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BANDAGED BEAR DAY

During the week of 19–23 March 2012, the staff and students of Pennant Hills High School celebrated Bandaged Bear Week. The Year 8 Leadership in the Middle School (LIMS) members organised fund-raising events in support of Westmead Children's Hospital. After much discussion, we settled on four ideas.

During the week we sold Bandaged Bear Day merchandise, including pens, hacky sacks, stuffed bears, notepads and clip-on bears. We sold lots of merchandise, but wanted to raise more money, so we looked forward to our other activities.

On Friday 23 March we ran a staff breakfast before school and a cake stall during recess. They both were a great success and raised even more funds. Some of our LIMS members came to school very early to help set up for the breakfast. This went very smoothly and staff enjoyed their breakfast, pre-ordered from a delicious menu selection including pancakes and muesli trifles, accompanied by a range of juices and hot drinks. They also enjoyed being served by student waiters.

Four LIMS started setting up the cake stall and, with four cakes selling before the bell rang, we knew there was going to be a big crowd. By the end of recess we had sold everything except for two plates of cakes. We went around to the staffrooms and offices and soon sold what was left, raising a total of \$300 from the cake stall alone.

The following week, LIMS members sold chocolates at recess and lunchtime. We are trying to raise as much as we can for the Westmead Children's Hospital because we believe it's great to help others who desperately need help from the community. For example, \$40 allows a family to stay overnight at the hospital, \$50 will pay for one hour of life-saving research, \$100 will pay for life-saving medication for a critically ill child and \$5000 will buy a phototherapy light to treat newborn babies with jaundice.



We are very proud of what we have done, and we thank the students and staff for buying our merchandise, breakfast, cakes and chocolates to help us help others.

Year 8 LIMS Members

KEY DATES

Term 2 2012

Week 1A	Monday	23 April	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	Tuesday	24 April	School resumes for ALL STUDENTS
	Tuesday	24 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
	Wednesday	25 April	ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
	Thursday	26 April	Year 7 Welfare Program (Period 1) in the MPC
Week 2B	Monday	30 April	Year 11 Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	30 April	Years 7 and 8 Parent Teacher Evening
Week 3A	Monday	7 May	Year 11 Examinations (ALL WEEK)
Week 4B	Monday	14 May	Zone Cross Country at St Ives Showground
	Tuesday	15 May	NAPLAN
	Wednesday	16 May	NAPLAN
	Thursday	17 May	NAPLAN
Week 5A	Monday	21 May	Preliminary Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	21 May	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Practice Walk
	Monday	21 May	Zone Cross Country Back-up Date
	Wednesday	23 May	School Athletics Carnival
	Thursday	24 May	Academic Challenge
	Friday	25 May	Years 7–12 Science Competition
Week 6B	Monday	28 May	Preliminary Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Wednesday	30 May	School Music Festival
	Wednesday	30 May	School Athletics Carnival Back-up Date
	Friday	1 June	Year 10 Geography Field Study

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

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: Claire Wiseman on 9875 1703.

Receipts Available for Collection

Thank you to those parents who have made payments or donations to the school this year. Students have been asked to collect receipts from the office over the past few weeks.

Parents often express a keen interest in obtaining these receipts.

If you have not received a receipt for payment/s you have made, please ask your student to check with the Fees Office without delay.

BANDAGED BEAR BREAKFAST

The Bandaged Bear Day breakfast was prepared and hosted by LIMS students. Due to the small kitchen, there were only a few of us cooking and three people serving. On the menu was muesli trifile, buttermilk pancakes with maple syrup, cereal, coffee, tea and juice.



All the cooks dressed up in chef whites and the waiters wore black waistcoats, black trousers and white collared shirts. Overall, we had a lot of fun working together to raise money for Westmead Children's Hospital, and I think the staff enjoyed not having to make their own breakfast.

**Jaime
Year 8**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Wonderful Achievements

I wish to thank all members of our school community for their contributions to our school this term. I recently took a brief period of long service leave, during which Mrs Dennett relieved as Principal. Upon my return, Mrs Dennett was quick to comment on how busy a term we have had in not

only implementing a number of new initiatives in the school, but also in continuing to provide many curriculum enrichment activities for our students. This is, of course, whilst maintaining the focus on our core business of teaching and learning.

Some of the significant events late in Term 1 were our support of charity through the Bandaged Bear fund-raiser and the Year 7 'Big Night Out', which was organised and run by Year 11 Peer Support leaders and prefects, supported by staff.

During the remainder of 2012, we will continue to implement new initiatives and seek ways in which we can improve our school. I encourage all parents and students to provide their thoughts on new programs such as the Learning Centre, and on our revisions to communication with parents.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

Last weekend two teams, comprising Year 11 students from our school, participated in MUNA. The program, introduced to Australia by Rotary in 1980, invites Rotary Clubs in NSW to sponsor a team of students to represent a nominated country at an assembly modelled on the format and function of the United Nations. The purpose of MUNA is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations whilst they develop debating skills and gain self confidence in public speaking.

