Coming Events

Week 8
Friday 28 November
- Assembly 12.10pm Stage 1 Item

Week 9
Tuesday 2 December
- Year 6 County Fair
Wednesday 3 December
- Last Day for Scripture
- Gold Assembly 10.30am
- Year 6 Orientation Day for Government High Schools
Thursday 4 December
- Kindergarten Excursion to Symbio

Week 10
Monday 8 December
- Presentation Day and Year 6 Assembly 12 noon
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday 10 December
- P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Friday 12 December
- Assembly 12.10pm – Kinder Item

Week 11
Monday 15 December
- Reports go Home for Years K-6
Tuesday 16 December
- 4/5P & 5/6C Ten Pin Bowling
Wednesday 17 December
- Last Day of School for all students

From The Principal

With Just 3 weeks of school left, there is much planned for the coming days. We hope you can join us for all or some of these. Please take note of all the coming up events.

P&C Celebration Night
Thank you to all our wonderful families who joined us for our end of year P&C Celebration night last Friday. Special thanks must go to the Balgownie Rural Fire Brigade who brought Santa and stayed the entire night. Santa was certainly a favourite of the night.
Thanks also to our small but very hard working P&C who organized the evening.
Another lovely example of our community coming together to celebrate our great school.
Gold Assembly – 3 December
Next Wednesday our last Gold Assembly for years K-5 will be held in the hall from 10.30. All parents of students receiving awards next week have been sent letters. We look forward to seeing you there.

Office Closure – Monday 1 December
Next Monday, our school office will be closed while the school Rollover occurs. The DEC school financial year currently goes from 1 December to 30 November. Each year on 1 December the office staff must complete Rollover – from one year to the next. To do this, the office will be open for emergencies only on 1 December and will resume normal working hours on Tuesday 2 December. We thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Lee Venables
Principal

YEAR 6 COUNTY FAIR

As a fundraising opportunity for year 6 to donate a ‘gift’ to the school, the year 6 students will be hosting a ‘County Fair’ for all PHPS students on Tuesday, 2nd December, 2014.

The students are aiming to contribute money towards buying banners for each Sporting House, to be used at various carnivals.

Stalls to be hosted will include:
- Nail painting
- Wet sponge throwing at year 6 students (and some teachers!)
- Hairspray
- ‘10 Pin Bowling’
- ‘Magic carpet racing’
- Face painting
- Hand-drawn ‘Tattoos’
- A ‘haunted house’ experience
- Massages
- Ice cream
- Dress Ups
- Cake stall

The activities will cost 50 cents - $1.

FUN! FUN FUN!

Year 6 will greatly appreciate your support of this event.

Stage 2 PCYC Bike Park Excursion

Last Wednesday, all of year 3 and 4 went to the Lake Illawarra PCYC Bike Park. When we arrived we had a talk about road and bike safety. We were told how to do the 12 point bike safety check and had our helmets correctly fitted by Tracy, Mrs Nicholls and Mr Swan. Half the group went for a ride around Lake Illawarra, while the other half had a ride around the bike park. There were real traffic signs and traffic lights which we had to obey otherwise the tough police officers (Mrs Nicholls and Mr Swan) would fine us! We were so lucky to have such a nice sunny day to go for a ride around the lake and everyone had lots of fun!
Seed Stories Video Conference

On Tuesday afternoon, 25/11/14, 1/2R and 3N participated in a video conference using the connected classroom equipment. They participated with other schools in NSW; Ingleburn North PS, Sutherland PS and Woy Woy South PS. We could all see each other on the screen, a bit like ‘Skype’.

Mr Clarence Slockee (Education Coordinator, Aboriginal Programs at Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands), organised for us to join the Conference. We watched experts from the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mt Annan, teach us about different types of seeds, the way they travel and plant life cycles. All of the schools interacted by answering and asking questions. We could all see and hear each other. It was so much fun.

Indigenous Visit

Mr Clarence Slockee (Education Coordinator, Aboriginal Programs at Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands), will visit our school and deliver his indigenous presentation to all stages. We look forward to his visit and thank him in advance for taking the time to do this for our students.

P&C News

Our End of Year Celebration was a wonderful night!! Big thanks to all the families who came along, supported our raffle, and to our amazing volunteers for giving up their time on the night.

We’d also like to thank Jamberoo Action Park, Cockatoo Run, Entertainment Book, Bakers Delight Wollongong & Dapto, and the Vrkc family for their generous donations. Special thanks must also go to the Balgownie Fire Brigade. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying the truck - and the hose! We loved having Santa join us and appreciate the time he took to speak with all the children, especially at his most busiest time of the year.

We raised $2,700 on the night, which is a great achievement but more importantly, it was wonderful to see everyone come together and enjoy the night. Thanks for making it great!

Pleasant Heights P&C

Canteen News

Thank You to Our Canteen Volunteers

Thank you so much to all our wonderful canteen volunteers who have given their time to help run our canteen this year. Without their help our school would not have a canteen and they do a great job. Thank you again for all your hard work this year. We really appreciate it!

Canteen’s Last Day is Thurs 11th Dec

The last day for the canteen this year will be Thursday 11th December. The canteen will be closed in the last week of school.

We Need Your Help – Become a Canteen Volunteer in 2015

With a new school year starting soon we are in need of some more people to volunteer to help run our canteen in 2015. Not only will you be
helping to keep our school canteen operating, but it is also a great opportunity to get more involved with our school, meet other parents and families and of course bring a lot of smiles and joy to your kid’s when they see Mum, Dad or grandma behind the counter!! Everyone is welcome to volunteer in our canteen; mums, dads, grandparents, anyone. Your commitment would only be once a month for 3 hours, from 9.15am – 12.15pm. No experience is necessary as we will provide you with all the training and information you need. If you would like to volunteer for our canteen for 2015 or would like some more information, please feel free to give Beth a call on 0414 943 818 or e-mail her at bethbignell@gmail.com or leave your details at the school office.

**Save The Date**

**Gold Assembly Years K-5**
Wednesday 3 December

**Symbio (Kindergarten)**
Thursday 4 December

**Presentation Day and Year 6 Assembly**
Monday 8 December

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner**
Monday 8 December

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