

# West Pennant Hills Public School



Celebrating 158 Years of Quality Education

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## Newsletter 12

Term 3, Week 4

18th August, 2009

### What's On?

#### 19th August

- Maths Comp
- Girls Cricket Clinic Y5/6 1.30 - 3.00pm

#### 20th August

- SBS Session 2-3pm

#### 21st August

- Choir Pizza Night

#### 25th August

- Arts North Choir Rehearsal

#### 26th August

- Zone Athletics Field Events

#### 27th August

- 'Jump Off Day'

#### 30th August to 4th September

- Year 6 Snow Trip

#### 1st September

- Library Performance Day 'Wake Up and Read', K to 5.

#### 2nd September

- SBS Session 2-3pm
- Zone Athletics Track Events

#### 4th September

- Fathers' Day Breakfast

#### 7th September

- Basketball Clinic Y3-6, 1.30-3pm.

#### 20th September (Sunday)

- School Clean Up Day

### Excellence through opportunity

Our multi-talented students are displaying their increasing skills in a wide range of activities this term. We are currently in the midst of:

- The Jump Rope for Heart challenge for which children are learning to skip or improving their skipping and fitness levels;
- Reading loads books to enter the draw for the Coles "Keep Reading" challenge;
- Band preparations for the Jamm for Genes event on August 22;
- Rehearsing for the Sydney North Choir Festival with a Pizza Night on August 21 and an inter-school rehearsal on August 28;
- Selections for Zone Field events on August 26;
- Training for Zone Track Events on September 2 and
- Welcoming our Kindergarten 2010 students with our *Starting Big School* program.

In addition, this month, Year 6 are preparing for the Winter Program - a week of skiing; Kindergarten have been studying their hatching ducklings with great excitement; students in Years 3-6 have had the opportunity this week to participate in the University of New South Wales *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools* in Mathematics Stage 3 girls will be involved in a Cricket Clinic; and students K-6 have enjoyed the production of *Cinderella*.

All of these opportunities balance with outstanding class programs which emphasize high expectations and continuous individual challenge in literacy and numeracy. Congratulations and thank you to the teachers and parents who work together to provide this rich and rewarding curriculum for the children in our care.

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** Hunter (1S), Nathan (1S) x 2, Joel (2/3M), Jade (2/3M), Christie x 3 (4/5R), Franziska (5/6F) x 2, Liam (5/6F), Alec (5/6F), Sara (5/6F), Kate (5/6F) x 3, Ela (3HN), Riley (6W), Genevieve (1S), Jacob x 2 (5L), Rosalie (1C), Gabriella (1C), Nicholas (2/3M), Jayden (3HN), Aiden (Kinder Blue), Cassie (5L), Jake (Kinder Yellow), Matt (3HN), Cameron (4/5R), David (2/3M), Jarrod (4/5R), Darshna (4E), Jenna (5L), Georgia (5L), Jerome (3S), Franziska (5/6F), Liam A (1M), Ewan (5L), Lachy (5L), Maho (2G), Shannon (2G), Zac (5/6F), Nathaniel (2W), Jaimee (4/5R), Charlotte (4/5R) x 2 and Scott (4/5R).

**PDHPE** Lottie (3/4M), Monique (2/3M), Nathan (2G), Morgan (2/3M), Memphis (2/3), Annabelle (2/3M), Tom (2/3M), Emily (5/6F), Kevin (4/5R), Jenna (5L), Charlotte (5/6F), Liam C (1S), Sarah (3/4M), Katherine (Kinder Green), Tom D (6W), Victoria (5/6F) and Grant (4/5R).

**Creative Arts** Chloe (2S), Ella (Kinder Blue), Katelyn (5L), Jerry (3HN), Chloe (3HN), Catia (3HN), Adam (6W), Markus (5/6F), Lauren (6W), Sharon (6W), and Carla (6W).

**Science and Technology** Kate (5/6F), Alexa (5/6F), Emily (5/6F), Christopher (5/6F), Markus (5/6F) and Joshua H (5/6F).

