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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to what will be a very busy term two. I hope students and families have had an excellent and restful holiday.

Term two is traditionally a very busy term for everyone as students will be undergoing further assessments and teachers will be completing semester one student reports. All students have been introduced to study skills techniques this year and it is expected that they are using these strategies in preparing for their respective assessment tasks. Best wishes to all students as they finalise their semester one studies.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who demonstrated an incredibly mature and positive attitude during their Half Yearly Exams. They are a real credit to all their families and teachers and are outstanding role models for all our students.

The Year 7, 11 and 12 tutoring afternoon has been a big success this year with many students attending each week. Parents are reminded to encourage their children to attend this very helpful hour of tutoring in the Library.

Year 11 review reports have been sent to all year 11 parents at the end of last term. It is hoped that all students are encouraged to continue to focus and maintain their learning to ensure successful senior studies.

Welcome to our new members of staff. Welcome to the Head Teacher CAPA, Ms Tarasenko. Congratulations to Ms Gourlay who has been successful in gaining a permanent appointment to PPHS through a merit selection process held last term. Welcome also to Mr Mackinder joining the English faculty and replacing Mrs El-Darwiche who is on maternity leave for the rest of the year. Ms Greentree will replace Ms Worthington whilst she is on leave for the first 4 weeks of this term.

Some recent school successes include:

- Congratulations to Mr Millican and the 'Open Girls' cricket team on being crowned NSW state champions. This was a fitting reward for excellent forward planning, skill development and team building over many years. The result reflects many years of patience, enthusiasm and team work by Mr Millican and the girls.

- The PPHS swim team at the NSW CHS championships last term were outstanding. We were very well represented by individual and relay team entries and our students achieved great results. Overall PPHS was ranked in position 8 in the total school team points tally. With over 400 NSW DEC schools and competing against specialist swim and sports high schools this is an amazing result.



- Well done to Mr Goman and his team of student and staff helpers for the marvelous Anzac day ceremony. It was as usual, a highly respectful ceremony and we were pleased to have so many invited guests attend including our Sydney South West Regional School Education Director Mr Murat Dizdar and the School Education Director for East Hills, Ms Helen Wardega who witnessed first hand the wonderful talents and leadership skills of our students and staff.

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What's On - Term 2

Fri 17/5	Year 9 Brain Storm Production
Mon 20/5	SRC Elections, P&C Meeting
Tues 21/5	Computing Skills Competition
Thurs 30/5	Zone Cross Country
Wed 5/6	Science Competition



P & C News

Welcome back to Term two, it seems so long ago that we held the March meeting of the P&C. This was our AGM followed by a General meeting. There were less people in attendance than the February meeting but we were fortunate to once again fill all the positions for the year. Your new P & C Executive is as follows:

President:	Christine Butters
Vice President:	Kelly Macdonald
Secretary:	Adele Wardrop
Treasurer:	Fiona Gray
Canteen Treasurer:	Terri Forster
School Council Reps:	David Middlemiss (2 nd year) Janelle Curry Kate Hallows
Finance Committee:	Maria Georgiou (2 nd year) Anne Heeb
Uniform Co-ordinator:	Deb Driver

The major change here was the retirement of Louise Smith as our Canteen Treasurer, a role she has held for 6 years. Louise has carried out her duties with accuracy and efficiency and I have certainly appreciated the many hours she has dedicated to the role. During her time as Treasurer the canteen has been able to give to the school increasing amounts which reached up to \$50,000 last year. Thank you Louise. Terri Forster has now taken on this role and from what we have seen so far she will be equally as efficient in carrying out the tasks required.

Between the February and March meetings we held a welcome to Year 7 BBQ for our new students and their families. It was great to see so many in attendance and my thanks goes to Kate Hallows, Louise Smith, Wendy Heslop & Robyn Moggs for their assistance with cooking and serving.

The AGM closed and we moved on to general business of the P & C. The main focus of this meeting was to consider the wish-list of resources which Mr. Negroh had provided to us at the previous meeting. This list was constructed following the meeting of the finance committee and consisted of items requested by the Heads of the Faculties but unable to be financed by the school budget. The P & C approved items to a total of \$30066.00 and the list included but was not limited to the following: library books, TV/DVD player for Home Economics, Bench vices for Industrial Arts, items for use in Visual Arts, a camcorder and digital piano for Music, DVD players and speakers for Social Sciences, Scanner for Computing Studies, items for VET Entertainment, Machinery of VET Construction, Data Projectors for Drama room and IO Support and a storage unit also for IO Support.

Later in the year we will no doubt have another wish-list to consider. It is always positive to be able to provide items which are going to benefit the students by facilitating their learning experiences.

