

Georges River College  
**PENSHURST GIRLS CAMPUS**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**SPECIAL EDITION**



# Principal's Report

## 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee

This term we celebrated our school's opening in 1955. Our school began as the Penshurst Secondary Home Science School in 1955, after earlier beginnings as the Hurstville School of Household Arts (as part of Hurstville Primary School) and the Hurstville Central Domestic Science School. Our wonderful school for girls was purpose built to serve its school community, with some students travelling from as far as Bundeena in the National Park to access a quality education. Our school has changed over the years, responding to the needs of the community it serves. The opportunity to celebrate its beginnings has meant that this term has been busy, exciting and entertaining.

On Friday September 4 our school began the party with a student celebration day. Students and staff dressed up in 1950s costume and the day began with an assembly, fashion parade and cake cutting ceremony. The day then proceeded through a series of round robin activities that celebrated the history and culture of our school. Students were taught 1950s dance at the front of the school, 1950s tabloid sports activities in the rear playgrounds, they enjoyed trivia and birthday cake in the Hall, and Year 10 were treated to 1950s hair and makeup demonstrations from the students and staff from Gymea TAFE. The film *Grease* was screened in the Performance Space, with Mrs Zeritis in charge of the popcorn machine. The day was a fantastic celebration of the spirit and culture of our school. All students were given a memento booklet to record their memories of the day. Our students made lasting memories of their school on this day, memories that I'm sure they will be reliving when the school celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 15 years' time.

Speaking of reliving memories of school days past, the school also organised an Open Day for ex-students. This day was held on Friday September 11 and was attended by well over 200 ex-students and staff. A High Tea was held in the Hall, as well as a fashion parade of past uniforms. Mrs Chochula's elective History class set up an interview booth and invited past students to share their oral



histories of our school. These stories were filmed and will become part of our school archives. Guests were then taken on a structured tour of the school, including The School Museum Flat, and were given a surprise English lesson by Mr Morgan. As our guests left they were treated to a sausage sizzle and refreshments from our 'Lemonade Stand'.

A formal dinner was also held on Saturday September 12 at Revesby Workers Club to cap off weeks of celebrations. This was also attended by well over 200 ex-students and staff. Guests were also entertained by ex-student and opera singer Ms Deborah Cheetham AO, who gave a stirring rendition of our school song. The GRC Stage Band also



entertained the guests on the evening. Our school is lucky enough to have an active alumni group in the Penshurst Girls Union. The President of the Union, Mrs Elaine Bricknell, was ably assisted by ex-students Mrs Helen Phillips and Mrs Paulette McFarland in ensuring the dinner went off without a hitch. These ladies also worked tirelessly to ensure The School Museum Flat was in tip top shape for all our visitors on Open Day. I thank them personally for all that they do in support of our school. I also extend thanks to the current President of our P&C, Ms Helen James, who attended the dinner and assisted with taking photographs.

These events could not have occurred without the hard work and dedication of school staff. The entire school got into the spirit of each event and went that extra mile to ensure our students, and ex-students, had the best experience of their school in its' 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

### **SASS Recognition Week**

This term we also recognised SASS Recognition Week. This is an opportunity for the entire school community to acknowledge the important work that our School Administrative and Support Staff undertake. The theme for this week was 'Our Jobs, Your Children, Their Future'. Our office staff and our general assistants work very hard and during this week the school Executive hosted a morning



tea to thank them for all that they do. These are the staff that answer the phone, organise excursion payments, set up science experiments, get everything ready for Food Technology lessons, photocopy lesson materials, keep our website up to date, get the newsletter out, print assembly programs, meet deadlines, administer First Aid, and this is just to name some of the things they do. Whilst we are always appreciative of the hard work they do, it was nice to simply take the time to officially thank them for the work they do in supporting students, supporting families, and supporting the teaching staff.

### **Julie Bishop visit**

On Monday August 24 the school hosted a visit by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Julie Bishop MP. The Honourable David Coleman, Federal Member for Banks also attended. During the visit Mrs Bishop engaged in a student forum. The theme of the forum was '*Inspiring Young Women to Achieve, and to Believe*'. Mrs Bishop engaged in an open dialogue with our students, giving them the opportunity to ask questions and engage in thoughtful discussion: about leadership, about her career, her education and her journey all the way to the United Nations. Female student leaders from Penshurst Primary School, GRC Peakhurst Campus and GRC Oatley Senior Campus also joined us for what was an informative and engaging event. The girls were very proactive in their asking of questions, and they are to be commended for their intelligent and probing questioning. Of course, since that day Mrs Bishop has since become the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, again reinforcing that the experiences our students receive here at GRC Penshurst Girls Campus are significant as well as memorable.





