



JUMBUNNA

Fortnightly Newsletter of
Pennant Hills High School

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Term 3 Week 4B



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BEST BUDDIES

What is a best buddy?

Best Buddies is an organisation that encourages community service and friendship. Founded by Anthony K Shriver in 1989, Best Buddies has grown all over the world with over 1500 middle schools, high schools and universities having now taken part in the program.

Our Mission



The Best Buddies mission is to establish a global volunteer movement which creates opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop leadership skills, and initiate and build one-to-one friendships.

What Happens?

In the Best Buddies Program at Pennant Hills High School everyone is very committed to their buddies. A few times a week the buddies will meet up and have a chat and a good time together. We do many different things, like going to the movies, to each other's houses or to our buddies' birthday parties, and sometimes we just hang out. We have had a pizza day to meet our buddies and we have a family night coming up which we are catering for with our buddies so our parents can meet each other and learn about the program. We are looking forward to having lots of fun with our buddies and doing many exciting things.



Students

This is the first year the Best Buddies Program has taken place at Pennant Hills High School. We have around 30 students participating in the program, some of whom we have nominated into key roles so that we are able to run the program ourselves. We are all meeting with our buddies regularly and are having a great time. We hope to have a cupcake stall soon to raise money for some of the activities that we are planning to do outside of school, like a movie night or ten pin bowling.

Tom and Charlie
Year 7

FOCUS on NEXT FORTNIGHT

Term 3 2012

Week 5A	Tuesday	14 August	CAPA Festival (HSC Music Soirée)
	Wednesday	15 August	CAPA Festival (HSC Drama Friends and Family)
	Wednesday	15 August	CAPA Festival (Visual Arts Exhibition)
	Thursday	16 August	CAPA Festival (Visual Arts Exhibition)
	Thursday	16 August	Industrial Technology Display
	Thursday	16 August	<i>Meet the Music</i> Concerts at the Opera House
	Friday	17 August	CAPA Festival (Visual Arts Exhibition Opening)
	Friday	17 August	Industrial Technology Display
	Saturday	18 August	CAPA Festival (Visual Arts Exhibition)
Week 6B	Tuesday	21 August	Year 12 Meeting
	Wednesday	22 August	Year 8 Gala Day
	Wednesday	22 August	Big Band Biennale
	Thursday	23 August	Schools Knockout Athletics
	Friday	24 August	Science Challenge

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

KEY DATES

Term 3 2012

Week 7A	Thursday	30 August	School Photographs (Groups)
	Thursday	30 August	Prefect Induction Ceremony
	Thursday	30 August	Schools Knockout Athletics
Week 8B	Wednesday	5 September	SES Cadet Graduation
	Friday	7 September	Year 11 Preliminary Final Examinations
Week 9A	Monday	10 September	Year 11 Preliminary Final Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	10 September	CHS Athletics (Monday—Wednesday)
	Wednesday	12 September	Year 7 Gala Day
Week 10B	Monday	17 September	Year 11 Preliminary Final Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	17 September	Year 12 Community Concert
	Tuesday	18 September	Year 12 Graduation
	Wednesday	19 September	Year 12 Formal
	Friday	21 September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

VACATION

Term 4 2012

Week 1A	Monday	8 October	Term 4 Commences - STUDENTS ATTEND
Week 2B	Monday	15 October	HSC Commences - Written Examinations
	Tuesday	16 October	ESA Online Readiness Test
Week 3A	Monday	22 October	Year 9 Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Friday	26 October	Year 7 Vaccinations
Week 4B	Monday	29 October	Year 9 Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	29 October	Year 8 Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	29 October	Year 7 Examinations (ALL WEEK)

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Students and staff at Pennant Hills High School continue to demonstrate their care and compassion for those in our society who are less fortunate than ourselves. This could not have been more evident than in the past week. On Friday of last week, our students were featured on the ABC

evening news, having travelled into Ultimo with Mr Cassar to donate our school's contribution to the *Wrap With Love* program. For a number of weeks now students, mainly members of our SRC, have been knitting squares during lunchtime at school and during their spare time at home. These squares were made into rugs and taken into the ABC studios where we contributed to an amazing 820 completed wraps, along with another 4600 squares which were donated on the day. Many of these wraps will be sent to the eastern European nations of Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine and will be dispatched in good time for their harsh winter. In addition to this, our Prefects held their annual *Jeans For Genes* mufti day fund-raiser, also on Friday. With the support of students and staff who donated for the privilege of coming to school dressed in mufti, and through the ever popular lunchtime barbecue, we will be able to donate \$1000 to the Children's Medical Research Institute based at Westmead Hospital.

Last week we also had approximately 80 people attend the school to hear a presentation from the World Challenge organisation regarding the possibility of our students becoming involved in their program. World Challenge offers students the opportunity to travel overseas and contribute to an environmental program in diverse landscapes, cities and rural towns. Through this, students develop an appreciation for other cultures and gain a broader global perspective of those cultures. From this meeting, it is hoped that we can foster enough interest for a group of our students to participate in this wonderful program. Thank you to Ms Ackerman for organising this meeting and for her ongoing interest and enthusiasm for the program.