Thanks also to the Canteen for their first donation to the P & C this year of \$15,000. The Canteen committee met in the April school holidays and reviewed the price list and there is a new pricelist included in this edition of PicNews. I am pleased to report that there were no price rises but some items have been deleted from sales. When you read this the Canteen will be selling its winter menu.

The dates for the P & C meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows: May 20th, June 17th, August 19th, September 16th, October 21st and November 25th. These meetings are preceded by School Council meetings. I hope to see some of you at the May meeting...until then keep well and warm.

Christine Butters - P & C President

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Michel's (Revesby)

Student of the Month

February 2013

	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Kaitlin Jones	Great Citizenship and pleasing start to her Year 7 studies.
8	Mitchell Tran	Consistent and positive application in all subjects.
9	Ashley Miller	Excellent efforts in the cricket quarterfinal
10	Anthony Papadimitriou	He has shown a strong commitment to participating in and completing all team projects to a high standard in the COOL Program.
11	Courtney Brough	For continued overall effort and high achievement in all subject areas.
12	Stephanie Baxter	For continued overall effort and high achievement in all subject areas; especially in Mathematics.



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Students could benefit from the following tips in relation to the preparation for examinations in Mathematics.

10 HOT TIPS FOR TACKLING MATHS EXAMS

1. Be familiar with the format of the exam
 - Revise past exams to be familiar with the format and level of difficulty
 - Calculate the average amount of time you should spend on each question or section
2. Be prepared
 - Revise, revise, and revise
 - Bring all necessary equipment
3. Read all instructions carefully
 - Plan your time. Mark the more difficult questions that will require more time.
4. Show all working.
 - Even if you get the wrong answer, you will be awarded some marks for correct working.
 - Spread out your work, down the page.
 - Write clearly and draw big diagrams.
 - Don't use liquid paper. Draw a neat line through mistakes.
 - You don't need to be writing all of the time. Spend some time thinking too.
5. Identify the key words in each question
 - Underline or highlight key words that show what needs to be found
6. Attempt every question
 - It is better to do most of each question and score some marks for them than to leave questions completely blank and score no marks for them.
 - Don't leave multiple-choice questions unanswered. Even if you guess, you have a 1-in-4 chance of being correct. Some students like to leave the multiple-choice section till last so that if they run out of time they can make quick guesses. However, just because a question is multiple-choice doesn't necessarily mean it is any easier.
7. Pace yourself—keep an eye on the time
 - Work steadily. Make sure you are not spending too much time on one question.
 - Easier questions are usually at the front of the exam. Do them first to boost your confidence.
 - Don't rush or you'll make silly mistakes and your work will be messy.
 - Don't panic if you run out of time. It is better to get most questions right than to get all questions wrong. Complete the work you do know rather than rushing.
8. Make sure you have answered the question
 - Do you need to write the answer in a sentence?
 - Does your answer sound reasonable, especially if it involves money or measurement? Did you round off correctly and include the correct units?

- Try to finish each question before moving on, so that you don't have to worry about coming back to it later.
9. Don't waste time: move on if you're getting nowhere
 - If your working-out to a hard question is taking too long, then it's probably wrong
 - If you're stuck, don't waste valuable time getting bogged down. Stop, retrace your steps, consider a simpler method, or start again. Sometimes it's even better to skip the question and return to it later with a fresh mind.
 10. At the end of the exam, check your answers.
 - Go back and attempt harder or uncertain answers.

Tony Giorgio – Mathematics Faculty



Michel's (Revesby)

Student of the Month

March 2013

	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Rachel Iveli	Excellent start to year 7. Success in the school Girls cricket team, and performing at year 7 formal assembly.
8	Naomi Tall	Consistent and positive application in all subjects.
9	Daniel Morris	Diligent application throughout the term in all subjects.
10	Mitchell Gray	Outstanding contribution to school service during the Year 6 Open Night.
11	Todd Annakin	For diligence and applied effort in subject areas.
12	Samantha Abbott	Great efforts in swimming and a wonderful job as Doohan House Captain.



Computing Studies Report

It has been a busy time in Information & Software Technology this term. Students in Year 9 have begun work on the Robotics topic for this term. This will give the students the opportunity to see what can or cannot program the robotic to do. The enthusiasm of the students is very high as they learn and play with these devices at school.



Students in Year 10 are also busy as they undertake their programming exercises this term. They started working with QBASIC to learn the basics, and are just about to begin working on Visual Basic programming exercises. Shortly the students will get the opportunity to begin developing Android Apps which they will be designing for the Android Phone platform which they can then download and install.

