



# JUMBUNNA

Fortnightly Newsletter of  
Pennant Hills High School

Friday 22 March 2013

Term 1 Week 8B

## ***BEAUTY AND THE BEAST***

This year has seen one of Pennant Hills High School's most successful productions in its recent history, *Beauty and The Beast*. Over 170 students were involved in performing, band, dancing, backstage, costume, makeup, technical support, painting, set design and front of house. All worked together to recreate the magic of Disney in the Robert Stacey Hall.

The performances sold over 2500 tickets, truly celebrating the talent of our students. This production was unlike any other at Pennant Hills High School as it used a giant LED screen covering the back wall which was brought to life by backdrops hand-drawn by Chris and Sarah and animated by Benson. The technological projections were complemented by amazing set pieces designed by student Slade and painted by former Pennant Hills High School teacher Bob Williams. The production also demonstrated some brilliant performances by Alyssa, Hayden, Erin and Eamon, who helped earn a standing ovation on closing night.

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A production of this scale cannot be achieved without the ongoing support of our families. We would like to thank the many families who assisted in various ways. We also wish to extend a big thank you to our production crew—Chris Nugent (musical director), Candice Jones (choreographer) and Jacque Nolan and Courtney Cassar (directors).



## FUTURE DATES

### Term 1 2013

WEEK 9A	Monday	25 March	Year 11 PDHPE (1 and 2) First Aid Course
	Monday	25 March	Girls Open KO Football
	Tuesday	26 March	Year 11 PDHPE (3) First Aid Course
	Tuesday	26 March	Royal Easter Show - Food Technology and Special Education
	Tuesday	26 March	Year 8 Anti-bullying Performance
	Tuesday	26 March	P & C MEETING
	Wednesday	27 March	Year 11 PDHPE (3) First Aid Course
	Friday	29 March	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY</b>
WEEK 10B	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 April</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>
	Tuesday	2 April	Year 12 EXAMINATIONS (all week)
	Wednesday	3 April	Year 8 Game On Excursion
	Thursday	4 April	Year 11 GP Program
	Thursday	4 April	CHS Swimming
	Friday	5 April	HSC Forum
	Friday	5 April	Year 11 Ancient History assessment task
	Friday	5 April	CHS Swimming
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 April</b>	CHS Swimming
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 April</b>	CHS Swimming
WEEK 11A	Monday	8 April	Year 12 EXAMINATIONS (all week)
	Wednesday	10 April	ANZAC Ceremony - 9.00am
	Wednesday	10 April	RoboCup Workshop
	Wednesday	10 April	Hornsby Youth Forum
	Thursday	11 April	Vaccinations
	Friday	12 April	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>

## SCHOOL VACATION

### Term 2 2013

WEEK 1B	Monday	29 April	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	Tuesday	30 April	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 May</b>	<b>TERM 2 COMMENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS</b>
	Wednesday	1 May	Year 11 EXAMINATIONS (all week)
	Thursday	2 May	Meet the Music Concert - 6.30pm
WEEK 2A	Monday	6 May	Year 11 EXAMINATIONS (all week)
	Tuesday	7 May	Parent-Teacher Evening—Years 7 and 8
	Friday	10 May	Year 12 Advanced English Study Day
WEEK 3B	Monday	13 May	Year 11 EXAMINATIONS
	Tuesday	14 May	Year 11 EXAMINATIONS
	Tuesday	14 May	NAPLAN—Years 7 and 9
	Wednesday	15 May	NAPLAN—Years 7 and 9
	Thursday	16 May	NAPLAN—Years 7 and 9
WEEK 4A	Monday	20 May	Zone Cross Country Carnival
	Tuesday	21 May	Open AFL Gala Day
	Wednesday	22 May	School Athletics Carnival
	Thursday	23 May	Academic Challenge—Years 7 and 9

## YEAR 12 ASSESSMENT TASKS

### Term 1 2013

Week 9A	Monday	25 March	Assessment-free Week
Week 10B	Tuesday	2 April	Year 12 EXAMINATIONS (all week)
Week 11A	Monday	9 April	Year 12 EXAMINATIONS (all week)



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### A Fantastic Achievement

I am sure that every person who saw the school's recent production of *Beauty and the Beast* will agree that it was stunning. I have not seen a more professional musical in my time at Pennant Hills High School. Many members of the community have conveyed their congratulations to the school

for the extremely high quality of the production. Extracts from some of the correspondence received are included on page 5 of this edition of *Jumbunna*.

