

Gallipoli 2015 School Tour

Principal's Report—Jane Ferris

As you will know from the media, the NSW Government is funding this important initiative which involves 100 students and 28 supporting teachers taking part in a nine day tour to Turkey to visit WW1 battlefields and attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli.



With 420 high schools' Expressions of Interest to participate, Pittwater High School is very fortunate in being one of just 25 schools from across NSW selected to send students to this historic occasion.

The Minister for Veterans Affairs', Victor Dominello said "They will be joining students from across Australia, descendants of those who served at Gallipoli, Australian First World War widows and thousands of other Australians who were successful in the national ballot.

This trip will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for school students from across NSW to learn more about the importance of the sacrifices made by our Anzacs at Gallipoli and to be part of the commemorative ceremonies to mark the 100th anniversary of the Anzacs landing at Gallipoli."

As part of the selection process, at Pittwater High 21 students submitted a project on a theme or topic related to the Centenary of Anzac and the significance of Gallipoli. They are all to be commended for investing time and effort in completing outstanding projects ranging from film, models, art work, music, research projects, essays, poetry and dance. Nine students then proceeded to interview where they discussed their project and what they saw as the significance of Gallipoli. The panel of five consisted of myself as principal, Mr Kovacs as the accompanying teacher, Mr Robert Stokes local member of parliament, Mr Brian Sargeson as Pittwater RSL club president and parent Natalie Isaacs. I thank them all for making themselves available for this important selection process.



We offer warmest congratulations to the successful students from Pittwater High School being Noah, Kathleen, Jessica and Hamish. They will not only personally benefit from this great opportunity but I know they will be fine ambassadors for our school and all youth in NSW. We look forward to them sharing their experiences at our school and in the community. For the other students I know they will make a significant contribution to our commemorative service at Pittwater High next year.

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Renee Andrews; Rachel Fleming

Year 7 to 10 Clearance forms

All students have been issued with clearance forms. Over the next 8 days students are to return all equipment to their class teachers who will then sign their clearance forms. We would appreciate your urgent attention to any outstanding fees to enable us to plan for 2015.

Last day of term for all years is Wednesday 17 December.

Year 7 – 10 Reports and Reflections

Next week on Wednesday 17 December, student academic reports will be emailed to parents and students. **If parents have recently changed their email address, please inform the front office by Wednesday 10 December.**

Please take the time to reflect with your son/daughter on their progress this year. You may like to discuss:

What areas have they done well?

What areas have they improved?

What can they do next year to assist them? How can they improve?

What support do they feel they need to progress next year?

TECHNOLOGY - Ms Cesta

In the past few weeks there have been important updates and changes made to the Pittwater High School website. In particular the **technology and e-learning** tab and the **our school** tab. The PHS 7-12 new student handbook is now available under the our school tab. We will no longer be distributing hard copies of this handbook. Please take the time to read through the handbook at your convenience.

If you will be purchasing a BYOD device for your child to use next year over the holidays, please refer to the **technology and e-learning tab** on the school website. Important information regarding specifications have been included and the updated internet / user agreement has been uploaded for you to print and complete. To register your device, students will need to see our technicians, Linus or John as of next year. The website has details on the process and their location in the school.

Parent and students: In the holidays – Register for the Parent and Student Portal!

Please note: Ms Cesta will be out of the office (country) during the school holidays. Any questions regarding technology will be answered from the 23 January 2015. The information regarding technology on the school website is extensive, please refer to this before purchasing your device. It is recommended that you **print out the specifications sheet and take this with you to show to the sales representative before you purchase a device.**

IMPORTANT DATES 2015:

Wednesday 28 January	Year 7 first day; Years 11 & 12 – return to school - 8.55am - Quad Year 7 Start High School – 9.30am – School Hall
Thursday 29 January	Years 8, 9, 10 – return to school - 8.55am – Quad Year 7, 11, 12 – Normal School Day

Thank you to all staff, students and the school community for their ongoing support this year. It is important that parents continue to be actively involved at all levels of their child's education. When we have open lines of communication across the school it assists us in looking after the wellbeing of your son/daughter and developing suitable teaching and learning programs.

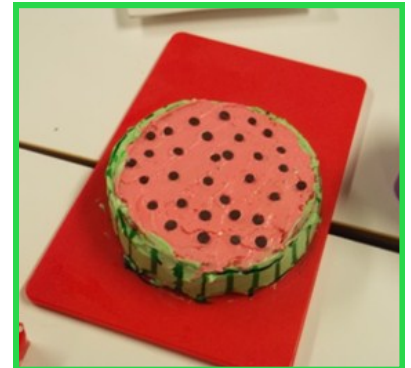
We wish you a safe and happy holiday.

