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Fortnightly Newsletter of
Pennant Hills High School

Friday 14 December 2012

Term 4 Week 10B

Congratulations and Thank You Mr Rudd



It is with mixed emotions that I take this opportunity to farewell our long-serving Deputy Principal, Mr Tony Rudd, from Pennant Hills High School. Mr Rudd will next year take up the position of Principal at Manly Selective High School, which is part of the Department of Education and Communities' Northern Beaches Secondary College. While he will be sadly missed by the school community he has served with such commitment and dedication for the past 11 years, we are all very excited and pleased that Mr Rudd's many skills, abilities and talents have been recognised, and that through this promotion, he will have the opportunity to lead his own school.

Arriving to become part of the senior executive here in August, 2001, Mr Rudd has been actively involved in most areas of school life during his time here, and he has made many significant contributions to a broad range of school programs. He has, in so many ways, shown amazing dedication to our students, staff and parents. Greatly admired by present and former students, Mr Rudd has always done his utmost to ensure that they achieved the best possible social, emotional and learning outcomes. His unflinching focus on the wellbeing of our students, especially at times of distress in their lives, that has been one of Mr Rudd's most important contributions to our school. He has always devoted endless time, patience and energy to work closely with students

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and their families to find the best possible solution to whatever problems existed, and for this he deserves special recognition and acknowledgement.

Mr Rudd has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to our student leaders, assuming the role of mentor to the Prefects and to the student senior executive, where he has supported, guided and nurtured them in their roles at every stage. Our students attract considerable praise for the outstanding leadership and citizenship skills they exhibit, and Mr Rudd should rightly take much of the praise for the development and longevity of student leadership programs at Pennant Hills High School. His contributions to the leadership and management of the school band program, including accompanying our students on a tour of the US in 2011, have also been outstanding.

Our school is losing a fabulous teacher, mentor, educational leader and a great bloke who is widely admired and respected for what he has contributed to our school.

On behalf of everyone in the Pennant Hills High School community, I wish Mr Rudd every success in his new venture and thank him for his wonderful efforts at our school. Good luck.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Best Wishes

Mathematics teacher, Mr Bryan Lugton, has indicated that he intends to take leave for the first half of 2013 prior to retirement. Mr Lugton came to our school in 1986 and has had continuous service here except for one year of leave. Well-respected as a teacher by his students, Mr Lugton established very supportive relationships with all of his classes. His efforts were especially appreciated by those students who struggled with mathematics, as Mr Lugton was able to turn those positive relationships into good learning outcomes. Many students have over the years consistently expressed to me their delight at being placed in Mr Lugton's class. A very patient, good natured and supportive person, he has been able to encourage students to achieve their best at all times. Students have also appreciated his good sense of humour.

Mr Lugton continues to support school environmental initiatives, such as paper recycling, and has been a role model throughout the school to students and staff on how to keep our environment clean. He has made very significant contributions as a sport coach, having much success with a range of sporting teams over the years.

After 26 years of service to our school community, We wish him a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement, and thank him for his efforts.

Conclusion of another successful year

Our students have achieved many wonderful outcomes in so many areas of endeavour in 2012. The successes and achievements of our students have resulted from their application, motivation and strong desire to succeed. I take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents for their significant contributions to our school throughout the year, and for the way in which they have worked so cooperatively to achieve the best possible learning outcomes.

As we near the last week of term, I wish to remind you that the last two days of term 4, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December, are designated School Development Days for staff to engage in professional learning activities to assist them with their teaching. Students are not required to attend on these days. Professional development sessions will be conducted on numeracy education, project based learning, curriculum differentiation, national curriculum, assessment for learning, our new open learning centre and an online emergency care update. Consequently, the last day of the school year for students is Wednesday 19 December 2012.

Thank you Mrs Coomber

Our most accomplished and acclaimed conductor of Concert Band 1, Mrs Carol Coomber, will not be working as directly with the band in 2013. Mrs Coomber has accepted additional music teaching duties at Pennant Hills High School next year and will therefore not be able to afford the time to continue to rehearse the band and accompany it to performances.

Over the past 12 years under Mrs Coomber's direction, Concert Band 1 has been highly successful, receiving many accolades throughout NSW for its outstanding quality. Invited every year to perform at the Sydney Opera House, the band was always featured in the NSW Department of Education's Festivals of Instrumental Music and Choral Concert series. This was a rare honour to be selected to perform along with NSW Performing Arts Unit bands and ensembles as part of those prestigious programs. Carol led tours overseas to China, Japan and the United States in order to showcase our school's talents and to give students additional experiences. On behalf of our community, I wish to sincerely thank Carol for her dedication to hundreds of students from our school and from local partner primary schools.

