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Fortnightly Newsletter of
Pennant Hills High School

Friday 30 November 2012

Term 4 Week 8B



Pictured with Mrs Heidi Currie (centre) are Dr Michelle Bruniges, AM, DEC Director-General, and The Hon. Adrian Piccoli, MP, Minister for Education.

NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

I was delighted to be present to share with four members of our staff and two students who were honoured recently by receiving awards at the Northern Sydney Region Awards and Recognition ceremony, which was held at the Conservation Theatre at Taronga Zoo in November. It was a great honour to have so many members of our school recognised in this way.

From schools across the region, thirty-three teachers were recognised for teaching excellence. Heidi Currie received acknowledgement from the Regional Director, Jane Simmons, for her nomination for the *Minister's Award for Quality Teaching*; Cassandra Bernie was awarded the *Regional Director's Outstanding Service to Schools Teacher Award*; and James Boyer received the *Regional Director's Beginning Teacher Award*. Lee Lowe was one of only six from the region to be awarded the *Regional Director's School Administrative and Support Staff Award*. Two of our wonderfully supportive and talented students were among only 24 other students from all schools in the region to receive awards. Andrew, who completed Year 12 this year, received the *Regional Director's Student Achievement Award* and School Captain, Mikaila received the *Regional Director's Award for Student Leadership*.

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L-R: Cassandra Bernie, Lee Lowe, Andrew, Jane Simmons, Mikaila, Heidi Currie and James Boyer

On 22 November, it was a pleasure to attend the prestigious *Minister's Award for Quality Teaching* at head office of the Department of Education and Communities in Sydney to celebrate the presentation to Heidi Currie of this inaugural award from the Hon. Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education.

This was a real honour for Heidi and for Pennant Hills High School.

Congratulations to all of our award winners.

FOCUS on NEXT FORTNIGHT

Term 4 2012

Week 9A	Monday	3 December	Year 7 Swim School (Mon 3/12— Fri 7/12)
	Monday	3 December	Year 10 PASS Bronze Medallion (Mon 3/12— Fri 7/12)
	Monday	3 December	End of Year Music Concert
	Wednesday	5 December	Year 7 2013 Orientation
Week 10B	Monday	10 December	Year 8 Game On Surfeducate
	Wednesday	12 December	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Test Walk and Residential (Wed 12/12 — Fri 21/12)

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

FUTURE DATES

Term 4 2012

Week 11A	Monday	17 December	Year 9 PASS Surfeducate
	Wednesday	19 December	HSC Results Issued
	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 attend
	Friday	21 December	School Development Day—STAFF ONLY attend

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.

NEW P&C EXECUTIVE

On Tuesday night, our P & C held its Annual General Meeting during which new office bearers for 2013 were elected. I wish to congratulate Mrs Suelen Hands on her election as President. Suelen had already been a member of the Executive in the role of Treasurer. She brings broad experience to the role in leading our parent body next year.

I congratulate and thank the outgoing executive of the P & C for their great support of the school by giving up many hours of time to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. In particular, I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Fearnie Fisher for her dedicated and loyal service to the P & C and the school in her role of President. During the past three years as President, Fearnie has focused the parent body on ways of achieving better facilities and resources for our students, an example of which is the financial assistance provided by the P & C to enable the school to construct a new commercial kitchen. Fearnie has also made very valuable contributions by sitting on a number of merit selection interview panels to select new teachers, executive and SASS.

On behalf of our school community, I thank Fearnie for her most valuable contribution to our students, staff and parents.

Geoff Wing
Principal

KOREAN LANGUAGE AWARDS

Congratulations to Year 10 student Vanessa, who came 1st in Korean 2000 Hours Course for Open High School. Vanessa is a diligent student who has excelled throughout her studies of the Korean language.

Year 11 student Quentina has been honoured with a Korean Consulate Award for her achievements in Korean Continuers which she studies through the Open High School.

