Coming Events

**Week 2**

Wednesday 23 July
- Life Education

Thursday 24 July
- Life Education

Friday 25 July
- K-6 Assembly 12:10 pm, K/1C Item

**Week 3 – EDUCATION WEEK**

Monday 28 July
- Life Education

Tuesday 29 July
- ‘The Human Race’ performance
- Gymsport make-up lesson

Wednesday 30 July
- Open Classrooms – 10:30 am
- Picnic Lunch – 11:15
- Jump Rope for Heart, Jump Off 12 noon

Thursday 31 July
- Author Visit – Di Bates Yr2-6

**Week 4**

Tuesday 5 August
- Southern Stars Rehearsal

Wednesday 6 August
- P & C Meeting 7:15 pm, Staff Room*(Please note change of date)*

Thursday 7 August
- SRC Kidzwish Fundraiser Mufti Day

Friday 8 August
- K-6 Assembly 12:10 pm, KG Item

School News

**ONLINE PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

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Please note however, online payments for P&C activities and the uniform shop cannot be made. P&C and uniform shop payments will continue to be made in the usual way, with money placed in a separate envelope and handed to the school office on Tuesday and Thursday.

To make a payment online, parents need to go to the front page of the school website. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner.

For further information about how to make a payment online, please see the separate note sent home to all students today or contact the school office.
CHORAL FESTIVAL
This Thursday our School Choir will perform in the Choral Festival at the Wollongong Town Hall. This is sure to be an exciting and enjoyable experience for all those involved and a great opportunity to interact and perform with students from other schools. Thanks to Mrs Nicholls and Ms Greig for their efforts in making this opportunity available to students, and to parents for your continued support. I am confident that all those who attend will have a most enjoyable evening.

LIFE EDUCATION
This week all students will participate in Life Education, the largest, independent, Australian, health and drug education provider for school children aged 5-13 years. The program covers issues like: healthy eating, physical activity, positive communication, resilience, smoking, alcohol, drugs, caffeine, medicines, bullying and many others. The sessions are delivered by specially trained educators, and are hands-on, fun and collaborative. The well-known, iconic mascot, Healthy Harold the giraffe will also be there to meet our students. The Life Education van will be in the school carpark until next Tuesday. During this time there will be reduced parking spaces for staff, so please assist us by not parking on the school grounds.

EDUCATION WEEK 2014 Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August
Public Schools NSW – Celebrating the 60th Education Week
2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: “Lighting the way to a better world”. NSW schools have adopted that slogan and artwork from the 1954 poster for this anniversary celebration.

Education Week Open Day at Pleasant Heights will be on Wednesday 30 July. Parents and carers are invited into classrooms at 10.30am followed by a picnic lunch for parents and students at 11.15am. The activities will conclude with the Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ at 12.00pm. Parents and relatives are welcome to attend some or all of the planned activities and I look forward to seeing many of you here for our Open Day.

ICAS COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) will continue with the English Competition on Tuesday 29 July and the Mathematics Competition on Tuesday 12 August. These will be held in the 4/5P classroom at 8.00am, and it is important that students who are participating are at school to commence on time. Certificates of achievement for all the ICAS tests will be awarded to students at an assembly later in the term.

CONGRATULATIONS JACK!
Last Friday Jack M competed in the State Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. We were very excited to hear that in the 8 and 9 Years 2km run, Jack finished in 7th place. This is an outstanding effort from Jack who turned 8 this year and was competing in his race against many older students. A great effort Jack!

BROKERS DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Brokers District Athletics Carnival was held last Thursday at Beaton Park. Congratulations to the students who participated and represented Pleasant Heights Public School. Thank you also to Mrs Carter and Mrs Nicholls who also accompanied the students on the day. The Regional Athletics will be held on Friday 22 August at Bruce Stadium in Canberra. Students who qualified for this will be notified of their results soon.