CALENDAR	
Friday 12 December	Year 8 Excursion to Wet 'n' Wild
Wednesday 17 December	Last day for students
Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December	Staff Development Days—no students
2015	
Tuesday 27 January	Staff Development Day—no students
Wednesday 28 January	Years 7, 11 and 12 commence
Thursday 29 January	Years 8, 9 and 10 commence

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 Cake Decorating Assessment Task

Mrs Roulston's class made their cakes for their assessment task on Monday 1 December. As can be seen from the many photos they were exceptional and the judges found it difficult to make a decision. The students were graded on creativity, degree of difficulty and precision. Well done!



MARINE AND AQUACULTURE TECHNOLOGY

The staff in the science department would like to thank all of those parents and staff who have kindly donated their old aquarium equipment to the Marine and Aquaculture Technology program.

The support has been overwhelming and the students will put the equipment to good use in the coming year. We are asking for any old aquarium supplies such as aquariums, heaters, air pumps and filters. In order to improve our program we are also sourcing some old fishing tackle such as hand reels, rods, crab traps and fishing line. If you are looking to clean out your shed or garage and would like to donate such equipment please contact Mr Cannings or Mr Tucker in the science department.

The students have also been involved in breeding blue clawed yabbies. Yabbies make great pets for children and we have some looking for a loving home!. They are low maintenance and fascinating animals. They live for about 4-5 years in captivity. If you're looking for a unique gift this Christmas, you could adopt one of these animals for a small donation to the marine and aquaculture program.



Thank you to Harry Lush in year 9, who has given up many of his lunchtimes in the care of these animals and without his help the breeding program would not of had such a successful year.

Mr Cannings—Classroom Teacher

SPORT

Recently a group of PHS students: Alisha, Chloe, Zoe, Lucy and Jaz competed at the AASCF National Cheerleading and Dance Competition on the Gold Coast. With a high quality and very impressive display, the girls clinched first place in the Level 3 All Girls Small Gym Small Team Competition, defeating 7 other teams.

Mr Dailhou—Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

CAREERS



Remember:

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 for more jobs or **The Manly Daily** for local jobs!

TAX FILE NUMBER applications: the school will no longer process Tax File Number applications in 2015.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS: Please log onto

The [MHSCareers](#) 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 [Careers-Works](#), (the password was emailed earlier to students and parents but please email me if you don't have it).

Also, we have created the [Pittwater High Careers](#) website to trial this term, please have a look and encourage students to **register!!**

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).

MUSIC NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 10

PERFORMANCE & MEETING DIARY DATES



Term 4			
9 December	Tuesday 9th	Pittwater High School	Strings Symphony Orchestra
10 December 7pm	Wed 10th	Pittwater RSL	China Tour Fundraising
Wednesday 17 th December at Mt Druitt Thursday 18 th December at Chatswood Friday 19 th December at Allambie	10.30am	Sunnyfield Christmas Party I realise that schools will have finished by then, so it would be something students would be doing in their own time.	Any interested volunteer musician It doesn't need to be a full band, just enough members to form a small group! The emphasis is on the clients having fun!
3 February 2015	Tuesday	PHS Hall	Band information night followed by meeting Come along and get the early payment discount

Instrument Hire: All hired instruments are to be serviced. Doug Grace Ingleside 0425 371 654. Victoria Repairs on the Hill 0410 441 899. Ian Howick (Brass only) 0417 066 388 Copy service receipt to Dr Hardy.

Presentation award photos: Contact David if you'd like a photo of your musician getting their award

Rehearsals: Most ensembles have finished. Strings and Symphony Orchestra rehearsals continue until 2nd last week of term

China Tour: It's not too late to express interest. Fundraising committee meeting 10th Dec. Bring ideas!

Sunnyfield Christmas Party: Volunteers encouraged to assist **Kristine Pedler**
[k.pedler@sunnyfield.org.au]

2015 Kickoff Meeting: Come along on Feb 3 and help our big intake of year 7 parents with questions. Bring your calendar and pick a convenient performance night to help out with the canteen.

