



## 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli

Principal's Report: Jane Ferris

As you know, this year we were fortunate to be selected to have four students and a teacher attend the ANZAC Commemorations at Gallipoli to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We hope to hear their report in the next newsletter. Given that there were 20 outstanding applicants that missed out, it was fitting to ensure that we were fully involved back in Australia on this historic occasion.

Many of our students were involved in the Warringah and Pittwater combined march and service on Sunday 19 April. Leading the way of the Peninsular Community of School section were captains Kate Armstrong and Sam Groom with prefects Madi Cassidy and Rahil Narayan. Also there were Pittwater High students playing in the combined school band and marching with different community groups such as cadets, guides and sporting teams. Luckily the stormy weather held off for the day.

Also on Anzac Day itself vice captains Paul Su and Darienne Ansiewicz with prefects Madeleine Hayes, Meagan Story and Nick Simons attended the Pittwater RSL dawn service being the only school group to participate and present a wreath. Then at the 100 boat landing Sam, Kate, Madi and Chris Pollock were involved in presenting wreaths to the surf boats that ceremonially took the wreaths out to sea. This was a particularly spectacular occasion.

At school we had our own ANZAC ceremony which was uplifting – thanks to Ms Behringer helped by Ms Kerrigan for the organisation of this event. As well as the impressive speeches by student leaders, band and choir performances, I must congratulate the students of Pittwater High. They were extremely respectful of the entire procedures. As Dean White the School Director of Public Schools commented, you could have heard a pin drop. In all these events I have been most impressed by our students.



## DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Renee Andrews; Ben Rekić

I would like to firstly convey our thoughts and best wishes to all students and their families, as well as staff and community members affected by the events of last week's storms. The many stories that have since been conveyed demonstrate the strong and resilient nature of the Pittwater High School community, with too many examples of support and friendship to list here. Thankfully the damage to the school was limited, although we did unfortunately lose a number of the wonderful gums and eucalypts on the grounds.

Notwithstanding, the school has quickly managed to rally and clean up, in large part thanks to the efforts of Larry Bates and Cheree Hall, both of whom went above and beyond in the days following the storms to ensure that the grounds were looking smart very quickly.

Special mention should also be made of the behaviour of all our students during the school ANZAC day ceremony, all of whom took the time to reflect on the importance of this day and to commemorate the sacrifices that the serving women and men of this nation have provided, with commendable respect.

Finally I would like to thank the parents and students across all year groups, who have demonstrated flexibility and patience when faced by the rescheduling of events such as the "Surviving the HSC Information Night" and Cross Country.

### 2015 SURVIVING THE HSC INFORMATION NIGHT

I hope that this message finds you and your family well after the events of last week. Due to these circumstances, the 2015 Surviving the HSC Information Night scheduled on Wednesday 22 April 2015 was postponed.

The event will now be held on Wednesday 6 May 2015, starting at 6pm in the Library. A range of speakers will provide important information on many aspects of the HSC year, as well as providing practical strategies to overcome many of the common issues which arise. You will also have the opportunity to workshop with other students and their families, in order to implement the strategies that will be covered in order to help deal with the challenges of the final year in high school.

CALENDAR	
Tue 28 April	PHS Athletics Carnival—COMPULSORY SCHOOL DAY
Wed 29 April	PHS Cross Country
Wed 29 April	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Wed 6 May	Year 12 Surviving the HSC Information Night—6pm in school hall
Friday 8 May	Multicultural Day
Tues 12, Wed 13, Thurs 14 May	NAPLAN



# Anzac Commemoration

**O**n Friday 24 April, 2015 the school gathered to reflect on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The ceremony, which was held in the hall, showcased the diverse talents of our students and the collaboration of staff. We welcomed special guests, Cliff Daylight, an aboriginal ex-serviceman, Dean White, Director of Public Schools, Brian Sargeson, Pittwater RSL President and Natalie Isaacs, Pittwater parent and community representative with Brian on the Gallipoli trip panel.

The assembly started with a film clip of a new song written especially for Anzac Day, 2015 and the images captured the contribution of Australian men and women in the armed forces up until the present day. Mrs Ferris made the acknowledgement of country, highlighting the service of indigenous Australians since the Boer War. School Captain, Kate Armstrong welcomed our guests and acknowledged our four students, Kathleen Parkinson, Hamish Wickman, Jessica Ratcliff and Noah Coopey and History teacher, Stephen Kovacs who, along with student representatives from across the nation, attended the dawn service at Gallipoli. The diverse applications of students were recognised in a power point and we were also delighted to see images sent by Mr Kovacs from Gallipoli.

