

## MAKING CONNECTIONS: Spring BBQ and Community Forum

Principal's Report—Jane Ferris

We are looking forward to seeing many families at our Spring BBQ and Community Forum on Friday 21 November from 5pm. The community forum is an opportunity for parents, students and interested community members to have an input into the directions of our school.

The executive and staff have been evaluating over the last two terms what we value at Pittwater High, the priorities we have set through our annual targets and considering how we can build on this. As a result we have developed an overarching purpose for our school supported by three strategic directions to be implemented over the next three to six years. One of our priorities is to make stronger connections with all in our school community. Therefore this forum gives us the opportunity to do just that. So come and find out what we are planning and have a say as we further develop our plan.

We do anticipate a good turn up as all the SRC and prefects have committed to come along and bring parents with them. Also our growing P&C are supporting this event including providing the BBQ. So we would love many other parents and students to join us – great for you to also make connections and meet others interested in their child's education.



Spring BBQ & Community Forum

**When:**  
Friday 21  
November

**Time:**  
Starts at  
5.00pm

**Where:**  
Near the  
hall

**All  
welcome**

**RSVP  
online**

### Making connections

Please copy the link into your browser and enter the code so you can RSVP for catering purposes.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>  
then enter the code: 65J44

This event also will draw to a conclusion **Spirit Week** which is being run by the prefects with the support of the SRC. The highlight of the week is the Friday with fun activities and stalls over the lunch breaks. There will be a mufti-day where students dress as a favourite book or film character with prizes for the best dressed. Proceeds will be going towards the **library upgrade** which we hope to commence at the beginning of December.

### High School Experience Day

On Monday we hosted approximately 100 year 5 students from Newport Public School to a taster of high school. Students participated in a range of lessons such as science, history, wood technology, visual arts, drama, gym and agriculture giving them the opportunity to be taught by specialist teachers in specialist rooms. This was a wonderful opportunity to assist them early on in their orientation towards high school for 2016. The visiting primary school teachers were very impressed at the calibre of teachers, the maturity and helpfulness of the year 9 helpers and how welcome they were all made to feel.

At the conclusion of the day the students were treated to a concert featuring our talented musicians and dancers. The hard work and commitment by our staff is greatly appreciated and we thank all involved. Now we are gearing up to do the same again on Thursday, this time for 178 students from Mona Vale Public School.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Renee Andrews; Rachel Fleming

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have finished the HSC. Some of our Year 12's have already accepted placements into university courses or began their apprenticeships. On Thursday 18 December Year 12 are invited back to our HSC ATAR morning tea.

## Year 11 Changes to Pattern of Study

All Year 11 students who are signing out of a course must complete the orange change of subject form. These can be collected from Ms Cesta. Only when a new timetable is issued to the student is the change to occur.

## Outstanding School Contributions and Course Fees

As you are aware Pittwater strives to offer a broad curriculum to cater to the needs of all of our students. As a result course fees are essential to purchase equipment for certain courses. Students in all year groups have been issued with fees sheets. We would appreciate that all outstanding school contributions and subject fees are paid on time.

## Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that all students are in correct uniform. It is important that all students are in hard leather school shoes at all times. With 6 weeks to go we would appreciate your ongoing support in making sure that your son/daughter is maintaining correct uniform.

**School work and learning for all year groups continues until the end of term.** Over the next 6 weeks students will be requested to complete a clearance form. This is to enable us to collect equipment and text books --- it does not signal the end of school.

**All students are expected at school until the last day of term – Wednesday 17 December.**

## TECHNOLOGY - Ms Cesta

A reminder for all parents regarding the PHS Parent and Student Portal: Students were issued their letters to register for the Student portal a fortnight ago. These letters were not parent access letters!

Parents are reminded to go to the front office and present photo ID to pick up their parent portal letter if they have not done so already.

Parents and students have different access keys. Parent access keys allow access to ALL their children in one login. Whereas student access keys allow students access to their own information.

Student access keys must be registered with student @education.nsw.gov.au email addresses.

There are instructions on how to register on both letters. Please remember to access the PHS parent and portal letter via google chrome. There have been issues accessing the PHS Parent and Student portal via other web browsers such as internet explorer, mozilla firefox and so on.

Please email the school if you require assistance with registration. Please ensure the Subject of the email is: **Attention Vanessa Cesta RE Parent and Student Portal registration**

CALENDAR	
Tuesday 11 November	Music Performance Night—All welcome
Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Friday 14 November	Year 8 ESSA exam
Monday 17—Friday 21 November	Prefect Spirit Week
Friday 21 November	Spring BBQ & Community Forum
Wednesday 26 November	P&C Meeting-7:30pm
Wednesday 3 December	Year 6 Orientation Day

# SPORT

Kate has been selected to represent NSW in the Under 17 Softball Team to compete at the Australian titles in Canberra in January next year.