2015 Fundraising: We will run a canteen at all performances next year.

CONTACTS:

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Band Captains: Nick Simons and Robbie Fabbro

SAILING NEWS

Be involved in Australia's most successful Olympic Sport and be part of a
40 year impressive sailing history at PHS

TERM 1, 2015 SCHOOL SPORT

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SAILING - APPLICATION FORM

Wednesday afternoon school sailing will commence at 12.30pm and finish at 3:30pm Wednesday 4 February till Wednesday 25 March 2015, at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, using AYF instructors. The program caters for all levels of ability from novice to experienced, sailing on club Hobie Waves and PHS Pacers, from year 8 and above. Seniors are welcome if their timetable allows.

Students will be transported to RPAYC by parent volunteers but need to arrange their own transport home.

Fees will be \$280 for the 8 week term payable by 2 February 2015 using the parent portal online (POP) or cheques made payable to "Pittwater High School", envelope clearly marked with "SCHOOL SAILING" and STUDENT'S NAME and ROLL CALL CLASS then placed in Red Box in A Block Foyer.

Please fill in the details below along with the RPAYC Consent Form and place, with the cheque, in the Red Box. Information re transport etc will only be forwarded to those who provide an email address.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **ROLL CALL CLASS** _____

PARENT'S NAMES and EMAIL _____

HOME PHONE _____ **PARENT MOBILE** _____

WE ARE DEPENDENT ON PARENT TRANSPORT

Please indicate below whether you can assist

Parent able to assist with transport from PHS/RPAYC (circle) YES NO

Level of sailing ability: (circle) experienced intermediate beginner

Mr Johns, Head Teacher PDHPE/Sport



Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Secondary Schools Sailing 2014 - 2015



Participants Details

Name: _____ Term 4, 2014 / Term 1, 2015 (circle)

Previous sailing experience: _____

School: _____

Parents / Guardians Details

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Medical Information

Does your child have any medical conditions? (If yes, please specify)

NB: Medical Information gathered is for information purposes only, and is only used for advising emergency personnel.

Risk Notice

Civil Liability Act 2002

Sailing is a sport that involves interacting with the uncontrollable and difficult to predict elements of nature, and therefore involves a degree of risk. Many of the risks inherent in the sport are intuitive. Without seeking to list all possibilities the following are brought to your attention:

- There is a significant risk of bruises, cuts, scratches and other injuries resulting from contact with the boat or collision with other boats. Flapping sails, or unanticipated changes in wind direction or in the direction of the boat can cause a spar to bump the head or other part of the body or cause a rope flick injury. These injuries can occur both afloat or while near a boat on land.
- When launching or coming ashore, hard surfaces below the high tide line can become slippery, resulting in slip and fall injuries. Oysters and other sharp marine creatures can also grow on these surfaces. Stinging jelly fish or other marine stingers may be present in the water. Sharp objects can be hidden in sand or weed below the water which can cut or pierce feet or other parts of the body. Proximity to the elements makes it more likely for nails or splinters to be raised in wooden decks and floors and these can also cause foot injuries and trip hazards. The wet feet of sailors can make surfaces slippery.
- Because of reflected glare, sunburn will occur more rapidly than normal on unprotected skin. Dehydration or hypothermia can occur in those who do not heed and prepare for the conditions.
- Most injuries are relatively minor. However on occasions the injury can be more significant.
- When sailing dinghies on inshore waters, really serious injuries of the type that can cause permanent disablement or even death are statistically very rare but can and do occur. As with any water sport, the possibility of drowning is also present. While for many sailing activities a patrol boat might be present, the boat cannot be everywhere at once, can not observe every incident that occurs and may not always recognise an observed incident as being a serious one requiring immediate response. First aid or medical assistance is not available.

I have read and understood the above risk warning and I agree that I participate in the sport of sailing at my own risk and I acknowledge that neither The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club ("Club") nor any official, volunteer or member shall be under any liability whatsoever for the death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be suffered or incurred by me or the minors for whom I am responsible. I also acknowledge that neither The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club nor any official volunteer or member shall be under any liability for any loss or damage to personal property which may be suffered or incurred by me or the minors for whom I am responsible.

I understand that I or the minor for whom I am responsible may be photographed while participating in activities conducted by the Club and I hereby give permission for the use of my name or the name of the minor for whom I am responsible to be used in all forms of media for the promotion of the Club.

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Signature of Participant

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Signature of responsible parent/guardian of minor

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Full name of Participant

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Full name of adult

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Date

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Date

Reducing Risk

You can help reduce risk to yourself by always following these guidelines:

- o Always wear footwear while sailing or on the Club premises;
- o Always wear a life vest and adequate sun protection and carrying drinking water while sailing;
- o Always examine launching ramps before using them to see how slippery they are;
- o Always check the weather forecast before going sailing. Always follow the directions of your instructors.
- o Do not run or skylark when around the Club, especially on the car park, marinas and on launching ramps;
- o Beware of flapping sails;
- o The Club is not responsible for supervising minors while ashore. This is the responsibility of their parents or delegated adult.