We congratulate Quentina on being recognised with this prestigious award and wish her well for the presentation ceremony which will take place at Open High School on Wednesday 12 December.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



It is with great pride and pleasure that we acknowledge three of our Year 11 students who have been recognised at the highest level for outstanding project and folio work in Industrial Technology. Each year the University of Wollongong's Faculty of Engineering hosts the NSW Senior High Schools Technology Competition. Pennant Hills High School entered three students' work into the competition this year. Mikaila, Joshua and Chris, each of whom were accelerated into the HSC course, had their projects and folios judged by the panel from the University. Chris' folio depicting his contemporary desk in bamboo plywood with a curved pencil drawer was judged the best project. Joshua's folio for his bathroom vanity with glazed door and drawers was judged best supporting folio, and Mikaila's folio outlining her dressing table project with mirror and dovetailed drawers was highly regarded. Additionally, as a team Pennant Hills High School was judged state champions. Congratulations Chris, Joshua and Mikaila on your fine work and to the TAS: Industrial Arts staff who supported them through the design and construction of their projects.

With the recent completion of Yearly Examinations across Stages 4 and 5, teachers are now giving feedback to students and preparing end of year academic reports. I would encourage all students to use this feedback wisely for further improvement in all subject areas in 2013. Everybody has scope for further improvement in whatever we undertake, and school work is no different. Make a note of what is said in reports and use that as incentive for that improvement. Each person should be striving for their personal best and the advice given by teachers in reports assists in achieving that.

It has been a very busy two weeks for our Year 10 students. Most students have now completed the Board of Studies *All My Own Work* course. The program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and

practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

Selected Year 10 students have recently been trained as Peer Support Leaders for 2013. Our Peer Support program is highly regarded and a key feature to assist our new Year 7 students transition into Pennant Hills High. I was fortunate enough to visit a part of the training day last Friday and was encouraged by the enthusiasm and vigour shown by those participating. I am very confident that our Year 7 students next year will be in very capable hands.

Finally, last week Year 10 completed a new initiative: The *My Life, My Future* Conference. The week began as it always has with three days at Vision Valley undertaking the PDHPE *Crossroads* program, which focuses strongly on the skills and resources that support students' personal, social and academic growth. This year, we extended the program into Thursday and Friday, which were devoted to workshops to prepare students for the next stage of their career development, and as responsible 21st century learners and citizens.

Thanks must go to teacher Heidi Currie and Careers Adviser Lyn McGlade for organising this new aspect of Year 10 development, and also to the following people for presenting and facilitating: Leading Senior Constable Debbie Chrystal, Youth Liaison Officer, Eastwood Police; Senior Constable Julie Jones, School Liaison Police, Hornsby; Jenny MacNamee from Hornsby TAFE; Elly Beck, The HR Company; Gayna Bamforth, HillsSip and teachers Owen Belling, Courtney Cassar, Jane Dennett, Janelle Dennis, Peter Kneale and Pam Leadbitter.

In conclusion, hearty congratulations go to Year 11 students Bronte and Callum who participated in the West Pennant Hills – Cherrybrook Lions Club *Youth of the Year* competition. Competing against students from Normanhurst Boys, Cherrybrook Technology and Galston High Schools, Bronte received the Public Speaking Award and Callum won the overall club Youth of the Year award and now progresses to the next level. Congratulations to both students who have maintained our School's fine tradition of high achievement in this competition.

Tony Rudd
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Study periods, Senior Study and the Library

As a great many seniors are now using these areas more often, we would like to welcome you and look forward to a productive 12 months. To ensure your study period time is used productively please remember the following simple procedures and you will have quiet areas in which to work, as you will need these in the next 12 months! We are happy to help you at any time.

Senior study is for quiet, individual study.

- Do not take newspapers or other casual reading to the senior study (unless it is for set texts in English).
- You are welcome to do group work in the main section of the library.
- Try to have your ID card with you at all times. You will be asked to place it in a box at the circulation desk. If you do not have it see Mrs Whitlock.
- Check with Library staff before using upstairs computers.

Year 7 History and Geography

Year 7 History and Geography students during Term 3 and part of Term 4 have developed their roles as researchers by participating in an Ancient Societies unit or an Australian World Heritage unit in the Library.

The Following students are commended for their diligence and attention to detail: Lauren, Natasha, Jacob, Elizabeth, Jessica, Max, Tiana, Lachlan, Emmi, Courtney, Aimee, Aleena, Alicia, Carmen, Kalindi, Aimee, Kimberley, Amber, Rodrigo, Madison, Laura-Ann, Michael, Harrison, Darshna, Ashleigh, Fiona and Eliza.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students from Year 7, who completed the 2012 challenge.

Students may start the **2013 Challenge now** by accessing the PRC website for the reading lists. There is no need to buy books as **PHHS library** has over 800 books listed in the challenge. They are listed under **Reading Lists** at the *DET Portal* or at **Library Enquiry** on the **PHHS Intranet**.