**CONGRATULATIONS KATE**

## **2014 SPORTS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**

will be held on Wednesday 19 November 2014  
at 9:30am in School Hall

**A Celebration of School Sporting Achievement**



# MARINE and AQUACULTURE TECHNOLOGY

## **Old Aquarium supplies wanted. Donations welcome.**

Spring is here and Pittwater High School has been awash with newborn babies...yabby babies. The school's resident blue clawed crayfish have been busy producing over a thousand offspring with many more on the way. The youngest resemble miniature versions of their parents and have voracious appetites to match. The yabby breeding program is part of a topic studied by our Marine and Aquaculture Technology students. Students learn about the role that aquaculture can play in feeding the future. The development of environmentally and economically sustainable methods of farming fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants is essential for relieving the pressure on wild fish stocks as well as on the marine and aquatic environment.

The year 10 students have been busy learning about the aquaculture of crustaceans, introducing them to basic anatomy, physiology and behaviour of crustaceans to assist the growing of these animals for food.

The year 9 students have been focusing on the growing of silver perch in the schools aquaponics and large fish rearing facility. In order to improve the aquaculture facilities and the program we offer at the school, the science department is seeking donations of any aquarium supplies. If you have any filters, air pumps, heaters, cleaning supplies or Aquariums that you no longer use, the Aquaculture and technology students would gladly put them to good use. Any donations can be dropped to the Science faculty. Otherwise contact Mr Cannings at the school to arrange larger supplies to be picked up.



# CAREERS

## Exiting 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!

**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!

**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.

**New Year 12:** 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 ASAP.

## 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 Careers Portfolios!**

**TAFE**-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 ASAP.

## JOBS:

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

Also, checkout [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au) for more jobs or **The Manly Daily** for local jobs!

**MOCK Interviews**- have been postponed from the 17 November at Pittwater RSL due to a lack of interest from Year 10, the opportunity will now be offered to the new year 12.

**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!

Or for more general careers information, look at our Careers website by checking out [www.careersworks.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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,

10 November 2014

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

## MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

Mock Interviews have been organized for Year 10/11 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:** TBA 2104

**TIME:** 7.45pm for 8pm

**VENUE:** Pittwater RSL Club

### Details & 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. After approximately 9pm, parents may, if they wish, speak with the interviewer.

Mrs Bates, Careers Adviser (ext 106)

Notes to be returned by Tuesday 18 November, (to be placed in box outside Careers Room, A Block)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the Narrabeen Lakes Rotary Mock Interview Evening (date TBA dependent on interest).

The job area I am interested in is \_\_\_\_\_

# YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

## - for Year 11 Students at NSW Parliament

On Wednesday 15 October, Megan and I attended the Year 11 Young Women's Leadership Seminar. The event, held at NSW Parliament house, was an inspirational day for women to celebrate gender and positive futures. We were gathered among other female leaders from schools across the state, to discuss the concepts and definitions of leadership, as well as issues that may affect women in leadership roles. The seminar enabled young leaders to meet a variety of significant women leaders.



Guest speaker Jess Sculley was a powerful, successful and highly motivating person, and both Megan and I left feeling empowered to achieve our potentials and really make a difference.

Thank you to Ms Purvis for nominating Megan and I to be a part of such an influential day.

Darienne

# METROPOLITAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHESS COMPETITION

Pittwater High School entered two teams in the Metropolitan Secondary Schools Chess competition in Term 2 this year. The competition took place on Friday afternoons, with both home and away games. Our teams played a number of local schools, including Manly Selective High, St Augustine's, Oxford Falls Grammar and Balgowlah Boys. Proudly, our A team won their Junior Grade division and qualified for the Met North Region finals but they were later knocked out in the Semi-Finals.

## **The A team:**

Finn, Miku, Heydon and Glenn

## **The B team:**

Ferdi , James , Danzig  
and Michael .

Henry reserve for both teams.



Interschool Chess competition proved to be a valuable experience for the players in more ways than one. Not only did the players improve their Chess, but new friends were made and some good social skills were gained over the delicious afternoon teas.

A special thank you to all who drove us to our matches this year; without you Chess competitions and tournaments would not have been possible!

# THE MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS CHESS CHALLENGE

On Sunday 26 October, a team of four Pittwater students headed off to Macquarie University for a chess tournament. It was a really hot day and we had to play 7 games of chess against all the different schools using time clocks. We played some girls first and then I remember some smartly dressed private school kids in blazers. I forgot to click my clock once and ran out of time early; I was winning too, which wasn't fair. I will never make that mistake again! Overall, it was a fun day and I have to say that every time we lost, it made winning all the more satisfying. Anyway, we went expecting not to win anything and as it turned out, were stoked as one by one each member of our team won a game and joined our 'Chuppa Chup Club!'

