A LOOK BACK AT 2014.

From The Principals Desk
This is the last newsletter for 2014. It has been a big and eventful year with many successes and memories to hold on to. Last week our Recognition Assembly was held and ran very smoothly. Over ## awards were given out for sporting, cultural and academic achievement and participation. Tomorrow our Celebration of Learning will be held at Peakhurst Campus.

Last night saw the P&C Disco and family BBQ. The night was a huge success with Footsteps dance company running the disco. The P&C worked hard keeping the BBQ and canteen rolling over. Thank you to all for the support and efforts that went into such a successful night.

Of course with the end of the year fast approaching our student fundays are also on. These are on Thursday with the K-2’s going to Funarama and our 3-6 will go to Hurstville Leisure Centre. The 3-6 students will participate in a swim safety task which will allow them to participate in the activities and ensure that the school has a record of students who meet the minimum standards of water safety for any excursions in 2015. This is a Department of Education and Communities requirement.

Semester 2 Reports
Yesterday, your child should have brought home their school report for Semester 2. If you have concerns over their grade and comment please organise an appointment through the front office for their class teacher.

Celebration of Learning
The Celebration of Learning is Penshurst West’s major award presentation day. It will be held in Georges River College, Peakhurst Campus Auditorium. The Celebration will have special guests and staff members to present the major Academic, Cultural, Sport awards and the special awards that are part of the school’s history. This is a very significant day in the school calendar and I look forward to seeing our community at this event.

We are currently ringing parents to inform them of student awards so you may have been contacted already or in the next couple of days.

Date: Wednesday 10th December 2015

Commencement time: 10.30

Venue: Peakhurst High School Campus Auditorium.

Students will be transported by bus to and from the venue.

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Canteen News
The canteen will be closed all day on Wednesday 10th December. The final day for lunch orders will be Friday 12th December. Depending on how much stock we have left, we may open at lunch and recess in the last week of school to sell ice-blocks and drinks. Many thanks to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who have helped out and kept our canteen running during the year –
we hope to see you again next year, and perhaps some new faces too!

**Staff Changes for 2015**
As in any school across the state teachers change in schools. This is sometimes for promotions, and sometimes an opportunity to professionally grow by working in another school or because they are a temporary teacher and of course if the size of the school changes.

At the end of this year we will farewell Mrs Kovacs and Miss Worthington.

The funding for the school has also been reduced and this is impacting on several of our programs. Mrs Robertson will only be working 4 days a week. A change in our Support Teacher allocation will also see a decrease in staffing however the school continues to wait and see what happens here with the Department of Education and Communities.

The funding for our School Learning Support Officers has also been drastically reduced.

### AWARDS

#### Silver Awards

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| Luca B | Sara H |
| Amelia T | Mackenzee S |
| Layla A | Elijah T |
| Annais R | Nicholas D |

#### Gold Awards

| Milan C | Marianne F |
| Amish P | Hamzah C |
| Emma H | Sasha S |
| William D | Blake R |
| Esther R | Divya D |
| Jayda F | |

#### School Medal Awards

| Milan C | Marianne F |
| Annie W | William D |
| Esther R | Divya D |
| Jake C | Emma H |

**Sports In Schools Program**

The school has booked a program for Term 1 and Term 2 through Sports in Schools Australia. In term 1 the program provides team building and cooperative learning initiatives with a 45 minute lesson once a week for all classes it focuses on Trust, Sharing Cooperation, visual communication, verbal communication, creativity and self-control. The cost of the program is $4.50 per week with a maximum cost per family of $9.00.

This program fits very well with our focus on developing leadership in every child.

In Term 2 The same company is conducting a Sports/PE program using innovative and new equipment which is unavailable to schools in general. Specialist teachers will run the program ensuring high engagement and learning is occurring. A component of this program is the specialist support for the school Athletics carnival which they also help to run.

All students will participate in the first lesson, on Wednesday week 2, of the activities but payment will be required before they can participate in subsequent lessons. Permission notes will come home in the first week of school 2015.

**Footsteps Dance Lesson**

On Monday our classes were treated to a free 1/2 hour dance session.

**Please Note**

School Photo Day has changed to Monday 30th March Week 10
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 - NSW DEC.

Calendar Updates

We hope that our term calendar has a special place on your fridge. Please refer to the calendar, our website and our OFFICIAL FACEBOOK page for regular information about school events and activities.

Welcome to F K F

We sincerely believe that every person should be trained both mentally and physically in order to achieve a well balanced lifestyle and fitness level.

We are a not-for-profit group who do our best to promote fitness within the community.

FITNESS KARATE

Group Exercises in Karate & Self Defence, with the focus primarily on Fitness

Tuesday & Friday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm

Exercises to improve overall Flexibility & Muscle Tone

Monday & Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm

Training is held at the Penshurst West Public School hall, corner Scott Street & Forest Road, Mortdale NSW 2223

Interested? Then contact ROBERTO on 0458 207 991 or robertofk@bigpond.com
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**2015**

- **Term 4**
- **Week 10**
  - **Family Christmas Disco and BBQ**
    - 5:30 – 7:30
  - **Presentation Day GRC Peakhurst Campus**
  - **End of Year Fun Day 3-6 Hurstville leisure Centre**
    - $18.50 pp
- **Week 11**
  - **Year 6 Farewell @28.00**
  - **Talent Show**
  - **Last Day of school for students.**
  - **Staff Development Day**
  - **Staff Development Day**

**2015**

- **Term 1**
  - **26/1**
    - Public Holiday
  - **27/1**
    - Staff Development Day
  - **28/1**
    - First Day for Year 1-6 students
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **29/1**
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **30/1**
    - Best Start Assessments

**2015**

- **Term 2**
  - **10/2**
    - P&C Welcome BBQ/Disco
    - Sports in Schools Program- Cooperative Learning/Team Building

**2015**

- **Term 3**
  - **17/2**
    - Meet the Teacher Evening
  - **23/2**
    - School Swim Carnival – Carrs Park
  - **26/2**
    - District Swim Carnival

**2015**

- **Term 4**
  - **28/1**
    - First Day for Year 1-6 students
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **29/1**
    - Best Start Assessments
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**2015**

- **Term 5**
  - **28/1**
    - First Day for Year 1-6 students
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **29/1**
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **30/1**
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**2015**

- **Term 6**
  - **29/1**
    - First Day for Year 1-6 students
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **30/1**
    - Best Start Assessments

**2015**

- **Term 7**
  - **30/1**
    - First Day for Year 1-6 students
    - Best Start Assessments
  - **31/1**
    - First Day for Year 1-6 students
    - Best Start Assessments