SCHOOLS TREE DAY
Our school will be recognising National Tree Day on Friday 25 July. Students in years 3-6 will participate in some educational bushcare activities with parent Kerry Neubecker and local resident and bushcare volunteer, Emma Rooksby. The students will also be planting some small plants to enhance the school’s environment. Please let your child’s teacher know in writing, if you do not wish your child to participate. We appreciate the support and
cooperation of this program by Kerry and Emma.

**PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE AND NEW APP**

This year our students will once again take part in the very popular Premier’s Spelling Bee, which is one of the largest competitions of its kind in the country. Each class in Years 3-6 will have spelling quizzes early this term to determine which students will represent the grade in the school final on Thursday, 7 August. Grade winners will represent our school at the Spelling Bee Regional Finals in September. Wordlists can be downloaded from the Spelling Bee website through the links page on our school website.

The department has launched a new app that helps students of all ages practise and improve their spelling. The Premier’s Spelling Bee app features almost 3,000 words and helpful corresponding sentences from the spelling competition. The app is designed for Android phones and tablets. There are three levels of difficulty and a leader board to track progress and improvement. Students can even create their own games with their weekly spelling words. For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app is an excellent resource.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT**

Thank you to the many parents who have notified the school about Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. Each year we have a large number of students on our waiting list for out-of-area placement for Kindergarten, and it is important we allocate places to local students as a priority. We are now at that stage where decisions will be made very shortly about non-local placements. If you have a child who is ready to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015 or you know of anyone in our local area who has a child starting Kindergarten next year, and they have not already contacted the school, please encourage them to do so as a matter of importance. Application forms are available from the office. Mrs Knobel is coordinating the Kindergarten Orientation Program and is currently making arrangements.

Daliya Phipps

Relieving Principal

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results at the Brokers District Athletics Carnival:

- Chloe S – 3rd Jnr girls 800m, 3rd Jnr Girls 200m
- Jack Mc – 2nd Jnr boys 800m, 2nd 8yrs boys 100m, 3rd Jnr Boys Discus
- Tenaya H – 1st 11yrs girls 800m, 1st 11yrs girls 200m, 2nd 11yrs girls 100m, 2nd 11yrs girls High Jump
- Layla E – 2nd Snr Girls 800m
- Dane C – 3rd 10yr boys 100m
- Holly L – 3rd 12 yr girls 100m
- Hannah H – 2nd Jnr girls High Jump, 3rd Jnr girls Long Jump
- Maya T – 3rd Jnr girls High Jump
- Lucy J – 3rd 11yrs girls High Jump
- Ruben D – 3rd 12yr boys Discus
- Senior Girls Relay Team – 1st Place
**FLU SEASON IS HERE!**
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

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**What’s Due?**

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**Library News.**

**PRC**
How are you going with the Premier’s Reading Challenge? Keep up the great reading. Only a few more weeks until all books need to be recorded online. **All PRC reading records must be completed by Tuesday 19th August 2014.** Year 2 students who are doing the PRC independent reading list will do the log-on online with Mrs Ecroyd in the library.

**AUTHOR VISIT – DIANNE BATES**
Years 2-6 will enjoy an author visit from local author Dianne Bates, on Thursday 31st July. Please return book order forms for these books by Tuesday 29th July.

**BOOK WEEK**
Wednesday 13th August is the exciting day for our Book Week activities. This day will include the Book Week Dress-up Parade, an interesting Book Fair and an exciting Performance by Perform Musicals, called World’s Apart. More information next week!

**P&C NEWS**
Our next P&C Meeting has been brought forward and will be held on Wednesday, 6th August 7.15pm in the staff room. Please come along.

We are busy planning this year’s trivia night and hope you can join us. It will be held on Friday 22nd August in the school hall. To make the night successful, we need prizes and are seeking your support in asking for donations from local businesses or from your family. Ideal items include gift vouchers, movie tickets, iTunes vouchers, dinner vouchers, etc. We will also be holding a raffle to be drawn on the night. Tickets will be sent home with each family later in the week. Please see attached note and booking form for further info. Last year was a fun and successful evening and we look forward to celebrating a great night with you again.

