



NEED TO SUCCEED

Principal's Report—Jane Ferris

Last week I joined parents, students, principals and education systems leaders at the public symposium "Need to Succeed: What Next for Fairer School Funding?" with key speakers including NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli and Gonski review panellists Dr Ken Boston and Kathryn Greiner.

New research presented at the symposium by leading education advocates Chris Bonnor AM and Bernie Shepherd AM revealed that equity and disadvantage in Australian schools is still a major problem despite three years having passed since the problem was flagged in the original Gonski review.

The report found:

Between 2010 – when Gonski was released – and 2013, average Year 9 NAPLAN scores in disadvantaged schools have fallen by 10% or more compared to more advantaged schools. The greater the difference in relative advantage, the greater the difference in outcomes.

An analysis of school funding in a random sample of 50 federal electorates found 131 less advantaged government schools which receive less government funding than at least one more advantaged nearby non-government school

Student performance has diverged over time, between advantaged and disadvantaged students, with the divergence being most noticeable in the secondary years and in metropolitan areas.

Over five years of NAPLAN testing (2009-2013) student performance has not lifted and if anything, the achievement level of Australia's lowest performers has fallen.

Centre for New Public Education Director, Ricky Campbell-Allen, said the equity gap in Australia meant kids were still not getting the education they deserved.

"NSW has taken action and begun the hard work of changing their funding model to better address student need by allocating funding on the basis of school location, student need and targeted assistance," she said.

"The NSW case highlights that a fairer funding model can be achieved at the state level and why it matters to parents, teachers and students."

For more information on why we need a fairer funding model in Australia, visit www.needtosucceed.org



UNIFORM SHOP
is desperate for
helpers.
TUESDAY
MORNINGS
8:15am - 9am.

If you can spare 45mins on a Tuesday morning,
please call Kim: 0412 448 177

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY:
WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP IN
UNIFORM SHOP FOR YEAR 7 ORIENTATION.
8:30am - 11:30am



CALENDAR

Sun 2—Fri 7 Nov	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Hike
Fri 7 Nov	HSC Exams End
Mon 10-Fri 14 Nov	Yr 11 Hosp Work Placement
Tues 11, Wed 12, Fri 14 Nov	Yr 8 ESSA exam
Wed 26 Nov	P&C Meeting-7:30pm
Wed 3 Dec	Yr 6 Orientation Day

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Renee Andrews; Rachel Fleming

This term has started on a positive note with most students very focused in classes.

Year 12, 2015 attended a 'Surviving the HSC' evening where Ms Fleming and Ms Cesta provided valuable information on the upcoming year, including the distribution of the assessment booklet. The information was very well received, with many of the parents and students expressing their satisfaction and gratitude for the timely advice.

Students in Years 7-10 may have examinations that will be carried out in class during normal class time.

It is very important that Year 10 students maintain their focus and continue their preparation for the senior school. It is very pleasing to see so many of them starting to wear the senior uniform.

Who are your kids really talking to? Guide your kids on Snapchat



Snapchat has over 100m users worldwide. Unfortunately the use of Snapchat is not as innocent as it may appear on the surface. The Australian and Communications Authority (ACMA) have commented "there have been concerns that Snapchat, a mobile app that allows smartphone users to send a video or photo with a caption to others, can lead to sexting and content that is not suitable for the eyes of some younger users." There is also a misconception that once a picture or video is posted and disappears it will not be seen again. Deleted pictures are stored and can be accessed leading to potentially embarrassing situations.

Follow this link to help you guide your children on using this app safely.

<http://www.acma.gov.au/theACMA/engage-blogs/engage-blogs/Cybersmart/Anonymous-online-Guide-your-kids-on-Kik-and-Snapchat>

We have uploaded a publication from the ACMA on the school website under 'Caring for students'. It has some excellent information for parents and students about how to manage a snapchat situation that may have gone wrong, and give you a better understanding of this very popular app.

Save the Date

We are looking forward to seeing many families at our Spring BBQ and Community Forum. The community forum is an opportunity for everyone to have an input into the directions of the school over the next three years as we create our strategic plan. The invitation below outlines the time and date. We will be emailing all families with a link so you can RSVP for catering purposes.



Spring BBQ & Community Forum

When:
Friday 21
November

Time:
Starts at
5.00pm

Where:
Near the
hall

**All
welcome**

RSVP
online

Making connections

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

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Last week all students were issued their PHS Student Portal Letters!

Students can now follow the instructions on their letters to register and begin accessing useful information and technology links used at school.

Information includes NAPLAN results, school report comments and links include PHS website, ediac, moodle, edmodo, DEC emails.

For more information about the parent and student portal, please log onto the Pittwater High School website, click on the technology and e-learning tab and read the information under the PHS parent and student portal tab. Parents can retrieve their portal letters from the front office upon presenting photo ID.