Our guest speaker, Cliff Daylight, an Aboriginal ex-serviceman, joined the navy at the age of sixteen, and served in Vietnam. He spoke about his experiences on a number of ships and bases around Australia. His speech highlighted the experiences of Aboriginal servicemen and women.

Our school leaders spoke eloquently about the experiences of the Anzacs. Vice Captain Paul Su outlined the Gallipoli Story, including the Turkish perspective and casualties. School Captain Sam Groom presented a personal response to the Anzac Legend, relating the qualities defined at Gallipoli, which influence his actions on the sporting field. Vice Captain Darienne Ansiewicz presented an account of the experiences two soldiers and a nurse in 1915. Max Wilson, an applicant for the Gallipoli trip, explained his motivation for applying and the process. He introduced the video he produced which highlighted the contribution of three of his ancestors.

The commemoration was enhanced by the wonderful performances of our band and the choir who performed Abide with Me and Lead Kindly Light. They also led the school in singing the National Anthem and Waltzing Matilda. Sharon Nobs of Year 8 played The Last Post and Reveille. Thank you to Dr Hardy and Mrs Jamieson for staging such an impressive presentation which showcased the talent of our students.

The Anzac Commemoration was outstanding and the students of Pittwater High School behaved in a respectful, exemplary manner. I would like to thank Kerry Kerrigan for her tremendous work and Glenda Pettit, who against the elements produced a beautiful morning tea for our guests and the Gallipoli trip applicants.

Sharon Behringer Head Teacher HSIE





# ANZAC DAY. 100 YEARS, 100 BOATS



THOUSANDS of people packed the shores of Collaroy Beach today to watch the spectacle of 100 surfboats out on the water to commemorate the Anzac landing at Gallipoli.

The 100 Years, 100 Boats event involved more than 450 rowers from around Australia and New Zealand, and one Turkish crew. The boats rowed ashore in waves of eight, led by three commemorative boats representing each of the three countries.

Once on land, students from 100 schools presented each crew with a handmade wreath. In return they were given a pine sapling that is a genetic descendant of the pine trees from the battle of Lone Pine at Gallipoli, to be planted. Pittwater High School's Prefects and Captains, Sam, Kate, Madison and Chris were honoured to take part in this historic event.

After the official ceremony, the crews rowed back out and - in a moving display - all raised their oars before the wreathes were placed into the sea. The Collaroy event was held at the same time as the dawn service at Gallipoli.





# PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL SNOWSPORTS TEAM 2015

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are travelling with your family to the snow next holidays and are a keen skier or snowboarder then why not consider entering the NSW Interschools Snowsports competition. We are able to enter students as individuals or teams.

Students who would like to compete must be accompanied by a parent as no Pittwater staff members will be able to attend the competition. This is always an enjoyable event and one where our students and parents have a great deal of fun. Pittwater High students have also been very competitive on the slopes in previous years.

Parents are also asked to act as managers and officials during the competition.

**DATES:** Wednesday 1 July – Saturday 4 July 2015  
**Refer to website** [www.nswski.com.au](http://www.nswski.com.au) for draft program (subject to change)  
(We are the Northern Division)

**VENUE:** Perisher **COST:** TBA (approx. \$30 per event)

**Please complete the slip below and return it to Ms Fleming by Friday 22 May 2015. ENTRIES FOR PITTWATER WILL CLOSE ON THIS DAY.**

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### SNOWSPORTS TEAM 2015 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCIPLINE:** SKIER SNOWBOARDER BOTH  
(Circle)

**EVENTS:** ALPINE SKIING MOGULS SKIER X CROSS COUNTRY  
(Circle)  
SNOWBOARD GS SNOWBOARD BX

**PARENT/S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

# REMINDER!

Please be reminded about the following event which was communicated to you in February.

**CLOSING DATE—4 MAY 2015**

Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in the 2015 competition for Science.

**All students receive a certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- § High Distinction to the **top 1% of entrants**
- § Distinction to the **next 10%** of entrants
- § Credit to the **next 25%** of entrants
- § Participation to all other participating students.