### **High Achievers Morning Teas and NAPLAN results**

It was a pleasure to host High Achievers Morning Teas for all year groups at the beginning of the term. Approximately 30 students from each year group, and their families, were invited to celebrate their daughter's achievement after the Half Yearly reporting period and it was wonderful to see so many extended family members attend also. After reading all the Half Yearly reports I was heartened to find so many of our students working as hard as they can to achieve their personal best. This was supported by the excellent NAPLAN results we received this term for Years 7 and 9. All parents should have received their daughter's NAPLAN results in the mail. If they have gone astray, please contact the Front Office to receive a copy. Similarly, if you have difficulty reading or understanding the results, please contact Ms McGarrity, who is the Deputy Principal in charge of Years 7 and 9, for assistance.

### **Multicultural Day Assembly**



On Monday August 31 we held our Multicultural Day assembly. Special thanks must go to Ms Fox for organising a truly spectacular event. It is inspiring to see so many young women displaying the confidence to share their cultural heritage through dance and song. The fact that we were at the time hosting Japanese exchange students, and students visiting from China, makes the event even more relevant and global. The Aboriginal Dance Troupe from Matraville Sports High School joined us and their performance was moving and very professional. Once again, the assembly was followed by the famous Peshurst Girls multicultural food stalls. This year, a record 42 stalls were offering food from around the world, and raising money for charity. Thank you to all the parents who, I know, worked just as hard to help their daughters prepare their dishes.

### **Farewell Mrs Harris**

Mrs Margaret Harris has been our Office Manager for 13 years and in that time supported the school in the smooth day to day running of the school, as well as looked after school finances, site management and First Aid. Mrs Harris was dedicated to our school and will be fondly remembered. At Mrs Harris' farewell she spoke of her overriding philosophy that every lady in the office treat each student like they were her own daughter. Mrs Harris certainly did that and I know she will be missed not just by staff, but by the students and families she has supported over the years. Mrs Harris leaves us to take up a well-deserved promotion working at the Department of Education's Arncliffe Office and we wish her well.

The school is currently introducing the Skoolbag app to improve communication between school and home. This app will be available for IOS and Android devices. The app is available now but not populated. It will go live in Week 1 of next term. Information will be sent home at this time with instructions about how to get the app on your devices. This app, as well as being a one stop shop for newsletters, calendar events and important notices, also has the facility for parents to complete electronic school documentation.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable school break and look forward to welcoming you back in Term 4.

*Ms Noeline Ross  
Principal*



## Deputy Principal's Report

### Years 8 and 10

During Term 3 I have come to know the students in Years 8 and 10 a little better. I was invited to the celebratory morning tea for the High Achievers in Years 8 and 10 and was pleased to meet many parents. It was wonderful to note that many of the Year 10 parents had been present on several previous occasions. I would like to thank these girls and their parents for allowing me to share in their success.

During Term 4 it is important for the girls to set themselves some personal and academic goals. For those students who experience difficulties in some areas it is important to set up an achievable study routine. It is pointless to attempt three hours straight of study in one subject. Rather, students should complete homework and alternate with short bursts of study, for example half an hour to forty minutes. It is also good to commence with the most difficult subject and finish with a favourite one. Students are advised to experiment with different study methods. For example, students who are visual learners may find it easier to study through the creation of mind maps, whilst others may want to colour code their notes, a different colour for each subject.

During the school holidays I know that many students will spend time on the internet, be it on a phone, laptop or tablet. Parents should be aware that all students in Years 8 to 10 have completed a course in Digital Citizenship. This means that they have been taught about responsible use of the internet and the consequences of Cyber-bullying. Please remind your daughters of their responsibilities as Cyber citizens.

Finally, I would like to thank all students who have really made an effort to be in full school uniform every day, including their school bag. If you would like to have some extra blouses to account for those weeks when we have a lot of rain and the washing is difficult to get dry, be aware that the P&C have many second-hand items at a cheap price; they even have some second-hand school bags.

Have a great holiday. Stay safe, relax, refresh and maybe even try something new. Looking forward to seeing you in Term 4.

*Ms Bronwyn Cooper  
Relieving Deputy Principal*

## Deputy Principal's Report

### Years 7 and 9

We've reached the end of what can only be described as a mammoth Term 3 here at Peshurst. As we are well and truly embracing spring, it's time to pack the school jumpers away for another season and get our summer uniforms looking pristine. We are a uniform school and full school uniform is expected to be worn every day, with the exception of Wednesday's when all students are expected to be in GRC Sports Uniform.

