



PENSHURST GIRLS CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

Term 4
14 November 2014

Principal's Report



There have been a variety of opportunities this term to celebrate the achievements of our school community. Mrs Elaine Bricknell was honoured at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 4 November at the Come Together Awards: a Celebration of Excellence. Mrs Bricknell is currently a member of our School Administration team, she is the President of the Penshurst Girls Union, a parent and has been a volunteer for many years at our school. She was the leading organiser of our 50 year anniversary celebrations and the publication of the memoir *The Girls in Blue: A History of Penshurst Girls' High School*. Mrs Bricknell was also instrumental in the creation of our School Museum, a wonderful legacy for our entire school community. Mrs Bricknell is a deserving recipient of this award. The picture below shows Mrs Bricknell on stage as she is about to accept her award.



On Friday 14 November Kayla M. in Year 7 was awarded a Deadly Kids Doing Well award at the University of Technology. Kayla was joined by her family to receive her award along with many other students from across Public Schools NSW Ultimo schools.



Term 4 is always a busy term. Especially as it is a time when school staff gather information from throughout the year to comment on and assess student achievement. A highlight has been our celebratory Morning Teas where we acknowledge the work of many students. These students are invited, along with their parents, as they have made demonstrable and visible progress since Semester 1. We have already held our Morning Tea for Year 7 and it was an absolute pleasure to see so many students who have made such a successful transition to High School. Equally as pleasing was the effort many parents and extended family members made to attend the school and support their daughters by celebrating their success with them.

At the end of last term I attended the Class of 2014 Oatley Senior Campus HSC Graduation ceremony at Sydney Town Hall. It was inspiring to see so many students realise their dreams and achieve their potential, many of them graduates of our middle school Campus. This term we will be farewelling our Year 10 students as they too continue their journey, realise their dreams and achieve their potential. Many of these students have worked very hard and achieved excellent grades for their Year 10 Record of School Achievement (RoSA). They will be taking this dedicated work ethic with them when they transition to Oatley. Their remaining time with us will be spent consolidating their Stage 5 studies and preparing for Stage 6. Attendance at school is compulsory until the end of the year. Year 10 students will be undertaking important skills based work, as well as completing HSC: All My Own Work, an on line BOSTES course that must be satisfactorily completed before students can be enrolled in any Year 11 course.

Just as we ready ourselves to farewell a wonderful group of students we are also preparing to welcome our new Year 7 students for 2015. Our Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday 3 December 2014. This will be an opportunity

to welcome our new students and their families to our school, as well as see more of the exciting opportunities our school offers its students.

Even as the school year draws to a close, our expectation of students to be in full school uniform does not change. I ask that parents support the school, and their daughters, in ensuring their daughters come to school in full school uniform, with all their equipment, on time and ready to learn. At this time of the year I also ask that any outstanding school contributions are finalised. If any family needs financial assistance in these matters, please contact the office.

*Ms Noeline Ross
Principal*

Koori Art Expressions

Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond

Exhibition Venue: Eora College, 333 Abercrombie St, Chippendale

December 2014 - February 2015

Koori Art Expressions is a Public Schools NSW visual arts program open to all students Kindergarten to Year 12. The exhibition will run from December 2014 to February 2015 at the Eora College, 333 Abercrombie St, Chippendale NSW 2008.

Exhibition Launch

Date: Monday 8 December, 2014

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Venue: Eora College, 333 Abercrombie St, Chippendale

Eora College is open during the school holidays and visitors are more than welcome to visit during 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday. However, the College will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas holidays. Exact dates will be confirmed on the night of the Launch.



Representation from GRC Penshurst Girls Campus is expected to be included in this exhibition. As you may be aware our campus has been involved in Koori Art Expressions for several years, and we have enjoyed having our artworks exhibited at the Australian Museum in College Street, Sydney, The Powerhouse Museum, and the National Maritime Museum, and now the Eora College.

Year 8 Visual Arts students, supported by Mr Garry Belinfante and Miss Lauren Grumitt, have really engaged themselves to create some rather stunning artworks. Our school should feel very proud of their achievements.

*Mr Garry Belinfante
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts Faculty*

Science Report

At the time of writing, all students have completed their theory Semester 2 exams and their teachers are busy writing reports. Week 6 will be very busy for the Science Faculty with Year 10 Practical Exams, marking the GRC Year 10 Common Test and ESSA test organisation for Year 8 students. I'd like to thank everyone in the Science Faculty for their hard work and organisation.

It is important that all students keep up their attendance and continue to apply themselves to their learning in the few remaining weeks of school.