Supported by Mr Henzler, and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, our students represented USA and Nepal in this valuable activity. A teacher from another school complimented our students on their outstanding speaking skills. Bronte, Anna and Daniel represented USA, and Benson, Jules and Evan, who represented Nepal, were highly commended for their efforts. Congratulations to both teams.



Winter Uniform

The school, in conjunction with parents and students, has a joint responsibility to ensure that every student is wearing the approved uniform, and that it is worn correctly. The start of Term 2 marks the time for winter uniform to be worn, and I ask that all families use the Easter vacation time to purchase items of winter uniform which comply with our school uniform code.

I suggest that you check our school website, or the student diary, to ensure that only authorised items are purchased for wearing to school from the start of Term 2. In addition, I am sure it won't be long into next term when the first 'cold snap' hits, so I would encourage all families to purchase the school all-weather jacket, which is particularly warm, waterproof and durable.

Year 12 Mid-Course Exams

Year 12 students are nearing the end of these examinations. It is very important that students and parents carefully consider feedback on their efforts from teachers and identify areas for improvement. It is a timely reminder that we have a very worthwhile '10% On Top' program which provides support for Year 12 students from staff mentors. Notwithstanding this, should any student be struggling with the challenges of the heavy workload of the HSC year, I encourage students and parents to seek support from the school through Year 12 Adviser, Mrs Jebbink, our Counsellor, Mrs Hayward or from any other member of staff.

Farewell and Thank You

Following 25 years of service to our students and parents, Mr George Lowery has been successful, through the merit selection process, in gaining a position at James Ruse Agricultural High School as a classroom teacher.

Mr Lowery came to Pennant Hills High School in 1987 and has had great success in teaching students in most courses in the Social Sciences Faculty, especially Economics to students in the senior school. In 2007, we shared Mr Lowery's delight when informed that one of his students had placed 1st in NSW in Economics at the Higher School Certificate. This speaks volumes of his expertise in this course, as well as his ability to share his passion for the discipline to enthuse students. Mr Lowery has been involved in a range of sporting and other curriculum enrichment activities during his many years here. A passionate supporter and coach of cricket and football, he has undoubtedly had a significant impact on a large number of students over the years.



Mr Lowery leaves with the thanks of students, staff and parents for his contributions to our school, and with our best wishes for the challenges ahead in the next stage of his teaching career.

Mr Grant Howard, one of our Religious Education teachers, is also leaving due to a reduction in staffing in this area. Mr Howard has made a wholehearted contribution to the Religious Education Program over the past seven years. His friendly manner enabled him to very effectively engage students and to build excellent rapport with them.

We thank Mr Howard for his contributions to our school and wish him success in the future.

Driving Vehicles on to School Grounds

For safety reasons, it is essential that **ALL** parents and visitors abide by the school rule that vehicles are **NOT TO BE DRIVEN ON TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS** at any time unless authorised.

This especially applies during the morning and afternoon when, at these peak times, there is heightened risk of injury to pedestrians and those people driving vehicles which are authorised to enter the grounds. The fact that extension classes are held on most mornings before the normal school day starts and on some afternoons after 3.20pm also adds to the risk to students and staff. The most obvious exception to this rule is a parent coming during the day to pick up a student who is sick or injured. This problem has been ongoing so far in 2012. I believe parents have been trying to

make it easier for their children during the prolonged wet weather periods we have experienced. However, the wet weather is not sufficient reason for others to be put at increased risk by vehicles entering the school grounds.

In the interests of safety, I seek your co-operation with this important matter.

An Unusual Start to Term 2

I wish to remind students and parents that Term 2 starts for students on Tuesday 24 April 2012. Staff will be engaged in a School Development Day on Monday 23 April, and students are not required to attend school on that day. The ANZAC Day public holiday is on Wednesday 25 April, but there will be normal classes for students for the other days in this first week back in Term 2, including Tuesday 24 April 2012.

Welcome to New Staff

We welcome two new members of staff to our school. Mr Bob Crosbie, TAS Faculty, commenced at our school late this term, and we will have a new teacher of Agriculture, Mr Bruce Walters, from the start of Term 2. I know that both of these experienced teachers will quickly settle into our school routines and get to know our students and parents.

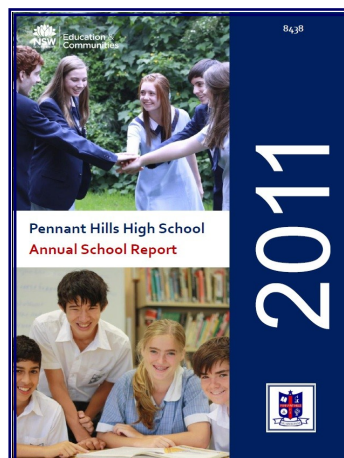
Easter Vacation

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all staff, students and families a restful and enjoyable Easter vacation. We look forward to embracing the many opportunities which await us in Term 2.

Geoff Wing
Principal

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2011

In line with current DEC practice, our Annual School Report for 2011 is now available through the Parent Portal.



A limited number of printed copies are also available. Please contact public reception if you wish to obtain a hard copy.