Entering the ebook world?

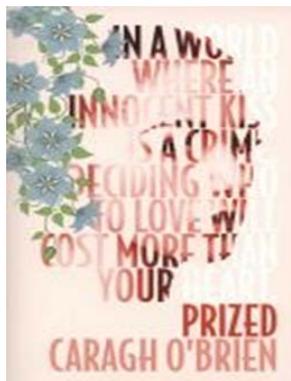
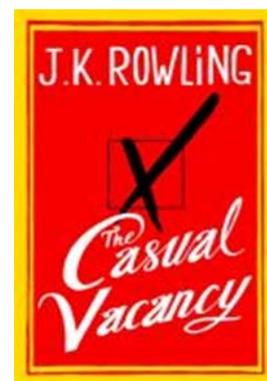
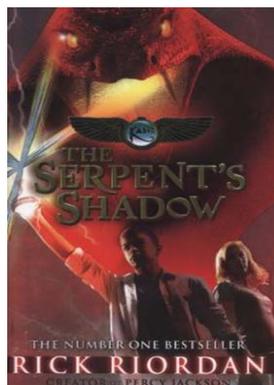
There are e-resources, both recreational and academic, for students on **Library Enquiry** under the

Link4Learning banner. *Library Enquiry* is found on **PHHS website** at **Important Links** at **Intranet**.

Students and staff may join **Hornsby Library** for online access to many wonderful e-resource reads for their electronic devices.

WestWords at <http://westwords.com.au/> is wonderful for our budding writers as well as readers!

New Books



ROAD TRIP TO END POVERTY

Organised by the *Oaktree Foundation*, the Road Trip will see over 1000 young people spend a week travelling across Australia in an effort to help end extreme poverty. The Road Trip will depart from capital cities from 9—16 March 2013 and travel through communities across Australia. Members of the Road Trip will capture the voices of over 100 000 Australians to ask our government to live up to its commitments to the world's poor. The Road Trip will culminate in a mass celebration in Sydney.

Interested students from Years 10 and 11 (2012) and their parents or caregivers can obtain more information from the website: www.theroadtrip.com.au



YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT TASKS

Term 4 2012

Week 9A	Monday	3 December	Drama: Performance Essay and Rationale Hospitality 1: Organisational Report Agriculture: Topic Test Hospitality 2: Organisational Report Biology: OEI Final Report Textiles: Plan and Presentation Music 2: Core Composition Portfolio Chemistry: Research
	Monday	3 December	
	Tuesday	4 December	
	Tuesday	4 December	
	Wednesday	5 December	
	Thursday	6 December	
	Friday	7 December	
Friday	7 December		
Week 10B	Tuesday	11 December	English Advanced: Orals
	Tuesday	11 December	English Standard: Orals
	Tuesday	11 December	Studies of English: Orals
	Tuesday	11 December	Engineering Studies: Civil Structures
	Wednesday	12 December	English Advanced: Orals
	Wednesday	12 December	English Standard: Orals
	Wednesday	12 December	Studies of English: Orals
	Thursday	13 December	Photography 2U: Digital BOW and Process Diary
	Friday	14 December	English Advanced: Orals
Friday	14 December	English Standard: Orals	
Week 11A	Tuesday	18 December	CAFS: IRP and Diary
	Wednesday	19 December	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS

YEAR 10 ASSESSMENT TASKS

Term 4 2012

Week 9A THIS WEEK PASS Bronze Medallion Assessment

Week 10B

YEAR 9 ASSESSMENT TASKS

Term 4 2012

Week 9A

Week 10B THIS WEEK Visual Arts: Body of Work
PASS: Research Task

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HELP RAISE MONEY FOR WHITE RIBBON DAY

A group of students from Pennant Hills High School volunteered their time at Events Cinema, Castle Hill last Friday 23 November 2012. They raised \$1609 by selling merchandise and encouraging the public to support such a great cause.

White Ribbon Day is a organisation that works to prevent male violence against women. It is a male-led campaign that believes that most men are good and that good men abhor such violence. Through primary prevention initiatives and an annual campaign, White Ribbon seeks to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate violence against women.

Thank you to the following students who represented our school proudly: Katie, Bethany, Grace, Ben, Sheena, Rachel, Lachlan and Clay.



