

Pendle Hill High School



Newsletter

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KEY DATES TERM 2

May

- 9 Cross Country Competition
- 12 Years 7, 8, 9 Exam Week
- 19 Year 10 Exam Week
- 21 Athletics Carnival
- 23 Year 11 Exams begin
- 26 Education Week

School Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the school Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21 May at the A H Whaling Reserve, Baulkham Hills.

- Students will need to have **\$4** if they intend to catch the bus from the school to and from the carnival.
- Students must attend roll call as normal and will leave for the carnival from school.
- Students will need to wear their Sports Uniform.
- Food and drink will be on sale at the carnival.

**Parents welcome to come and watch.
Be there for a great day!**

P & C Meeting

The next meeting of the P & C will be held at 7pm on Monday 26 May in room A1.

Please join us and take an active role in your child's education!

The next newsletter will be distributed to students on Friday 23 May 2008

Our Students Our School

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for Term 2! I am pleased to be able to report that we have had an extremely settled start to this very important school term.

Term 2 is always busy, with the school Athletics Carnival; Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 examinations and Education Week being held before the end of this month!

All students should now be studying and revising in preparation for their half yearly examinations. Students and parents are reminded that decisions about class placement for Semester 2 will be made on the basis of performance during Semester 1.

Examination timetables have been issued to all students. The importance and value of our school based examination program in preparing students for the major public examinations of the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate should not be underestimated. The outstanding performance of our students, particularly in the 2007 HSC examinations, is a reflection of the success of our teaching and assessment programs and student/teacher learning partnerships!

Special congratulations to all students for their respectful and thoughtful response to our special Anzac Day assembly, held last week. Students and staff listened attentively as our School Captains, Princess Espiritu and Daniel Piotrowski, spoke with feeling about the significance of Anzac Day and reminded us of the sacrifices made on our behalf, not just by the Anzacs but by today's defence and peacekeeping personnel.

Congratulations also to all students on the very high standard of uniform and personal presentation now evident in the school. Compliance with a dress code is an important and expected workplace requirement and our students are showing that they understand and support our school dress code. The Canteen now has a range of winter uniform items for sale, including our new black fleecy school jumper. What with long sleeved shirts, the fleecy jumper and the school jacket, no student should be cold this winter!

Judy Sims
Principal

SWIPE CARDS

Swipe cards are now available for collection from Reception at Lunch only.

Any student who has not yet paid \$5 for their swipe card can pay at the Accounts Office.

NEED WARM SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS FOR WINTER?

The Canteen has a supply of

- Long sleeved white and yellow school shirts - 2 for \$40 or \$25 each
- The new black fleecy jumper with the school name embroidered in gold for \$15
- Black, gold and white school jackets for \$35
- Grey school pants for both boys and girls for \$25
- Black and gold school tracksuit pants for \$20

All items of school uniform are now available from the Canteen!

**Remember - coloured jumpers and fleecy tops are not part of our winter uniform!
Scarves should be plain chocolate brown or black and caps, not beanies, should be worn.**

REMINDER: NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TESTS

It is important that all students in Years 7 and 9 are at school on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May to do these important Australia wide tests as part of their half yearly examination week.

There is no pass/fail mark for these tests and students do not need to "study" for the tests.

There will be no other opportunity to do these tests as all students in all schools must do these tests on the same day.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A WORKING CALCULATOR FOR THE
NUMERACY TEST ON THURSDAY 15 MAY!**

Calculators are available from the Mathematics staff for \$21.



HAVE YOU SEEN THE HALF YEARLY EXAM AND ASSESSMENT TIMETABLES?

Individual copies of the half yearly exam and assessment timetables have been distributed to all students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The timetables detail the dates, times and arrangements for scheduled formal exam and class assessment activities for the half yearly assessment period.

- ◆ All exams and assessments are conducted according to Board of Studies School Certificate and HSC rules
- ◆ No allowance will be made for students who misread the timetables
- ◆ Medical certificates will be needed to cover absences from an exam or assessment activity
- ◆ A copy of student conduct rules during exams and assessments was included in the newsletter posted home to parents at the end of last term and is also printed on the back of each student's exam timetable
- ◆ **Exams for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be held from 12 to 16 May, for Year 10 on the 19, 20 and 23 May and for Year 11 from 23 May to 30 May.**

MISSED OUR MARCH PARENT/TEACHER EVENING AND WANT TO FOLLOW-UP ON STUDENT PROGRESS?

Contact the Year Advisers for general information; the Head Teachers or Classroom Teacher for subject specific information or our Support Staff for specialist matters.

YEAR ADVISERS	HEAD TEACHERS	SUPPORT STAFF
7 Mr S Youssef	English	Ms S Joseph
8 Ms C Rayward	Mathematics	School Counsellor
9 Ms B Kinch	PD/Health/PE	Miss N Nelson
10 Mr H Smiljanic	Science	Mr B Clarke
11 Mr A Vale	Technology	Mr S Youssef
12 Ms S Pendlebury	Administration	Mr I Nursey
		Mr M Avery
		ESL
		STL
		Careers
		Advisor
		Librarian
		Ms C Maguire
		Ms S Joseph
		Ms P Wilson
		Mrs I Consalvo
		Mrs A Credaro

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND HELPLINE SERVICES

Youth Depression

Beyond Blue www.youthbeyondblue.com

Mental Health Information Service: 1300 794 991 (weekdays)

Resources and the largest database of mental health support services in NSW

Lifeline: 13 11 14

24 hour telephone counselling for anyone, anywhere, anytime for the cost of a local call

Salvo Care Line: 1300 363 622

24 hour telephone Christian counselling service

Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800

Australia's only free, confidential and anonymous 24 hour phone and online counselling service for young people aged between 5 & 18

Domestic Violence Line: 1800 656 463

24 hour, 7 days per week telephone service for people affected by domestic violence

Mensline Australia: 1300 789 978

24/7 support for men dealing with family and relationship difficulties

DOCS Helpline: 13 21 11

To report child abuse and neglect, 24 hours phone service



Pendle Hill Netball Club Incorporated

Pendle Hill Netball Club has some vacancies for netball players aged **15, 16 or 17**. For more information check out our website www.isport.com.au/netball/blackt/ then click on the Pendle Hill tab on the right of the screen. Or phone Alison on 9831 8401.



P & C NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Pre paid book orders have arrived and can be collected from the school office.

Stocks are now available for anyone still wishing to purchase a Parramatta/Hills edition \$55, Sydney North \$65 or Sydney \$65 - just pay at the school office and collect your book.

Remember: \$10 from each book sold goes towards fundraising to support our students and our school.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Thank you to all those who donated their time last Sunday at North Parramatta.

This was once again a fun (and tiring) way to raise not only funds for our students, but community awareness of our school.

Your combined efforts helped to raise \$650.

Special thanks to Max Housenloge of Year 8. Max has worked tirelessly at both of our Bunnings BBQ fundraisers this year and deserves special recognition for his cheerful willingness to support and publicise our school!



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to all who donated gifts for prizes and to those who have purchased tickets. Our raffle prize winners will be notified next week.

GOOD GUYS

Remember that any time you shop at Karl Holdsworth The Good Guys (Prospect), you can earn points for our school.

Just tell them that you want the vouchers for Pendle Hill High School and for every \$25 spent, they will donate \$1 to our fundraising!

NEXT P & C MEETING

Monday 26 May at 7pm in A1 - across from the office. This will be our AGM for 2008 - all positions open - so if you feel you have something to give, please come along. All welcome!