

West Pennant Hills Public School



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Newsletter 1
Term 1, Week 2

3rd February, 2009

What's On?

4th February, 2009

- Jazz Kids Demonstration

9th February, 2009

- Stage 2 Information Night in the Hall

10th February, 2009

- Kindy and Stage 3 Information night in the Hall

11th February, 2009

- P&C meeting in the Library at 7.45pm
- Stage 1 Information night in the Hall

20th February, 2009

- New Parents' Lunch

16th February, 2009

- Music Festival

Welcome to the 2009 School Year

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. It's great to see students and teach return refreshed, relaxed and ready for a new year of learning. The Kindergarten children have made a wonderful start and are beginning to learn the routines of school.

We are pleased to welcome a number of new families and three new teachers, Mrs Dianne Alchin (6A), Ms Debra Mutimer (3M) and Ms Jacqui Lalor (Dance) to the West Pennant Hills school community. We also welcome back Mrs Angela Weare (2W) following her maternity leave in 2008.

Today it has been necessary for us to rearrange the classes for 2009 due to unexpected changes in whole school numbers. Last week when classes were initially put together, student numbers were sufficient to form twenty classes across the school. Unfortunately, due to a variety of factors our enrolment numbers now fall short of that required for twenty classes and it is necessary to form nineteen classes.

The classes for 2009 are:

Kinder Red with Mrs Jill Naughton

Kinder Yellow with Mrs Kaye Wagner

Kinder Green with Mrs Andrea Flaskett

Kinder Blue with Mrs Glynnis Farr

1C with Mrs Bruna Castelletti

1G with Mrs Joanne Geary (Assistant Principal)

1M with Mrs Sue Mullins & Ms Keeley Midei

2G with Mrs Emma Gillings

2S with Mrs Beth Stewart

2W with Mrs Angela Weare (Assistant Principal)

3HN with Mrs Tracey Nicholls & Mrs Jennifer Horburgh

3M with Ms Debra Mutimer

3/4M with Ms Kathy Molloy (Assistant Principal)

4E with Mrs Ann Emery

4/5R with Mrs Amanda Rawlin

5L with Ms Karen Leake

5/6F with Mr Bruce Francis (Assistant Principal)

6A with Mrs Dianne Alchin

6W with Mrs Kerry Watson

The teachers are looking forward to meeting parents at our Class Information Nights next week. Each grade will **meet first in the hall** and then go to classrooms. The meetings will be on:

Monday Feb. 9th at 6.30pm – Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Tuesday Feb 10th at 6.30pm – Kindergarten

Tuesday Feb 10th at 7.00pm – Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday Feb. 11th at 7.00pm – Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

These evening meetings will enable parents to meet their child's class teacher, if they haven't already done so, and hear about grade and classroom routines. There will also be an opportunity for general class questions but it will not be possible for teachers to discuss individual children at this early stage.

We look forward to seeing you there!

A Cool Start



Classes in A-block are now enjoying greatly improved learning environments due to the installation of air conditioning and shade-film on the windows. Despite the heat yesterday these classrooms were pleasant to be in and students and teachers were able to work comfortably throughout the afternoon. This major improvement to our school was made possible by parents' support of the P&C building fund and fundraising initiatives. We are most appreciative of the efforts of the P&C and look forward to the completion of this major project in which all classrooms will be air conditioned over the next two years.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, February 11th in the library at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Setting Up for the Year Ahead

Thank you to Sandy Attard and the many volunteers who have organised and distributed our stationery packs this year. Thank you also to everyone who has been well organised in setting their child up for the year. Please note that all students will require all of the items listed on the order form. While you are welcome to take the stationery pack home to see what you have purchased, all items (except the contact and lunch order bags) need to be returned to the classroom to be used. Items do not need to be labelled individually with your child's name. The teachers will label items as needed. If you choose to purchase the stationery from outside the school, please be sure to take the list of requirements with you to ensure that you get everything you need. All students will need to have all of their stationery before the end of this week.

