



JUMBUNNA

Fortnightly Newsletter of
Pennant Hills High School

Friday 18 May 2012

Term 2 Week 4B



*Senior Theatresports Team (L-R)
Alasdair, James, Bronte
Benson, Alyssa*

THEATRESPORTS

On Monday 14 May 2012, Pennant Hills High School's Senior Theatresports team competed against nine other teams in the 2012 Senior Theatresports Schools Competition. For those unfamiliar with this activity, Theatresports is all about improvising theatrical scenes on the spot in front of a large audience and it is set to become quite a tradition at Pennant Hills High School. This was our team's first attempt at the competition and, as the only Year 11 group in the Senior Competition, they performed well. Alyssa captained the team to sixth place, while new recruits Alasdair and James staged an interesting death at a mattress factory. Benson expertly supplied music and sound effects for scenes and Bronte managed to give scenes flawless momentum.

At the time of writing, our Junior Theatresports team, consisting of Slade, Emma, Sarah, James, Chris, Jessica and Eamon, were getting ready to compete in the Junior Competition. We look forward to hearing about their performances.

The drama never stops at Pennant Hills High School. Classes have been working hard on pieces for the Annual Drama Festival. Mark the date in your diaries now: Friday 15 June 2012 - 6:30pm.

Courtney Cassar
Drama Teacher

Mr Geoff Wing
Principal

Mr Tony Rudd and Mrs Jane Dennett
Deputy Principals

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**Now open for
homework and study**



Juniors and Seniors welcome

3.20pm – 4.30pm

Monday and Wednesday

Stuck on your Maths homework?

Equilibrium getting you down?

Essay not flowing?

Need help to get going with your
Science assignment?

We have teachers and university students
to assist you.

Library – Lower Level.

Come and see the changes.

Yes! We have
beanbags!

KEY DATES

Term 2 2012

Week 5A	Monday	21 May	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	21 May	Zone Cross Country Carnival BACK-UP Date
	Wednesday	23 May	School Athletics Carnival
	Wednesday	23 May	School Music Festival
	Thursday	24 May	Academic Challenge
	Friday	25 May	Science Competition (Years 7–12)
Week 6B	Monday	28 May	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Wednesday	30 May	School Athletics Carnival BACK-UP Date
Week 7A	Wednesday	6 June	School Athletics Carnival BACK-UP Date
	Friday	8 June	Vaccinations – Years 7 and 10
Week 8B	Monday	11 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Thursday	14 June	Sydney North Cross Country at Gosford
	Friday	15 June	Drama Festival in the MPC
Week 9A			
Week 10B	Wednesday	27 June	Zone Athletics Carnival
	Friday	29 June	LAST DAY OF TERM 2

SCHOOL VACATION

Term 3 2012

Week 1A	Monday	16 July	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	Tuesday	17 July	SCHOOL RESUMES for all students
	Tuesday	17 July	Years 9 and 10 Parent–Teacher Evening
	Friday	20 July	CHS Cross Country at Eastern Creek
Week 2B	Monday	23 July	Sydney North Athletics at Homebush
	Tuesday	24 July	Sydney North Athletics at Homebush
Week 3A	Monday	30 July	Trial HSC Examinations (ALL WEEK)
Week 4B	Monday	6 August	Trial HSC Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	6 August	Japanese Student Visit (ALL WEEK)

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

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 May 2012.

Halima Heywood will speak to us about two exciting new initiatives: the Learning Centre and the Homework Centre. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to find out about these ventures and to witness first-hand the enthusiasm of staff members who are involved in the Centres. P&C meetings provide an avenue for parents and caregivers to make a positive contribution to the school community, and to learn more about what is happening at the school, through presentations by teachers, students and others from the community.

We look forward to welcoming you to our meeting. Please direct any enquiries to the P&C email address: pandc@pennanthil-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Sharon Maynard
P&C Secretary

'IN CONCERT' PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our students who participated in the 'In Concert' performance at the Sydney Town Hall on Monday 7 May 2012. Under the baton of Australia's leading conductor and music educator, Richard Gill OAM, this showcase of choral and instrumental music featured secondary school students from across the state.