Over a period of many months the directors, Mr Courtney Cassar, former student Ms Jacquie Nolan, musical director, Mr Chris Nugent, and choreographer, Ms Candice Jones expertly led and mentored a huge cast, developing them into an amazingly skilled team. The technology used was taken to a new level, and combined with the amazing talents of our students, produced shows that were enjoyed by hundreds of people, several of whom described them as being the equal of similar professional shows that have been staged in Sydney.

From a personal perspective, one of the most important things that came from *Beauty and the Beast* was the fact that so many staff, students and parents worked together to deliver such an excellent production, at the same time having fun and developing strong bonds and friendships. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event that so perfectly highlighted the creative talents of our school.

### Success at the Lions Youth of the Year Quest

Our Senior Prefect, Callum, has progressed to the District Final of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. Having won the Club and Zone competitions, Callum will now compete against other winners from the local Lions District. Callum will be required to present a prepared speech and several impromptu speeches, each of two minutes duration. This is a very challenging part of the Quest, as entrants have no preparation time prior to speaking.

Lions Youth of the Year is designed to encourage, foster and develop interest in leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education. The quest provides students with an incentive to pay greater attention to the general qualities which are

so vital in developing our youth into first class citizens. The qualities sought, apart from academic attainments, are those of leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship. By emphasising these qualities, the program hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women. Competitors have the opportunity to engage in open discussion and exchange of ideas and to meet professional people from their local Lions Club, which is a community service club organisation.

Callum has brought credit to our school by the way in which he has so skilfully competed in this competition. We wish him good luck in the District Final.

### Supporting Learning across the School

I outlined at our last P&C meeting that the decision had been made to use the latest batch of netbook computers in a different way than previously. This year, the DEC gave schools the option of not issuing the netbooks to individual students and using them more widely across the school. The laptops now become school property and if a school were to issue them to students, they would be required to be handed back to the school when the student left. Figures from across Northern Sydney Region show that many high schools have decided not to issue the computers to Year 9 students this year. This strategy has been adopted by our school executive so that the netbooks can be used to support the school's increased development of project learning.

Our commitment to creatively addressing the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners has led to the development of the Learning Hub and the Learning Centre located in the school library. It is our intention to strategically create and locate more hubs across the school.

The initial use of 60 of the new computers, when they are available, will be in the new Learning Hub, with the remaining 120 to be available in other locations throughout the school, including the library. We consider this to be a more equitable use of the rollout of netbooks.

The Federal Government's four year Digital Education Revolution program concludes this year, and consequently this is the final allocation of computers for schools. In this context, it would be difficult to sustain a similar program at our school in the years ahead. Perhaps we will be able to develop a 'bring your own device' strategy to fill the void in the future.

**Geoff Wing**  
**Principal**

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



# ***Beauty and the Beast***

## **Letters**



*I would like to take a quick moment to congratulate you and the whole school body for the production of Beauty and the Beast. Mr Cassar and the cast and crew have done an amazing job.*

*I had the pleasure of attending opening night with my children and we all had a great time. Personally knowing many of the children who were performing, I couldn't help but feel so very proud of all of them, including of course, the students I don't know and the ones we didn't see on stage. The talent and obvious commitment is remarkable, particularly Alyssa as Belle and Eamon as Gaston. However, for me, Hayden's Beast stole the show.*

*I also want to say that the music was superb and added such a great depth to the whole production. I had to keep reminding myself that it was being produced by our students and not by a major orchestral company or record.*

*My children and I are looking forward to attending again next Saturday . . . I want to spoil myself and see it again.*



*Just wishing to send a huge congratulations on yet another just wonderful musical production by the talented and capable students and staff at Pennant Hills High School. I really enjoyed it—the quality of many of the components was excellent . . . just fantastic that this can be repeated so many times at 'Penno'. Thank you.*



*I attended a most wonderful performance of Beauty and the Beast on Saturday evening, along with my husband, two daughters and our teenage granddaughter. We all agreed it was a fantastic performance from all who were involved—the actors and the costumes, props, backdrop, lighting, sound, everyone behind the scenes, the young girl who politely showed us to our seats and, of course, the superb musicians who did not miss a beat.*

*We have all seen this much-loved production in Sydney, performed by quite well known actors, and found Saturday's show at just about the same level.*

*I would ask you to please pass on our sincere appreciation and congratulations to Mr Courtney Cassar and all involved for such a fabulous evening. As a very concerned member of the public (with no children at your high school) . . . it warms my heart to see some of the future generation presenting so well. I am looking forward to attending future productions.*

## SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE

### Open Night

The Science and Agriculture Faculty prepared displays for Open Night (with assistance from gifted and talented Science students). Thanks to the entire faculty for their outstanding efforts in organising these displays.