All students who achieve the highest score in each year level receive a **UNSW medal**. These medals are presented at either a Medal Presentation Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a medal.

The entry fee per student is \$8.80 and the Official Sitting Date for Science is **3 June 2015**

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: **BY Monday 4 May 2015**

MaryAnne Smalley—ICAS Coordinator

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PLEASE RETURN TEAR-OFF SECTION TO SCHOOL

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Students name Class

to participate in the 2015 Australasian Schools Science Competition.

Please find enclosed \$8.80 entry fee.

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Parent/Guardian

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Date

# SCIENCE

On behalf of the Science and Agriculture faculty, I would like to welcome all our students back to what we hope will be a very productive term two.

Last term was a very exciting term in Science/Agriculture, we had 'Mini' the pig give birth to five lovely and healthy piglets all of whom provided much entertainment to our students who enjoyed watching them play in their pen during break times.

The Agriculture classes attended and competed in the Royal Easter Show and Castle Hill Shows. We had great competition results. A special mention must go to Jason who competed in the judging competition at the Royal Easter Show and was a fantastic ambassador for our Agriculture program. Mr Thatcher will have a full report in the next newsletter.

In Science, Mr Cannings is running a Science club with a group of very enthusiastic, young scientists from years 7 and 8. The club, which meets on Wednesday mornings, will undertake different science research projects that are of interest to the students and will present some of their research at the Pittwater Community of Schools Science Fair.

Mr Taylor will be taking a group of year 9 and 10 Science/Engineering students to the Engineering Challenge. Mr Taylor's students have big shoes to fill as last years group were awarded second place. We wish the group luck in their challenge.

Year 8 science classes, this term, will be competing in a crystal growing competition – more information to come soon!

Year 12 students should now be increasing their studying as they are at least half way through the HSC course. With their HSC exams looming in the not too distant future, all students need to ensure their notes are up to date, they are writing summary notes and studying their course work. I would like to congratulate the year 12 science students on their performance in their half yearly exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that it is their responsibility to ensure they enter their homework on eDiary or in their own diary. Science staff will enter assessment tasks and upload copies of assessment tasks that are handed to students on eDiary. Students need to ensure that if they are absent when a task is handed out they check eDiary or see their teacher for a copy as soon as possible.

Once again, welcome back to term two!

Rachelle Krilich—HT Science

## Donations Wanted

The TAS faculty is looking for 20-30 timber blanks suitable for turning on the timber lathes.

Maximum diameter 200mm.

If you have some suitable timber that you can donate please contact Miss Carolyn Samojlowicz (HT TAS) at the school on 9999 4035.

Alternatively your son or daughter can talk to their Woodwork teacher at school.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

In the last week of the holidays Pittwater High School's Gold Duke of Edinburgh students took a trip to Kosciuszko National Park to complete a four day hike through the Snowy Mountains.

After a six hour drive, past all three of the Snowy Hydro Project Dams, students departed the bus and began their walk into the National Park. The first campsite was a two hour hike from the car-park. When we arrived we set up camp, cooked dinner and settled in for the evening. The rain started at about 2am and didn't stop for the next three days. Despite these wet conditions the team hiked every day; walking through wet swamps, crossing swollen creeks and relaxing in the beautifully resorted huts that sparsely dot the hilly terrain.

After we stared in awe at Valentines Falls, our most southerly destination, we began the two day journey back to the bus. After battling through sleet, and even snow, we all returned safely to the finish line. That night was spent relaxing in a lodge in Talbingo with all of the luxury of flushing toilets, hot showers and inner spring mattresses; all of which were greatly appreciated.

Overall the hike featured some of the toughest conditions any Duke of Edinburgh student could endure however all of the kids were amazingly positive; there were no complaints, only determination and smiles. They all deserve to be commended on their consistently mature and professional approach to this challenging adventure.

A huge thank you to Jodie Austen for organising and running the expedition.