Ben Elysee and Rachel Latham pin a white ribbon on Castle Hill MLA Dominic Perrottet.

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL IS A PROUD UNIFORM SCHOOL

At this time of year many families are purchasing new school uniforms, and we want to ensure that you have clear and accurate information about the rules.

One aspect of uniform that can create controversy is shoes. Let me be very clear about this. **The ONLY acceptable shoes for ALL students Years 7-12 are black, leather, lace-up school shoes. Ballet flats, 'mary-janes', sneakers, 'Vans', 'Rabens' and so on are all unacceptable. Please ensure that your child wears the correct shoes.**

Another issue is skirt length. We seek support from parents in ensuring that your daughter's school uniform is of an acceptable length, which is defined as no more than ten centimetres above the knee when standing.

The senior uniform is pictured at right to help you, and we will publish photographs of the junior uniform in our next issue. Also, the details of each aspect of uniform are found on the PHHS website, <http://www.pennant hills.schools.nsw.edu.au/> under *Our School* → *Rules and Policies*. They are also found in the student diaries, and in the booklet given to each student as they enrol in the school.

The P & C have specifically endorsed PHHS as a uniform school. We have a clear uniform policy, which is supported by most students and parents. Unfortunately some students do not do the right thing, and in doing so, create a negative impression of our school. We cannot allow this to happen.

I would like to remind all students and parents of the consequences of not wearing correct uniform.

First infringement: Lunchtime detention in Room 304 on that day

Second infringement: After-school detention on Monday or Wednesday from 3.20 until 4.00pm

Third infringement: Parent interview

There is a system of uniform passes, obtained from prefects from 8.30 – 8.55am each morning upon producing a note from a parent, which means that students are not subject to the consequences outlined above. However, this should not be regarded as a long-term solution. We expect that students obtain and wear uniform, and I am pleased to offer support through the clothing pool to any families who need assistance in obtaining uniforms.

We thank you for your support. Whether it is right or wrong, uniform is one way in which a school and its students are judged. We wish to ensure that students from Pennant Hills High School are presented in the best possible manner at all times.

Jane Dennett
Deputy Principal



A NOTE OF THANKS

Following are extracts from a letter written by a student from Inverell High School.

I am writing to express my thanks for the kindness and hospitality displayed by your school community during our brief but wonderful stay (to contest the semi-finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge). On behalf of my team and school, I would like to sincerely thank the entire school community for their help.

Our walk from the station took 45 minutes, with wrong advice from passers-by, wrong turns, maps and wrong schools meaning we arrived hot and exhausted. Thank you to the friendly deputy who provided us with orange juice and lollies ... you're a lifesaver.

Your debating coordinator, an ex-student of Inverell High School, shared stories with us while we waited for the other team to arrive.

Following the debate, we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by your school and were very kindly dropped at the train station to prevent a repeat of our earlier arduous trek.

Having subsequently won the grand finals, we are now State Champions. We cannot thank Pennant Hills High School enough for your help in getting us there.

Excellence in Textiles and Design

In our last edition we congratulated Year 12 student Georgia Davis who has been selected to have her Textiles major project, a bridal-inspired dress, included in the 2012 Textstyle Exhibition. The photographs below highlights the high quality of Georgia's work.



CONGRATULATIONS

The following students will be receiving Certificates acknowledging their contribution to the 2012 NSW Public Schools Performing Arts Ensembles. Well done.

Laura

NSW Public School Junior Dance Company

Victoria, Arthur, David, Larissa

NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Hugh, Ellen

NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra

Kalindi

NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band

Breanna

NSW Public Schools Singers

CHANGED YOUR DETAILS? HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH.

Have you changed jobs, moved house or changed phone number/s (including work and mobile) or email address/es? **Please make sure your details are up to date so we can contact you with important information or when your child needs you.**



Changes must include a signature from a parent or caregiver and can be made in one of two ways.

- Change of Details forms are available for collection (by students, parents or caregivers) from Student Reception.
- Log on to the parent portal to check or change your details: My Child ➔ (Student's Name) ➔ Change Details ➔ Primary Email (eg.)

An up-to-date primary email address is very important to ensure you receive group emails, which are an increasingly important part of our communication between school and home.