### Faculty Happenings

Year 8 gifted and talented Science students will be working with students from local partner primary schools as part of the 'Linkages' program to showcase their talents, whilst assisting primary school students with aspects of Science and building their leadership and communication skills.

We would like to farewell Mrs Oxley who has been the Agriculture assistant for the past three years and has done an outstanding job, taking wonderful care of the animals and spending countless hours of her own time tending to the agriculture plot. We wish her all the best for her studies at university where she will be studying to become a teacher.

Science and Agriculture staff are organising and promoting a number of curriculum enrichment events and competitions which provide students with the opportunity to test their scientific prowess against other students in the state, nationwide and internationally. All students are encouraged to consider taking part in these events.

Students will be given notes and can access information outlining event and competition details from the school intranet. Any student requiring further information is encouraged to see a member of the Science and Agriculture staff.

Students should regularly check their assessment schedules (junior and senior) for upcoming events and tasks, and ensure they are completed to the best of their ability.

All the Science and Agriculture teachers aim to assist students to achieve their best and we continue to endeavour to provide students with the best possible learning experiences.

Community and parent contact and support is encouraged and always welcome, and is an important part of promoting and monitoring student progress. If parents or students have any enquiries regarding Science or Agriculture courses or curriculum enrichment events, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Science and Agriculture faculty.

We wish everyone a successful year in Science and Agriculture in 2013.

**Phil Scandizzo**

**Head Teacher Science and Agriculture**

# LIBRARY REPORT

## Researching at Pennant Hills High School for all Students

For advice on avoiding plagiarising go to: *PHHS Intranet*→*Moodle*→*Library*→*Researching for all students*. You will find research strategies, a note-taking template, a bibliographic table template, numerous examples of reference entries for different types of resources, and a how-to guide for referencing using Microsoft Word.

As part of the HSC All My Own Work program all Year 11 English students have been practising acknowledging their sources for their first assessment task on Journeys. They have been given a booklet to have as support over the next two years. However it is essential that all students acknowledge all their sources at all times.

## Writing Competitions

Here are some writing competitions currently running for interested students.



Also, don't forget the ABC Open 500 Words project, which isn't a competition, but works get published on the site.



## Year 7 Orientation to the Library

It has been lovely to meet Year 7 students and to introduce them to the library. I am looking forward to seeing you all throughout the year, both in class and as independent users of the library's facilities. I am at present taking each Year 7 Geography class through a research task on **Australian World Heritage Sites** in which I encourage them to develop research skills through using the Six Information Steps of Defining, Locating, Selecting, Organising and Presenting. The emphasis is on students avoiding plagiarising by developing skills in producing an online mind map using *Text2Mindmap*, locating using *Advanced Google Search*, keyword formation, dot-point note-taking, writing bibliographic entries and creating a *Prezi* presentation.

I hope that they will use these skills on all their research tasks. I ask parents to help by encouraging dot-point note-taking from resources, discouraging copy-and-paste habits, and insisting

that students acknowledge all their sources, including images.

Year 7 English classes have been coming to borrow books for their Wide Reading Program. Please encourage your sons and daughters to borrow and read independently as this is the best way to improve their literacy skills and ultimately their school achievements.

## Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The 2013 Challenge is now open. In the past many students have entered the Challenge and received Gold Awards as well as participation certificates. Students entering also receive Level 6 P&C Awards for a school lucky dip for movie tickets. This year's reading list is available at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Our school holds over 900 books for Years 7–9 for the PRC. Students can check the books our school holds from *Library Enquiry* on the school's intranet page. They then follow the link to *Reading lists*. See Mrs Whitlock in the library if you have any questions or need help finding books.

We are constantly updating our recreational reading material thanks to the generous support of the P&C.

## New Fiction Books

Encourage your children to borrow books from the library during breaks, especially as the holidays approach. There is a wide variety of recreational reading material available, with something to suit most interests. These are new and there are more new additions at Pennant Hills High School website→intranet→library enquiry.