Students who did not receive a letter will need to see Ms Cesta in the printroom.

BYOD - NEW PROCEDURE!

We have made some changes to the process of allowing students access to the PHS WiFi on their BYOD devices. Please refer to the information below and the school website for further information regarding specifications, User Agreements and Frequently Asked Questions.

NEW PROCEDURE:

Steps to connecting your device to the PHS wireless network (WiFi)

It is recommended that parents/caregivers read the BYOD policy carefully with their children.

1. Obtain a user agreement from the front office or print from the PHS website.
2. Complete the BYOD/Internet user agreement ensuring all fields have been accurately completed and signed.
3. Take your device and completed user agreement personally to Linus or John in the BYOD office in upper A Block (next to the Staff Common Room).
4. Linus and John will file your user agreement and give you a BYOD sticker to put on your device in return.
5. Access all you need for school through the student portal.
6. Begin your BYOD journey!

Linus and John can give you WiFi access during lunch 1 and lunch 2.

Students are not able to complete this process during their timetabled lessons unless accompanied by a note from their teacher.

Vanessa Cesta
HT Teaching & Learning

CAREERS

Year 12: Exit Plan Interviews: were conducted last term, however, if anyone missed their timeslot for any reason, please reschedule. Things being discussed are University applications/early entry schemes, TAFE applications and job hunting!

Year 12: UAC, (University Admission Centre)-it's not too late to lodge a late application for a university place; you'll just pay an extra fee!

Year 12: Educational Access Scheme, (EAS) - If you have suffered any long term disadvantage in your HSC year; prolonged illness or family misfortune, you are eligible to apply for extra ATAR points through the EAS. Please see me for an application form. (Forms were due back to me by the end of September) but let me know if you would still like to apply.

Year 11: If you're unable to attend TAFE for any reason, you must inform me. (Otherwise you will be issued an "attendance alert" from TAFE). Also, if you are either planning to continue your TAFE course in 2015 or you would like to take up a new TAFE course, please complete an Expression of Interest form and give to me by the end of term.

Year 10: Careers Lessons this term are during HSIE lessons, (roughly once a fortnight). We are investigating job interviews, alternate pathways after school and finalising their Careers Portfolios!

Year 10: The Year 10's who selected a TAFE course as part of their pattern of study for the HSC in 2015, need to complete an "Expression of Interest" form and give to me by the end of term.

JOBS:

Students need to check their department emails regularly for advertised jobs! There have been a few lately, it's a popular time of year to advertise!

Also, checkout www.seek.com.au for more jobs or **The Manly Daily** for local jobs!

MOCK Interviews - see letter over page.

TAX FILE NUMBER applications: every student will need a Tax File Number at some stage whether for a part-time job or University or TAFE applications. See me for an application form, it is a much easier process through school, you don't need proof of identity. A new group of applications will be processed mid term.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS: Please log onto "**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 "14cairns". You can also register for email alerts! The "Calendar" is great info! 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). Also, we have created www.pittwaterhighcareers.com website to trial this term.

I would love some feedback on the above websites, please email me on jocelyn.bates@det.nsw.edu.au

J. Bates, (Careers Adviser, EXT 106).



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Deputy Principals: Ms R. Andrews and Ms R. Fleming,

21 October 2014

The Rotary Club of Narrabeen Lakes is organising a special night of

MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

Mock Interviews have been organized for Year 10 students as it is expected they are beginning to explore their possible future career options. The purpose of this exercise is to provide guidance, information and encouragement for the students at this early stage of preparation for their future working career. Interviewers are aware that this is the first time for such a personal presentation.

Students will be able to:

- meet and be interviewed by an employer in their choice of profession or trade.
- Discuss with an employer all aspects of their business
- Gain advice from the employer about how to find a job when they leave school
- Be given advice on how to make the best impression with an employer in your field of choice.

One-on-one discussions
Personal advice and guidance

DATE: Monday 17 November 2104

TIME: 7.45pm for 8pm

VENUE: Pittwater RSL Club

Details and preparation for the Interview Night

1. Students will need to dress and speak appropriately for these interviews.
2. Student's resume and any other documents provided will be assessed by the interviewer who will examine and comment on the documents and information.
3. Students will be judged on their performance, including; appearance, posture, courtesy, speech clarity, communication skills and knowledge.
4. Students will be have an opportunity to ask questions - so will need to prepare questions
5. Interviews are expected to last between 15-20 minutes.
6. Parents are invited to attend and after approximately 9pm, may if they wish, speak with the interviewer.

Mrs Bates, Careers Adviser - Ext 106

Notes to be returned by Friday 31 October, (to be placed in box outside Careers Room, A Block)

Name _____ Roll Class _____

I will be attending the Narrabeen Lakes Rotary Mock Interview Evening on 17th November 2014.