A small amount of money is allocated within the school budget each year to ensure that no student is disadvantaged at school due to their family's financial circumstances. If you are having financial difficulty at the moment and are unable to meet the cost of the stationery pack, please contact me directly so that your child can receive the pack and a confidential payment strategy can be arranged.

Student Safety

Please assist us in keeping your children safe by using the appropriate gates when arriving at or leaving the school. It is not safe for pedestrians to walk through the school car parks at any time. Please take the extra minute to teach your child the correct entry and exit points and use the pedestrian gates at all times.

Kerri Brickley
Principal

School Activities

Merit Ribbons

Congratulations to the following students who have earned a set of seven mini-merits and have been awarded a Merit Award Ribbon.

Rainbow Karl (5/6F) and Erin (5L) with two (2) Rainbows

PDHPE Dilan (5); Marcus (5/6F); Cassie (5L); Marcus (3/4M); Ben (5L) and Charlie (5L)

Creative Arts Aydan (5/6F); Brianna (5/6F);

Science and Technology Nathan (3/4M)

English Pranisha (3HN);

Citizenship Billy (3/4M); Lottie (3/4M); Jack (3/4M); Bethany (5/6F); Megan (3/4M)

Well done everyone!

News from the Library

Welcome back to the library for another year. This year will be another very busy one for the library, with many activities planned for the students. Some of these activities include two book-fairs, a Book Week performance presentation, Pirate Week and Library Week. The library will have another excellent team of library monitors to help me with these activities.

Students from Year 1 to 6 may begin to borrow books from the library. Kindergarten students will not start borrowing books until next term. All students wishing to borrow books from the library will need to have some type of library bag. This could be a school library bag purchased for \$5.00 from the library, a commercially made one, durable plastic bag or pillow case!

The library is always eager for any help that parents can provide. If you have any spare time during the week to shelve or return books your help would be much appreciated. If you would like to help cover books drop in and I'll show you where the contact is kept (trust me this contact is foolproof). The books can be covered at school or at home.

Philippa Benson

Chess Club

Chess Club has recommenced for the year and is once again meeting in the library. Chess will be held on **Wednesdays from 8.10 to 8.55 am**.

Chess club teaches students about the rules of chess, tactical moves and has special competitions for its players.

The club is run by teachers from the 'Sydney Academy of Chess'. As it is operated by an outside organization there is a term fee for those students wishing to join. Permission notes with more details about term fees are available from the library. All money must be given to me in the library and cheques are to be made payable to the school.

Philippa Benson

P&C Pickings

STUDENT BANKING UPDATE



Student Banking will be returning, **Tuesday, 3rd February** for 2009.

Last year student banking raised over \$500.00 for our school. This is paid by the Commonwealth bank and it is a great effort just teaching kids to save. Application packs have gone home to new students and Kindergarten. If you would like a start up kit, please contact Tanya Toms. Every new account opened through our school raises \$5.00 and the school gets a commission for every deposit.

If you would like to be involved with student banking in 2009, please do not hesitate to contact Tanya Toms on 9945 1838 or tmtoms@optusnet.com.au. No experience necessary

Tanya Toms and Amy Leung
Student Banking Coordinators

Uniform Shop News

The 2009 uniform shop roster made its way home in the mail during our summer break thanks to Rosemary McInerney. If you have not received a roster please contact - Rosemary McInerney on 9980 9087.

Roster for the next fortnight:

9th February	Rosemary McInerney Rita Kahveci	Anna Champion Judith Pallier Narelle Wilson
16th February	Elise de Jong Sharron Dewhurst	Deborah Coetzee Sarah Woolley Bryony Drayson

Please note you are required to be at the uniform shop on a Monday afternoon between 2.15 – 3.15pm to assist parents in making uniform purchases.

