesday 9 October—6pm	Yr 11 into 12 Information Night

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—RENEE ANDREWS

Year 11 Preliminary Exams

I would like to take this opportunity to wish year 11 all the best in their upcoming exams. It is important that they ensure that they demonstrate to their teachers all that they know and understand. It is essential for satisfactory completion of the Preliminary Certificate that valid attempts are made in all exams. A good study routine, sleep and a fridge full of food will support this! The exam timetable and important instructions for the exams, eg; full school uniform and no mobile phones in the exam room were emailed to all parents and students.

Year 11 into 12 Clearance Process

Year 11 will be doing a clearance process during the last week of term. At this time they will be having an interview with the Year Adviser, signing out of their subjects in order to return textbooks and settle school contributions. At this time they will complete a form that will require a parent/ caregivers signature. We appreciate your support in this process. This is all in preparation for a settled start to year 12 in term 4.

SAVE THE DATE

An information night on the HSC requirements for year 11 into 12 students and parents will be held on Wednesday 9 October at 6pm in the school hall.

Congratulations to all students in years 7-10 who were recognised for their interest in and commitment to learning at the recent Commendation Ceremonies. It was wonderful to see so many family present on these occasions.

Technology

If you are planning to purchase a device for use at school, and you would like to be able to access the wireless, the computer must have connection speeds of 5GHz in order to connect. There will be more information in Term 4 about BYOD (Bring your own device).



YEAR 7 GALA DAY

On Monday 5 August on a picture perfect blue sky day the whole of year 7 attended various venues for a day of fun sports activities ranging from basketball, soccer, touch football and netball. All students looked extremely involved with the activities and year 10 students were on hand to coach and umpire each game.



Jake G used his design skills to improvise and develop his own shin pads. What a great design Jake!

Some of the unbeaten basketball team and in action during a game.



The boys touch football players getting instructions prior to playing at Rat Park.



The support crew at the basketball



The other basketball team waiting to take the court and in action.



Mrs Bates boys soccer crew



The fast paced action of the girls soccer, with one of the Year 10 helpers



The great defence at the girls touch football. Resting in the shade after a torrid game

THE ZOO

Some observations from Year 7

By Natasha E

On Thursday 29 August all of year 7 went to the zoo. It was heaps of fun. We saw ducks, chimpanzees, elephants, lions, lionesses, koi fish, Indian birds, giraffes, turtles, echidnas, koalas, snakes, cassowary's, crocodiles, leaf insects, peacocks, lizards, mountain goats, snow leopards, meerkats and heaps more. It was really cool to see the animals in their synthesised natural habitats. I love the zoo because there are amazing, wonderful and fantastic animals to see.

By Riley P

The zoo was very fun. We saw all different types of awesome animals. We saw crocodiles, red pandas, all types of reptiles and some cool mammals. After walking all around the zoo, we went to the education centre and saw a bat, an echidna, a baby possum, a snake and a lizard with no tale. The only down side to this great excursion was that our class wanted to see the red pandas and it took us the whole day to find them! But other than that it was a great excursion!!

By Chloe VD

On 29 August year 7 went to the zoo. We all had to do a worksheet. After the worksheet we got to walk around the zoo and see the animals we wanted to see. We saw elephants, lions, tigers, lizards, snakes, mountain sheep, penguins, birds, red pandas and much more. My favourite animals was the meerkats. They dug holes and ran around. We also saw an elephant that was doing tricks like walking backwards, kicking logs and lifting them up and knocking them down. It was so much fun. Then we went to the education centre and learnt about animals and I was allowed to touch a frog. It was slimy. All the animals were so cute. After that we went home and we all had a great day.

By Lisa A

On 29 August the whole of year 7 went to the zoo. We all got on the bus and drove for about an hour. When we all got there, we lined up, got our names marked off and we went to see the birdies but we didn't see them so we went to see the mountain sheep. They were all so cute. They were all in this hidey hole in the rock. Then we went to see the snow leopards, they were drinking their water, so cute. We then went to see the giraffes, chimpanzees, meerkats, pelicans, red pandas and then finally the tigers and the lions, OMG, they were so cute. I want one as a pet! Then we had to go do this education talk. We got to see a baby possum and a really cute echidna. They were so cute, and we saw birds as well. It was fun!!!





VISITORS FROM JAPAN

On Friday, 26 July a group of students from Kanazawa Fushimi High School in Japan visited us for the day.