Mr O'Mullane - TAS Faculty

Year 8 Adviser Report

Thank you to Nathan Eirth and Emma Atkins for being the chairpersons at the Year 8 Formal Assembly in Week 5. During this assembly, we also heard from Georgia Korch and Olivia Webster, two confident Year 8 girls, who spoke about 'The String Movement,' a campaign to stop bullying. Thank you to Georgia and Olivia for taking the initiative to lead this important aspect of our Formal Assembly. The presentation was well received by Year 8, with most students tying a piece of string around their wrist in support of this worthy cause. The next formal assembly will take place in Term 2, Week 5. Any students wishing to be a chairperson at a Formal Assembly in the future or wish to perform are encouraged to see Ms Mitchell or Ms Kourouche for more details.

Well done to the many Year 8 students, who demonstrated their amazing track and field skills at the recent Athletics Carnival and Cross Country Carnival. Many photos of the Year 8 athletes are displayed on the notice board outside B15A! Have a look!

It is encouraging to see many Year 8 students continuing to submit merit certificates and completed passports. Keep up the good work! The next rewards day will be at the end of Term 2! Please see the Year 8 notice boards outside B15A and the English Staffroom to view the points tally list.

A reminder to all students and their families, that attendance at school is compulsory. Students must arrive to school on time every day and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours, wherever possible. All absences must be explained by providing a note to the roll-call teacher on the first day the student returns to school. At the start of this term, students with unexplained absences were issued a letter, detailing the dates of these absences. Please attend to this letter, by providing an explanation and returning the note to the roll-call teacher as soon as possible.

Happy Term 2!

Ms S Mitchell



LOTE Faculty

Stage 4 Japanese

Year 7 have now completed a term of Japanese and all students are enjoying learning a new language. Our students are eagerly learning new vocabulary and even some Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji characters. We congratulate these students on their consistent effort and fantastic results in their first chapter test. All Year 7 students have now completed a poster to persuade the canteen to serve sushi as part of their NAPLAN preparation. Year 8 are also continuing their study of Japanese using their Hai! 2 Course and Workbooks. Our students are learning and revising vocabulary and grammar in each lesson and applying their knowledge in a variety of class activities.

Stage 5 Japanese

The elective Year 9 Japanese class has recently completed their first chapter test of the year, focusing on all of the macro language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. The students are all eagerly using their laptops and are enjoying typing in Japanese font and completing online activities. The class has also completed a debate persuading Australian families to adopt Japanese cultural practices as part of their NAPLAN preparation. Year 10 are also working consistently through their new Hai! 5/6 Course and Workbooks and learning a new script, Katakana. Last term, Year 10 completed their first assessment and will complete the Half-Yearly Examination on Monday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 22, 2013. All Stage Five students are participating in the online program Language Perfect, to improve their speed and accuracy in recognising vocabulary. Congratulations to our students on your enthusiastic approach to learning Japanese!

Stage 6 Japanese

Year 11 have now completed Unit 1 and 2 of their Wakatta! Course and Workbooks and their first assessment task. Students are to be congratulated on their approach and positive application to Japanese Continuers course so far. They are now preparing for their second assessment task and are spending time using the online program Language Perfect. Year 12 are also consistently working through the Wakatta! Course and are preparing thoroughly for their upcoming assessments, trials and the HSC. The HSC Speaking Examination for Japanese Continuers will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2013 and the HSC Japanese Continuers examination will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

Japan Trip

We are very excited to start the organisation of our school trip to Japan! We will be travelling to Japan in the September/October 2014 school holidays and visiting the cities of Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo. We will also be participating in a homestay for 3 days. All interested families have been asked to complete an 'Expression of Interest' form. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact us.

また来月!

Ms Marquis and Ms Mitchell



Easter Show Excursion

On Wednesday, 27th of March 2013, Mrs Bray's class went by bus to the Royal Easter Show. The excursion was generously sponsored by "The Land" newspaper. Our first destination was to see the farm animals.



We even had our photograph taken with the baby chicks.



Horses are a favourite animal of Mrs Bray, so of course we enjoyed viewing these beautiful animals

Next, it was time for some serious fun on the amusement rides. No trip to the Royal Easter Show would be complete without a stop at the Show Bags Pavilion, so this was our last stop.



It was a long and hot walk back to the bus at the end of the day, but well worth the great memories that will be cherished for a long time. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this wonderful day out.

Mrs Bray

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Apologies

*PicNews March issue failed to include that **Imogen Wallace** of Year 7 was also accepted into the DET state dance ensemble.
Well done Imogen.