Mr James Tucker—Co-ordinator





# MUSIC NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 2

PERFORMANCE & MEETING DIARY DATES



Term 3 and beyond			
28 April	Tuesday		Junior Stage Band not rehearsing before athletics carnival Return to school for Concert & Symphonic band rehearsal
28 April	7pm	Pittwater RSL	All parents meeting
3 May	10am – 1.30pm	Between School parking and Bridge	Busking: Any program member Parking: Any program member (More parents needed)
3 May	10am	Winnereremy Bay Foreshore	Senior Stage 10am

**2015 Payments:** The online portal will open for access by the end of this week. Please return a complete registration form to Rick Elliott [icycold@outlook.com](mailto:icycold@outlook.com)

**Band meeting:** Our music directors present a progress report, the direction of the programs is discussed, parking planning, busking and China Tour progress in a relaxed setting.

**2015 Fundraising:** We will need more volunteers to help with **parking** at the Pittwater Food Festival which is likely to draw thousands of people this Sunday. This is **easy fund raising** – the kids collect the money at the gate and adults maximize the number of cars that get stacked into the grass area. Please let me know if you can help with parking, and your preferred time.

**2016 China Tour:** It's not too late to express interest.

**Uniforms:** Please contact Melissa urgently if you haven't yet purchased your performance shirt [melissa.turnock@pilatesscene.com](mailto:melissa.turnock@pilatesscene.com)

**State wind band:** Information attached

**State music camps:** Information attached

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<b>Band Captains:</b>	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



# CANTEEN NEWS

**Wednesday 29 April:** Giovanna Graziano,, Nicole Graham, Claire Monty, Ange Torres  
**Thursday 30 April:** Karen Maguire, Sheridan Femia, Kylie Bennets, Robyn Armsworth-Brack  
**Friday 1 May** Alison Turner

**Monday 4 May** Selena Webber, Alison Christensen, Jenny McDowell  
**Tuesday 5 May** Natasha Zani, Ann Clayton, Rustanti Oetojo  
**Wednesday 6 May** Lara Floyd, Kay Little, Louise Hardy  
**Thursday 7 May** Kate Power, Lee Waters, Glenda Hanks  
**Friday 8 May** C Marshall, Sandra Avedissian, Sarah Attfield, Kristy Inkster

**Monday 11 May** Janet Howard, Jan Lysaght, Simone Allan  
**Tuesday 12 May** Leigh Griffiths

**Please advise canteen managers Katrina or Felicity (ph 9999 4035, x122) if you are unable to make your canteen day. Please don't assume you will be covered.**

If any parents, friends, family or grandparents would like to assist on any day helpers are needed please contact myself or the 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 Co-ordinator  
[packfund@optusnet.com.au](mailto:packfund@optusnet.com.au) Phone 0431 121 631

We are desperate for helpers especially on Fridays. Felicity and Katrina need help even for a couple of hours around Lunch 1 and 2. Anyone who thought about volunteering at the start of the year but didn't know their schedule for work can still contact either Felicity, Katrina or myself (Fiona) to volunteer.

## Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: First Weekend May 2015

**Venue:** Balgowlah Boys High Campus  
Cnr Sydney Rd & Maretimo St, Balgowlah

**Dates/Times:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 4pm -- 9pm  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9am -- 5pm  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9am -- 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available.

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectable books, so there is something for everyone.

And, with winter just around the corner, now is the best time to stock up on reading

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14), provides a lot of services to our community, including 24 hour counseling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

See you there!



smARTy pants  
...a fun and fabulous dramatic arts group!

!!! Please note the time change !!!

On a Wednesday afternoon all secondary aged children can come straight to an educational, exciting and energetic Drama class straight after school!

Where? - Pittwater High School Drama Rooms, Mona Vale.

Who? - High School aged boys and girls

When? - Wednesday 3.30 to 4.30pm (yrs 7 and 8)  
Wednesday 4.45- 5.45pm (yrs 9 +)

What? - Super-Fun Drama Classes

Fee - \$130 per term, payable prior to the beginning of term

Contact - Victoria E. Lockhart BA (Hons) Dip. Ed. Drama & English  
Teacher, Tutor and Education Consultant

Telephone- 0405 146 345

E-Mail - [smartyantsdrama@gmail.com](mailto:smartyantsdrama@gmail.com)

Facebook- [www.facebook.com/smartypantsdrama](http://www.facebook.com/smartypantsdrama)

smARTy pants members will put on an 'end of class' performance, once or twice a year for parents/carers, to show off their skills! Details will be provided nearer the time.

Contact Victoria today to join the class and have some fun.

Learn through play the smARTy pants way! ☺