**English** Eliza (1M), Angela (3/4M), Amy (1M), Emma (1M), Rohan (Kinder Red), Ethan (Kinder Red), Imogen (Kinder Red), Leah (Kinder Red), Daniel (2G), Destinee (1S), Katelyn x2 (5L), Brianna (5/6F), Damon (1C), Ashleigh (Kinder Yellow), Lili (Kinder Yellow), Sabrina (Kinder Yellow), Candice (4/5R), Dylan (4/5R), Morgan (2/3M), Sam (2/3M), Melanie (3S), Taylor (3S), Alec (5L), Sasha (5L), Christy ((4/5R), Jade (Kinder Blue), Lauren (Kinder Blue), Royal (Kinder Blue), Ella (4/5R), Emma (5/6F), Sharon (6W), Georgia (2W), Lawrence (1M), Selwyn (1M), Kallan (1M), Brielle (1M), Christopher (5/6F), Michael (3HN), Devlin (3HN) and Jaimee (4/5R)

**Mathematics** Bethany (1C), Tabitha (1C), Shanae (1C), Ben P (6A), Franziska (5/6F), Tylar (6A), Kate (6A), Margot (3HN), Michael (5L), Jason (2/3M), Alec (5L), Ewan (5L), Ella (4/5R), Becky (6W), Sharon (6W), Maddi (6W), Bethany (5/6F), Aoife (3HN), Darshna (4E), Alex (4/5R) and Christy (4/5R).

**HSIE** Riley (6W), Emma (5/6F), Michael (4/5R), Reed (5/6F), Kevin (6W), Eliza (1M), Maddie (5/6F), Karl (5/6F) and Maddy (4/5R).

**Citizenship** Matthew (1C), Matt (2S), Jemma (3/4), Samantha (3/4M); Koray (Kinder Green), Connor (Kinder Green), Ally (2W), Luke (3HN), Mallory (4E), Stephanie (5L), Katelyn (5L), Josh K (1S), Amer (Kinder Yellow), Matt (3HN), Jerry (3HN), Emma (1M), Candice (4/5R), Alvina (Kinder Blue), Brad (3/4M), Lachy (5L), Zac (5/6F), Bailley (6W), Jasmine (2S) and Alex (4/5R).



**Bronze Merit Badge**

Lauren (4/5R), Lottie (3/4M), Nathan (3/4M), Kate (5/6F), Christy (4/5R), Alexa (5/6F), Emily (5/6F), Tori (5/6F), Cameron (4/5R), Markus (5/6F), Christopher (5/6F), Charlotte (5/6F), Zac (5/6F), Lauren (6W) and Charlotte (4/5R).

Well done everyone!

# WHOOPING COUGH

There has been a case of Whooping Cough reported in Kindergarten.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough, Sydney West Public Health Unit advises the following:

- If your child has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with you. If the cough has been present less than four (4) weeks a swab test can be performed. If longer than four (4) weeks a blood test can be performed.
- If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken at least five (5) days of antibiotics.

Whooping cough is very dangerous for small infants – please ensure that you and your family do not visit babies if you have a cough.

Vaccination is the best protection against whooping cough. The vaccine is given at 2, 4 and 6 months and 4 years. A free booster vaccine will be offered to all Year 10 students at school this year – please take advantage of this opportunity.

Information on whooping cough is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html> or from the Public health Unit on 9840 3603 (Parramatta) or 4734 2022 (Penrith).

## News from the Library

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is fast coming to a close and with it many completed reading logs have been arriving at the library. The students that have participated in the Challenge have been busy with their reading. Primary students have had to read 30 books while K-2 students have been reading 15 books throughout the year. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent reading - Alexandra - KY, Jack - KY, Connor - KG, Jennifer - 5L, Alana - 3HN, Ethan - 3HN, Madison - 1C, Imogen - KR, Liam K - 1M, Jonathan - 3/4M and Georgia - 2W.

### Book Reviews

A library book review board is being established by the library's 2009 monitors. The book review board will be in the library for all students to browse and perhaps get inspired to borrow some of the mentioned books. A student 'star of the week' and their favorite book will also be featured. Students who would like to review a book are to see Miss Benson.

### Read For A Chance To Win!

A new incentive to encourage West Pennant Hills students to read has just begun. Sponsored by Coles at Thompson's Corner this challenge is for all the school to participate in. Students are to read ANY type of book regardless of length or subject. When the child has read fifteen (15) books and written the details of the books down on the competition form (sent home and available at the library), pop it in the competition box located in the library.

