Week 4

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

Thursday 7 August
- SRC Kidzwish Fundraiser Mufti Day

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

Week 5

Tuesday 12 August
- Gmysport - Make up Day
- Math Competition 8am (4/5P room)

Wednesday 13 August
- Book Week Parade and Fair
- Book Week Performance – “Worlds Apart”
- Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

Friday 15 August
- Stage 2 excursion – Nan Tien Temple

Week 6

Thursday 21 August
- Milo Cricket – Stages 2 & 3

Friday 22 August
- South Coast Athletics
- Assembly - Choir Item
- Trivia Night – 7pm.

Week 7

Wednesday 27 August
- Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

Thursday 28 August
- Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal
- Milo Cricket – Stages 1 & 2

Friday 29 August
- Southern Stars Audience Excursion

School News

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ONLINE PAYMENTS

This term there have been a number of school and P&C activities planned. It is a very busy time for teachers, students and parents and I appreciate the continued support for our school and the learning experiences we provide at Pleasant Heights.

It is important that parents refer to the newsletters and permission notes sent home to organise their child’s week at school. A reminder also, that permission notes and money for school activities and excursions need to be sent to the school office by the due date (one week prior to the event). If payment for school activities is made using the online payment method, parents are still required to sign and return the permission note.

To make a payment online for school related expenses, 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. A reminder that online payments are only for school activities, not P&C. For further information about how to make a payment online, please see the relevant information on the school website or contact the school office.

A reminder that cash and cheques sent into the office can only be accepted on “money days” which is Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Further to my request last week regarding cut-off dates for excursion and activity payments, I need to stress the importance of these
deadlines. Many school excursions and activities require exact numbers to finalise bookings, transport and entry costs, and in many cases the school is required to present payment by cheque on arrival. As you would appreciate, this requires accurate knowledge of the number of students who will be attending well in advance of the date. Can I please remind you again of the importance of meeting payment deadlines.

P&C MEETING
The P&C meeting will be held tonight in the school staffroom, commencing at 7.15pm. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings as they are a great way to find out about what is happening at our school and also provide an avenue for parents to contribute to school activities. It is very important that we get a broad ranging perspective at P&C meetings so that we can ensure that all students in our school community are represented and catered for. The agenda for tonight’s meeting includes; fundraising, the Trivia Night, school uniforms, and the canteen. We hope to see you there!

CBCA LUNCH
The Illawarra South Coast Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) held its annual Children’s Literary Lunch today at the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow. Mrs Ecroyd escorted the hard working library monitors from our school to this event where they were given the opportunity to meet and speak to some well-known guest authors and illustrators. The students participated in an author workshop, received a booklet about the guests to collect autographs and enjoyed lunch with the special guests. Our library monitors had a great time and they were excellent representatives of Pleasant Heights as they mingled with the authors and students from many other schools in the local area. Thank you to Mrs Ecroyd for her organisation of this event.

BOOK WEEK OPEN DAY
On Wednesday 13th August we will celebrate books and reading with our annual Book Week events. We would like to invite parents, carers and family members to join us for our Book Week Dress-Up Parade and picnic lunch and provide an opportunity for you to purchase books from our Book Fair. The students will also attend a Book Week performance in the school hall called, “Worlds Apart”. To celebrate the day children in years K-6 may choose to dress-up as their favourite book character. A highlight of the day will also be the annual Book Fair, held in the library, where students and families can purchase new books from Carnival Books. Students will visit the Book Fair on Monday to view the selection of books available to purchase and will then bring home a ‘Wish List’ and order information. Families may or may not choose to purchase books from this list.

Please note, that due to the Book Fair being located in the library, there will be no class library borrowing next week and library lessons will be held in the classrooms.