PHS students from years 9 and 10 looked after them during their visit. Together they made mini pavlovas, competed in a trivia quiz, played Aussie Rules and netball, patted our farm animals and enjoyed a delicious BBQ. There was also a performance in the afternoon from both our Japanese visitors and Pittwater students.

It was a very enjoyable day, as the photos show.





WE LOVE FOOD IN LANGUAGES

We have been enjoying some gastronomic delights in the French and Japanese classrooms.

Year 8 Japanese recently made onigiri – Japanese rice balls with a variety of fillings. おいしい！

Year 9 French enjoyed a French breakfast, which included home-made crêpes, pain au chocolat, croissant and hot chocolate. Miam!





WILMETTE FUNDRAISER

Four of our year 10 students will be heading off to the USA during the spring vacation. As part of the fundraising for the exchange to New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois we are having a “wheelbarrow raffle”.

Mitre 10 Mona Vale kindly donated a wheelbarrow and the students have been filling it with generous donations from the Mona Vale business community. The students are selling raffle tickets at Woolworths as well as at the Federal Election. They will be selling both at school and down at Mona Vale Community Centre.

The school would like to thank the many generous businesses for their support of our students. We will publish a list of donors in a future newsletter.

If you would like to purchase some tickets at \$1 each,
please ring Mr Mitchell on 0407075516



CAREERS

YEAR 12: UAC, (University Admission Centre) books can be collected from my office, UAC applications should be done by 28 September.

EAS, (Educational Access Scheme) forms for any disadvantage suffered during the HSC year can give you extra ATAR points, see me for more details.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS will be occurring over the next month or so, it's important to visit the university you're contemplating to see if it is right for you, see flyer for dates.

YEAR 11 AND 12: TAFE STUDENTS Students MUST inform me if they are going to be absent for any reason! Year 11 students planning to continue their TAFE course in 2014 will need to complete a new "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST", (EOI) FORM and return to me before the end of this term.

YEAR 10: Careers Lessons are in Science classes this term; we will be continuing to build their "Career Portfolio" by creating a resume. We will also be looking into work safety issues and some world of work scenarios.

Some students will be undertaking Work Experience too, remember the documentation MUST be in 2 weeks before the Work Experience week! Time is running out, only the first 5 weeks of term 4 are available for work experience!! Don't forget to send me some photos!

Year 10 students who chose a TAFE subject as part of their subject selection for Preliminary/HSC will also need to complete an EOI form and return to me by the end of term.

YEAR 10,11 and 12: STUDENTS: Please log on to:

"My High School Careers" website-Pittwater High School subscribes to this website which advertises current careers events. To login: use "parent" or "student" then password "mhs2013". You can also register for email alerts! The "Calendar" is great info!

Or for more general careers information, look at our Careers website by checking out www.careersworks.com, (the password was emailed earlier to students and parents but please email me if you don't have it).

JOB

LANDSCAPING APPRENTICESHIP

Get Smart Landscaping is a local landscaping company involved in all aspects of landscaping including structural and soft landscaping. They are currently looking for conscientious, reliable apprentices with a great attitude and a desire to enter the landscaping industry, to join their team.

As most of their work is in the Wahroonga, Turramurra and Mosman areas, potential employees need to be able to get to and from site (i.e have a driver's permit, starting at 7am).

Please contact their office at: Vicki, Get Smart Landscaping - 9450 1532

OR Email: info@getsmartlandscaping.com.au



Casual and Part Time Positions—Narrabeen—Training provided, no experience necessary.

Age: 15-17yrs. Log on to www.aldertonenterprises.com and click 'join us'.

For more information contact Jessica Darmanin, Human Resources & Administration Coordinator on 8821 7227 or email Jessica@aldertonenterprises.com.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS FOR 2013

Open Days for 2013

APM College of Business and Communication

North Sydney 27 August, 10 December

Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus 31 August
North Sydney campus 7 September
Strathfield campus 7 September

Australian College of Applied Psychology

Sydney campus 31 July, 27 August, 17 September, 6 November

Australian Maritime College

Beauty Point campus 25 August
Newnham campus 25 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.
For further information, call (03) 6324 9646

Australian National University 31 August

For campus tours, visit <http://students.anu.edu.au/events/campustours.php>

Billy Blue College of Design

North Sydney 20 June, 3 October

Charles Sturt University Open day every day

For campus tours/appointments and course information, call 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit www.csu.edu.au/campustour