*Also **Belinda Anderson** from Year 12 was also selected and participated in the SSW Region girls' cricket team along with Mary Malloy and Ashleigh Miller at the State Carnival in Coffs Harbour.
A great effort Belinda.



STATE CHAMPIONS!!!! What about that!

Open Girls Cricket Report

The Open Girls travelled to Bathurst to play in the State final series in Week 10 of term 1. Having made the top 4 last year and not performing to the best of our ability we were determined to make our presence felt this year and improve on our 4th placing.

The semi-final was against Hunter Sports High which has a targeted cricket program and we knew they would be a strong side. After losing the toss and being sent in to bat we managed to score a very respectable 7-171 off our 40 overs. Mary Molloy was the standout being caught on the boundary off the last ball of the innings for a fantastic 87. She was well supported by Ashleigh Gardner 28, Belinda Anderson 13 and Ashlee Miller 12. Our bowling started superbly with Ashlee Miller taking 2 early wickets which brought Hunter's 2 key players to the crease. Their captain plays 1st grade in Sydney with several Australian players and was a major threat..... but not for long. She was LBW to Belinda Anderson for 2 and their other star was caught and bowled by Mary Molloy for 22 and we managed to dismiss them for 63 giving us victory by 108 runs. Mary took 3 wickets, Ash Gardner 2, Ash Miller 2, Rachel Iveli 1 (with her first delivery and she is only in Year 7) Morgan Ramsay 1 and Belinda Anderson 1.

This put us into the final against Narara Valley High who beat the very strong Wellington High side in a bit of an upset. After winning the toss we batted first and were soon in serious trouble at 3-18 with our captain Mary dismissed along with Belinda Anderson and Chloe Larcombe. This left the two Ash's at the crease (Gardner and Miller). With the promise of all you can eat Maccas at Lithgow on the way home ringing in their ears they proceeded to destroy the Narara Valley bowling in a what has rarely been seen in girls cricket. In the next 19 overs they scored 191 runs with Ash Gardner breaking the record for the highest score in a final with 153 off 74 deliveries. Her hitting was so amazing it prompted parents to come from the boys finals to find out what was going on and who was doing it. However, we must not forget the efforts of Ash Miller who scored 38 no and batted right through our innings to enable us to get 9-248. It was going to take

something very special from Narara to beat us as our bowling is so strong.

Once again Ash Miller got us started with 2 quick wickets including one of their 2 key players with the best ball she said she has ever bowled, which hit the top of off stump. That left them with their captain and key player at the crease with 220 runs to get... a big ask indeed. It then became the Molloy and Gardner show as they proceeded to take 3-7 and 4-3 respectively to leave Narara 9-61. Then it was Morgan Ramsay's turn to finish the innings which she did superbly taking 1-0 and leaving us STATE CHAMPS with a 187 run victory which is also a record for the highest winning margin in a final.

Congratulations go to the girls for the outstanding attitude they displayed in all aspects of the trip. They behaved with respect and maturity, played with skill and sportsmanship and above all had a great time. The leadership and captaincy of Mary Molloy was outstanding and the efforts of players like Chloe Larcombe who opened the batting against some of the best female bowlers in NSW and she doesn't play cricket was fantastic. Not to forget the innings of Ash Miller Nat Westren to save us in the quarter final and the quality bowling of Morgan Ramsay who consistently took wickets when she also doesn't play any regular cricket.

It was a pleasure to share the experience with such a great bunch of girls and I thank Mr Clay and Mrs Wolstonecroft for giving up their time to make the trip with us and also the parents who came up to support the girls. The girls are the first ever Sydney school to win the title more than once which is an outstanding achievement.

To the four year 12 girls Madeleine Guthrie, Morgan Ramsay, Natalie Westren and Belinda Anderson who have played in the team since Year 7 it was just reward to win the State Championship and thoroughly deserved. They were excellent contributors, outstanding role models for the younger girls and will be sorely missed next season. The rest of the team plus some new additions will have a very good chance of defending their title in 2014 and I shall look forward to challenge of doing so.



Mary Molloy and Ashleigh Gardner Batting for NSW At recent All School Titles

Match Scores

CHS-1 142 (M Molloy 63, A Gardner 36, L Cheadle 4-28, A Horton 3-30, T Noble 2-16) defeated CIS 45 (T Heddo 11, A Gardner 3-4, S Daffara 2-5)



Mary Molloy and Ashleigh Gardner

Both girls performed with distinction at the recent NSW All School Cricket titles. This is a photo of them batting together in the final where they both made significant contributions to the NSW side which won the Carnival.