The children of West Pennant Hills School will be in the running for a chance to win a laptop, mountain bike or book voucher – great prizes for doing a little reading!

Competition finishes on **25th September** – so get reading and get the forms up to the library.

Philippa Benson  
Librarian

## SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to all four of our school reps, Kate, Maddie, Michael and Callum who earned their Beecroft Zone patches when they were successful in gaining places in the Zone Softball squad. Unfortunately, Maddie and Kate trialled unsuccessfully for the Sydney North team last Tuesday. Kate made it into the final twenty out of about 60 students. Michael and Callum trial this Tuesday in their bid to seek selection in the Sydney North Boys Softball team. Good luck boys.

Our five (5) fabulous basketball teams have played their first few games for this season with the Hornsby Kuring-gai Spiders. The boys' skills are developing rapidly. They receive enormous support from their parents and from their terrific coaches ... Sandy Attard, Teresa Jordison, John Milroy, Gillian Anderson, Caroline Spender, Robyn Watts, plus Judith and Naomi Pallier.

I have information on the Spiders skills development program and 'trying out for reps' clinics of anyone is interested. Alternately go to [www.hornsbyspiders.com.au](http://www.hornsbyspiders.com.au) for more information.

Michael D'Agostino is coming to WPHPS on 7th September to conduct a basketball clinic for the boys in Years 3-6 from 1.30 – 2.30pm. Parent coaches are encouraged to attend this clinic to learn some good techniques when coaching teams. Michael is the development officer for the Spiders.

Kathy Molloy  
Sport Organiser

## 'Jump Rope for Heart Program'



### Jump Rope for Heart – National Heart Foundation Fundraiser

Practice is continuing for our Jump Off Day, which is coming up next week on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August. The students' skills and fitness levels are definitely on the rise! This day will be very special in many ways.

Firstly, the children will be able to dress up in red clothes of all kinds and decorate themselves with red 'accoutrements' such as ribbons, scrunchies, headbands, bandannas, hats, bangles etc.

Secondly, the students will have the opportunity to buy red food at the canteen. Strawberries, apple slinkies, watermelon slushies, red ice-blocks, red jelly cups, red frogs, red liquorice and more! The money raised by the red jelly cups is going to be donated to the National Heart Foundation as well, so supporting this venture is highly recommended.

There will be three (3) Jump-Off sessions during the day –

9.30 – 10.30	Session 1 – Students in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2
10.30 – 11.00	Recess (Visit the canteen!)
11.00 – 12.00	Session 2 – Students in Years 3 and 4
12.00 – 1.00	Lunch (Visit the canteen!)
1.00 – 2.00	Session 3 – Students in Years 5 and 6
2.15 – 2.45	Demonstration of skills and assembly in the quadrangle.

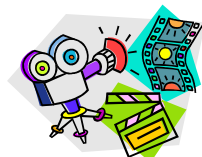
By now the students should hopefully have a few sponsors for their Jump Off Day. Donations may be returned in a clearly marked envelope to Class Teachers from the start of next week. All sponsorship forms need to be returned, used or unused. (This is a requirement of the National Heart Foundation.)

Follow the directions online if that is your preferred method of donation.

Many thanks for your considerable generosity in supporting this fundraiser. Please join us on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August to encourage your children as they take part in their Jump Off Day.

Kathy Molloy  
Organiser - JRFH

## P&C Pickings



Back by popular demand . . . .

The Second Annual West Pennant Hills Public School – **Movies on the Big Oval** – Friday, 11th September.

A great family night out for everyone! Bring your cushions, blankets and smiles and come join us down at the big outdoor screen on the bottom oval. Don't forget to invite your family, friends and neighbours. The more the merrier!

Gates open at 5.00pm. The hilarious children's comedy adventure – 'Bedtime Stories' starts at 6.30pm. Plenty of fabulous food and drinks to purchase including 'The World's Yummiest Chicken Skewers'.

Family ticket is \$20.00 **ON SALE NOW**.

Brought to you by the fantastic families of Years 2 and 3 and your friends at the P&C. Enquiries to Jacqui Heaton 0402 435 371 or Angela Greatbatch 0414 237 222.