Uniform Requirements

The upcoming Christmas vacation period is a perfect opportunity for families to purchase the correct uniform items which are required for the 2013 school year. I urge parents to consult the section about uniform requirements on our school website so that only approved items are purchased. Your cooperation in this important matter will be appreciated.

Thank You

On behalf of the staff of Pennant Hills High School, may I extend our best wishes to you and your family for a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and enjoyable vacation. We look forward to seeing you at the start of the 2013 school year.

**G Wing
Principal**

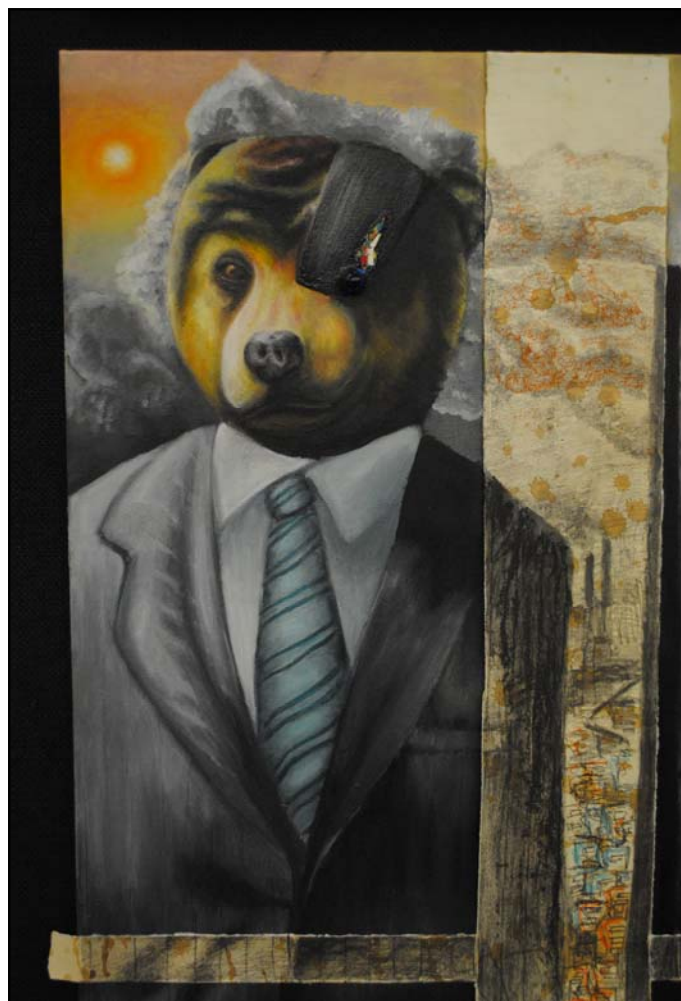


Congratulations

The Visual Arts Faculty are very pleased to announce that Samantha's HSC Body of Work will be represented at ARTEXPRESS.



Samantha's Collection of Works titled "City of Futures", will be displayed at the Armory, Sydney Olympic Park and the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre.



LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2012

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR STAFF
THURSDAY 20 & FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2012

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR STAFF
TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2013

2013 DATES

YEAR 7, 11,12 and NEW ENROLMENTS START
WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2013

YEAR 8, 9, 10 START
THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2013

FUTURE DATES

Term 4 2012

Week 11A	Monday	17 December	Year 9 PASS Surfeducate
	Monday	17 December	DOE Gold Award: Test Walk and Residential
	Tuesday	18 December	DOE Gold Award: Test Walk and Residential
	Wednesday	19 December	HSC Results Issued
	Wednesday	19 December	DOE Gold Award: Test Walk and Residential
	Wednesday	19 December	MUSICAL: All Day Rehearsal
	Wednesday	19 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS
	Thursday	20 December	Year 12 Celebration Breakfast—9.00am
	Thursday	20 December	School Development Day—STAFF ONLY
	Thursday	20 December	DOE Gold Award: Test Walk and Residential
Friday	21 December	School Development Day—STAFF ONLY	
Friday	21 December	DOE Gold Award: Test Walk and Residential	

SCHOOL VACATION

Term 1 2013

Week 1A	Tuesday	29 January	School Development Day—STAFF ONLY attend
	Wednesday	30 January	Years 7, 11 and 12, and new enrolments attend
	Thursday	31 January	ALL STUDENTS attend.

Please check the school's website for the latest calendar updates.