As always, we have very high expectations of student behaviour both in school but also during transitions to and

from school. Our girls represent 60 years of a proud tradition associated with the school and college and we expect that all girls represent our college with pride when in the public arena. The Senior Executive is particularly concerned that students' behaviour is excellent in the immediate area of the school particularly at the front of the school and also on Peshurst Street. We pride ourselves in maintaining an excellent reputation and we ask that our girls adhere to our PBL expectations of being 'Respectful and Responsible' whilst 'Aiming for Excellence'. For safety reasons, all girls must behave responsibly when crossing at the front of the school each day. We also ask that parents arrange collections further up Peshurst Street and not immediately in front of the school gates or on the pedestrian crossing; this is dangerous and puts the safety of our students in jeopardy.

There has been an increase in students arriving late to school. The primary cause of this tends to be students buying food from various outlets in the local area as well as

## Upcoming Dates

### Term Dates 2015

Term 2:	21/04 - 26/06
Term 3:	14/07 - 18/09
Term 4:	06/10 - 16/12

### Term 3 2015

18/09 Last day Term 3 all students and staff

### Term 4 2015

05/10	Public Holiday - Labour Day
06/10	All students and staff return to school
07/10	P&C Meeting - with David Coleman MP
19-23/10	Year 9 Elective Assessment Period
26-30/10	Year 10 Elective Assessment Period
26-30/10	Year 9 Yearly Exams
30/10	Second-hand Uniform Shop
30/10	GRIP Leadership Conference
02-06/11	Year 10 Yearly College Assessment Period
12/11	Year 7 Most Improved Morning Tea
17/11	P&C Meeting
19/11	Year 8 Most Improved Morning Tea
20/11	Year 7 Vaccinations
23/11	SRC Elections
27/11	Year 9 Most Improved Morning Tea
27/11	Year 10 YAP Day
27/11	Second-hand Uniform Shop
27/11	National Young Leaders Day
30/11-1/12	Year 9 Peer Support Training
30/11-1/12	Year 10 Orientation Day
03/12	Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
04/12	Sports Assembly
08/12	Presentation Evening
11/12	Year 10 Graduation
16/12	Last day for all students

students being dropped off late. All students are expected to be in Roll Call by the time the bell sounds at 8.35am, there are no exceptions to this rule. Parents need to remain mindful of this.

As we are approaching another assessment period early in Term 4, I would ask parents not to take students out of school unless unavoidable. Additionally, students should be regularly checking their assessment schedules to ensure they are prepared and that assessments are being submitted on time. All absences from school require a note from home explaining the absence otherwise absences are recorded as 'unexplained' which may become a matter requiring investigation. Additionally, all students are expected to participate in Wednesday afternoon sport to complete mandatory physical activity hours. Students should not be requesting Gate Passes on a Wednesday afternoon unless in exceptional circumstances which are unavoidable.

We've worked hard and played hard this term and we all look forward to a very productive Term 4 and last reporting period for 2015. We look forward to seeing as many of our students and family as possible at our 'Most Improved' Morning Teas in Term 4. Until then, have a lovely break before another busy term commences.

*Ms Oonagh McGarrity  
Relieving Deputy Principal*

## Wool4School Comp

Congratulations to Cecilia C., Year 7, for becoming an Australian finalist of this year's Wool4School. This is a great achievement. There were over 1100 entries in the competition this year. The finalist's entries can be viewed



on the Wool4School website. Christine K., Year 7, received an Honorable Mention and GRC Peshurst Girls Campus also received an Honorable Mention. 16 of our students entered the Wool4School competition this year. The students were required to design on paper a garment they would wear in winter to one of five cities around the world including New York, Paris, New Delhi, Tokyo or Moscow. The garment would be made predominately from wool. Year 9 and 10 students also had to create a mood board and write an explanation of their chosen design.

*Mrs Linda Harrison  
TAS Faculty*

## Winter Grade Sport Report

Our Winter Grade season for 2015 concluded on Wednesday 19 August. It proved to be another very successful competition for many of our teams. Of our 19 teams entered in the various sports we had 12 teams that qualified for semi-finals and of those, eight teams made it through to the finals. An impressive effort.

Semi-final teams included our Basketball Open 1st and 2nd grade and our 15A's and our Soccer 15's and 13's. In Netball we had seven of eight possible teams in semis - these were Open 1st grade, 15A's and B's, 14A's and B's and 13A's and B's. Due to a sudden downpour right before play was scheduled for many of these semis we had to postpone some games and they were then played on the morning of the finals, 19 August. Despite this, several teams were victorious and made it through to finals and all did themselves, their coaches and the school proud!

