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Fortnightly Newsletter of
Pennant Hills High School

Friday 21 September 2012

Term 3 Week 10B

YEAR 12 SENIOR CITIZENS' CONCERT

On Monday 17 September 2012, as a part of their final days of schooling, Year 12 students hosted senior citizens from the local area at the annual Community Concert. This variety concert has become a tradition for Year 12 students to host and without doubt, the performances presented were by far the best to date. A total of 12 acts from solo guitarists, vocalists, tap dancers and drama performances ensured that there was something for all to enjoy. As a finale to the concert Charlie and Emily led a sing-along of old time favourites so that guests could take more of an active role in the event.

Following the sing-along, students provided morning tea whilst mingling with our visitors and chatting about a range of topics from current and former schooling experiences to life skills and ambitions. As a school, we could not have been prouder of our students and the time that they put in to preparing for and presenting this concert. One of the guests commented as she was leaving, 'You have some lovely students at your school.' We know this, and once again Year 12 students have brought great credit to Pennant Hills High School as well as making the day just a little more special for some of our senior citizens.

Mr Geoff Wing
Principal

Mr Tony Rudd and Mrs Jane Dennett
Deputy Principals

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FOCUS on NEXT FORTNIGHT

Term 4 2012

Week 1A	Monday	8 October	Term 4 Commences - ALL STUDENTS ATTEND Year 11 Meeting 8.55am Year 12, 2013 Information Evening
	Monday	8 October	
	Wednesday	10 October	
Week 2B	Monday	15 October	HSC Commences - Written Examinations
	Tuesday	16 October	ESSA Online Readiness Test
	Tuesday	16 October	Big Band to Opera House
	Wednesday	17 October	Concert Band to Opera House

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

KEY DATES

Term 4 2012

Week 3A	Monday	22 October	Year 9 Examinations (ALL WEEK) Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Practice Walk (Thursday 25 – Monday 29 October) Year 7 Vaccinations
	Thursday	25 October	
	Friday	26 October	

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October - THE GREAT PENNO RENO

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)
Week 5A	Monday	5 November	Year 10 Examinations (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	5 November	HSC Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	5 November	Year 8 Examinations
	Monday	5 November	Year 7 Examinations
	Tuesday	6 November	Year 8 Examinations
	Tuesday	6 November	Year 7 Examinations
	Thursday	8 November	HSC Examinations Conclude
Week 6B	Friday	9 November	Year 12 Sign-Out - 9.00am—1.00pm
	Monday	12 November	HSC Hospitality Work Placement (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	12 November	Year 10 Work Experience (ALL WEEK)
	Monday	12 November	Library Stocktake (ALL WEEK)
	Tuesday	13 November	Year 8 ESSA

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The *Great Penno Reno* is on!

SATURDAY 27 and SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2012

- **Mark your diary** – volunteer a morning or afternoon during the weekend.
- Can't attend? Perhaps you can **make a small donation** towards plants or materials.
- **Spread the word** – let's get the message to everyone in our school community.
- **Bake a cake** (or several) for our Cake Stall, to be held at Bunnings Thornleigh on Sunday 14 October 2012.
- Can't bake? Perhaps you could **help with selling**, or you may like to come to the cake stall and buy a cake or two to take home.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



In the final *Jumbunna* for the term, it is a pleasure to be able to congratulate Year 12 as they complete 13 years of formal schooling prior to sitting for Higher School Certificate examinations early in Term 4. Our senior students have shown high levels of responsibility and a great deal of respect for their

teachers, fellow students and our school community as they make their final preparations for these examinations. Recently, the students organised a number of events to mark their final days at Pennant Hills High School with fun and collegiality: a game of Speedway on the school oval, a barbecue luncheon and the Community Concert come to mind immediately. We also enjoyed the formal occasion of the Graduation Ceremony shared with family and friends, a farewell assembly for the whole school on Wednesday morning and of course the Year 12 Formal held at Luna Park on Wednesday night. We wish Year 12 well in the immediate future leading to the Higher School Certificate examinations and look forward to hearing of their successes as they move into the world of tertiary study and/or work.

I would also like to pass on my congratulations to our Year 11 students as they complete their Preliminary HSC studies. In the last two weeks, they have been sitting for their final Preliminary examinations. Reports from supervising staff have been very complimentary regarding the students' conduct during the examinations. We hope that students will be able to use the feedback from these examinations to their advantage as they begin their HSC courses at the beginning of Term 4.

Last week our Year 7 students participated in their first sporting Gala Day. Students participated in a range of team sports at various schools within our zone. This was a great opportunity for students to experience semi-competitive sport and to mix with other students from both our school and other local high schools. In addition, the day could not have been such a success without our talented Year 9 students who acted as coaches and match officials in many of the sports. Their support was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our Junior Stage Band who performed with distinction at the West Pennant Hills Primary Festival of Music on Thursday. Our bands are highly regarded in Northern Sydney and for Junior Stage Band to have the experience of

performing at this festival will further enhance not only their performance abilities but also our reputation in our community.