BOOK WEEK THEME
“Connect to Reading”

SOUTHERN STARS
The Stage 3 students have been very busy rehearsing their dances with Mrs Carter for Southern Stars. It is very important that everyone involved is aware of the organisation and requirements for this event as it can be a very hectic time leading up to show week. Also, there are a number of students in Southern Stars who have not made final payments. Costumes and Southern Stars t-shirts will be delivered to the school soon, and this outstanding money for Southern Stars needs to be paid this week. We appreciate parents and carers continued support with this. There are three performances available to the public, Friday 29 August at 7.30pm and Saturday 30 August at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are available through ticketmaster and are priced as follows: Child under 12 $27.00, Pensioner/Student $38.00, Adult $48.00 and Family $140.00.
Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future, and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support it by going to see one of the shows. Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Spelling Bee school finals will be held in the school hall on Thursday 7 August at 12.00pm. Parents of students who will be competing in this are welcome to attend. The official Premier’s Spelling Bee list of words for the finals is available to download from the Spelling Bee website through the ‘links’ page on our school website. A Spelling Bee app is also available for free download. Other spelling resources including “Most Commonly Misspelt Words” are available from the same website. Good luck to all students who are competing in the school finals on Thursday.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The P&C Trivia Night will be held on Friday 22 August at 7.00pm in the school hall. Come along and share in a night of friendly conversation, trivia, games and a chance to win great prizes. Tickets cost $15.00 per person and they are available to purchase through the P&C. A ticket purchase form is attached to this newsletter and payment is due to the school office by Thursday 14 August. A reminder however, the Trivia Night is only for adults. Children are not permitted to attend this event. The P&C would greatly appreciate any donations to be used as prizes for games, lucky dips and auctions on the night. Please assist if you can or if you have contacts with a local business that may be able to assist with donations. For example, these may include great places to escape, amazing cooking skills, subscriptions, memberships, lessons and vouchers to receive goods. Nothing is too small or too big!

For more information, donations, or how to become a sponsor, please contact the school office or the P&C, and refer to the school website for updates. We are all looking forward to a very enjoyable night!

Daliya Phipps
Relieving Principal

SRC – KIDZWISH FUNDRAISER
Tomorrow, 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
P&C NEWS
A book of raffle tickets was sent home with each family last week. Tickets are $2 each or $20 for a book of 12. 1st prize is a weekend’s accommodation package in Huskisson, 2nd prize is an iPad mini. The raffle will be drawn at the trivia night. Please return your sold tickets to the office by Thursday, 21st August. Extra books of raffle tickets are available at the school office. We appreciate your support.

OFFICE NEWS
Absence Notes Please ensure a note is sent in to your child’s teacher after an absence. It is a Department of Education legal requirement that all student absences are accounted for. Rolls are entered on our computer system each week and if an unexplained absence is present a letter will be sent home to parents. Absence booklets are available from the school office.

Office Hours Our school office is open from 8.30am in the morning until 3.30pm in the afternoon.

What’s Due?

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SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 13 August – Book Week Activities
Friday 22 August – P & C Trivia Night 7pm
Wednesday 10 September – Gold Assembly
“Connect with Reading”
Book Week - Wednesday 13th August 2014

On Wednesday 13th August PHPS will celebrate books and reading with our Book Week Events.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Book Week Dress-Up Parade and Picnic lunch as well as having the chance to purchase books from our Book Fair.

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To celebrate the day children in years K-6 may choose to dress-up as any book character that they like.

This day will also include the annual Book Fair in the library, whereby students and families can purchase from Carnival Books. Students will visit the Book Fair before the day to view possible books for purchasing. Students will then bring home a ‘Wish List’ and order information. Families may or may not choose to purchase books from this list.

If students or families wish to purchase a book to donate to the school library there will be donation name stickers available. Any book donations to the library would be very much appreciated.

WORLDS APART is a musical that features a selection of the 2014 Children’s Book Council Shortlisted books and explores how, in an ever changing world, books remain a consistent way to connect with others and celebrates the fact that a good story is timeless. This performance is for all students K-6 and is part of the school’s library and literacy curriculum. The cost per student is $6.00. Please complete the form previously sent home.

Thank you for your support.

Annabel Ecroyd (Teacher-Librarian)
7.00pm Friday, 22nd August 2014 at PHPS Hall.
$15 per person. BYO Drinks and nibblies

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)
Pleasant Heights Public School

At the PHPS School Hall
3 Alvan Parade, Mount Pleasant

Friday 22nd August 2014
7pm Start
Tables of 8 BYO Drinks & Nibblies

Tickets $15 from the P&C (information on school website)
Prizes for best decorated table
Plenty of games and prizes on the night!