Sam Squire, Chess Competition Captain.





# MUSIC NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 6

## PERFORMANCE & MEETING DIARY DATES



Term 4			
11 November – Musicale	Tuesday	PHS School Hall	Senior Strings and Senior Stage 6.30pm musician arrival
13 November	Thursday	PHS	Senior Strings and Senior Stage
13 November – China Tour	Thursday Evening	Pittwater RSL	Share the load on fund raising for this major event. 7pm
18 Nov – PHS Music Ensemble Presentation Night	Tuesday Evening	PHS School Hall	All Ensembles 6.30pm musician arrival
21 November – Community BBQ	Friday Evening	PHS School Hall	Junior Stage 5.30pm musician arrival
2 December	Tuesday Evening	Pittwater RSL	7.00pm All welcome

**Symphonic Ensemble:** We are still looking for an Ensemble Parent for Symphonic.

**China Tour:** The first China Tour fund-raising meeting will be at Pittwater RSL on Thursday, 13 November.

**Presentation Night:** We listed the achievements of our musicians in terms of AMEBs, Membership of other Ensembles last year – any further accomplishments to share?

**Final meeting of the year:** Main discussion will be getting ready for next year.

**Additional opportunities:** A friend of the program has a mini grand piano for sale  
[alisonberner62@gmail.com](mailto:alisonberner62@gmail.com)

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**Band Captains:** Nick Simons and Robbie Fabbro

# 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-XI	45			
	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Zip Up Top with PHS Emblem	12-XI	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



# Music Performance Night TONIGHT

Featuring individual items,  
7E music class, senior stage band and senior strings

**Starts 7pm in Hall    Free    All welcome**



Wed 12 Nov	Anne Carolan, Nicole Graham
Thurs 13 Nov	Karen Maguire – please call canteen to confirm
Fri 14 Nov	Rowena Kempton, Lana Mares, Alison Turner
Mon 17 Nov	Jenny McDowell, Katie Scharkie, Selenia Webber
Tues 18 Nov	Natasha Zani, Gloria Hardman, Ann Clayton
Wed 19 Nov	Lara Floyd, Fiona Griffiths – Helpers needed – please call canteen to confirm
Thurs 20 Nov	Glenda Hanks, , Sheridan Femia
Fri 21 Nov	C Marshall, Sandra Avedissian
Mon 24 Nov	Lisa Stranack, Diana Shanks, Miriam Bookey, Janet Howard
Tue 25 Nov	Helena Nobs, Leigh Griffiths – Helpers needed – please call canteen to confirm

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



Mona Vale Commodores Netball Club

## 2015 Registration Day

Pittwater RSL Club  
Saturday 31st January 2015  
10am – 1.00pm

or  
**Earlybird Regos Open NOW**  
(see website for details & save on \$\$\$)



NET Set Go (5-7 years)  
Net SET Go (Nettass) (8-9 years)  
Juniors (10-16 years)  
Seniors (17 years+)

Please bring a copy of child's birth certificate + 1 passport sized photo



- Come on your own or join with a friend.
- Get a team together now for 2015.
- All ages & abilities welcome.



Uniform fitting & ordering at registration day.

[www.monavalecommodores.com](http://www.monavalecommodores.com)

2015 Northern Beaches

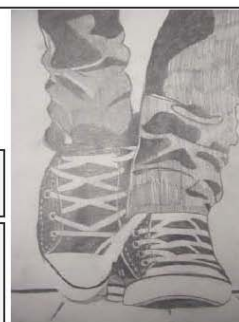
## Youth Drawing Prize

Budding artists age 10 to 21 are invited to submit up to two 'free choice' black & white or colour drawings using pencil, ink, pastel, charcoal or watercolour.



**Finalists Exhibition**  
Friday 13 to Saturday 28 March, 2015  
**Announcement of Winners**  
Friday 13 March, 7pm  
**People's Choice Winner Awarded**  
Saturday, 28 March at 2pm

**Exhibition Venue** If u like ART studio,  
1a Powells Rd Brookvale (cnr Mitchell Rd)  
**Exhibition Hours**  
Mon to Fri 2pm-7pm, Sat & Sun 10am-3pm



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**\$2,000 in prizes**  
**Registration Opens**  
Dec 9, 2014, closes March 3  
Register online at  
[www.ifulikeart.com](http://www.ifulikeart.com)  
Entry fee \$5.50 per drawing  
For enquiries call 0419569483

**CASH PRIZES**  
**10-13 Age Group**  
First \$200 H/C \$100  
**14-17 Age Group**  
First \$300 H/C \$150  
**18-21 Age Group**  
First \$500 H/C \$250  
**People's Choice** \$250