**SRC NEWS**
Thanks to the SRC and their great work in Term 2, PHPS raised $277 for SCARF (local refugee support) and $600 for Stewart House (selling handballs). We continue to support charities through our term 3 fundraising efforts.

**SRC – Kidzwish Fundraiser**
On Thursday 7th August, the SRC are organising a Mufti Day to raise money for Kidzwish. Students should bring a gold coin
donation to help us raise money for this worthy cause. Kidzwish is a local charity that supports the needs of disabled, sick and disadvantaged children in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. KidzWish provides a range of services and programs to help these children including speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, a sports academy, a music & dance program, a sibling and carers program, and the love and laughter appeals program. Without the support of KidzWish, many children would not get the help they need.

Students may wear appropriate mufti. Please be aware that if your child is wearing inappropriate clothing, parents will be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothes to the school.

Thank you for supporting the SRC and Kidzwish.

PHPS SRC

THE HUMAN RACE’ PERFORMANCE

All students K-6, have the opportunity to be part of an audience for an educational theatre performance, titled ‘The Human Race’ on Tuesday 29th July, 2014.

Staged by the award winning, Brainstorm Productions, ‘The Human Race’ performance involves educational theatre that addresses anti-bullying in schools. It reinforces resilience and provides resources to help reduce the incidences of bullying at school and online. It encourages tolerance, kindness, respect and empathy.

Don’t forget to pay the $5 admission fee before Thursday, 24th July!

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 13 August – Book Week Activities
Friday 22 August – P & C Trivia Night 7pm
ONLINE PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students. At Pleasant Heights Public School we have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. **This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.**

**What expenses can be paid online? (Enter name of activity/expense and number)**
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Curriculum related expenses
- Extra Curricula Activities
- Visiting performances
- Other (to cover any other areas or to make a complete payment of the school invoice)

**Please note:** There are NO ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR P&C ACTIVITIES OR UNIFORM SHOP.

**How?**
Go to the front page of the school website at [www.pleasantht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.pleasantht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

When you access the $Make a Payment you must enter:
- the student’s name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student’s name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

If paying a specific excursion – In the payments box, state the name of the excursion plus the code as stated on the permission note. If paying the entire invoice, then state “Full Invoice” in the payments description. No code is required to pay the full invoice.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page, a further receipt will not be issued by the school. **Please print your own receipts.** For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Yours sincerely

Daliya Phipps (Relieving Principal)
On Monday, 4th August
the Responsible Pet Education Program
is coming to visit you at your school!

My pet dog will be coming
to help teach you how to
be safe around dogs and
how to say hello to dog
with their owners!

There will be lots of
listening, role plays,
singing and some
dancing.

My dog may even
meet you during the visit.

This is a free activity for all K-2 students. If you do not
wish for your child to participate could you please let the
school know as soon as possible.
Last year’s Trivia Night was a fun night and we have an even bigger, better night planned for this year – now to be held in the school hall.

Tables seat 8 people but if you can’t raise a table yourself, we can help you join one. We can even have a table for your child’s year – a great way to meet other parents of the school. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed table. No children are permitted due to the consumption of alcohol.

To make the night successful, we need prizes for the games, lucky dip, and auctions. Please assist us by seeking local businesses for donations, or making a donation on behalf of your family. We would appreciate any prizes for the night to be handed in to the school office before 14th August.

Payment is due by Thursday 14th August. Please submit in an envelope marked Trivia Night. Contact pleasantheightspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.com.au for more details.

Please fill in the relevant details and return this form with your payment to the School Office.

Contact name __________________________ Phone number___________________________

☐ I enclose full amount of $ ________________

☐ I would like to book __ table(s) for __ people under the name of ______________________

☐ I would like to join a table. Names of people to join __________________________________

☐ Please add me to the year K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 table (please circle one)

☐ I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of $15 (enclosed)