Results for the Winter Grade finals were:

Open Basketball defeated Blakehurst 37-26 in a convincing win.

15's Basketball defeated Blakehurst in extra time to eventually win an exciting match 20-18.

Soccer 13's defeated Canterbury Girls 3-1. We had no substitutes at this final so our girls played exceptionally well to take out this title.

Netball Open 1st grade were defeated by a strong effort from Kingsgrove 31-10.

Netball 15B's defeated St George Christian School easily to win 21-2.

Netball 14A's defeated Kingsgrove North comfortably with a 48-30 score line.

Netball 14B's defeated Peakhurst in a close game 20-15.

Netball 13B's were defeated by Blakehurst 18-14 in a reasonably tight match.

So of these eight teams in finals, six teams became St George Zone Champions for 2015. This is an outstanding effort. As Sport Coordinator I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players and their dedicated coaches for a successful season and one where good sportsmanship was a regular feature at our games.

*Mrs Robyn Mullane  
Sport Coordinator*

# CAPA Report

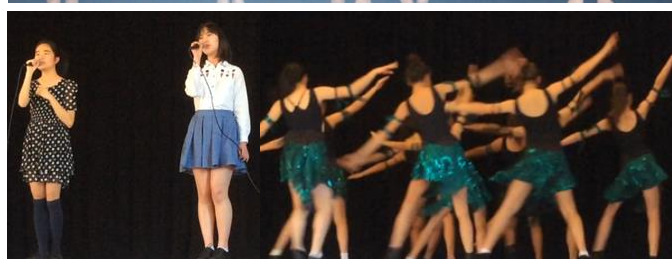
## Koori Art Expressions

This term non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal students ranging from Years 7 to 10 have had the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal art and culture in new and exciting ways. They are creating a stop motion animation responding to the NAIDOC theme 'We all stand on sacred ground: learn, respect, and celebrate'. Their animation will be exhibited at the National Maritime Museum in the city from November 2015 to February 2016. We've had an overwhelming interest in this project and look forward to showcasing their achievements to the school and wider community.

## Visual Arts

All students are starting their major works this term. We have a lot of great artists in each year group and this is what they are working on:

Year 7 will be creating wire sculptures of animals, along with an abstract canvas 'habitat' in response to their recent zoo excursion.



Year 8 have been studying Banksy's street art and will be making a statement stencil piece of their own. Watch out for their exhibition later this year.

Year 9 have Pop Art fever and are creating their major works about the mass media in bold colours and comic style.

Year 10 are all having an identity crisis! They are creating major works on the theme of Identity and have free choice of materials. We look forward to exhibiting their excellent and varied work around the school very soon.

*Miss Lauren Grumitt and Miss Kate Zeritis  
Creative and Performing Arts Faculty*

## Drama

In Drama this term the Year 9 elective students have been working on group projects devising their own plays. They developed everything from writing the script and creating their own characters, to designing the stage set up and lighting. They have come up with some excellent productions. They also had the opportunity to go to GRC Oatley Senior Campus to view the Year 12 Drama students perform their HSC projects. The Year 10 elective students have been working both in front and behind the camera this term to create their own episode of a television show, acting, filming and editing the entire production themselves.

## Dance Ensemble

Every Monday afternoon these girls refine their skills in Dance in order to create routines for performances that happen in and around the school. This year the Dance Ensemble has performed for the Talent Show and Multicultural Day, with many more performances to come. If you are interested in joining the Dance Ensemble for 2016 there will be auditions held in Term 4 of this year and Term 1 next year.

## Multicultural Day Assembly

The Multicultural Day Assembly for 2015 was a celebration of all 'the amazing races' that make up GRC Penshurst Girls Campus. It included song and dance performances from cultures all around the world including, the Cook Islands, Nepal, China, Korea, Lebanon, Ireland and Columbia, as well as a special guest performance from the Aboriginal Dance Troupe of Matraville Sports High School.

*Miss Deanne Fox  
Creative and Performing Arts Faculty*

# Taronga Zoo



On August 7, the Year 7 students embarked on an incredible journey to Taronga Zoo, as part of the Science topic being studied which is 'The Living World'. The students had the opportunity to see and learn about a variety of animals and watch their amazing talents at the shows.

Hence, throughout the day, each class attended the 'Education Centre', where they had the privilege to touch some of the creatures, learn about their habitats and classifications.

Overall, the students had an unforgettable time at Taronga Zoo. It was a fun day of learning and exploring for everyone.

*Science Faculty*



## Sutherland to Surf 2015



On Sunday 19 July the following girls completed the Sutherland to Surf fun run:

Debora W. Year 9, Caitlin S. Year 8 and Kiarna C. Year 8.