CQUniversity

8 August
For campus tours or other information, call 13 CQUni (13 27 86)

Griffith University

Gold Coast campus

11 August

International College of Management, Sydney

Manly campus

18 August

Jansen Newman Institute

For course information, Freecall 1800 777 116

La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga campus
Mildura campus

30 August
14 August

Macleay University

24 August

Macquarie University

14 September

MIT Sydney

For campus tours/appointments and course information, call (02) 8267 1400 or visit www.mit.edu.au

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1800 626 481 or (02) 6620 3975 or visit www.scu.edu.au/campustours

University of Canberra

31 August

University of New England

3 May

For personalised campus tours, call 1800 818 865

University of New South Wales

Open Day 7 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra 31 August

University of Newcastle

Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) Information Day 17 August
Newcastle campus (Callaghan) Information Day 24 August
Port Macquarie campus Information Night 29 August

University of Sydney

Sydney Uni Open Day 31 August

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Open Day, City campus 31 August
UTS Open Day, Kuring-gai campus 7 September

University of Western Sydney

Open Day, Parramatta campus 1 September

University of Wollongong

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869

William Blue College of Hospitality Management

North Sydney 17 August, 10 December

UAC key dates for 2014 admissions

PHS SAILING PROGRAM

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The PHS School Sailing Program will be held on Wednesday afternoons in Term 4 based out of Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club using AYF accredited instructors. It is available for students from year 8 onwards. Seniors are welcome if their timetable allows. The program caters for students from novice to experienced levels sailing club Hobie Waves and PHS's own Pacer dinghy's.

Parent transport is provided to RPAYC but students need to arrange their own transport home.

The fees are \$240 for the 8 week term payable by the first week in term 4.

In order to run the program we need an indication of numbers. Please complete details below and return this form to the Red Box in A Block foyer by 16 September.

STUDENTS NAME.....ROLL CALL CLASS.....

PARENTS NAME & EMAIL.....

HOME PHONE.....

MOBILE.....

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH TRANSPORT FROM PHS
TO RPAYC AT 12.30 (circle) YES NO

Level of sailing ability: (circle)

Experienced

Intermediate

Novice

Leisa Stranack; PHS Sailing Co-ordinator; 0418 619760



MUSIC NEWS

TERM 3 WEEK 8 August 2013



PERFORMANCE & MEETING DATES

Term 3 - Performances	Day	Time/ Place	Bands
7 September	Saturday	RSL - 2.00 – 3.00pm	Senior Stage Band
9 September – Canteen help please	Monday	7.00pm PHS Hall	Strings and Orchestra
17 September "Daintree" Concert	Tuesday	Concert @ 7.00pm. Sydney Town Hall.	Orchestra
5 October (Holiday)		4.15 Arrival; 5.00pm time slot	Senior Stage Band
Term 4 – Meeting	Day	Time/ Place	Bands
14 October 2013 Music Ensemble Committee Meeting	Monday	7.00pm - Pittwater RSL	Including Election of New Office Bearers.

Bathurst Tour: Payment for the Bathurst tour is due no later than 20 September. There are still 5-8 places available and this tour is open to everyone in the Music program.

Election Day Fundraiser: Don't forget to tell everyone to come to PHS to vote and bring some small change to spend on delicious hand made jams, marmalades, pickles etc!

Cakes for Canteen on 9 September: Volunteers needed from Strings and Orchestra to help run this canteen and to donate items, etc. Contact Kim if you can assist.

Margaret Chalmers Memorial Scholarship 2013 (MTA): Congratulations to both Natalie Mavridis and Georgina Gwatkin-Higson for being amongst the five finalists selected for the MTA of NSW's Margaret Chalmers Memorial Scholarship Concert—a Scholarship for all instrumentalists, under 25 years of age. Georgina ultimately won the Scholarship.

CONTACTS:

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Canteen: Kim Jeffreys: kimjefferys@optusnet.com.au or 0422 002 519

Ensemble Parents:

Concert: Elizabeth Gardner: elizgard@tpg.com.au or 0414 704 812

Symphonic: Anne Connors: bcmcycles@bigpond.com or 0415 255 498

Symphony Orchestra: Joanne Gwatkin-Higson (above)

Strings: Grace Marshall: grace.marshall@ioof.com.au or 0408 811 066

Junior Stage: Julie Rodgers: jl.rodgers@bigpond.com or 0438 635 048

Senior Stage: Allison Meadows: meadows2@iinet.net.au or 0412 564 674

PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

DATE _____ Order Taken By (Internal Use): _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ ROLL CALL: _____

