



School Incursion - ANZAC Performance

Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk

As we move toward the end of term 1 we prepare to provide feedback to parents on the progress of their children. This takes place on Tuesday 24th March and is an important component of the school/parent reporting. A note is attached to book in a session through the online booking system and provides the login details. Please take the opportunity to see your child's teacher and if the times are not possible contact the teacher as a phone interview may be organised.

Over the next few weeks you may notice several workmen around the school. Our schools maintenance program is underway involving the painting of both 1S and 1/2A's classrooms, the concreting of areas to remove trip hazards and help alleviate the flooding that occurs near the K-2 toilet block whenever it rains. This work is costing the school approximately \$30,000 in its annual maintenance budget and the process for identifying the 2016 work commences in term 2.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day will be celebrated at our school on Thursday, 19th March 2015. This year it is the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day where we encourage the theme "everyone belongs." This positive message emphasises the values of respect and inclusiveness.

Students are asked to wear the colour orange and bring in a gold coin donation. We are selling ice blocks at recess for \$1. The money raised will buy plants and equipment for our school gardens.

Please support this worthy cause by sending your child with a gold coin donation this Thursday.

STATE ELECTION

On Election Day, the P&C are holding a BBQ and Cake stall. A colouring in competition will also be a feature with entries on display. Students are encouraged to take home a cake box so that they can donate for the cake stall by either making or buying a cake and returning it to school in the box.

The fundraising that our P&C conducts during the year contributes to a wide variety of resources for the school. This

year, the P&C are purchasing a class set of laptops to replace the old laptops which are missing keys, out of warranty and generally incapable of running the programs that our students utilise.

In addition a new shade structure is being built in the lower playground near the hall. This has been achieved with a grant applied for by our P&C and the fundraising of the P&C.

Change of Personal Details

The school has a responsibility to contact parents or a nominated person with authority should students have an emergency. It is important that parents keep the office informed of phone number, address and contact details. To aide with the collection of this information a sheet with our current information will be available to check at Parent - Teacher interviews.

ANZAC - Incursion

Yesterday many of our students attended ANZAC story performance. With it being 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli, it was a timely event which provided a wealth of information to the students.

Our school will hold an ANZAC ceremony on the Friday before ANZAC day next term. Our leaders will then be invited to attend the Dawn Service at the Oatley RSL. During the afternoon our school will also be participating in school performances in the park. Further details will be released with the next Newsletter in Week 10.

School Class Photography on Monday 30 March

The school photography date for the Penhurst West PS is Monday 30 March. Please remind your children to wear full summer uniform on photo day.

Photo Envelopes should have been received however a scanned copy of the envelope is included with this newsletter and there are spares available at the office. Your child is to bring the envelope on the day and hand directly to the photographer. If paying by cash the envelope MUST have the correct money as no change will be given. You can also prepay online.

Family Photo envelopes (Yellow) are available from the front office.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016

Please remember to return the Expression of Interest form to Mr Hyslop or the office by **Friday 20 March**. If you have any concerns regarding the Expression of Interest form please come to see me, Mr Hyslop or Mrs Sarafoski. For further information please go to

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/enrolment/highschool.php>

Staff Changes

Mrs Fitzgerald has commenced maternity leave. During this term she has been working with Stage 3 for RFF. Mrs Lopes is going to take on the role on a Tuesday.

Book Club

Book Club orders have now closed for this issue.

Parent Teacher Interviews

To book an interview go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions below.

1. Enter the school event code: J4955
2. Enter your details
3. Choose teachers
4. Choose times – If you are booking interviews with more than one teacher, please make sure they don't clash.

Term 1 Easter Bilby Incursion - Kindergarten

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Kindergarten will be experiencing an Easter Bilby incursion at school. This incursion is run by Georges River Environmental Education Centre and combines story, song and craft to introduce kindergarten to the bilby and other Australian animals.

Date: Thursday 26 March

Time: all day. Please arrive at school on time

Cost: \$9.00

Wear: mufti clothes (any appropriate clothes, no thongs)

Please bring food for lunch and recess as normal.

Please return permission slip and the money by **Friday 20 March 2015**.

STAGE 1 TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION

Stage One will be going on an excursion to Taronga Park Zoo as part of our science unit.

Date: Tuesday 31st March 2015

Time: At school by 8.20am and return by 3.25pm

Due to the traffic restraints and the distance to travel, the bus will not be able to wait for late arrivals so it is very important we are all at school by 8.20am. Students will be travelling in a seatbelted bus. We will be going regardless of the weather.

Cost: \$35.00 All money to be paid at the office in the money slot before school by Tuesday 24th March as we have to give the Zoo a final number. Payment can be by credit card/cash or cheque. We CANNOT take late payments.

Bring: Small backpack with recess, lunch and drinks in disposable containers (No lunch boxes please).