We met at 7:00am in Sutherland in freezing conditions to warm up and stretch. The girls were full of excitement and nerves as the crowds gathered at the start line. The course began in Sutherland and finished at Wanda Beach in Cronulla covering 11km in total.

The girls all enjoyed the day and are to be congratulated on their commitment to their health and for being up and about early on a Sunday morning.

Hopefully next year we will have a much bigger team competing!

*Ms Caroline Joy  
PD/H/PE Faculty*

## Chinese Visit

On Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 July, Year 9 and 10 Chinese elective classes and a few Year 8 students were privileged to host 38 students from Shangrao Number 4 Middle School. During this prestigious event, we participated in various engaging activities such as the Penshurst Girls Amazing Race, Sales of the Century, Scattegories, Find Someone Who and observed a phenomenal debate between the Year 7 and 8 Debating Teams. We were ecstatic by their company and were lucky to gain insight to the Chinese culture as well as improving communication skills. Our visitors also tasted many typical Australian foods like Tim



Tams, meat pies and sausage rolls. All the students who hosted were fortunate to receive a calligraphy set and at the end, many students exchanged contact details, took photos and we were reluctant to bid goodbye.

*Erica J.  
Year 9 student*

## Library News

The library has recently purchased a number of posters covering topics such as Digital Citizenship, Positive Social Networking and Web 2.0 tools to support the Information Process. The posters will be displayed on the folding doors of the library Annex to motivate and engage the girls as 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs Chochula (Head teacher of HSIE), for kindly donating over 100 of her own books to the library this term. The resources will greatly enrich the libraries history collection and support the teaching and learning needs of the girls.

*Mrs Rose Abas  
Teacher Librarian*





# Pierre de Coubertin Award

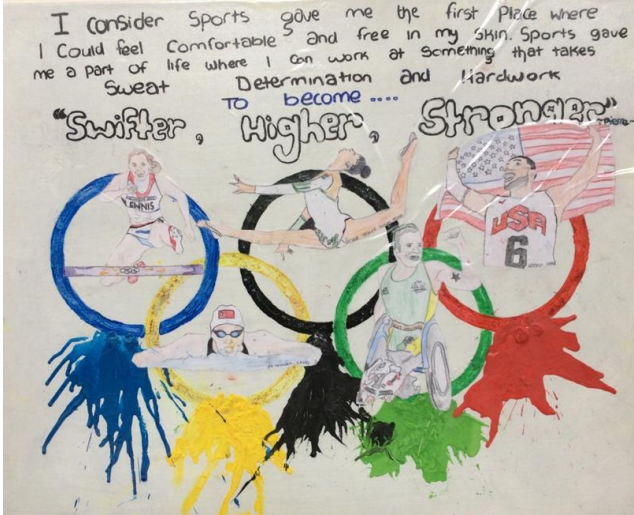
*Janet Oluwadamilola O. 2015 recipient*

Janet attended the AOC Olympic Academy Day and State Presentation on the Pierre de Coubertin Award on Friday 19 June 2015. The award celebrates the Olympic spirit and the ideals of sport and sportsmanship. For her nomination Janet created an original art work which illustrated her appreciation of the Olympic Movement (as shown). To be eligible to receive this award Janet had to have participated actively in the GRC Peshurst Girls Campus physical education program with a consistently positive attitude. At some stage during her time here at Peshurst she also must have represented the school in either swimming, athletics or cross country and at least two other competitive sports.

Janet will be recognised by the school for her achievements in this area at our Presentation Evening in December.

Congratulations Janet!

*Mrs Prue Griffiths  
PD/H/PE Faculty*



## Yr 8 Tech have it CUSHY!

Some Year 8 students this semester completed a textiles unit where they were required to design and produce a cushion. The students used creative sewing techniques such as applique, patchwork, ribbon weaving and inkjet printing. They incorporated zippers, buttons, ribbons, lace and motifs to their design to create unique and very functional cushions. The students had to produce a portfolio that identified and justified the decisions they made throughout the process. Their results were outstanding, very creative, well-constructed and unique.

*Mrs Linda Harrison  
Technology and Applied Studies Faculty*

## Primary Links

The Primary Links Program continued this term with three of our local schools, Hurstville Public School, Beverly Hills Public School and Carlton Public School participating in a myriad of activities in the eight week program. In English the students explored the world of the narrative. In Science the students obtained their Bunsen Burner licence and experimented with filtration. In Creative Arts the students experienced Dance, Drama and Art. In Mathematics the students completed activities relating to Flexagons, 3D perspective and tessellations. In Technology the students completed practical activities in Food



Technology, Textiles Technology, Wood Technology and Computer Programming. The most valuable experiences, however, involved the students making new friends and becoming familiar and comfortable with everyday life in a high school in preparation for next year.