Pennant Hills High School was well represented by the following students:

- *NSW Public Schools Singers*: Breanna;
- *Northern Sydney Regional Choir*: Thomas, Kalindi, Jessica, Alicia and Cameron;
- *NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble*: Arthur, David, Larissa and Victoria.

Carol Coomber
Band Co-ordinator

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Personalised learning is a key aspect of your child's progress at Pennant Hills High School. Our core business is the provision of a high quality education, tailored to the needs of students as individuals with a range of learning styles. I would like to share with you some ways in which we are achieving our goal.

The transition to high school is a period of considerable excitement and challenge. A previous edition of *Jumbunna* outlined our Learning 2 Learn program, which focused on introducing Year 7 to the different world of high school, and helping students know themselves as individual learners. When people know how they learn best, they are able to play a real role in determining their progress and achievements. The program evaluations have been completed, and the very positive response indicates that this will become a permanent feature of our Stage 4 program.

It is timely to mention here that Halima Heywood, the coordinator of both the Learning 2 Learn program and The Learning Centre, will be the guest speaker at the next P&C Meeting to be held Tuesday 22 May. I encourage all parents to attend in order to learn more about this innovation.

Our Homework Centre is proving to be an important facility. Students are very welcome to attend after school every Monday and Wednesday until 4.30pm, to use the resources of the Library, gain one-to-one help with homework from teachers, or simply work independently on tasks. Afternoon tea is provided, and we encourage all students to take advantage of this service. Please note, however, that the Homework Centre will not operate on Wednesday 23 May, as this is the day of the School Athletics Carnival.

We continue to work closely with our partner schools to tailor our approaches to individual contexts. Our teachers have benefited from most valuable professional learning activities within our Community of Schools, focused on further improving literacy and numeracy. Teachers from Pennant Hills, Cherrybrook and Normanhurst West Public Schools have recently presented highly informative, practical sessions to all Pennant Hills teachers. I wish to acknowledge the excellent work of Jenni Lainson, Pennant Hills Public; Janelle Smith, Normanhurst West Public and Carol Weatherdon, Cherrybrook Public. These teachers have contributed significantly to furthering our

ability to deliver a consistent message about literacy across Stages 3 and 4. The sessions they presented are a follow-up to the analysis of the 2011 NAPLAN results throughout the Community of Schools. We are fortunate to work with supportive, professional partner primary schools, and I thank them sincerely for their collaboration and support.

NAPLAN tests were held this week across the nation, and our students conducted themselves impeccably during the process. Thank you to Jeff Minton, Head Teacher Special Education, for his smooth organisation of the event.

As always, Term 2 is busy. Our Cross Country Team placed second in the Zone Carnival, held on 21 May, and many fine performances mean that we will send a strong group to the Regional Carnival. Two teams were entered in the Theatresports Competition held at Oakhill College last week, a first for Pennant Hills, and they performed with distinction. Our Festival of Music will be held this Wednesday, 23 May, commencing at 7.00pm in the MPC, and I urge you to attend this evening of outstanding entertainment. The Academic Challenge happens this Thursday in the MPC, with Year 7 students leading primary schools in a range of problem solving and creative activities. The Science Competition on Friday will round out the week. Busy students = happy students, so get involved!

This term will also see great activity in the Food Technology/Hospitality area, as Room 201 kitchen facilities undergo an upgrade as part of the \$40m NSW Government Schools Upgrade Program. Students will be re-roomed during the construction period, anticipated to be completed by the beginning of Term 3, when they will then be able to utilise the new facilities.