The job area I am interested in is _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

MUSIC NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 4

PERFORMANCE & MEETING DIARY DATES



Term 4			
4 November	Tuesday	Rehearsal at 2.45 – 4.00pm	Symphonic Ensemble
11 November – Musicale	Tuesday	PHS School Hall	Senior Strings & Senior Stage
18 Nov – PHS Music Ensemble Presentation Night	Tuesday Evening	PHS School Hall	All Ensembles – Please make a note of this date in your diary NOW

Symphonic Ensemble: Please note earlier time for rehearsal on Tuesday, 4 November.

AMEB Congratulations: Harry Lush for passing AMEB grade 5 cello; Luke Mellon (Yr 7) for Grade 3 Cello with a 'B'.

PHS Ensemble New Committee Members: A Committee meeting was held on 14 October at the RSL and new Committee members were elected. They were as follows: Valerie Mavridis was elected as President; Helena Nobs and David Fogarty were elected as Joint Secretary; Rick Elliott remains as Treasurer. Many thanks go to these parents for volunteering their time and thank you also to David, for his past year as President. Thank you also to the departing Anne Connor for all her hard and conscientious work as Ensemble Librarian. We are still looking for an Ensemble Parent for Symphonic.

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Senior Stage: Sally Simons: sallysimons2@icloud.com or 0414771346
Orchestra: Caroline Cady cazcade@outlook.com or 0425 221 582
Band Captains: Patricia Gwatkin-Higson and Yannick Barford – leaving – replacement needed.

PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Shop Hours – Tuesday and Thursday 8:15-11:15am

Date: _____ Order taken by (internal use): _____

Student's Name: _____ Roll Call: _____

Contact Phone No's (Home): _____ Parent Mobile Phone: _____

				ORDER DETAILS		
	ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL
GIRLS	Junior Tartan Tunic – Summer	6-22	69			
	Junior Tartan Skirt – Summer	6-22	40			
	Junior Tartan Skirt –all year round	4-18	60			
	Junior Blue Short-Sleeved, Pintucked Blouse	10-22	27			
	Junior & Senior Long Black Pants – Winter	4-16	27			
	Senior White Short-Sleeved Blouse with Maroon Piping, PHS Embroidery	8-22	32			
	Senior Grey, Front Pleated Skirt – Summer and Winter	8-22	60			
	White Ankle Socks –	Not sold at Uniform Shop				
BOYS*	Junior Maroon Polo Shirts with PHS Emblem	10-26	32			
	Junior & Senior Grey Surf Style Shorts	XXS-5XL	39			
	Long Grey Pants	Not sold at Uniform Shop				
	Junior Midford Grey Elastic Waist Shorts	12-18	25			
	Senior White Collar Short-Sleeved Button Shirt with PHS Embroidery	16-26	30			
	Senior Maroon School Tie with PHS Embroidery		25			
UNISEX	Maroon Fleecy Zippered (Hoodie) with PHS Embroidery	XXS-XXL	50			
	Junior Maroon Sweatshirt (Sloppy Jo) 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	32			
	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	25			
	Maroon and White Long Rugby Socks		10			
OTHER	Scientific Calculators		33			
	Portable USB 2GB		4			
	Black Winter Stockings – Girls	S,M,L	9			
	Year 7 book pack (inc. scientific calculator)		75			
	Navy Apron		12			
	Year 8 book pack		50			
TOTAL AMOUNT TO PAY						

NAME OF CARDHOLDER: _____ (exactly as shown on card)

Card No: _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry: ____ / ____ CCV No: _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please CIRCLE method of payment CASH CHEQUE EFT Credit Card – MASTERCARD / VISA

EFTPOS facilities available - 1% surcharge on credit card purchases

Cheques are to be made payable to "Pittwater High School Uniform Shop" and have a 5 day clearance hold on items purchased.

All orders must be accompanied with payment and put in an envelope, clearly marked "Uniform Order", and placed in the Red Box in A Block or given to a supervisor in the canteen. Collect uniforms from canteen at any time.

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.

15 October 2014



Spring Festival 2014

Sunday 9th Nov 10am-3pm 2 Tasman Rd North Avalon



Featuring yummy food, great music, produce and plant stalls, beehive splitting workshop, kids' activities, scarecrow making, garden tours and lots lots more.

Come and have fun in our beautiful organic spring garden!

Artwork Graeme Davey

NARRABEEN

LAKES SCHOOL

MARKET

LOTS OF FABULOUS STALLS WITH ORGANIC, HAND-CRAFTED, AUSTRALIAN MADE, FAIR TRADE AND INDIGENOUS PRODUCTS. GREAT FOOD. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT. MAKE A DAY OF IT.