Wear: Full school uniform, including a proper school hat, school shoes and wear sunscreen.

Both of these excursion notes are available on the Penhurst West PS website.

Calendar Updates



We hope that our term calendar has a special place on your fridge. Please refer to the calendar, our website and our

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2015 Week 8 Term 1	16 March Year 3-6 ANZAC Story Incursion.		18 March Sports In Schools		20 March PSSA Round 5
2015 Week 9 Term 1	23 March National Young Leaders Day School Leaders and Mr Angus	24 March Parent Teacher Meetings	25 March Sports In Schools	26 March Kindergarten Incursion (At School Performance)	27 March PSSA Round 6
2015 Week 10 Term 1	30 March School Photographer	31 March Stage 1 Zoo Excursion	1 April Sports In Schools	2 April Easter Hat Parade Combined Scripture Last Day Term 1	Good Friday
2015 Week 1 Term 2	20 April Term 2 Staff Development Day	21 April Students Return			24 April ANZAC Ceremony PSSA Round 7
2015 Week 2 Term 2					
2015 Week 3 Term 2					

OFFICIAL FACEBOOK page for regular information about school events and activities.

Like us on Facebook

We now have an official Facebook page administered by the school, authorised by the Department of Education. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/PenshurstWestPublicSchool> or by looking for our page name: Penshurst West Public School

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Music Lessons

Guitar - Piano - Ukulele - Bass - Keyboard

Chris Toland (BA:Mus, GradDip:Ed Sec)

Patient, Qualified, Caring, Inspiring.
Students learn to:

- Read Music
- Play melodies
- Sing along with chords
- Play songs they know and like

Learn in your own home (\$35) or at my music studio (\$30). First trial lesson is free.



Uniform NEWS

Open Tuesday morning throughout the year, from 9.00am – 10.00am.

The Uniform Shop needs more second hand uniforms. If your child has grown out of last year's uniform please consider donating it to the P&C Uniform Shop.

Penshurst West Public School
Monday 30th March 2015

PREMIER

NAME OF STUDENT _____ CLASS/YEAR _____

Home/Mobile _____ Email _____

I give my permission for my child's name to be included underneath the class/year group photograph.
If I do not wish my child's name to appear I will notify the school in writing IMMEDIATELY.

VG							Gift Pack	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$39.00 = \$
SG							Gift Pack	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$36.00 = \$
S								<input type="checkbox"/> x \$34.00 = \$
GROUP ONLY		PORTRAITS ONLY				GROUP ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> x \$22.00 = \$ PORTRAITS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> x \$21.00 = \$ MOUSE MAT <input type="checkbox"/> x \$15.00 = \$ MUG <input type="checkbox"/> x \$18.00 = \$ KEYRING <input type="checkbox"/> x \$6.00 = \$ MAGNET <input type="checkbox"/> x \$6.00 = \$		
					MUG — 1 for \$18.00 2 for \$30.00		MAGNET Photo included	

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR PAYMENT BY CHEQUE MAY NOT BE PROCESSED IMMEDIATELY
If you have any concerns upon receiving your photos, please call us directly at The School Photographer on (02) 9674 9824 (NOT YOUR SCHOOL)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$
(includes GST)

ONLINE PAYMENTS—please go to our Website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

ONLINE PAYMENTS—please enter your 6 digit ORDER NUMBER here

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Parent teacher interviews

10 March 2015

Dear Parents,

This term Parent teacher interviews will be held on **Tuesday 24 March from 2:20pm – 6:30pm. All interviews will be conducted in the school hall.** Supervision will not be provided for students during interviews conducted after 3:25pm.

To book an interview go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions below.

1. Enter the school event code: J495S
2. Enter your details
3. Choose teachers
4. Choose times – If you are booking interviews with more than one teacher, please make sure they don't clash.

When you are finished click finish and your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. You can return to the website at any time to change your interviews (until bookings close).

Bookings will open on Tuesday 10 March at 4:00pm.

Booking will close on Monday 23 March at 4:00pm.

For parents who do not have Internet access, please see your child's class teacher as soon as possible to arrange an appointment time.

Ross Angus
Principal

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL and BBQ

We need your support to make the
Penshurst West Public School Cake Stall and BBQ a success on
Election Day!

Date: Saturday 28th March, 8:00am – approx 1pm

The P&C will be running a Cake Stall and BBQ at school on Election Day, to raise funds for the school. We are asking for donations of home-baked goods (cupcakes, cakes, slices, biscuits etc) to be sold at the cake stall on the day. It's always a hit with locals!

A cake box will be sent home with the eldest child in each family, along with this note. Please return the filled box to the canteen either on Friday 27th March, or early on the morning of Election Day.

This year we are running a colouring-in competition, and all children are invited to colour in one of the attached sheets and tape it to the top of the cake box. There will be a selection of prizes for the best entries! Additional colouring sheets and/or cake boxes can be obtained from the office.