Finally, another reminder to Year 11 students and their parents regarding the HSC Information Evening being held on Wednesday 10 October. This evening will provide important information about surviving the HSC year. We look forward to a large attendance on the night. Please mark it in your diary.

Tony Rudd
Deputy Principal

A NOTE OF PRAISE

A member of the public who recently lost her phone near Pennant Hills train station was delighted to learn that it had been found and handed in by three of our Year 8 boys. The owner of the phone commended Connor, Dylan and Oliver for their honesty and diligence in handing the phone in at the school office, having already attempted to deliver it to the police station which they discovered was unstaffed at the time. Well done, boys. We are proud of you.



KOALA PARK

**An Important Message for
Recent Enrolments**

From time to time, students will be asked to meet in Koala Park before proceeding to an excursion or activity.

Within the Pennant Hills High School context,
**Koala Park refers to the stand of eucalyptus trees
located within the school grounds,
behind the goal posts of the main oval,
just opposite the rear of the MPC.**

(It should not be confused with the commercial operation of the same name, located on Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills.)

HSC 2013 INFORMATION EVENING

for Year 11, 2012 students and their parents

Wednesday 10 October 2012
7.00pm, Robert Stacey Hall (MPC)

**Come and receive essential information
about surviving this crucial year.**

**Presentations from
guest speakers and school staff about:**

- the HSC --**
- tertiary entry --**
- alternative pathways --**
- coping with the demands of the HSC --**

YEAR 9 GIRLS' BREAKFAST

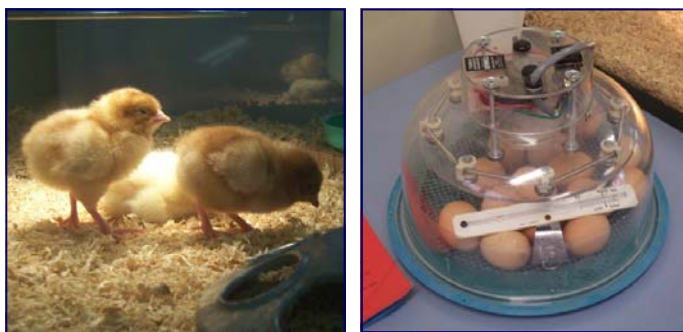
During Term 2 a group of Year 8 and 9 girls have been participating in a Girls' Breakfast Program. For five weeks, the girls met each Friday morning in Room 202 and cooked themselves a hot breakfast. Not only have they enjoyed breakfast, but they have also had the opportunity to work as a group with different peers.



Jackie Breden
Year 9 Adviser

AGRICULTURE IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT

Students from the Special Education Unit have been very busy in the faculty's agricultural plot. For several years a small section of the school has been transformed into a thriving farm. Our students have raised 24 chickens from hatchlings to fully grown. Each day students visit the farm to collect eggs which have been laid the previous day.



They also tend to a variety of fresh produce plants which they have grown from seedlings. Fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, capsicum, broccoli and lettuce are grown and used in the Food Technology program.



The hands-on activities are supported in the classroom through Mrs Garcia's popular Science program. Students attend lessons in the school's science laboratories and conduct experiments on a range of topics linked to living things.



Jeff Minton
Head Teacher Special Education

CHS ATHLETICS RELAY SUCCESS

Some succeed because they are destined to, most succeed because they are determined to. These words resonate with the 17+ Years Boys' and the 14 Years Girls' 4x100 metres relay teams that recently became the 2012 NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) Athletics Champions.

The boys' team comprising Year 12 students Evan, Jackson, Luke and Tim ran a superb race in the final, with perfect baton changes to outclass the opposition and stop the clock in a new personal best time of 43.98 seconds. In addition, Evan claimed bronze in the 400 metres hurdles and long jump and Jackson achieved a very impressive silver medal in the 110 metres hurdles and fifth in the 100 metres. For this team to have achieved such success is quite remarkable given opening runner Luke and last runner Evan are both recovering from illness or injury. Evan is also the only relay team member to participate in athletics outside of school. Whilst training has been interrupted over the past two months in particular, these boys' determination, courage and attitude never wavered. They should be extremely proud of their achievements this year.



L-R: Tim, Evan, Luke and Jackson

The girls' team comprising Year 8 students Caitlin and Erika, and Year 9 students Maddison and Taylor, ran impressively in their heat to achieve another personal best time and qualify second fastest for the final behind Eden Marine High. In a race never

to be forgotten, the girls were in bronze medal contention at the final change until a fiercely determined Erika stormed home in arguably the best race of her life to clinch the gold medal by 0.02 seconds and claim another team personal best of 53.38 seconds! This team also experienced its share of setbacks, with third runner Maddison and opening runner Taylor both recovering from injury.



**Standing L-R: Maddison and Caitlin
Kneeling L-R: Taylor and Erika**

It has been an absolute pleasure to coach these teams this year and to share in their journey as they became Ku-ring-gai Zone, Sydney North and CHS Champions. Evan, Jackson, Luke and Tim, we wish you all the best in your HSC exams and life beyond school. I have every confidence that you will achieve success in whatever you pursue and hope that you will always hold fond memories of what you achieved together as a team.