“BEST BUDDIES” PICNIC

“Best Buddies” is a program designed to bring together high school students who are studying mainstream, integration, life skills and special education curricula. In Best Buddies students socialize formally and informally, so they can all learn about each other's educational and life experiences.



On Friday 30 November, 17 of our Best Buddies members attended a gala picnic day at Parramatta Park. Students from thirteen high schools were there, so there were about 300 participants. The food was catered for by sponsors including the Bank of New York.

The Best Buddies organization ran the events, which included a “Boat Race” and Cheer Squad competition. Pennant Hills High was attending for the first time, and thus were unprepared for the cheer competition. So showing typical spontaneity and goodwill, they gave a lusty rendition of “Jingle Bells”. We didn't win, but our Cheer was certainly the funniest.

In the Boat Race we had five teams, and five boats all ingeniously designed. “Penno” won the prize for “most inclusive boat” with a team of Byron, James, Callum and Haggai (pictured) plus Andrew and Max.

Many thanks to Mrs Cambell, our presidents Luke and Jordan, and all our Best Buddies for a great day out!

Lenore Grunsell
Counsellor



WHAT BOOKS WILL I NEED IN 2013?

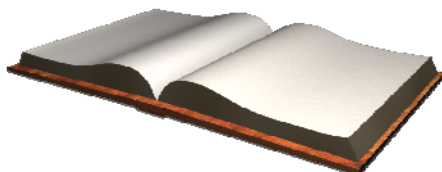
Year 7 can get all books they need by purchasing a book pack from the school canteen.

Years 8, 9 and 10

<i>English</i>	156 page exercise book or A4 book
<i>Maths</i>	240 page grid book
<i>Science</i>	240 page A4 book
<i>History</i>	96 page exercise book or A4 book
<i>Agriculture</i>	180 page exercise book
<i>Geography</i>	240 page exercise book
<i>Commerce</i>	240 page exercise book
<i>Languages (French, Japanese)</i>	120 page exercise book
<i>Visual Arts</i>	Process Diary (see your teacher)
<i>Computing</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder (optional—can be done online)
<i>PDHPE (Year 7 and 8)</i>	Workbook (provided during first lesson)
<i>PDHPE (Year 9)</i>	48 page exercise book
<i>Physical Activity and Sports Studies (Years 9 and 10)</i>	Workbook (provided during first lesson)
<i>Industrial Technology</i>	Display Folder

Years 11 and 12

<i>English</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Maths</i>	A4 grid book or folder
<i>Science (biology, chemistry, physics, earth and environmental science)</i>	Practical—240 page A4 bound ruled book Notes—A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Drama</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Agriculture</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Business Studies</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Economics</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Geography</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Legal Studies</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>CAFS</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Food Technology</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Hospitality</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Textiles and Design</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>All Languages</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>PDHPE</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Visual Arts</i>	Process Diary (see your teacher)
<i>Engineering Studies</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Industrial Technology</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book Display folder



Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year



from the staff
and students
of Pennant
Hills High



YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT TASKS

Term 4 2012

Week 11A

Tuesday
Wednesday

18 December
19 December

CAFS: IRP and Diary

LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS

INFORMATION FROM HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE '*Health Promoting Schools Newsletter Summer 12/13*'

As the school holidays are fast approaching, our primary thoughts are of activities for children, child safety and sun protection. Following are some tips for enjoying the summer holidays.

SUMMER FUN

It can take as little as 15 minutes for sunburn and skin damage to occur. UV radiation levels are strongest in the middle of the day so plan to be outdoors before 11am or after 3pm in daylight saving time—or before 10am and after 2pm during the rest of the year.

SUN SMART DRESSING

Remember to wear the right clothing.

Swimwear: Rash vests are sold in all sizes and when worn with long shorts are sun sensible solutions for swimwear. Look for vests that have an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) level on their tags. A UPF of 50+ gives the best protection.

Hats: Hats should be worn whenever children are outside and provide protection to the face, neck and ears.

Sunglasses: Some kids love these as a fashion accessory but they also as important to protect young eyes from UV radiation damage. The best styles are close fitting wraparound sunglasses that stop UV radiation rays from getting in from the side and meet the Australian Standard AS1067.

Sunscreen: Sunscreen is an important sun protection measure, however, it does not offer 100 percent protection from the sun. To get the most protection, sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before going outside. Use broad-spectrum SPF30+ water resistant sunscreen on areas not protected by clothing. Remember to reapply every two hours or more often if wiped, sweated or washed off.