Recently, four Year 11 students were selected to participate in the NSW Department of Education and Communities *Director-General for a Day* program. This program sees school students shadow senior department officials so that they can gain experience in how the department operates at that senior level.

Lucie was selected as Northern Sydney Regional Director and shadowed Ms Jane Simmons. During the day Lucie and Ms Simmons met with Mr Matt Kean MP, Member for Hornsby, attended the official opening of Book Festivals at both Brooklyn and Cowan Public Schools and participated in a meeting with the school executive at Normanhurst Public School.

Mikaila was paired with Mrs Janet Wasson, School Education Director, the Hills Network of Schools and attended the Prefect Induction at Cherrybrook Technology High School and an assembly and dramatic production at Cherrybrook Public School. Mikaila also met with other School Education Directors and held discussions about school leadership and opportunities in education.

Marcus was paired with Ms Tracey Barron, Workplace Health and Safety Liaison Manager and participated in the analysis of various schools' WHS management plans.

Benson shadowed Mr Manoj Chandra Handa, Professional Learning and Leadership Coordinator, participating in the examination of academic data from NAPLAN examinations and school-based Gifted and Talented learning programs.

Each of the four students selected for this program spoke very highly of their experiences upon their return to school.



L-R: Marcus, Lucie, Mikaila and Benson

As the last *Jumbunna* indicated, we are eagerly looking forward to our inaugural Creative and Performing Arts Festival to be held from Tuesday through to Saturday next week. Please refer to the advertisement on page 5 of this newsletter or to the school's website for details of performance and display times and venues.

Tony Rudd
Deputy Principal

WORLD CHALLENGE

'World Challenge' has arrived at Pennant Hills! On Friday 27 July 2012, Kieron Hegde presented an exciting video display and talk to the students of Years 8, 9 and 10. Included were the various phases of an overseas trip to Malaysia and Borneo, to be piloted by students and staff in late December 2013 / January 2014, for approximately three weeks.

Kieron spoke to us about the various challenges to be experienced overseas. The program includes an acclimatisation phase, a 4–6 day jungle trek, and a project to help an underprivileged community, which could include assisting at an orphanage, a tree planting scheme or a building project. These stages are followed by a visit to the Orang-utan Sanctuary, and lastly, the rest and relaxation phase which we will certainly be looking forward to after the previous challenges.



On the evening of Wednesday 1 August 2012, parents and family were invited to come along to a similar presentation. The staff common room was extremely full. Eighty families had signed in on the evening and some parents were asking if they could also come along on the challenge!

We are starting the countdown for our challenge now – 16 months to go. **Challengers:** our next meeting is on 15 August 2012 in the staff common room at 3.30pm. See you there!

Fiona Ackerman
World Challenge Manager



BIG BAND BIENNALE

Wednesday 22 August 2012

7.00pm in the MPC

FEATURING

Pennant Hills High School Junior Stage Band
Pennant Hills High School Big Band
Thornleigh West Public School Jazz Band
Pennant Hills Public School Jazz Band

SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS

Sydney Jazz Collective

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adults \$10 - Child/Concession \$5 - Family (2+2) \$20

SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in musical pursuits.

Selection for DEC State Music Camps

Junior Camp: Evie, James and Tom.

Senior Camp: Victoria, Joseph, Arthur, David, Cameron, Ellen, Larissa, James and Jessica.

First Place in Section at Band Assoc. State Solos

Lachlan - U15 Jazz on any Instrument

Joseph - U19 Flute/Piccolo

Stephanie - U15 State Flute Title

James - U19 French Horn (State Champion)

Band Assoc. State Concert Band Camp and Tour

Alasdair, Harry, Lachlan, Joseph, Stephanie and James.

Public Schools Singers - Open Day @ The Arts Unit

Breanna.

Millennium Marching Band - ArtsNorth Festival

Kalindi.

Northern Sydney Regional Choir - Music Festival

Thomas.

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.

PAYMENTS PROCEDURES

- Payments should NOT be placed in envelopes and ARE NOT to be placed in the payments box at the cashier's window.
- All 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.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition to these new procedures.

Pennant Hills High School

Display of Industrial Technology Major Projects from the 2012 HSC

TIMBER and FURNITURE - METALS and ENGINEERING

All students and parents are welcome

Staff Common Room Level 4

Thursday 16 August 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Friday 17 August 6.30pm – 8.30pm



YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT TASKS

Term 3 2012

Week 5A	Monday	13 August	Mathematics: Test
	Monday	13 August	General Mathematics: Test
	Tuesday	14 August	Music 1: Hand in Topic 3 Task
	Tuesday	14 August	Music 1: Soirée
	Tuesday	14 August	Music 2: Soirée
Week 6B	Monday	20 August	Modern History: In-class Essay
	Monday	20 August	English Extension: Group Performance
	Monday	20 August	Legal Studies: In-class Task
	Monday	20 August	Ancient History: Oral and Written
	Tuesday	21 August	English Advanced: Viewing and Representing
	Tuesday	21 August	English Standard: Individual and Institution
	Tuesday	21 August	ESL: Poetry Response
	Tuesday	21 August	Economics: In-class Task
	Wednesday	22 August	PDHPE: Report
	Wednesday	22 August	Food Technology: Practical
	Wednesday	22 August	Textiles and Design: Major Project
	Wednesday	22 August	Society and Culture: Oral Methodologies Task
	Thursday	23 August	Physics: Research Task
	Thursday	23 August	Food Technology: Written Task
	Friday	24 August	Community and Family Studies: Task
	Friday	24 August	IPT: Group Project