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
PO Box 99, Newport Beach, NSW 2108
Ph: 02 9998 3700 Fax: 02 9997 8620

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Internet: www.rpayc.com.au

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

BIG AIR SCHOOL SCOOTER & SKATE DEMOS

Big Air School will be down at
AVALON SKATE PARK

10-11am SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

to show off their Skate and Scooter skills and
give young people between 12-24
the opportunity to get involved
in a best trick comp.

Prizes & Giveaways available!

ENTRY IS FREE

but helmets must be worn and a signed insurance waiver must be provided.

See facebook.com/bigairschool 'events' tab for more info or email admin@bigairschool.com.au



THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

✓ Relaxing
✓ Great value

✓ Fun
✓ Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you're in good hands. Kids' Day Camps start from \$47; Family Camp weekends start from \$168 for kids and \$238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

Bonus! Residential Kids' Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.



dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps

dsr.nsw.gov.au/familycamps

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NSW
Office of Sport
& Recreation

Enliven in the evening

As the sun goes down, the fun starts up

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Robertson Road, Newport

11 & 18 December - 5pm to 9pm

Come along and enjoy what Newport village has to offer...

- 🔔 Late night Christmas shopping
- 🔔 Beverages from the travelling pop-up bar
- 🔔 Live music and Christmas carollers
- 🔔 Tasty food from our local restaurants
- 🔔 Kids face painting from the cheeky elf (6-8pm)
- 🔔 Festive space created by the Enliven Pittwater team



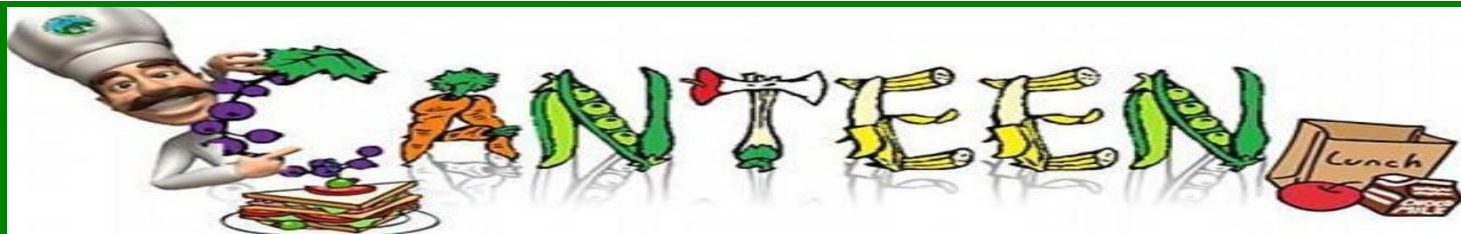
Robertson Road will be closed to traffic from 2pm to 10pm



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COUNCIL



Wed 10 Dec	Anne Carolan, Nicole Graham
Thurs 11 Dec	Karen Maguire– please call canteen to confirm 9999 4035
Fri 12 Dec	Rowena Kempton, Lana Mares, Alison Turner
Mon 15 Dec	Jenny McDowell, Katie Scharkie, Selena Webber
Tues 16 Dec	Natasha Zani, Gloria Hardman, Ann Clayton
Wed 17 Dec	Lara Floyd, Fiona Griffith – Helpers needed – please call canteen to confirm 9999 4035



Year 8 who are coming to Wet 'n' Wild on 12 December need to be at school **NO LATER** than 7:15am to do a roll call in the quad before embarking on our journey to Prospect.

If you are late you will be missing out on an awesome day of fun with Mrs Roulston.



WANT TO WRITE TV?

Learn from professional TV scriptwriter Holly Lyons

TV Scriptwriting Workshop Newport Community Centre

Monday 12th January
10am til 4pm

\$100 per student, places are limited.
14 years and above welcome

Enrol and further details:
e: workshop@hollylyons.com
t: 0415 710 004

This **one day workshop** will teach you the essential skills of TV scriptwriting

- how to generate ideas and stories
- how to organise and structure your ideas for dramatic impact
- how to write sparkling dialogue
- how to write the shows you love!

Learn the skills you need to bring your ideas to the screen.

Led by Holly Lyons - whose TV writing credits include 'Home and Away', 'Neighbours', 'Dani's House' and 'Help I'm a Teenage Outlaw' - this will be an inspiring and fun journey into the world of television scriptwriting.