BAND NEWS

Changing circumstances of staffing at Pennant Hills High School has meant that our very accomplished Conductor of Concert Band 1, Carol Coomber, will not longer be able to fulfil her role as Conductor and we are currently looking to replace Carol with an equally talented Conductor.

Carol has conducted the bands at Pennant Hills High School for the past twelve years and has provided our students musicians with excellent leadership and musicianship. We thank her most sincerely for her commitment to the band program. Carol will be teaching four days per week at Pennant Hills High School next year and will still be heavily involved in the band program, albeit in a very different capacity.

At our recent End of Year Concert, Carol was thanked by the Band Prefects on behalf of the staff at Pennant Hills High School, the band students and the parents involved in the band program. At was a fitting finale to the year and to Carol's time as Conductor of Concert Band 1.

J Dennis

Head Teacher CAPA

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	Performances
	Year End Recital

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Phone: 8006 2098

www.dancewithtdc.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

COMING EVENTS

Candles by Candlelight - Friday 21 December - West Pennant Hills Public School Oval
Family Festival - 5.30pm. Carols - 7.45pm. (Organised by St Matt's Anglican Church.) **Information: 9479 3700.**

Marian Street Theatre for Young People presents *Imogen and the Pirates*
12 January—23 March 2013. Marian Street Theatre, 2 Marian Street, Killara. (Adult \$22, Child \$18, Family of 4 \$68)
Bookings: www.mca.tix.com.au OR 1300 306 776 (booking fees apply)

Vision Valley Summer School Holiday Camps (December/January) for school students aged 8 years and up.
Adventure day camps; horse riding camps; overnight camp out; 3 day / 2 night camps. Try rock climbing or canoeing.
www.visionvalley.org.au OR phone 9655 2600

School Holiday Dragon Boating Program (for students aged 12 years and up)
Introduction: 15-18 January 2013 - \$165.00 / Intermediate: 22-24 January 2013—\$150.00
leapsandboundsahead@gmail.com OR 1300 795 859

STUDENT SERVICES - Northern Sydney Region Disability Programs PARENT FORUM - Dates for 2013
Student Services has decided not to conduct a Parent Forum in Term 4 due to the many other demands placed upon parents at this time. Parent Forum meetings will continue to be held in Terms 1, 2 and 3.
Meeting dates for 2013 will be: **Term 1 - Friday 5 April; Term 2 - Friday 21 June; Term 3 - Friday 13 September.**

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

LATTITUDE AUSTRALIA - Global Volunteering and Gap Year Placements for Under-25s
www.lattitude.org.au or (03) 9826 6266

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand - www.studentexchange.org.au or 9997 0700.
(Following the closure of EF high school exchanges, Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is helping to facilitate exchanges for any Australian students already committed to an overseas exchange with EF.)

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange - www.scce.com.au or 1800 500 501

World Education Program Australia (WEP) - www.wep.org.au or 1300 884 733

Australian Institute of International Understanding (AIU) - www.aiu.om.au or 1800 174 407 - program costs apply.

RECREATION AND SPORTING GROUPS

Dural Sport and Leisure Centre (A ministry of Dural Baptist Church) - **www.dslc.com.au** or phone **9651 2777**

Hills Hawks Softball - All ages 4-adult welcome - **www.hillshawks.softball.org.au** or phone **Hazel - 0414 474 461**

Interested in Playing Cricket? Find out more at **playcricket.com.au**

Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Rugby League Club - www.pennostags.com or 0418 677 511 (Ross Ruhan). All ages.

Beecroft Cherrybrook Junior Rugby Union Club - www.beecroftjuniors.com.au or 0439 904 457

Cherrybrook Table Tennis Club - 0412 520 854 - Enjoy social and competition table tennis.

Sydney Zodiacs Youth Dragon Boat Club – for ages 12—23 years – based at Bank Street Pyrmont.
www.dbnsw.org.au or sydneyzodiacs@yahoo.com.au or 0410 655 764

Epping RSL Golden Kangaroos Marching Band - www.goldenkangaroos.org.au or 9868 3289 (Annette)
Beginners, concert, stage and marching bands. Adults and children (all levels of experience) welcome.

2nd/3rd Pennant Hills Scout Group - 0408 121 690 (Greg Smithson) - Tuesdays (7-11) and Wednesdays (10-15).

Pennant Hills Girl Guides - 0438 284 592 (Fiona) - Meets Mondays (10-14 year olds) and Wednesdays (7-10 year olds).