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2012

Tuesday 14 August, **Stage 6 Music Soiree**,
Drama Studio 203, starting at 7.00pm

Wednesday 15 August, **HSC Drama "Family and Friends Night"**,
Drama Studio 203, starting at 6.30pm

Wednesday 15 August, **Visual Arts Exhibition**,
MPC, open 11am – 3pm

Thursday 16 August, **Visual Arts Exhibition**,
MPC, open 9am – 3pm

Friday 17 August, **Visual Arts Exhibition**,
MPC, open 9am – 9pm, with the Official Opening at 7pm

Saturday 18 August, **Visual Arts Exhibition**,
MPC, open 11am – 3pm



Music
Drama
Visual Arts
Photography



SES CADET CAMP

Wednesday 25 July 2012 dawned misty and cold, but nothing could dampen the spirits of our SES Cadets as they boarded the bus destined for the Anglican Youthworks campsite in the Royal National Park on the shores of Port Hacking.



The 14 Pennant Hills High School cadets quickly settled into their rooms before attending a briefing where they were divided into teams with other cadets from Brisbane Water Secondary College. Team flag-making activities proved a great way to get to know their new team-mates and consolidate an understanding of the purpose of the camp.



The teams were rostered to participate in each of six activities over the two-day camp, where they would further develop their teamwork, safety and communication skills initiated during SES Cadet training sessions.



Activities included land search, flood boat, Urban Search and Rescue (tunnel rescue), heights, hydraulics and airbags, tripods and flying fox.



At each stand cadets were led and instructed by experienced SES members, including volunteers from Hornsby, Gosford, Wyong and Campbelltown, as well as staff from Sydney Northern Region.



On Wednesday evening, two amazingly talented Aboriginal cadets from Brisbane Water delighted us with an impromptu performance using improvised didgeridoos made from the cardboard inner tubes of fabric rolls. Teachers, SES volunteers and staff then teamed up with the cadets for a fun-filled evening of team games, including a fast and rather loud game of Buzz, with questions based on the SES Cadet course content.



My sincere thanks go to our supervising teachers, Mrs McGlade and Mr Koch, who embraced the SES spirit of teamwork and camaraderie.

Thanks also to all the SES volunteers and staff who assisted in planning and running of the camp, with a special thank you to my fellow Hornsby SES volunteers: Adrian, Ross, Jufri and Owen; Bob, Ed and Kath (our very own Pennant Hills High School SES Cadet trainers and assistant); and Phoebe (past Pennant Hills High School student and NSW SES Cadet of the Year 2009).



We can all take great pride in the manner in which our SES Cadets represented the school at camp, and I look forward to recognising each one of them at their Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 5 September.

Lee Lowe
Lead Trainer
Pennant Hills High School SES Cadet Program



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More Information

Lynn McGlade - 9473 5000 or lynette.mcglade@det.nsw.edu.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

COMING EVENTS

Sydney's First Youth Dragon Boat Club - Sydney Zodiacs - FREE 'Come and Try It' Day

Youth aged 12–23. No experience required. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Bring hat, water and sunscreen.
Saturday 11 August 2012 - 2.00pm—4.00pm, Bank Street Pyrmont (just down the road from Sydney Fish Markets)
sydneyzodiacs@yahoo.com.au or phone **Mary on 0410 655 764**

Goodbye Cyber-bullying, Hello Hollywood! - Presented by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Get snazzy with your camera or phone and you could win a professional film-making course at NIDA! All you have to do is make a video about how you would back-up someone who has been cyber-bullied. Also JB Hi-Fi vouchers to be won.
Entries close: 15 August 2012. **Facebook.com/2012backmeup** OR **somethingincommon.gov.au/backmeup**

Jazz Festival - Royal Flying Doctor Service Fund-raiser

Saturday 18 August 2012 - 7.00pm - Asquith Boys High School Hall

Tickets on sale now - Phone 9477 3508 - Adult \$15 - Child/Concession \$10 - Family (2+2) \$40

Series for Parents and Carers - *Living with Teenagers* - FREE sessions - 7.00pm—8.30pm

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)

Glenhaven Public School Spring Fair - Sunday 26 August 2012 - 9.00am–3.00pm

74a Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven - Stalls, Food, Rides, Entertainment and more!

Transition to Work Program Information Sessions - enhancing opportunities for people with disabilities

Hornsby Library - Thursday 13 September at 6.00pm and Saturday 15 September at 10.00am

Information on: program activities; weekly planners; eligibility requirements; and much more.

Presented by Sunshine Employment Services: Email employment@sunshinehome.net.au or phone **9484 9913**

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

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

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.

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.dsllc.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.

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)

HELPERS NEEDED

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

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.

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.

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