Jane Dennett
Deputy Principal

FORBES FOOTWEAR **Winter Shoe Sale**

ALL STOCK REDUCED

including
**Orthotic Footwear, Large Sizes
and School Shoes**

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

Sale Dates
Saturday 2 June – Saturday 9 June 2012

153 Pacific Highway Hornsby
9477 1613 Monday – Saturday

FOCUS on NEXT FORTNIGHT

Term 2 2012

Week 5A	Monday	21 May	Year 12 Meeting
	Monday	21 May	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	21 May	Zone Cross Country Carnival BACK-UP Date
	Wednesday	23 May	School Athletics Carnival
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Week 6B	Monday	28 May	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Wednesday	30 May	School Athletics Carnival BACK-UP Date
	Friday	1 June	Years 10 and 12 Geography Field Study

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

Pennant Hills High School SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Wednesday 23 May 2012
Pennant Hills High School MPC

7.00pm start

Come along and enjoy performances by:

Concert Band 1

Concert Band 2

Junior Stage Band

Big Band

Year 12 Soloists

Local Primary School Bands

Gold coin donation

**Parents, students and friends
all welcome.**

Pennant Hills High School DANCE ENSEMBLE

A 9-Week Program

Thursdays – Term 2

Pennant Hills High School Drama Studio

7.00am – 8.30am

**Dance instructor Jay Bailey has trained in
ballet, contemporary, jazz, hip hop, break
dance and acrobatics.**

The program will help young performers to focus on the ways they work together to create an original performance piece that is accessible, relevant and appealing to young people. Performers will train in contemporary technique class and workshops to develop performance skills, increase confidence and engage in an environment.

Years 7–12

All levels of dance experience

YEAR 12 ASSESSMENT TASKS

Term 2 2012

Week 5A	Monday	21 May	CAFS In-class Essay
	Monday	21 May	Engineering Studies Practical Experiment
	Friday	25 May	PDHPE Research Project
Week 6B	Monday	28 May	Modern History Oral Presentations this week
	Monday	28 May	Visual Arts Oral Presentations this week
	Tuesday	29 May	Economics In-class Essay
	Tuesday	29 May	Geography Topic 2 Test
	Thursday	31 May	Extension 1 English Hand-in Task
	Friday	1 June	ESL Module A: Australian Voices
	Friday	1 June	IPT Major Project



SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held on Wednesday 23 May 2012 at Pennant Hills Park (Britannia Street, Pennant Hills). The carnival comprises a full program of track and field events and students are encouraged to participate for both enjoyment and competition.

The Athletics Carnival is part of the normal school curriculum and all students are expected to attend. Students who are medically unfit to participate must still attend, bringing an explanatory note from their parents. They will be given an alternate task e.g. assisting officials. These notes are to be given to Mr Boyer by Monday 21 May.

For students in Years 9 and 10, participation in this carnival forms part of their final assessment. All Year 9 and 10 students are expected to compete in at least three events.

Transport

Morning – Students may walk to the venue or arrive with parents. Students who travel on buses which go via Pennant Hills Station during their normal daily route are to get off at the station and walk directly to the park. A shuttle service will also operate from the school bus bay from 8.30am for students who wish to use it.

Afternoon – The carnival will conclude at approximately 2.40pm, and students will be dismissed from the venue. Shuttle buses will return students to school to connect with regular services. Other students may walk home or be collected by parents.

Uniform

Students are required to wear their **school PE/sport uniform**.

Food and Drinks

Canteen facilities and a sausage sizzle will operate on the day.

What to Bring

Students should bring something to sit on, warm clothes, suitable footwear and a water bottle. Hats and sunscreen are also recommended.

Wet Weather

In the event of possible cancellation due to wet weather, please check the school website at 7.30am - www.pennanthil-schools.nsw.edu.au (The carnival back up date is Wednesday 30 May).

Ku-ring-gai Zone Carnival

Students who are placed first or second at the School Carnival (in most events) will compete at the Ku-ring-gai Zone Carnival at Sydney International Athletics Centre, Homebush on Wednesday 27 June 2012. Permission notes will be distributed at school following our carnival.

Mrs Stewart will be holding training sessions for our age relay teams each Friday at lunchtime in the weeks leading up to the Zone Carnival.

All students will be issued with a detailed information sheet, carnival program and venue map.

Neil Barrowcliff, Valmé Kruger, James Boyer
Carnival Organisers

CASH PAYMENTS - A REMINDER

New procedures for processing of cash payments are now in place.

- Cash payments should NOT be placed in envelopes and ARE NOT to be placed in the payments box at the cashier's window.
- All cash payments are to be made direct to the staff at the cashier's window. Receipts will be issued at the time of payment.
- The cashier's window will be open to receipt cash payments before school from 8.00am, at recess and during lunchtime.

