From The Principals’ Desk

I start this week’s newsletter full of pride in the achievement of our school. Last week at the District Swimming Carnival a small squad of students represented our school in a wide variety of events. Having only just competed at the school level on Monday our swimmers backed up on Thursday. Their performance and behavior are a credit to PWPS. Our junior girls relay team came first by almost 7 seconds and we had consistent placings in heats and finals. Overall our school was placed 7th and 6th on handicap which is based on school size. A very credible achievement for our team. Congratulations to Liam, Miranda, Ariella, Hannah and ___ who are now off to the Regional Carnival.

Also occurring last week was a special IPad training for our teachers and students. The classes involved had the opportunity to do some Green Screen techniques to place themselves into the picture, record voices and play them as a movie. The level of engagement with the students was fantastic.

I would like to remind families about the workbooks that the students need for class. These have now been distributed to the students who have paid but unfortunately there is a considerable number of students who are yet to bring in their payments.

Finally at the back of this newsletter are some permission notes to allow students to walk on local excursions and to have their picture taken for publication.

Lost Property

There is an enormous pile of lost property in the office, many hats and jumpers. Please come in and check for your child’s clothing.

Clean Up Australia Day

You may have seen the photo on our Facebook page of the student and staff effort in cleaning up the school. Thank you for your support in sending in the items to help the students participate. The project was a big success and I’d like to particularly thank Mrs Robertson for her organization.

Award Winners

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P&C Annual General Meeting

Next Tuesday, 10th March.
All welcome.
Meeting held in staff room

Receiving our Newsletter

Have you signed up to receive our Newsletter?

Our newsletter is published each fortnight with the general publishing occurring on Tuesday’s. If you visit http://school.schoolenews.com.au/penshurstwestps/
This link can also be found on the school website under the NOTES tab.

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ANZACs– Incursion 16 March

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Cost: $20.00
Permission notes are on our website.

Permission to publish photo’s in the school Newsletter, School Website and School Facebook Page.

We have been operating on data collected previously and we need new up to date records. Even with the newest enrolment forms many families did not indicate their preference. A note will come home today providing you’re the opportunity to let us know that you DO NOT want your child’s image to be put in the newsletter, school website or school facebook page. Please return this note to the school urgently.

The following is an extract from the newest enrolment forms for public schools.

The school/Department of Education and Communities may publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child’s christian name, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child’s information may be published include but are not limited to:
Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis.
Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department of Education and Communities’ websites.

Official Department of Education and Communities and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.
Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels it can be linked to by third parties and may be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently.

Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Please complete the permission slips at the back of this newsletter and return them to school.

Kindergarten Best Start Reports

Following assessments that were carried out in the first week of school, the teachers prepared Best Start reports which provide an indication of how your child performed with a range of specially designed tasks associated with Literacy and Numeracy.

The report also contains ideas of how you can assist your child with their learning at home.
If you wish to discuss the feedback in this report please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment.

Local Excursions Walking to venue

Educational excursions form an integral part of the school’s curriculum. We are fortunate to have a venue such as Olds Park so close to the school with its playing fields and library offering excellent facilities. In addition, on occasions, walks around the neighbourhood can provide either, the stimulus for, or consolidation of, many classroom activities. Many of these are planned but equally there is often a need for these educational excursions to occur spontaneously. Such activities must have value as an integral part of the school curriculum and can only occur at my discretion and will involve only a short walk for students. Travel by public transport will not be involved. A Permission note to be able to participate in these short walk excursions and School Sport is contained at the end of this Newsletter. Please return the permission note to the office by Monday 9th March.
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.

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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](https://www.facebook.com/#!/PenshurstWestPublicSchool) or by looking for our page name: Penshurst West Public School - NSW DEC.
Music Lessons

Guitar - Piano - Ukulele - Bass - Keyboard

Chris Toland (BA:Mus, Grad Dip: 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.
24 February 2015

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If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission note below and return it to the office by Monday 9 March 2015.

Tara Smith
Principal

Ross Angus

‘THE ANZAC STORY’

I give permission for my child ______________________________ of class ________ to attend ‘The ANZAC Story’ incursion on Monday 16 March 2015.
I have enclosed $20.00 to cover the costs of this performance.

Signature____________________________ Date _______________ (Parent/Guardian)
3rd March 2015

Permission to Walk in Local Area - 2015

Dear Parents

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As prior approval is impossible at short notice I seek your approval by signing the parental form which will cover all such brief visits. This note covers the student named below for the time they are enrolled at Penshurst West Public School.

For your child to be able to do this we need to have your permission. Please complete the form on the next page and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Mr Ross Angus
Principal

Authority to Publish Form - 2015

Dear Parents

Throughout any school year, opportunities arise that promote Penshurst West Public School to the community. We have opportunities to take photographs, make videos or publish writing of the students for display purposes. These opportunities occur during excursions, sporting activities, extra-curricular activities and class programs. Sometimes these images are used as part of a promotional activity to celebrate the success of school programs.

I am seeking your permission to obtain and publish content that may include the image and/or first name of your child in our publicly available school communications. These could be in print, video, and/or our publicly available school website.

Our school communications include:
- school’s public website
- school newsletter (online and hard copy)
- school brochure
- electronic and print promotional material
- annual school report

Please complete the permission slip on the next page and return to the school by Monday 9th March.

Please return this note to the office.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ross Angus
Principal
**Parent Permission to Walk in the Local Area**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter ___________________________ of class ___________________________ to participate in educational activities which utilise the facilities offered by Olds Park, Penshurst Sub-Branch Library and the local neighbourhood. These will involve short walking distances only. Such activities will include library research, fitness, approved sport activities, the utilisation of the local environment to supplement curriculum areas of HSIE, Science, Mathematics, Health and the training of school sporting teams.

Parent name: _______________________________________________________

Signature of Parent: _________________________  Date:____________________

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**Penshurst West Public School**

**Authority to Publish**

I have read the 'Authority to Publish' form.

☐ I give permission to the school to obtain and publish content related to my child in school communications.

OR

☐ I do not give permission to the school to obtain and publish content related to my child in school communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child’s name.................................................................  Class.........................

Parent’s name...............................................................  

Signature of parent.....................................................  Date.........................

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