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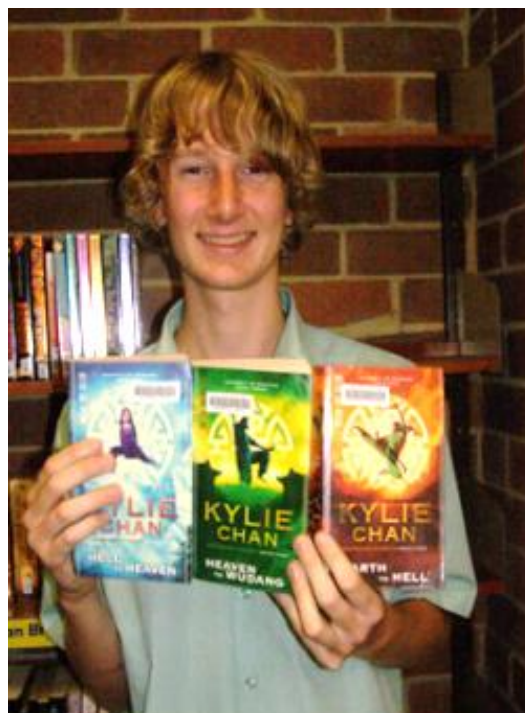


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## Library News

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**Liam Greenwood, the most enthusiastic borrower of 2012, and his favourite books.**

Some of our Year 7 students have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. They are Jasmine Roche, Phoebe Kleckin and Thomas Bush. Congratulations! Several more students are not too far from finishing their twenty books. Check out the Library pages on the school website (in the section "Faculties") for links to free e-books, useful websites, recommended reads and Year 12 information. You can even blog about the books you love!

Enjoy the worlds you discover through books!

**Marion Aranjó - Teacher Librarian**

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Science Faculty

In Science, 8E and 8R students have been working through differentiated Space and Forces topics. Students completed independent research projects on the Hubble Space Telescope. In completing the task, they researched areas of interest and presented their chosen work to the class. Research included making and explaining models of the Hubble Space Telescope and describing an annotated collection of images taken by Hubble. Some creative students even entertained the class by performing a song they wrote about the Hubble Space Telescope set to the music of the Alicia Keys song 'Empire State of Mind'.

Mrs Cook – Science Faculty

Year 11 Biology Field Trip

The two Year 11 Biology classes embarked on a field trip to Salt Pan Creek in Term one. Students were assessed on their ability to collect ecological data in the field for their first assessment task for the Preliminary course.



This included identifying native plant and animal species as well as chemical soil, air and water tests. Needless to say the troupe became muddy from the knees down; however, despite this, their attitudes were positive and they continued their scientific tests with diligence.



It was remarked by Mrs Brown, who had attended the excursion for the last 3 years, that this was the best behaved group she had ever seen, well done Year 11 Biology for your enthusiasm and excellent behaviour on the day!

Kirsty Ellwell – Science Faculty.



Student Leadership Workshop

The Student Leadership Workshop is a great way to improve your leadership skills including confidence and public speaking and a great way to learn about how important being a leader is and what qualities are needed to be a good leader.



On the 28th of March 2013, the first Student Leadership Workshop of the year was held in the hall, run by Ms Stavros, Ms Marquis, Ms Peterson and Mr Burgess. A few days before the workshop, we were told to bring a sock to the Leadership Workshop. No one knew what it was for!



On the day, we discovered we needed the sock to do a number of fun activities including games where we had to be blindfolded, and ice-breakers where we needed to find people, who had similar socks to us, introduce ourselves and exchange a funny, embarrassing and adventure story with them.





The ice-breaker was a good way to get to know people we haven't met before and interact with them.



With Mr Burgess, we were shown a video on an incredible man with a big goal - to climb Mt Everest. This was a big goal, as the man was blind and could not see. The man had a great team behind him, supporting and helping him the whole way and so, the goal was achieved through necessary sacrifices, teamwork, good organisation and leadership skills.



This session and the whole day overall, really taught everyone how important trust and leadership is.

Anna Bui, Year 9



Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented.

Without appropriate support and intervention, bullying can have lifelong negative consequences for the child and their family.

Date: Wednesday 29 May, 2013
Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm
Venue: Learning Links Penshurst
 10 Railway Parade, Penshurst NSW 2222
Cost: FREE*
Suitable for: Parents and Carers ONLY
 For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200

* This workshop is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.



Parents and Students are invited to The Institute of Chartered Accountants – Cadetship Evening on 15 May, 2013 at the Sydney Convention Centre.

A cadetship offers students the chance to work while they study a business or commerce degree at university. The Cadetship Evening offers Year 12 students the chance to meet and network with a wide range of employers. There will be information sessions where students will hear what to expect as a cadet from current cadets. The diverse opportunities available as a Chartered Accountant; presentations from Coca Cola Amatil and Vodafone and how to be successful in the recruitment process by two leading HR Managers.