Payments by cheque or credit card slips may still be placed in appropriately labelled envelopes and placed in the payments box at the cashier's window.

We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition to these new procedures.



Pennant Hills High School DRAMA FESTIVAL Friday 15 June 2012

7.30pm in the MPC

Performances by the Drama Ensemble and Drama students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Tickets available at the door:

Adults \$10 - Children \$5 - Family (2+2) \$20

Snack food available for purchase.

Join us for a great night of live theatre!

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

COMING EVENTS

Hearing the Cry - Suicide Prevention Strategies with Margaret Appleby OAM - Monday 21 May - 7.30pm
St Matthew's Church, Cnr New Line Rd and Castle Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills - All welcome - **Phone: 9479 3700**

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

Hills Shire Library Youth Festival

Careers Workshop—Tuesday 22 May (6.00pm—8.00pm) - \$10.00
Learn More in Less Time—Wednesday 23 May (6.30pm—8.00pm) - \$10.00
Makeup Fun for Teens—Thursday 24 May (4.00pm—5.30pm) - \$10.00
Manga Workshop—Tuesday 29 May (5.00pm—7.00pm) - \$15.00
eResources for Students—Wednesday 30 May (4.30pm—5.30pm) - FREE
The HSC Blueprint—Thursday 31 May (6.00pm—8.00pm) - \$10.00

Tickets are essential for all events. More information: www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library

Pennant Hills Public School FETE - Sunday 27 May - 10.00am—3.00pm - Rain, hail or shine!
Infants Site (Trebor Road, Pennant Hills) - Stalls - Games - Rides - Music - Café - Come and join the fun!

Murray Farm Public School CRACKER CARNIVAL - Saturday 2 June - 2.00pm—8.00pm (Free entry 2.00pm—3.00pm)
Tracey Avenue, Carlingford - Rides - Games - International Food - Cake Stall - Spectacular Fireworks Display!
www.murrayfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au (Click on Cracker Carnival tab)

Series for Parents and Carers - *Living with Teenagers* - FREE sessions - 7.00pm—8.30pm
Surviving Stress (Study and Exams) - Wednesday 6 June - Hornsby / Tuesday 12 June - Galston
Successful Transitions to High School - Wednesday 1 August - Hornsby / Tuesday 7 August - Galston
BodyThink for Parents - Wednesday 22 August - Hornsby / Tuesday 11 September - Galston
Understanding Social Networking - Tuesday 16 October - Galston / Wednesday 24 October - Hornsby
Bookings are essential: 9482 1366 (Clifton Adolescent and Family Support, Mission Australia)

Understanding Your Teenager - Parent Forums by Ku-ring-gai Council

Internet - Tool and Weapon - 25 June
Sexualisation of Youth - 6 August
Safe Partying - 17 September
Building Positive Mental Health - 22 October

Bookings required. Contact Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services: www.kyds.org.au or 9424 0837

Want to help someone with their English? Meadowbank TAFE is offering a free training program to give you skills for tutoring small groups or individuals in English. Classes begin **Tuesday 29 May 2012** and will run 10.00am—1.00pm for five weeks. **Information: Deborah Hilder: 9942 3572 or deborah.hilder@det.nsw.edu.au**

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 - students arriving in July from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

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.

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.
Wednesdays and Thursdays - 7.30pm at Cherrybrook Community Centre. Adult coaches and mentors.

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 - 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 NOTICES AND CONTACTS

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.

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/wesleydalmir/ 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 the 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.

NSW Health Policy and Implementation Plan for Healthy Culturally Diverse Communities 2012-2016

Find out what the NSW Ministry of Health is planning for the future of your multicultural community.

Copies of the newly released policy are now available: www.health.nsw.gov.au or 9887 5450.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

Sponsored by the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children, the Register is the first of its kind in Australia, and collects data on Australian children with vision impairment. This data is used to improve services for children and by researchers who work in the area of eye disease and disorders of vision. **Information:** www.vifamilynetwork.org.au

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 at Hornsby, Chatswood and Eastwood.

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