*Mrs Linda Harrison  
Primary Links Co-ordinator*

## Year 9 Textiles Technology

Over the last 13 weeks the students have been creating a garment for the upper body. Year 9 Textiles Technology have been studying the properties and performance of different fibres, yarns and fabrics. The students spent a period in the laboratory investigating the fabric they used to construct their garment. This required the students to look at their fabric under the microscope and carry out burning tests to determine the fibre content and fabric structure. The students will use this information in their design portfolio which the students produce to explain the process of designing and constructing their garment.

*Mrs Linda Harrison  
Technology and Applied Studies Faculty*



## 60th Anniversary

### Student Perspectives

2015 is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Penshurst Girls High School. On Friday September 4, our whole school celebrated our anniversary in a very exciting way - we had a whole school birthday party! This day was tremendously fun, and unlike any other school day because the whole day was a 50s themed celebration which we all were lucky enough to take part in. The students were very happy



because on our celebration day we had no classes and was instead replaced with exciting 50s themed activities, which we rotated through year group by year group. It was a mufti day (with a twist) - the students and staff were all dressed up as if we were from the 50s era, with luscious curls, big skirts and the happiest of spirits!!

To begin the day, we had a whole school assembly - and don't be fooled, it was a very exciting one. This is when we held the best dressed competition, for students and staff who went above and beyond in creating their 50s themed wearable masterpieces, and I personally loved seeing them. We also cut a massive 60<sup>th</sup> birthday cake, and everyone got to have a piece. However, this was only one aspect of what made this day so extraordinary.

We all headed off to our activities, and the Year 8s began by watching a movie. To our delight, we watched the popular classic 'Grease'! For many of us, this was our first time watching Grease which made it even more exciting to discover the tales of Sandra Dean and Danny Zucko, students in the 50s era. The school had even hired out an old-style popcorn cart where we could buy popcorn during the movie. This made it seem just like we were in a 1950s movie theatre and it really set the scene.

At our recess and lunch breaks, we could buy diner-style food from our school canteen such as ice-cream sundaes and hotdogs. Some of our very artistic teachers had even created a personalised photo booth cut-out of a 1950s diner where we could get our photos taken with our friends, which made for great memories.

Our next step into the lives of a 1950s school kid was when we played themed sports games such as skipping, hopscotch, elastics and limbo! Ms Fox taught us all how to dance like we were from the 50s era, and I'm proud to say I now know how to swing dance, bop and jive. My personal favourite activity was the trivia session, where we were tested on our knowledge of not only all things relating to the 1950s but our school history. We were on trivia tables with eight people per table, and we bought in decorations and lollies to make our table look exciting and fun. My group had pink bunting and table decorations with sweets everywhere.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration day was a day that we will remember for the rest of our lives. I would like to thank all the teachers and staff who were so dedicated and made this an amazing celebration for all students. When some of us return for Penshurst Girls 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I'm glad that we will be able to look back on this extremely positive day celebrating an important milestone for our school.

*Ella-Rose L.  
Year 8 student*

On September 11, 2015 we celebrated an extremely important day in the history of Penshurst Girls - its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On this special day, over 200 students that had attended Penshurst Girls over the previous sixty years were invited back for the day. I was one of the privileged and honoured students that had the opportunity to meet some of these ex-students and talk to them about life at Penshurst Girls years ago, ask them if much had changed

and what school life was like back in their day. It was such a surreal experience hearing from those who were in my shoes about how it all was decades ago.

The moment each of these ex-students entered the gates, it was as if all their incredible memories of Penshurst Girls came flooding back to them. I watched huge smiles spread across their faces, and with their bubbly and excited attitudes, we knew that they were going to have a special and memorable day back at their old school. I came across ex-students of many ages, recognised some familiar faces, and met some very special people - students that attended Penshurst Girls during the 1950s, which was an exciting and unique experience. It was very interesting being able to meet students that attended our wonderful high school during such a bright, unique and exuberant era (the 1950s). I felt as if I was taken back there.

Throughout the day, I conversed with many of the ex-students. It was very interesting hearing each of their individual stories and their perspectives as previous students at Penshurst, with each and every student responding with a positive comment about the school. They all told us how much they enjoyed their time at Penshurst, and shared some of their priceless, precious memories with Kayla and me. They were happy to be back to experience how their school presented in the new millennium.