SATURDAY 1ST NOV

9 AM - 3 PM

BY THE LAKE, NEXT TO THE SEA
1299 PITTWATER RD, NARRABEEN
(OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION)



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SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

information sessions

Tuesday 7-9pm 14 October 2014

Tuesday 7-9pm 11 November 2014

MELBOURNE
Conochie Hall
2 Rochester Rd
Canterbury

SYDNEY
Lane Cove Library
Library Place
Lane Cove
Parking station below in Austin St

BRISBANE
Brisbane Girls Grammar
70 Gregory Terrace
Brisbane
BGG 3rd Floor Creative Learning Centre

ADELAIDE
Marion Cultural Centre
287 Diagonal Rd
Oaklands Park

1800 500 501 scceast@scce.com.au www.scce.com.au



Wed 29 Oct	Lana Mares, Lynne Fricke
Thurs 30 Oct	Dianne Del Pozo, Kate Bryant
Fri 31 Oct	Debbie Havenstein, Sue Nicol, Kim Haywood-Matty
Mon 3 Nov	Karen Maguire, Tory van Brugge
Tues 4 Nov	Leonie Olivari, Blandine Bizeau, Ann Clayton
Wed 5 Nov	Melissa Trbojevic, Linda Newman, Di Brian, Helen Mijakovac, Deanna James
Thurs 6 Nov	Keryn Gallaher, Sarah Jones
Fri 7 Nov	Rhonda Scotter, Sunny Van Raad, Lisa Haworth
Mon 10 Nov	Deb Bertock, Christine Bratkovic, Roger Springthorpe
Tue 11 Nov	Sue Stevens, Kim Jeffreys, Wendy Mclean

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

WE DESPERATELY NEED HELPERS FOR THURSDAY

If any parents, friends, family or grandparents would like to assist on any day helpers are needed please contact myself or Felicity or Katrina in the canteen.

A full day is 9am to 2.30 or 3pm A half day is 3 hours

Fiona Griffith, canteen roster coordinator,
packfund@optusnet.com.au; phone 0431 121 631



SYDNEY WIND SYMPHONY

Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 18th October – from 6pm

THE MOST IMPORTANT MUSICAL EVENT HELD IN GREAT BRITAIN RELOCATES TO THE NORTHERN BEACHES.

The Sydney Wind Symphony's popular programme featuring the much loved classics of Land of Hope and Glory, Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Jerusalem, Pomp & Circumstance and Rule Britannia.

Supported by:
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 BARRENJOEY HIGH SCHOOL STAGE BAND
 NORTH SYDNEY SENIOR SECONDARY REGIONAL BAND

Fine food – Coffee and Drinks available

TICKET PRICES – \$20 Adult – \$10 U18 – \$40 Family
 At the door and on – <http://www.trybooking.com/TS40>

BARRENJOEY HIGH SCHOOL
 TASMAN RD NORTH AVALON
 Doors Open 5.30pm

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INTERESTED IN PART TIME WORK?

Expression of Interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) Position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

BOOK FAIR 21-23 November 2014

Dear Lifeline Book Lover,

The countdown to Christmas and the holiday season has begun and so too have the preparations for our final book fair for 2014. Traditionally, this is a bumper event both for Lifeline Northern Beaches fundraising and for all book lovers who support our important work in the local community.

Please find the details below and please put into your diary and remember to share with family, friends and colleagues!

VENUE	Balgowlah Boys Campus Sydney Road and Marettimo Street		
	BALGOWLAH		
DATES/TIMES	Friday	21 November	4.00pm – 9.00pm
	Saturday	22 November	9.00am – 5.00pm
	Sunday	23 November	9.00am – 2.00pm

GOLD COIN ENTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Over the 3 days, you will have the opportunity to browse and shop from over 25,000 books, some new, most "as new". What better time to build up your Summer reading collection, select a title to say Thank You to someone who has helped you out this year or to put together a book gift pack to fill out a Christmas stocking or place under a wishing tree. Of course, we'll have a selection of beautiful Christmas books to excite children and families.

For information about the work of Lifeline Northern Beaches and what's happening, please visit Lifeline Northern Beaches or call 9949 5522

Somewhere in Australia there is a new call to Lifeline every minute and it costs Lifeline \$27.96 for every call that we respond to.

This is why your ongoing support is important and valued.

If you do not wish to receive any Book Fair notices in the future, please respond with UNSUBSCRIBE.

 **Lifeline**
 Northern Beaches
 North Sydney to Palm Beach

Mona Vale Laneway Night Markets

Laneway between Mona Vale Memorial Hall and the Library - 5pm to 9pm

Pittwater Council is hosting the Mona Vale laneway night markets on the following Friday evenings:

★ 17 & 31 October ★
 ★ 14 & 28 November ★

- Hot food stalls
- Live Music
- Come and relax and enjoy the ambience of the Friday night laneway markets

For Information: Nikki Griffith on 9970 1165 or email nikki_griffith@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

 **PITTPATER COUNCIL** www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/markets