When: Wednesday, 15 May from 4.30pm
Where: Sydney Convention Centre, Bayside Foyer, Level 1
Who: Year 12 students – (year 10 and 11 welcome too – cadet programme applications only available to year 12)
Cost: Free
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Year 7 CAMP 2013





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HOT FOOD

Chicken & Corn Roll	1.20
Hot Dog with sauce	2.00
Hot Chicken Roll	3.00
Sausage Roll (lowfat)	1.80
Meat Pie (lowfat)	2.50
Potato Pie	2.80
Macaroni Cheese	2.50
Lasagne (order only)	3.00
Fantastic Noodles	2.00
Tomato Sauce Portion	0.20
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	1.80
Hash Browns (term 2 & 3 only)	.80

SPECIALS

<i>Available Monday</i>	
Chicken Burger, lettuce & Mayo	2.50
<i>Available Tuesday</i>	
Pizza	1.80
Spring Roll	0.50

Available Wednesday

Hamburger (low fat)	3.00
Chicken Burger, lettuce & Mayo	2.50

Available Thursday & Friday

Hot Dog with Cheese	2.50
Pizza	1.80
Chicken Nuggets	3 for 1.20
Oregano Pizza	2.00
Cheese Pizza	3.00

BREAKFAST MENU

AVAILABLE BEFORE SCHOOL	
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Up n Go	2.00
Yoghurt	1.80
Low Fat Yoghurt with fruit puree	2.50
Hot Chocolate (Term 2 & 3)	1.50
Muffins	1.80
Pretzels (sweet or savoury) from	2.00



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Tuna	2.20
Cheese	2.20
Tomato	2.80
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Mayonnaise	0.20
Lettuce	0.30
Tomato	0.70
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Chicken Meat	1.20
Salad	1.20
Mustard	0.20
Egg	0.70
Ham	1.20

SALADS

Salad Box- Tomato/Celery/ Carrot	3.50
Lettuce/Beetroot /Cucumber/ Alfalfa	

* All prices subject to change without notice



DRINKS

Bottled Water 600ml	1.00
Milk 300ml	1.40
Milk 600ml	2.00
Oak Milk 300ml Flavours	2.00
Oak Milk 600ml Flavours	3.00
Cans Diet Soft Drinks	1.50
Bottles Diet Soft Drink 600ml	2.80
Deep Spring Mineral Water	2.20
Juice 375ml	1.50
Juice 500ml	2.00
Breakas	1.80
Iced Tea (varieties)	TBA
LOL drinks	TBA
Staminade	2.20

ICE CREAMS

Variety priced from 90c – 3.00

SNACKS

Custard Tart	2.00
Finger Bun	1.80
Pretzel Cinnamon	2.00
Pretzel (savoury varieties)	2.30
Red Rock Chips	1.00
Rice Crackers/Pretzels	0.80
Cookie Chunkies	0.50
Sumo Mini Cookies	0.40
Seasonal Fruit	from 0.80

Other snack foods available, range and prices vary – check canteen menu board for these specials.

NSW School Immunisation Program 2013

On Thursday, March 14, Year 7 students completed their first round of immunisations: dose one of the HPV vaccine and the dTpa vaccine. Year 9 boys also completed their first round of HPV vaccination. The second day of immunisations is this term: **Wednesday, June 14**.

Following is a reminder of the vaccines that NSW Health offers to high school students.

Year 7

All Year 7 students will be offered the following vaccines:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]** 1 booster dose for all students - COMPLETED MARCH 14
- **Human Papillomavirus** – 3 dose course. This vaccine provides protection for girls and boys against a virus which could lead to a range of cancers later in life. HPV is a common virus that affects both males and females.
- **Hepatitis B** – 2 dose course. A catch up for students **not** vaccinated for Hepatitis B as babies.
- **Varicella [chickenpox]** – 1 dose. A catch up for students who have **not** had the Chickenpox or the vaccination.

In Term 1, all Year 7 families were mailed information and consent forms regarding the School Immunisation Program for 2013. All 2013 vaccination dates are included in the table below.

Year 9 Boys

All Year 9 boys will be offered the **HPV** vaccine ONLY. This is a 3 dose course, with all dates for vaccinations included in the table below. In Term 1, all Year 9 [boy] families were mailed information and consent forms regarding the School Immunisation Program for 2013.