It truly was a wonderful day of reminiscing and remembering for both the past students, and also a remarkable day for us - the students who were able to meet them. I am certain that each and every ex-student that returned to Penshurst after so long also had a wonderful time. I hope in 40 years time I too will have the opportunity to return back to Penshurst. I'm intrigued to know what it will be like 40 years into the future!

*Georgia P.  
Year 10 student*

All visitors at our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day were given a showbag with the day's program, gifts from the school and a custom made button which you can see below.



## Time Flies for Year 7 Tech



This semester some Year 7 students have spent their time in the workshop designing and creating a wooden clock. The students have used the scroll saw, drill press and circular sander to create their masterpieces. They also developed a portfolio reflecting the process of designing and producing their clock. The students were required to undertake testing of techniques they could use and justify the decisions they made throughout the process.

*Mrs Linda Harrison  
Technology and Applied Studies Faculty*

## Meeting the Foreign Minister

### *A conversation with Julie Bishop*

On Monday August 24, GRC Penshurst Girls Campus was granted the wonderful opportunity of meeting the Honorable Julie Bishop, the current minister for Foreign Affairs as well as the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party. Mrs Bishop initially spoke of her own leadership journey, beginning as early as high school where she took on the role of School Captain to her highly significant position in Parliament. Mrs Bishop had graduated from the University of Adelaide, where she studied law. She practiced as a barrister and solicitor. Mrs Bishop stated that from the age of 12 it was her ambition to assist people and had a

strong passion for law. Mrs Bishop then won preselection for the Liberal Party for the seat of Curtin, Western Australia and went on to further win the seat at the federal election later that year thus earning a promising position within the Australian parliamentary system.

Mrs Bishop elaborated on her negative experiences whilst undertaking this journey as well as the various strategies she implemented to overcome these difficulties. The Bali Nine incident particularly placed immense emotional strain on Mrs Bishop, as she detailed. She claimed that she had attempted to find a compromise with Indonesia in order to save the lives of the two Australian death-row convicts, Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran and had done so in an eloquent and diplomatic manner. Despite fighting relentlessly for the freedom of the two men, the campaign was unsuccessful and the two were consequently executed. Mrs Bishop explained just how difficult a time this was for the families of the men as well as the members of the Australian public. She also stated the fact that the relationship between Indonesia and Australia would suffer as a result of the decision to execute the two men.

Mrs Bishop stated that over her journey as a leader she has found that the key to success is following your own intuition and having confidence within yourself as well as believing in your own abilities and strengths. Although Mrs Bishop has met with countless political figures including Barack Obama, the US Secretary of state John Kerry and the Dalai Lama, she stated that one of the most rewarding experiences was being able to travel to the Philippines and meet Albert del Rosario, the country's Foreign Minister. She visited the Philippines just after the devastating Typhoon Haiyan occurred in which thousands of people were killed and many others left without homes and basic resources. Devastated by this, Mrs Bishop announced that the Australian government would be doing everything in its power to provide necessary assistance to those in need. This assistance began with ten million dollars being given to provide those most in need with clean water, shelter and health care. She additionally stated that it is imperative to balance her time effectively by making time for her family and friends as well as her work.

In conclusion, it was an absolute privilege to have had Mrs Bishop attend our school and speak to all students about leadership as well as her leadership journey and experience. Her words were inspiring and undoubtedly encouraged all students to reach their full potential in terms of their aspirations and ambitions.

*Kayla D.  
Year 10 student*



## Permission to Publish

Recently, forms went home to all families seeking General Permission to Publish. These forms need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible to enable the school to use student photos in newsletters and on the schools website. We want to see your daughter's photo in this newsletter as much as you do, so please return this form to the school and tick 'I give permission'.

## Summer Uniform

The spring holidays are a great opportunity to take stock of your child's uniform needs. The GRC summer uniform comprises a school skirt, GRC sky blue blouse, white socks and black leather lace up shoes. These items are available from your local Lowes Bare & Ley store or in limited quantities at the P & C uniform shop. It is also a good time to ensure that your child's skirt and blouse are fitting them comfortably and that their skirts are of a modest length.

*Ms Alison Edeling  
Relieving Head Teacher Welfare*



## Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards:

### *Bronze Award*

Year 7: Avigya B., Chloe G., Tanvi K., Parivash N., Rebecca N., Adriana P., Emily S., Amy W., Bella Z. and Alice Z.

Year 8: Linjing Jacqueline C., Tia C., Natalie C., Amy H., Samira H., Jiayi L., An Ni L., Yuwei Stephanie L., Sophia R., Phakakaew Koy S., Isabella S., Yunshi Cici S. and Shreema U.

Year 9: Dominique A., Cindy C., Phyllis C., Jasmin H., Pei Ming J. and Sarah M.