Treasurer role VACANT

If you are confident with computers, MYOB, stocktaking and other financial tasks your help is needed. The treasurer role is vacant and orientation to the role is available please contact Chris Vanden Dool if you wish to discuss this further; Chris Vanden Dool: 9871 5452.

Thank you

Thank you to our parent volunteers for assisting the uniform shop open for an additional two mornings at the start of term 1, 2009.

Uniform Shop Committee

Canteen News

CANTEEN IS OPEN

The canteen is open for business as usual. The canteen will continue to have a variety of recess specials available to the children so listen out for announcements at school assembly.

Sushi will return to our canteen and is available each Tuesday and Thursday as of week 2, term 1 2009.

Please remember to provide an extra lunch order bag if you are purchasing a hot and cold item and/or a drink with a meal. A squished sandwich is not appetising!

The Canteen will not be running 'normally' for a few days, as the Canteen had to replenish their stock due to an electrical fault over the week end. When placing orders please nominate a second option just in case!!

ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES

Years K-2

Place your name and lunch order details clearly at the bottom half of a lunch order bag. Place the correct money (preferably) in the bag and into the red tin outside Mrs Wagner's room - K-2 assembly veranda before 9am.

Years 3 – 6 can place their order before 9am directly at the canteen window which is open from 8:30am.

Note The canteen is open from Tuesday – Friday from 8:30am.
Children can order milk, water or juice between 8:30 am – 8:55am.

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The canteen will continue to have fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables available daily for purchase. Fresh fruit and vegetables are available for purchase at a minimal cost i.e. watermelon slices 30 cents, nectarines 30 cents, apricots 40cents.

Please support our healthy canteen by encouraging your child to pack a healthy school lunch box.

- ✓ Fresh fruit/vegetables and water assist physical, mental performance and concentration in class. Encourage children to drink water!
- ✓ Not drinking enough fluid can quickly cause dehydration which can lead to headaches, irritability and poor concentration. Thirst is not a good indicator – by the time children feel thirsty, they are already dehydrated. Children rarely drink enough water and often forget to drink unless reminded. Pack an extra bottle of water, freeze one of the bottles and reward children for drinking up!!.



MAIN CANTEEN ROSTER 2009

In 2009 the canteen will be utilizing email as our primary source of communication. If you have not provided the canteen with your email details kindly do so or email them to daher_rita@yahoo.com.au.

Our 2009 canteen calendar has been sent home with your child. If you have not received a copy please email Rita or visit the canteen. Our 2009 CANTEEN ROSTER has now been finalized and will be forwarded to you with a contact list via email within the next few weeks.

K-2 MORNING TEA HELPERS

- Are you available between **10:55am – 11:15am??**
- Would you like to visit your child at school and serve the kids recess?
- Chat with other mums?

The K-2 recess canteen roster has the following days available:

- 24/2
- 26/2
- 13/3
- 27/3 and 2/4

If you would like to help please contact **Sarah Woolley on 9873 6591**.

CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first canteen meeting for 2009 will be on Wednesday 3rd February.

We meet in the staff room and commence at 1:20pm. The main agenda item for our first meeting will be to review the 2008 canteen survey results and plan for term 1 special day.
All welcome.

Canteen Committee

Community News

WESTSIDE SCHOOL OF DANCING

Dance classes held in School Hall commencing 2nd February, for all ages from Pre-schoolers through to adults. Girls and boys welcome. Classes held in classical ballet, modern, tap and jazz. Enquiries – Nancye Pinfold 9484 5119 or 0411 135 119.

PILATES PLUS

Pilates Mat/Stretch classes held in School Hall – Thursday, 7 to 80pm. Commencing 5th February, BYO mat. Enrolments Jenne Jadresic 0402 425 119.

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When – Fridays, 6th February and 20th February

Time – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Where – Roselea Oval, Roselea Way, Carlingford

Contact – Warren Brooks 0423 361 944 or Dave Fisher 0415 373 649

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