***The Dead are Rising:*** The second book in the *Metawars* series. With the Changosphere offering competition to the Metasphere, more and more avatars take up residency in it. But the Uploaded begin to prey on live avatars, infecting them and their users with their personalities and becoming re-born in the real world.



***The Convent:*** Peach is nineteen and pretty happy with the way things are. She has her university work, two wildly different best friends, her sister, Stella, to look after and a broken heart to mend. But when she takes a summer job at a cafe in the old convent, her idea of who she is takes a sharp turn into the past. Where once there were nuns, young girls and women who had fallen on hard times, Peach discovers secrets from three generations of her family.

### ***Ranger's Apprentice:***

Apprentices–Fiction

Fantasy

Good and evil–Fiction

Heroes and heroines–Fiction

Knights and knighthood–Fiction



### **New Non-Fiction Books: Hard copy and online! *Issues in Society***



These are a unique and invaluable series of books for those who need up-to-date information on contemporary social issues. Each book deals with all aspects of an issue in an unbiased mode. The latest topics include: homeless people, Australia's engagement with Asia, media ethics and regulation, asylum seekers and immigration detention, same-sex marriage debate. The latest are also available online at *Pennant Hills High School Intranet→Moodle→Library*. There are many other titles on the shelves near the computers in the library.

***Sue Whitlock***

***Teacher Librarian***

## **AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL**

On Tuesday 19 February 2013, students welcomed the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with two premiership winning AFL players from the Sydney Swans, Nick Malceski and Rhyce Shaw. The players discussed their junior playing careers and their rise to the senior AFL ranks. They explained the demands of being a professional AFL player, outlining their training, preparation and nutritional regimes, as well as reliving memorable moments from their grand final victory in 2012. It was a valuable experience to hear first-hand the demands of being a professional sports person. Our guests also graciously posed for photographs and signed autographs for interested students and staff.

On 9 April the U15s Sydney North AFL trials will be held at Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights at 9.00am. The Open AFL Gala Day will take place on 21 May and the U15s Knockout Gala Day (Swans Shield) will be played on 12 June. Interested students can obtain notes and information from me. We look forward to a great year in Australian Rules Football.

***Phil Scandizzo, School AFL Coach***

***Sydney North AFL Manager, AFL Ambassador***



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## **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.**

## **Pennant Hills High School Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule**

### **Thursday 11 April 2013**

Year 7 Girls Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) - Dose 2  
Year 7 Boys Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) - Dose 2  
Year 7 Girls and Boys Chickenpox  
Year 9 Boys Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) - Dose 2

### **Thursday 8 August 2013**

Year 7 Girls Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) - Dose 3  
Year 7 Boys Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) - Dose 3  
Year 7 Girls and Boys Hepatitis B - Dose 2  
Year 9 Boys Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) - Dose 3

**\*\* Note: Northern Sydney Public Health Unit  
no longer vaccinates in Year 10.**

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Student Sports Leaders for 2013

I would like to congratulate the following students who were chosen by their peers as leaders for 2013: Samuel and Rebeka (Year 12)—Sports Captains; Ryan (Year 12)—Senior Sports Prefect—Sports Administration/IT; Grace, Caleb, Hannah and Jules (Year 11)—Sports Prefects.

Congratulations also to **Jack** who has been selected into the Sydney North Baseball Team, and to **Dela** who has been selected for the Sydney North volleyball trials.

### School Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival for 2013 was held at Abbotsleigh on Wednesday 13 February. Organisers, Mr Toohey and Mrs Kruger, were pleased with the level of attendance at the carnival, which was compulsory for all Year 7 students and open to other competitors from Years 8–12. The records from 2012 were counted as short course records as indicated on the program.

**Valmé Kruger**  
**Sports Organiser**



### School Swimming House Team Results 2013

Place	Team	Points
1	Bellamy	1136
2	Yarrara	970
3	Greenway	815
4	Redgum	748

### Boys Age Champions 2013

Place	Name	Age	House	Points
1	Dylan	12	Yarrara	94
2	Liam	12	Bellamy	67
3	Jan	12	Redgum	48
1	Charlie	13	Bellamy	100
2	Cooper	13	Yarrara	76
3	Robert	13	Bellamy	46
1	Lachlan	14	Bellamy	120
2	Stephen	14	Bellamy	80
3	Noah	14	Bellamy	74
1	Benjamin	15	Redgum	88
2	Matthew	15	Redgum	80
3	Ryan	15	Redgum	42
1	Patrick	16	Greenway	120
2	Tom	16	Bellamy	96
3	Angus	16	Greenway	70
1	Samuel	18	Greenway	116
2	Mitchell	17	Bellamy	96
3	Ka Hei	17	Redgum	40