If your child does not wish to join the competition but you would still like to donate a cake, please cut out and attach the section with cake type and ingredients.

Can you help sell the cakes/BBQ items, or help us with the BBQ on the day? If so, could you complete the slip below and return it to the office.

Thankyou for your help and support, it is greatly appreciated!!

Any parents who are able to help on the morning from 8am (even for half an hour) would be greatly appreciated. Helpers are needed to sell the cakes, cook the BBQ and serve in the canteen. Please return this slip to the office if you are available to help. Thankyou for your support!

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

TIME AVAILABLE: _____ BBQ / Cakes / Canteen (please circle preference)



Artist first name:

Class:

Inside this box is:

Ingredients:

Thank you for supporting our school! The P&C at Penshurst West PS appreciates your contribution. All our fundraising is used to improve the learning environment for our wonderful children.



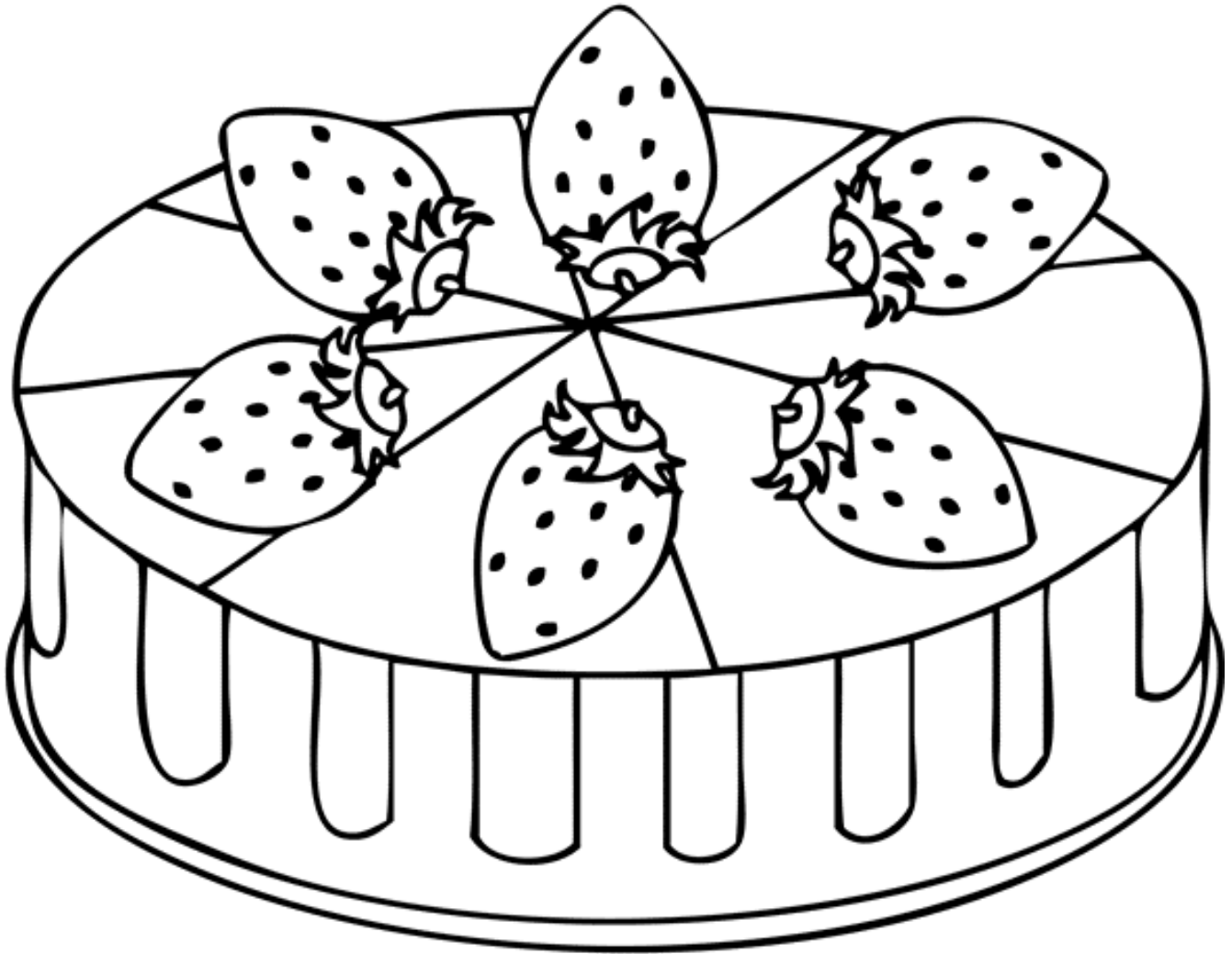
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