Vaccination Schedule for 2013

Dates for 2013	Immunisation
March 14 th	dTpa and HPV
June 14 th	Hepatitis B and HPV
November 20	Hepatitis B, Varicella and HPV

On each immunisation day, it is important that your child eats a healthy breakfast and brings a bottle of water to school. If you have any questions about the immunisation program, please contact Ms Marquis on 9772 1700 during school hours or the Immunisation Unit, Public Health on 9515 9420.

Ms K Marquis Immunisation Co-ordinator



Touch Football Report

5 girls from PPHS were selected in the SSW girls touch football team and travelled to Newcastle to play in the under 15's state touch competition. The team played 9 games and lost only 2, a very great effort. They were unlucky not to make the semi as it came down to for and against. This left them 5th in the state. Congratulations girls!

Tahlia Burke, Shaylie McWillaims, Haley Riley, Stacey Hayward and Georgia Anderson, (who was absent for the photo below, as she broke her wrist at the last game)



English News

It has been a very busy time in English. By now most classes have completed their second assessment task and are working on their next topic.

Our Year 7 classes have completed their first Area of Study and the focus area was Growth. With the support of our librarian Ms Arango our classes have spent a couple of lessons in the library getting to know the different areas and the procedures for borrowing texts. It is pleasing to see a number of our students participating in The Premier's Reading Challenge.

The ICAS Competition, run by the University of NSW, is again offering an English Paper for Years 7-12. The English Exam is on Wednesday 31st July and the cost is \$8.80. All students who participate will receive a certificate and a summary of their performance. Notes have been given out but if anyone has missed out please come to the English staffroom to get the permission form.

The Premier's Debating Challenge has also started. Mrs McGrath is co-ordinating the senior teams and Mr Wright is co-ordinating our junior teams.

We also appeal to all our families to check bookshelves for any English texts. We have some incomplete class texts so any texts you find will help us.

Finally we farewelled Mrs El-Darwiche last term as she is on maternity leave for the rest of the year. Welcome to Mr Mackinder who has joined the English faculty and is taking over Mrs El-Darwiche's classes. Congratulations also to Ms Hespe-Poulos on her engagement and to Mrs McGrath who became a grandmother to Tilly!!!

Mrs Kapnaniris – English Faculty

TAS Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a very restful and well earned break. Term 2 in the TAS department is shaping up to be another very busy Term, with many different projects and learning being undertaken.



Mr O'Mullane is conducting The International Competition And Assessment For Schools Computer Skills Examination on Tuesday the 21st May. This is an excellent opportunity for the year 9 and 10 computer classes to demonstrate their computer skills knowledge and the certificates look great in a CV.



Year 11 and 12 have just completed their Half Yearly Examinations with some very pleasing results. This is also a time for students to reflect on areas that they may have found more challenging.



Students that undertake practical subjects will produce a series of projects, food items out of their chosen medium. The materials and food used for these projects incur a cost payable by the student. Please ensure that this payment is made in a promptly.



If you have any further inquiries regarding student learning please do not hesitate to contact me.

Food Tech

Year 11 completed our first Food Technology assessment task on the 25th March. It involved a practical section where we cooked a dish that was traditional to our chosen cultural group.



Italian Anise cookies (Mary Molloy)

For my cultural group, I chose Italy and cooked traditional Anise cookies, pictured above. It was an interesting experience having every person in our class cooking different dishes at the same time. For the most part I had no idea what I was smelling, there was everything from baked brownies to pork belly.



Individual Lemon Polenta Cakes with Mascarpone (Amy Ahern)



Kafta with Fatoush Salad and Lebanese dips (Lourance Haddad)

With everyone making their own dishes, the benches were covered with ingredients and equipment, which made it interesting, to say the least. In the end, everyone completed their dishes to a high standard, everything looked delicious and tasted great too!

Mary Molloy and Amy Ahern

Here are some examples of some tasty treats the year 7 have created in their designing smoothie food practical, some of the results tasted outstanding.



Both Year 12 Textiles and Industrial Technology Timber classes have their Major HSC practical project due on Monday the 12th August, so during this term it is vital that they make the most of every opportunity to allow themselves ample time to successfully complete these projects and accompanying portfolios to the highest possible standard.