### Girls Age Champions 2013

Place	Name	Age	Team	Points
1	Hannah	12	Yarrara	116
2	Eleanor	12	Redgum	68
3	Emma	12	Yarrara	46
1	Alison	13	Bellamy	120
2	Annemarie	13	Redgum	49
3	Natasha	13	Bellamy	48
1	Rheanna	14	Greenway	56
2	Isabella	14	Redgum	38
3	Matilda	14	Greenway	36
1	Emily	15	Yarrara	88
2	Maddison	15	Yarrara	62
3	Jacqueline	15	Redgum	42
1	Bethany	16	Greenway	120
2	Kate	16	Yarrara	60
3	Emma	16	Greenway	40
1	Charlotte	18	Yarrara	

### School Swimming Records 2013

Event	Time	Name	House
Boys 14 50 Back Division B	34.70	Lachlan	Bellamy
Boys 16 50 Back Division B	31.50	Patrick	Greenway
Boys 13 50 Free Division A	35.90	Charlie	Bellamy
Boys 14 50 Free Division A	28.30	Lachlan	Bellamy
Boys 15 50 Free Division A	28.70	Matthew	Redgum
Boys 17-19 50 Free Division A	25.30	Samuel	Greenway
Boys 14 50 Fly Division A	33.20	Lachlan	Bellamy
Boys 16 50 Fly Division A	28.60	Patrick	Greenway
Boys 14 100 Free Division A	1:04.00	Lachlan	Bellamy
Boys 15 100 Free Division A	1:09.20	Matthew	Redgum
Boys 16 100 Free Division A	1:00.00	Patrick	Greenway
Boys 12-14 200 IM Division A	2:40.50	Lachlan	Bellamy
Boys 15-16 200 IM Division A	2:21.80	Patrick	Greenway
Boys 17-19 200 IM Division A	2:21.30	Mitchell	Bellamy
Boys 14 50 Breast Division B	37.80	Lachlan	Bellamy
Mixed 50 Free SWD Division A	37.10	Sean	Bellamy
Girls 12 50 Back Division B	40.31	Hannah	Yarrara
Girls 12 50 Free Division A	34.80	Hannah	Yarrara
Girls 13 50 Free Division A	33.60	Alison	Bellamy
Girls 12 50 Fly Division A	40.60	Hannah	Yarrara
Girls 12 100 Free Division A	1:21.60	Hannah	Yarrara
Girls 13 100 Free Division A	1:20.20	Alison	Bellamy
Girls 15 100 Free Division A	1:18.50	Emily	Yarrara
Girls 12-14 200 IM Division A	3:18.80	Alison	Bellamy
Girls 12 50 Breast Division B	47.50	Hannah	Yarrara
Girls 13 50 Breast Division B	47.44	Alison	Bellamy
Girls 17-19 50 Breast Division B	35.10	Charlotte	Yarrara

# COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

## COMING EVENTS

**Oakhill College Art and Craft Exhibition - Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2013 - 10.00am–4.00pm**

Centenary Sports Centre, Oakhill College, Old Northern Road, Castle Hill  
Art, craft, sculpture and jewellery. Café, high tea, lunch, morning and afternoon snacks.  
[www.artoakhill.com.au](http://www.artoakhill.com.au) or 0419 734 704

**MultiLit Literacy Centre Family Information Session - Saturday 23 March 2013 at 12.00 noon**

Macquarie University Hospital - Suite 2, Level 3, 75 Talavera Road, Macquarie Park  
A research-based initiative of Macquarie University, MultiLit addresses the literacy needs of low progress readers.  
**Just call in on the day or register in advance:** 1300 559 919 or [reading.centre@multilit.com](mailto:reading.centre@multilit.com)

**FREE Skateboarding Workshops - sponsored by Hornsby Shire Council and Skateboarding Australia**

10.00am till midday at various locations on the following Sundays: 31/3/13; 7/4/13; 26/5/13; 23/6/13.  
**Registration on the day (parent or guardian to sign for under 18s). All participants must wear a helmet.**  
Information, including locations: [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au) or phone Kim Harris on 9847 6531.