YEAR 7 DANCE

On the evening of Friday 23 March 2012, the new Year 7 students had their Big Night Out. It was a great night, organised by the Year 11 prefects, which truly embraced the theme of 'summertime'. The Year 7s and their peer support leaders enjoyed beach volleyball, limbo, chatting with friends, and dancing. It was the biggest turnout of students to date for a Year 7 dance.



One of the highlights of the night was the competition to find the best dancer. The winner of this competition was Hamish who had a unique style of 'flamingo' dancing. The night was a huge success and offered a chance for the Year 7 students to get to know each other in a friendly environment outside of the classroom. Thanks go to the teachers who supervised on the night, the Year 11 peer support leaders, Mr Raper for his sound and lighting services, Mrs Campbell for her supervision and organisation of the night, and the Year 11 prefects who brought everything together. Also, a big thank you to the Year 7 students whose enthusiasm made the night truly memorable.

Josh
Year 11

SPEAK OUT education

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Year 7-9 April Courses

Speaking Essentials - develop confidence and public speaking skills

Debating Workshops - excel at creating arguments and rebuttal

www.speakouteducation.com.au

WORKING BEE THANK YOU

Thank you to the band of willing workers who joined in the Working Bee on Sunday 25 March 2012. Good company and pleasant conditions combined to make it a very worthwhile day.



CONGRATULATIONS

Grace (Year 7) has been chosen to participate in the Australian Youth Choir international tour from 21 May to 8 June. Grace will be performing in towns and cities across the United Kingdom and Europe.

Nicholas (Year 10) has been selected in the Sydney North AFL squad to play in the Northern NSW Carnival at Newcastle on 27 April.

We congratulate Grace and Nicholas on their achievements and wish them well.

COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

COMING EVENTS

Hornsby Shire Council Vacation Activities

- **Rock and Vox the Block Band Competition - 14 April** - hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/rock-the-block
- **Skate Boarding Clinic @ Galston Skate Park - 14 April**
www.yhq.com.au or contact Kim Harris - 9847 6531
- **Kitchen Masters Cooking Classes - 18 April** - Pennant Hills Community Centre
Contact: Ellen Sheldrake - 9847 6855 or esheldrake@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Vision Valley Holiday Camps - for primary and high school students - overnight and day camps available
Vision Valley camps are an activity of Wesley Mission. www.visionvalley.org.au or 9655 2600

Football NSW April School Holiday Camps - benw@footballnsw.com.au or 8814 4414

Jacks Island Café - Creative Cooking Program - Tuesdays 22 May - 26 June - 3.45pm-5.30pm.
5 Jersey Street Hornsby (a very short walk from the station).
Program Cost - \$60.00 (includes ingredients) paid in advance. Bookings or information - 9477 1110

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand - www.studentexchange.org.au or 9997 0700.
Hosts needed for students arriving in June/July from Europe, Canada, USA and Latin America.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange - www.scce.com.au or 1800 500 501
Hosts needed for students arriving in July from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. Students will attend a local high school.

World Education Program Australia (WEP) - www.wep.org.au or 1300 884 733
Hosts needed for students arriving in July from Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Australian Institute of International Understanding (AIU) - www.aiiu.om.au or 1800 174 407

RECREATION AND SPORTING GROUPS

Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Rugby League Club - www.pennostags.com or 0418 677 511 (Ross Ruhan)
Great family club competing in the North Sydney District League. Under 6 to A Grade. Full season registration includes insurances and club shorts, socks and jumper. (Under 6 registration is free.)

Beecroft Cherrybrook Junior Rugby Union Club - www.beecroftjuniors.com.au or 0439 904 457
Winter 2012 Registrations now open.

Cherrybrook Table Tennis Club - 0412 520 854
Wednesdays and Thursdays - 7.30pm at Cherrybrook Community Centre. Adult coaches and mentors.
Enjoy social and competition table tennis.

Epping RSL Golden Kangaroos Marching Band - www.goldenkangaroos.org.au or 9868 3289 (Annette)
Beginners band, concert, stage and marching bands. Opportunities for beginners, intermediate and experienced musicians. Adults and children welcome.

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

Pennant Hills Girl Guides - 9894 9580 (Gail)
Meets Mondays (10-14 year olds) and Wednesdays (7-10 year olds).

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

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.

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.

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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.

Also tips and suggestions for way to handle various situations encountered by parents and families.

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 - 9477 1110

After school activities for students in a safe environment, run by Fusion Sydney North. Jack's Café, located at 5 Jersey Street Hornsby (a short walk from station), is open Tuesdays to Fridays 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

Newcomers Club - www.sydneynewcomers.com.au

Social club for women, offering support and friendship.

Free Dental Clinic - 9687 2544

Provided by NSW Health for 12-25 year olds. Located in 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)

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

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

Cybersmart website - www.cybersmart.gov.au

Safely enjoy the online world. Part of the Australian Government's cybersafety program.

HELP WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND NUMERACY

Free adult literacy and numeracy classes - Meadowbank TAFE - 9942 3572 (Sue or Deborah)

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

Free English courses for adult migrants - www.ames.edu.au

Classes available at Hornsby, Chatswood and Eastwood.

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