**Please Note** – In the case of inclement weather 'Movies on the Big Oval' will be rescheduled for the following Friday, 18th September.

## *Uniform Shop News*

The Uniform shop is open each Monday during the school term from 2:15pm – 3:15pm.

### Roster Reminder!

	Cashiers	Helpers
24/8	Kerry Outch Melina Moyes	Sandra Finlay, Ruth Affleck, Martha Thomas
31/8	Chris Vanden Dool Karen Anscombe; Michelle Singh	Judith Pallier, Bryony Drayson, Sarah Woolley

Thank you once again to our wonderful parent helpers, we ask you to kindly make your way to the uniform shop at 2:10pm.

### Girls Navy Pants

After much discussion about the girls' trousers unfortunately the sample product our school had decided upon was not the product delivered. Due the difficulties in the style and fit of the girls' trouser the stock has been returned to the supplier and will not be available for sale for the remainder of the term. The uniform shop committee is working closely with the supplier to ensure the changes required are made prior to winter 2010. Sorry for any inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Football socks all sizes in STOCK. Rep shirts** available in sizes 8-14.

Stock clear out. Limited stock available. Wanted - Good quality second hand girls' winter tunics! Parents, if your daughter has grown out of her tunic please consider donating it to the uniform shop. All pre-loved items are much appreciated.

**Uniform Shop Committee 2009:-** Next meeting will be held Monday 7th September, 2009 at 10am in the uniform shop, all welcome.

Uniform Shop Committee



## *Canteen News*



### Term 3 Activities

Thursday 27 August 2009, Jump Rope for Heart school celebrations.

Canteen will join the RED day celebrations making available the following items for purchase during recess and lunch; (prices will range from 10c – 1.20) Strawberries; Apples; Watermelon shaped hearts on a stick; Watermelon crush; Red jelly cups; Liquorice.

### Lunch time only – Red ice-cream splits

Fruit 'n' Veg Week – September 8th-11th 2009. More information on how our school is celebrating this week shortly.

### Reminder Notice to all our families:

#### How to Order Your Lunch

- Use a large paper bag
- On the bottom half of the bag write clearly the child's name, class, items, prices and total

- Correct money is appreciated. Any change required will be cello-taped to the outside of the bag.
- **An EXTRA** paper bag is needed if a drink (or frozen item) is ordered. (Write name and drink/frozen item purchased only).
- If you would like to purchase a bag, the canteen is happy to provide a bag for five (5) cents each.
- **K-2 students** can place their orders in the large red tin on the K-2 assembly veranda outside Mrs Wagner's room, before 9.00am.
- **Year 3-6 students** order their lunch at the canteen before 9.00am.

Canteen recess specials. **NEW** Crunchy Bread Cups filled with Spaghetti and topped with cheese. Fresh fruit salad cups. Sushi – \$2.50 per roll. Sushi is available each **Tuesday** and **Thursday** lunch orders only. The sushi order is placed at 9:15am and we cannot accept late orders. Please indicate on your lunch order bag your preferred sushi roll choice.

**FOUND:** Purple scarf found in the canteen at the Athletics Carnival. Does it belong to you?

**Committee Meeting** – If you are interested in joining the canteen committee or would like to provide feedback, comments, assistance or suggestions, please email:- [daher\\_rita@yahoo.com.au](mailto:daher_rita@yahoo.com.au)

Canteen Committee

# Community News

## CHERRYBROOK LITTLE ATHLETICS & SENIOR ATHLETICS

Registration for Athletes from 5yrs old to all ages available at Cherrybrook Athletics. Competition takes place on Friday nights at Greenway Oval No 2. Registrations will take place at the Cherrybrook Community Centre, Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook on **Sunday, 16th August 2pm to 5pm and Friday, 28th August, 6pm to 9pm**. Payment by cash or cheque and proof of age required for new registrations. **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS** and full registration details available at [www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au](http://www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au).

# Advertising

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- High Quality
- Safe and Secure
- Experienced (operating for 21 years)
- Available each school day on site

**Hours** - 7.00am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.00pm. Permanent and Casual bookings welcome.

Activities for children include:

- Sport; Art; craft; games; reading
- Homework supervision and nutritious refreshments are provided each day

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