CONTACT PHONE NO's (Home): _____ (Parent Mobile) _____

				Order Details		
	Item	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty	Total Price
GIRLS	Junior Tartan Tunic – Summer	6-22	65			
	Junior Tartan Skirt – Summer	6-22	39			
	Junior Tartan Skirt –all year round	4-18	59			
	Junior Blue Short-Sleeved, Pintucked Blouse	10-22	25			
	Junior & Senior Long Black Pants – Winter	4-16	20			
	Senior White Short-Sleeved Blouse with Maroon Piping, PHS Embroidered	8-22	30			
	Senior Grey, Front Pleated Skirt – Summer and Winter	8-22	59			
BOYS*	Junior Maroon Polo Shirts with PHS Emblem	10-26	30			
	Junior & Senior Grey Surf Style Shorts	XXS-5XL	39			
	Junior Midford Grey Elastic Waist Shorts	12-18	25			
	Senior White Collar Short-Sleeved Button Shirt	16-26	30			
	Senior Maroon School Tie with PHS Embroidery	16-26	22			
UNISEX	Maroon Fleecy Zippered (Hoodie) with PHS Embroidery	XXS-XXL	50			
	Junior Maroon Sweatshirt (Sloppy Joe)PHS Embroidery	12-22	29			
	Junior Grey Woollen "V" Neck Jumper	10-18	70			
	Senior Maroon Woollen "V" Neck Jumper with PHS Emblem	10-24	75			
	Senior Maroon School Blazer with PHS Emblem	14-24	110			
SPORTS UNIFORM UNISEX	Maroon Microfibre Shorts PHS Logo	XS-XXL	35			
	Maroon Knit Short PHS Logo	12-16	25			
	White Polo Shirt with PHS Emblem	10-24	30			
	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants	12-XL	45			
	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Zip Up Top with PHS Emblem	12-XL	45			
	PHS Maroon Rugby Shorts	XS-XL	22			
	Maroon and White Long Rugby Socks		10			
OTHER	Scientific Calculators – required for Yr 7 Mathematics		33			
	Portable USB 2GB		7			
	Black Winter Stockings – Girls	S,M,L	9			
	Year 7 book pack		70			
	Year 8 book pack		41			
TOTAL AMOUNT TO PAY						

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- A selection of second hand uniforms are available for purchase at reduced prices
- The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15am to 11.15am, and located at the far end of the Canteen – enquiries 9979 6968 or contact the Uniform Shop manager Kim Gobbe.

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Hand made jams, marmalades,
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Fundraiser for PHS Music Program

Georgina Gwatkin-Higson (Yr 9), recipient of the Margaret Chalmers Memorial Scholarship with the winners of the Elizabeth Todd Lieder Prize, the Marcus Edwards Violin Scholarship and the President of the Music Teachers Association of New South Wales, Dr Rita Crews.



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 Monday 9 September
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Sunday 15 September
 7 - 10pm
 Warriewood United Cinema
 4 Vuko Place, Warriewood
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 0401 269 239 or youthfilmfestival247-edc@yahoo.com.au

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Another Sushi Day Due to popular demand Friday 13th September

Fundraiser for the Japan Study Tour in September

Hand rolls: \$3.00 each.

Hosomaki rolls: \$4.00 each

from morning tea: available in the quadrangle



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headspace Northern Beaches is part of a new approach to mental health services for young people and will be opening in early-2014. Doctors, Psychologists, Youth Workers and other community services and programmes including Drug and Alcohol, Sexual Health and Vocational Services can all be found at **headspace** Northern Beaches.

headspace Northern Beaches is recruiting young people aged 12 – 24 years to join our Youth Advisory Group. The Youth Advisory Group's main focus is to help us keep

headspace Northern Beaches accessible, appealing and relevant to young people. The Youth Advisory Group meets regularly to give their opinions and ideas, participate in community activities and develop workshops for young people.

- ☒ You are passionate about improving mental health services for young people
- ☒ You want to gain new experiences and perspectives
- ☒ You like networking and getting involved in the community
- ☒ You want to have a say and have your opinions about youth mental health heard
- ☒ You are aged between 12 and 24 years

There are also opportunities to attend meetings in the community to represent **headspace** Northern Beaches Youth Advisory Group.

For any inquiries about **headspace** Northern Beaches Youth Advisory Group, please contact **Sarah Mercer**, Manager – Northern Beaches CAMHS, 9466-2520 or sarah.mercer@health.nsw.gov.au, before Friday, 13 September 2013.

More information about **headspace** can be found on their website: <http://www.headspace.org.au/about-headspace>

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