Paul Burgess - Head Teacher - TAS Faculty

Athletics Carnival 2013





Carnival Report

Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival was held under an unforgiving sun in March last term. The students were gallant in all running, throwing and jumping events with the school witnessing the best participation figures in recent years. Eleven records were broken including two from Maddie Pirie and Stacey Hayward. Well done to all students on what was an exceptional display of behaviour, participation and talent. I would also like to personally thank all staff on their assistance and dedication to their duties which ensured for a successful carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who were crowned Athletics Age Champions:

Age	Girl	Boy
12	Carley Parmaxidis	Calyp Nguyen
13	Madeline Carroll	Ethan Bowmaker
14	Georgia Anderson	Hayden Probert
15	Stacey Hayward Rebecca Hughes	Daniel Koliopoulos
16	Katrina Mihalopoulos	Angus Munro
17+	Stephanie Baxter	Thomas Kovacs

In the closest battle for house champion seen in years, congratulations to Hankin on claiming the title by 3 points:

Hankin	1271
Murphy	1268
Doohan	1251
Slater	834

Regional Swimming

Forty eight students from Picnic Point represented the Bankstown Zone at the Sydney South West Swimming Championships. Picnic Point was also remarkably represented by 16 relay teams of which 8 were successful on making it through to the State Championships. The students displayed courage, determination and sportsmanship in all forms of competition and should be proud of their achievements. The following students achieved outstanding results:

Student	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Brandon Grochala (SSW Secondary Age Champion – 17 yrs)	50 Free 100 Free (new record) 200 Free 100 Back 100 Fly 200 IM 17 Boys Relay Medley Relay	100 Breast 6x50 Relay	
Samantha Abbott (SSW Secondary Age Champion – 17 yrs)	50 Free 100 Free 100 Back 100 Fly 200 IM	100 Breast	
Zac Hatzis	17 Boys Relay Medley Relay	100 Free 100 Back	50 Free 100 Fly
Jordan Grochala	100 Back 16 Boys Relay	100 Breast 6x50	Relay

Picnic Point High achieved a fantastic result in the school placing's for the day. Our school finished third (1 point behind Westfield Sports High) out of all the high schools in the Sydney South West Region. The Bankstown Zone came 2nd out of the 8 zones represented.

NSW CHS Swimming Championships

Sydney South West was extremely well represented by Picnic Point students at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships. After three action packed days of competition and personal bests, the following students achieved outstanding results and will be competing at NSW All Schools Championships on Thursday 9/5/13:

Student	Event(s)
Samantha Abbott	50 Fly 100 Back 100 Fly 200 IM 200 Back
Brandon Grochala	50 Free 50 Fly 50 Back 100 Back 200 Fly Medley Relay 17+ Boys Relay
Matthew Bennett	Medley Relay
Zac Hatzis	Medley Relay 17+ Boys Relay
Joel Ryder	Medley Relay 17+ Boys Relay
Daniel Wilson	17+ Boys Relay



REVESBY BLUE LIGHT DISCO



WHEN: 18 May 2013

WHERE: YMCA Building, River Road
Revesby

STARTS 7.00pm

FINISHES - doors open 10:15pm -

Disco Finishes @ 10:30pm

COST: \$5.00 !!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Can you help us?



We need volunteers to assist us in a range of activities.

Can you-

- Drive a Mini Bus
- Cover books
- Read for students in exams
- Offer work experience placements
- Donate resources, tools, building materials, gardening equipment.

Do You-

- Have expertise in an academic or practical area such as
- Technology
- Business
- Engineering
- Hospitality
- Trades
- Sport
- Medicine

Can you spare some time to -

- Demonstrate trade skills to small groups of students
- Talk to small groups of students about your experiences in your job or in your life

If you can help please contact Michelle Harding on 97721700 or by email on michelle.harding5@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the PPHS Community Partnerships Team.



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH MATHS?

OR JUST A QUIET SPACE TO STUDY?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions, make sure you drop into our free weekly Homework Help sessions!

WHERE: Bankstown Library, Ground floor meeting room

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 6-7pm,
Starting 22 May - 17 July 2013.

Snacks provided!!

Call 9707 9605 for more **information.**

Anzac Ceremony

On Friday April the 12th our School held its annual ANZAC Service. The theme of this year's Service was the sacrifice of young Australians in a time of War. In particular, the subject of the key note address given by the School Captains, Stephanie Deering and Christopher Bush was the heroic story of the young Australian sailor Teddy Sheehan. Sheehan was killed in action in waters near Indonesia whilst fighting the Japanese. Our captains wanted to share the story of this ordinary young Australian who displayed extraordinary courage with our students.

The Service was fittingly respectful and moving. The inclusion of serving soldiers from the 5th Combat Service Battalion and a serving sailor from the Royal Australian Navy as the bugler for the Service helped give the ceremony a contemporary feel.

Indeed, the Service concluded with a display of moving art works from Australian war artist Ben Quilley reflecting the experiences of Australian service personnel in Afghanistan.

Among our special guests on the morning was the Regional Director for Education, Mr Murat Dizdar who commented on the outstanding quality of the Service and the wonderful demeanour of our students.

Phil Goman HT- History