**STUDENT SERVICES - Northern Sydney Region Disability Programs PARENT FORUM - Dates for 2013**

Meeting dates for 2013 will be: **Term 1 - Friday 5 April; Term 2 - Friday 21 June; Term 3 - Friday 13 September.**  
**Bookings:** Leanne Mulligan—9987 3900 or [Leanne.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Leanne.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au). **Information:** Kate McCosker—9987 3919.

**St Agatha's School Car Boot Sale and Market Stall Day - Sunday 7 April 2013 - 11.00am–4.00pm**

7 Trebor Road, Pennant Hills—fun for the whole family—white elephant, car wash, kids' activities and entertainment.  
International food court, home-made cakes and a coffee van.  
**Information and bookings—Simone: 0407 836 389.** \$50 to book a car spot. \$100 per market stall.

**Ku-ring-gai Council Parent Forums - Understanding your Teenager**

Adolescence 101: Resilience Building 101 - 6 May / Supporting Young People with Disabilities - 24 June /  
Communicating with your Teenager - 5 August / Internet Safety 101 - 14 October  
**Bookings Essential:** [youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au) or 9424 0837. **Information:** [www.kyds.org.au](http://www.kyds.org.au) or 9416 9824.

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## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

**LATTITUDE AUSTRALIA** - volunteering and gap year placements for U/25s - [www.lattitude.org.au](http://www.lattitude.org.au) OR (03) 9826 6266

**Student Exchange Australia New Zealand** - [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or 9997 0700.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** - [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) or 1800 500 501

**World Education Program Australia (WEP)** - [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) or 1300 884 733

**Australian Institute of International Understanding (AIU)** - [www.aiu.om.au](http://www.aiu.om.au) or 1800 174 407 - program costs apply.

**Lions Youth Exchange Program** - for 17-21 year olds - [www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye)

## RECREATION AND SPORTING GROUPS

**Dural Sport and Leisure Centre** (A ministry of Dural Baptist Church) - [www.dslc.com.au](http://www.dslc.com.au) or phone 9651 2777

**Hills Hawks Softball** - All ages 4-adult welcome - [www.hillshawks.softball.org.au](http://www.hillshawks.softball.org.au) or phone Hazel - 0414 474 461

**Interested in Playing Cricket?** Find out more at [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

**Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Rugby League Club** - [www.pennostags.com](http://www.pennostags.com) or 0418 677 511 (Ross Ruhan). All ages.

**Beecroft Cherrybrook Junior Rugby Union Club** - [www.beecroftjuniors.com.au](http://www.beecroftjuniors.com.au) or 0439 904 457

**Cherrybrook Table Tennis Club** - 0412 520 854 - Enjoy social and competition table tennis.

Sydney Zodiaks Youth Dragon Boat Club – for ages 12–23 years – based at Bank Street Pyrmont.  
[www.dbnsw.org.au](http://www.dbnsw.org.au) or [sydneyzodiaks@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sydneyzodiaks@yahoo.com.au) or 0410 655 764

**Epping RSL Golden Kangaroos Marching Band** - [www.goldenkangaroos.org.au](http://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)

**West Pennant Hills Netball:** Jacqui - 0400 777 780 or Ashley - 0421 558 009. [www.westpennanthills.netball.asn.au/](http://www.westpennanthills.netball.asn.au/)

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# 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](http://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](http://www.ames.edu.au) - Classes at Hornsby, Chatswood and Eastwood.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

**Jack's Youth Café at Hornsby** - 5 Jersey Street Hornsby (a short walk from the station)

After school activities for students in a safe environment, run by Fusion Sydney North.

***Bringing young people, their families and communities together with hope.***

Tuesdays-Fridays 3.00pm-6.00pm. Phone 9477 1110.

**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](mailto:caroline.krix@abilityoptions.org.au)

**Foster Care Association NSW Inc** - Providing advocacy, support and information to foster carers.

[www.fcansw.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.votensw.info), enrol to vote at [www.aec.gov.au](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:CAFS@missionaustralia.com.au) or 9482 1366 - Free counselling and support service.

**Single With Children** - [www.singlewithchildren.com.au](http://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](http://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/](http://www.wesleymission.org.au/centres/wesleydalmar/) or 8805 7288

**Community Life Church Cherrybrook Life Centre** - 9651 3534 - Counselling and parenting courses available.

**Newcomers Club** - [www.sydneynewcomers.com.au](http://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)

Custom-made mouthguards only \$250. On-the-spot Health Fund refunds.

[www.timelessmiles.com.au](http://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](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) - Part of the Australian Government's cybersafety program.

**The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register** - [www.vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://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.