SCIENCE NEWS

National Science Competition

Students across Years 7 to 12 took part in the National Science competition which further reinforces the interest students at Pennant Hills High School have in Science. The results were outstanding and included: 16% High Distinctions, 38% Distinctions and 22% Credits. This is an outstanding achievement.

Year 8 (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) ESSA

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has implemented the mandatory statewide online testing of Year 8 students based on Stage 4 (Year 7 & 8) Science syllabus outcomes which will be held on Tuesday 13 November. The school and parents will be able to access students' results early next year. Your assistance in this important study is greatly appreciated.

The Science faculty kindly requests that if any student has mistakenly taken a Science textbook or equipment home could they please return them to the Science staff at their earliest convenience.

Mr P Scandizzo
Head Teacher Science

SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM 2012

The 2012 School to Work Program was linked to the 'Penno Reno' initiative. A number of Year 10 and Year 9 students worked diligently around the school grounds for 3 weeks undertaking landscaping and planting projects.

A really big thank you goes to Mr Longhurst who instructed, supervised and worked with the students during this time. His encouragement of students and enthusiasm with teaching skills to the students helped the School to Work Project to be a huge success.

The students involved in the project were: Tim, Sean, Patrick, Julian, Johnny, Will, Ben, Jesse, Haris, Alex, Brandon, Mathew, Aaron, Connor, Mitchell and Alexander.

Congratulations to all boys for their contribution to the school community.

SCHOOL GROUNDSMAN REQUIRED

A long term vacancy exists for a suitably qualified person to do general lawn mowing and ground maintenance at Pennant Hills High School.

The position is for approximately 10 hours per week.

There is some flexibility with work days and start/finish times.

Enquiries: Contact Mr Geoff Wing, Principal, on 9473 5000 by 12 December 2012.



CANTEEN NEWS

The last day for trading will be Tuesday 18 December. The Canteen will be closed for cleaning on Wednesday 19, Tuesday 20 and Friday 21 December.

We are currently organising a new 2013 menu which will be on the school website as soon as possible.

Lyndall Chamberlain
Canteen Manager



Northern Sydney Region
Disability Programs
Parent Forum

Advance Notice of Dates for 2013

Term 1 - Friday 5 April
Term 2 - Friday 21 June
Term 3 - Friday 13 September

FORBES FOOTWEAR

Summer Shoe Sale

ALL STOCK REDUCED

Includes

**Orthotic Footwear
Large Sizes and School Shoes**

**Prices slashed on
major brands including:
Clarks, New Balance, Hush Puppies
Supersoft, Florsheim**

Sale commences Saturday 1 December
(until Saturday 8 December)

**153 Pacific Hwy, Hornsby
9477 1613
Monday - Saturday**

Year 7 Swim School

Is currently running for all Year 7 Students at Loreto School, Normanhurst.

This is a mandatory program for all Year 7 Students.

The aim of this program is to improve individual swimming ability, survival skills and lifesaving techniques.



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Jazz	Children's Classes
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Hip Hop	Adult Classes
	Syllabus Work
	Assessments
	Performances
	Year End Recital

Ages 2 - Adult

First class is FREE!

Phone: 8006 2098

www.dancewithtdc.com.au

Penno Prayer Meeting

Mums, dads, grandparents,
please come and join us
as we pray for 'Penno' staff and students.

**1st and 3rd Friday of each month during term
8.45am-9.15am**

Please meet at Public Reception.

Enquiries: Kim Allan on 0410 548 350.

LOST PROPERTY



There is a lot of lost
property in Student
Reception.



**Please come and collect yours by
Friday 7 December 2012**

**After then it will be donated to
the School Clothing Pool.**



COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

COMING EVENTS

Service of Remembrance for families whose children have died or are missing

Wednesday 5 December 2012 - 7.30pm

St Matthews Anglican Church, Cnr Castle Hill Road and New Line Road, West Pennant Hills.

During the service, families and friends who have lost a child of any age will be invited to place a flower at the front of the church in memory of the child who has died or is missing (flowers provided or you are welcome to bring your own).

Crèche available. Supper available after the service. Enquiries: 9479 3700.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) Digital Ambassador Video Competition - Open to all school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 and 2012 who intend to begin their first uni degree full-time on campus at CSU in 2013. Upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be and you could win \$20,000 towards the cost of your study at CSU. **Entries close Sunday 9 December 2012. For more details visit: www.csu.edu.au/experience**

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.aiiu.com.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)

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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.nscchhs.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.