Science is a fascinating subject and the fun continues, as well as sneaking in a few scientific principles along the way!

Year 8 students are learning about the properties of matter and sublimation was demonstrated using carbon dioxide. This also coincided with Halloween and the outstanding display in the school library.

Year 9 students demonstrated fossil formation by making their own moulds and casts.

*Mr Anthony Adams
Head Teacher Science*



Daleks, Oods and the Tardis

Hurstville City Library, Museum and Gallery are pleased to host Daleks, Oods and the Tardis: Confessions of a Dr Who Fan followed by Teen Book Selection on Wednesday 3 December 2014. You are invited to this entertaining evening of literature and pop culture.

Join companion wannabe Garret Jackson for a journey through time and space as we board the TARDIS to look back at the history of Doctor Who.

Fancy John Green, Veronica Roth and Stephen Chbosky? Check out the latest teen fiction, non-fiction that you select and the Library will buy!

Wednesday 3 December 2013
4.00pm - 6.00pm
Hurstville library
For ages 12 and over
Go to www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/lmg
Enquiries: 9330 6111

Sport

We had our Open 1st Grade Oztag team go down in a close final to GRC Peakhurst Campus 4 - 5 on Wednesday 5 November - they played extremely well and were unlucky to lose the Zone title.

Mrs Robyn Mullane
Sport Coordinator



GEORGES RIVER COLLEGE CAMPUSES
SPECIAL SALES
DAYS x3

AT LOWES – HURSTVILLE & ROSELANDS

Monday 15th – Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th December
2014

RECEIVE 15% DISCOUNT

Off the regular price on all uniform items for
GRC – Penshurst – Hurstville – Peakhurst - Oatley

PLUS

BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT

additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

OR 5% REWARDS

Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers
to the value of 5% of their purchase

PLUS

Lowes will pay your school annual **5% rebate** on every
uniform purchased in-store.

Careers News

Sydney Dance Holiday Workshops

Up to 18 years. Taught by industry professionals.

<http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/#.VfdKOzSUE8A>

UNSW Scientia Challenge Years 7 to 10

Closes 30 November

Runs from 20 January to 22 January

Workshops for gifted and talented high school science students.

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/>

Mrs Lisa Royall
Careers Adviser

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards:

Bronze Award

Year 8: Anna F., Abbie F., Kristy L. and Sabrina Z.

Upcoming Dates

Term Dates 2014

Term 4: 07/10 - 17/12

Term Dates 2015

Term 1: 29/01 - 02/04

Term 4 2014

20/11 Year 8 Most Improved Morning Tea

24/11 SRC Elections

25/11 Year 10 YAP Day

25/11 MADD Performance

26-28/11 School Spectacular

27/11 Year 9 YAP Day

28/11 P&C Recycled Uniform Shop

28/11 Year 9 Most Improved Morning Tea

01-02/12 Year 10 Oatley Orientation

01-02/12 Year 9 Peer Support Training

03/12 Year 7, 2015 Orientation Day

04/12 Year 10 Big Day Out

05/12 Year 9 Resource Return Day

09/12 Presentation Evening

10/12 Year 10 Resource Return Day

10/12 Sports Assembly

12/12 Year 10 Graduation

17/12 Last day of Term for all students

Term 1 2015

29/01 All Year 8, 9 and 10, 2015 students return

19/02 School Photos

P & C Chat Time



Hello all

There will be **NO P&C Meeting** in November this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and staff who have attended meetings this year. I look forward to your continued support in 2015.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17 March 2015**, at 7.00pm in the Staff Common Room. There will be a short AGM followed by our general business. We look forward to seeing some new faces next year.

The last date this year for our Recycled Uniform Shop is 28 November 2014. If anyone would like to donate their old school uniforms it would be greatly appreciated, so we can keep our uniform shop stocked.

I would like to wish the Year 10 girls graduating this year every success in their future endeavours, we will miss your smiling faces around the school.

If you would like to be added to the P&C's mailing list to be kept up to date with the P&C minutes, please contact me.

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Chinese Translation

The Principal's Report translated into Chinese is available on the website a few weeks after the publication date.

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Library Homework Centre

When??? On Mondays and Tuesdays in the Library



It is in the Homework Centre,
a Maths teacher is available
on both days



Other specialty
teachers
are also available.
A teacher list will
be in the Library.

Second-hand Uniform Shop

**Friday 28 November from
7.45am to 8.20am**

P & C Meeting

**Tuesday 17 March 2015
7.00pm**

Staff Common Room

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