### *Silver Award*

Year 7: Amelie B., Clariz E., Reyann M., Jessica S. and Amy W.

Year 8: Ka Yi Carey C., Linjing Jacqueline C., Tia C., Ashley C., Amy H., Gita K., Jiayi L., Yuwei Stephanie L., Sarah M., Sophie R., Phakakaew Koy S. and Yunshi Cici S.

Year 9: Cindy C. and Pei Ming J.

Year 10: Cora H.

### *Gold Award*

Year 7: Lina Z.

Year 9: Pei Ming J.

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## PARENT INFORMATION

When you register on JobJump you will receive the News on the Careers your daughter likes sent to your home email address. Plus you will be able to use all parts of the JobJump website to help you plan and assist your daughter in achieving their Career dreams.

To register with JobJump, go to the front screen of the website at [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au)

**STEP 1.** Enter into the first white box the first letters of your school's name and when the full name appears in blue just below, click on your school name and it will enter automatically into the first white box.

**STEP 2.** In the second white box, enter your email address and then click the Login button.

**STEP 3.** A new screen will appear which asks you to type in lower case letters your school's password. 'deers'

There are a few more quick questions and then you are underway to access the site and utilise all of the features listed below. When Careers news does occur related to your daughter's interests, it will be emailed to you all the way through their high school years **plus an extra year after their Year 12.**

You can select as many careers as you like from the listing of 110 careers. If your daughter changes their mind, you can alter the choices using the top right hand side white torso.

If you can't find the career they like from the list, select a career which is in the field they like. For example, they may like the field of Tourism because they like travelling and the idea of having a career in the Tourism industry is not a bad idea. In the listing select 'Travel Agent' because all Tourism careers news will come to you.

Once you have registered, you can also use all parts of the website to enjoy all of the following:

- Year 10 subject selection advice across 110 careers.
- Writing letters, resumes, what to say to an employer, where to find your future employer.  
A comprehensive digital ATAR and University Course sorter that works hand in hand with the **UAC Handbook making life now a breeze** for you to search for your chosen courses.  
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- University scholarships and their direct links  
Bonus points, Overseas Exchange, Accommodation across Universities in NSW and their direct links.  
Earnings across 300 careers.
- EAS information.
- Find my Career quizzes.
- Hobby projects across 110 careers to inspire and engage students in their career.  
Interactive yearly calendar across all news items which can be personalised to your careers of interest.  
Universities Open Days listing and links.
- Videos across 110 careers.
- Gap Year and Volunteering opportunities.
- Alternative entry to University sorter and links across NSW Universities.  
Interstate University admissions centres' links.  
How to obtain your own daughter's independent work experience.
- ..... and much more.

**We trust you will enjoy using [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au)**



# P & C Chat Time

Hello all

Term 3 is just about done and the end of the school year draws closer.

Due to changes regarding the closing time of our school we have had to permanently change our meeting time in the future. So all our meetings will commence at **6.00pm**.

We will be holding an extra-ordinary meeting in October, where we will be joined by Mr David Coleman MP, Member for Banks, who has been a great supporter of our school, and we will also be joined by Ms Alison Edeling Relieving Head Teacher Welfare to discuss the dangers of Energy Drinks.

**The next P&C Meeting will be held Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 6.00pm in the Staff Common Room.**

The Uniform Shop will next open on Friday 30 October 2015.

If anyone would like to donate their old school uniforms it would be greatly appreciated so we can keep our Uniform Shop stocked.

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.

*Mrs Helen James - P&C President*  
*Mobile: 0410 296 092*  
*Email: helenjames6@optusnet.com.au*

## Second-hand Uniform Shop

Friday 30 October 2015  
from 7.45am to 8.20am

## P & C Meeting

Wednesday 7 October 2015  
6.00pm  
Staff Common Room

## GRC Penshurst Girls Campus

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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.

# EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

Dear parent/caregiver

I am sure that you would agree that effective communication between the school and home is important. One means of communication is the school newsletter.

We have been concerned for some time that our newsletter is not as effective in communicating as we would wish. It often does not reach home, lost without a trace at the bottom of a school bag or left on a desk at school.

In addition, the cost of producing a paper newsletter is high. Given the increasing number of parents who use email and actually prefer it, we really need to get with the times and communicate with parents electronically. Of course, a paper version would still be available for those who require it.

Be assured that we are not aiming to overflow your inbox with school emails.

We would like to start sending out newsletters by email thus ensuring that they reach the desired destination, as well as saving money which would be better spent on resources for your daughters.

Please carefully and legibly complete the following and return it to the school.

Ms Noeline Ross

Principal

September 2015

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