St Agatha's Youth Group - for students from Years 7 to 9 - <http://www.stagatha.org.au> or 0409 847 208 (Laura)

West Pennant Hills Netball: 2013 Winter Comp Registration Saturday 2 February 2013 at West Pennant Hills Public School, Church Street between 10:30am—2:00pm. **www.westpennanthills.netball.asn.au/default.asp**

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COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

HELPERS NEEDED

Leaders Needed - Pennant Hills Girl Guides



Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life? Pennant Hills Guide District is looking for women aged 18 years and over who are interested in leadership. Full support will be provided: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Information: Contact Fiona on **0438 284 592** or fiona040@tpg.com.au or visit www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Foster families needed - Department of Family and Community Services - 8303 7644

Carers can be singles, couples, with or without children, and from any cultural background.

Volunteer with Easy Care Gardening - www.easycaregardening.org.au or 9983 1644 (Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai)

Bilingual Volunteers Needed - City of Sydney Meals on Wheels - For more information, phone 8512 4230.

HELP WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND NUMERACY

Free adult literacy and numeracy classes - Meadowbank TAFE - 9942 3572

Reading, writing, speaking - group classes or 1:1 tutoring. Tutors also needed.

Free English courses for adult migrants - www.ames.edu.au - Classes at Hornsby, Chatswood and Eastwood.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Ability Options - a FREE service helping people with a disability into the job that's right for them

For more information contact Caroline Krix on **8811 1717** or email caroline.krix@abilityoptions.org.au

Foster Care Association NSW Inc - Providing advocacy, support and information to foster carers.

www.fcansw.org.au or phone **4987 1847**

Healthy Kids FREE Parent e-zine - important nutrition information and great recipes

To sign up, visit: www.healthy-kids.com.au

Enrol to Vote - If you are an Australian citizen who is 18 years of age or older, you must vote at all elections.

Check if you're enrolled at www.votensw.info, enrol to vote at www.aec.gov.au or phone **1300 135 736**

UnitingCare Northmead - 8839 5107 - Workshops and counselling for parents. Phone for more information.

Interrelate family centres - 8882 7850 - Phone for details of current workshops and courses for parents.

TOUGHLOVE - 1300 856 830 - Parents helping parents to deal with problems of unacceptable adolescent behaviour.

Parenting Education for Mums, Dad and Carers - www.nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au/caparenting.htm

Information and education provided by NSW Health - Northern Sydney Central Coast.

Centacare Broken Bay - 9488 2523 - Advice and support for parents.

Depression Support Group - 1300 794 991

Hornsby RSL - first Sunday of each month. Run by Association of Relative and Friends of the Mentally Ill.

Parent Line - www.parentline.org.au or 1300 1300 52 - Free professional service 24 hours every day.

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800 - Free confidential service 24 hours every day.

Mission Australia - CAFS@missionaustralia.com.au or 9482 1366 - Free counselling and support service.

Single With Children - www.singlewithchildren.com.au or 1300 300 496

Non-profit social group providing exciting activities for single parents and their children.

Sydney Single Parents - www.SydneySingleParents.org.au or 9634 7502 (Hills) or 9411 1858 (Northside)

Hills Family Centre - 8805 7288 - Workshops and courses for parents and families.

Wesley Mission Family/Youth Services - www.wesleymission.org.au/centres/wesleydalmar/ or 8805 7288

Community Life Church Cherrybrook Life Centre - 9651 3534 - Counselling and parenting courses available.

Jack's Youth Café at Hornsby - 5 Jersey Street Hornsby (a short walk from the station) - 9477 1110

After school activities for students in a safe environment, run by Fusion Sydney North. Tuesdays-Fridays 3.00pm-6.00pm.

Newcomers Club - www.sydneynewcomers.com.au - Social club for women, offering support and friendship.

CUSTOM-FITTED SPORTS MOUTHGUARDS (Dr Nimesh Patel BDS MPH - 9 Hillcrest Road Pennant Hills)

No gap payment for private health fund members / 50% off for people with no private health fund.

Offer valid until December 2012 - www.timelessmiles.com.au or phone 9484 7737.

NSW Health Free Dental Clinic for 12-25 year olds - 9687 2544 - High Street Youth Health Service, Harris Park.

Rotary Club of Thornleigh Farm Markets

Third Sunday of every month - 8.00am-12.00noon - car park (corner Phyllis St and Central Ave, Thornleigh)

Christ Evangelical Centre of Australia Chinese Language School - 0410 613 814 (Jenny)

Cybersmart website - www.cybersmart.gov.au - Part of the Australian Government's cybersafety program.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register - www.vifamilynetwork.org.au

Sponsored by the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children, the Register collects data on Australian children with vision impairment. This data is used to improve services for children and to research eye disease and disorders of vision.