Caitlin, Erika, Maddison and Taylor, you surprised yourselves with what you achieved on the track this year and we look forward to doing it all again in 2013.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr Harvey who assisted with baton training, family and friends who supported the teams through all stages of the competition, and the parents who drove not only their own children but also other students to the various carnivals.

**Charlene Stewart
School Relay Coach**

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.



Safety Information

Measles Outbreak

What You Need to Know about Measles

A measles outbreak continues in Sydney, with a risk of spread to other areas of NSW. Measles can be **VERY SERIOUS**, especially for vulnerable infants. More than 75 cases of measles have been notified in NSW since April, including 21 cases reported in infants less than 1 year of age, who are too young to be vaccinated.

If you suspect your child may have measles, contact your doctor or hospital without delay.

Additional information:

NSW Health Measles website:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>

Local Public Health Unit contact details:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/Infectious/phus.asp>

Penno Reno CAKE STALL



SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2012

at Bunnings Thornleigh Store

This is an invitation to all bakers out there to help stock the *Penno Reno* Cake Stall.

Please bake a cake or two.

Whole cakes, loaves, date rolls, cupcakes, biscuits and slices gratefully accepted.

Please deliver baked goods to
18 Star Crescent West Pennant Hills by the
evening of Saturday 13 October 2012.

Cake boxes and forms for listing
ingredients are available.

Thank you for your support.

More Information

Phone Sam Thomson on 0412 690 564.



COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

COMING EVENTS

Epping West Public School LANTERN FESTIVAL - Saturday 22 September 2012 - 2.00pm—6.00pm
Rides, food, performances, craft and games. All welcome.

Run for the Hills Charity Fun Run and Festival - Sunday 7 October 2012 - 8.00am—4.00pm
The Piazza, Main Street, Castle Towers - Enter to win great prizes! www.runforthehills.com.au

CUMBERLAND FOREST FAIR - Sunday 14 October 2012 - 10.00am—3.30pm - FREE Admission and Parking
Cumberland State Forest, 95 Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills
Rides, exhibitors, demonstrations, craft, face painting, forest treasure trail, colouring-in competition, pony rides, slot cars. Sit in a real fire engine or try your climbing skills on the rock wall.
www.forests.nsw.gov.au

Community Seminar - Understanding Anxiety in Adults - Saturday 20 October 2012 - 2.00pm—4.30pm
St Mark's Church, Cnr Rosemount Avenue and Warne Street, Pennant Hills
Guest Presenter Dr Fiona Denton, Clinical Psychologist
\$5.00 with afternoon tea provided. **Bookings required: www.stmarks.com.au OR 9980 8012**

Hornsby PCYC 75th Anniversary BACK TO ORIGINS Dinner Dance - Saturday 20 October 2012 - 7.00pm
Hornsby RSL - Meal, dancing, entertainment and prizes - \$65 Adults / \$30 for 15 Years and Under
Bookings - Hornsby RSL: www.hornsbyrsl.com.au OR 9477 7777 / Enquiries - PCYC: 9477 2310

Normanhurst West Public School FAMILY FUN DAY AND MARKETS
Sunday 28 October 2012 - 11.00am—4.00pm - All welcome. Entry by gold coin donation.
Food stalls, live entertainment, rides, art show, silent auction, show bags, raffle, face painting, kindy-farm, book stall, colouring and teddy bear competitions, under 5s area. **Enquiries - nwpsffd@gmail.com**

FREE SEMINAR: Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers
For parents/supervising drivers and young drivers. Organised by Ku-ring-gai Police and Community Safety Committee.
Monday 24 September 2012 - 6.00pm for 6.30pm (short break at 7.30pm - finish at 8.30pm)
Level 3, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway Gordon. (Access via rear entrance, off Dumaresq Street.)

School Holiday Soccer Clinics – various venues across Sydney
Monday 24–Friday 28 September and Tuesday 2–Friday 5 October 2012
www.starsportscamps.com OR 1300 752 977

School Holiday Dragon Boating Program – Bank Street, Pyrmont
Intermediate Program: Tuesday 25–Thursday 27 September 2012: 9.30am–12.30pm
Introduction Program: Monday 1–Thursday 4 October 2012: 9.3am–12.30pm
www.leapsandboundsahead.com.au OR 1300 795 859

Holiday Camps at Vision Valley - day camps and overnight four-day camps
Information and Bookings: **www.visionvalley.org.au or 1800 043 344**

Series for Parents and Carers - *Living with Teenagers* - FREE sessions - 7.00pm—8.30pm
Understanding Social Networking - Tuesday 16 October - Galston / Wednesday 24 October - Hornsby
Bookings are essential: 9482 1366 (Clifton Adolescent and Family Support, Mission Australia)

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.aiiu.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.dslic.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)

COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

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.

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.timelessssmiles.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.

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