**Coming Events**

**Week 5**
- Wednesday 25 February
  - K-6 Assembly - 2pm
- Saturday 28 February
  - P&C Working Bee 8am – 12pm

**Week 6**
- Wednesday 4 March
  - Captains and SRC Induction Assembly - 2pm
- Friday 6 March
  - Regional Swimming Carnival

**Week 7**
- Wednesday 11 March
  - K-6 Assembly – 2pm
  - P&C AGM & General Meeting 7.15pm

**Week 8**
- Monday 16 March
  - Interrelate Years 5&6
- Thursday 19 March
  - Harmony Day
- Friday 20 March
  - School Cross Country

**From The Principal**

Week 4 already! It is pleasing to see how well our students have settled into school this year. Congratulations everyone!

**Change of Date**
The Captains and SRC Induction Ceremony is now on 4 March at 2.00pm. Hope to see you there. Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted that day.

**School Captains:**
Holly R and Angus C

**School Vice Captains:**
Leila C and Sebastian V

**SRC:**
- Oliver M, Evie N
- Remi C, Julia M
- Cameron M, Stella O
- Harry W, Lexi M

**Sports Captains:**
- Hunter – Amelia B and Koray B
- Bourke – Bailey G and Kathryn W
- Phillip – Lucy J and Alex C
- Macquarie – Taylor C and Daniel M

**Brokers Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to the 38 students who represented our school at the Brokers Carnival on Monday. Pleasant Heights had a very successful carnival being named “Point Score Winners!”

Congratulations to the following students who will now proceed to the Regional Swimming Carnival on March 6. Omar M, Dane C, Jack McC, Hannah H, Zarlee C, Angus C and Ben S.

Our thanks to Mr Swan and Mrs Carter for their organization of the carnival and support of our team.
P&C
Being a member of P&C is an important part of school life.
Our school’s Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm in the school staffroom.
The aim of the P&C is to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and staff into close co-operation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school.
There are a number of sub-committees, which provide a service to the school community or help guide particular programs. All sub-committees report their activities to the P&C meeting.

Who is the P&C and what do they do?
The P&C operates our school canteen and uniform shop. Each of these services is an essential part of our school. The P&C also has a very important role in fundraising for specific projects and has succeeded in past years in providing the school a Computer Room, Computers, Ipads, Smart Boards and Covered Outdoor Learning Areas (COLA’s). A key part of the fundraising is also to provide social and entertainment opportunities for parents and children and there is much fun to be had, not only in attending P&C functions but also in helping with the functions.

Why do we need volunteers?
PHPS strives to create a dynamic and nurturing learning environment and the P&C supports this vision across a wide range of activities throughout the year. The more help we have, the easier it is for everyone. Even the smallest assistance is always appreciated. Helping out at the school is rewarding for you and your child, and it is a great way to meet new people too.

How can I get involved?
The best way to be informed about school or P&C activities is reading the school newsletter every week. If you think you might be interested in helping out with something, make contact with the coordinator or go to a meeting – you will NEVER be recruited for a job you don’t want or pressured into doing something. The smallest contribution is still valuable. Some people prefer to help with things they can do on their own at home ‘after hours’, some like to help with tasks done at school during school hours whilst others are available for after hours meetings or help. Do whatever suits you. There are lots of things you can do with toddlers or babies and if you are unsure just ask – sometimes there will be several littlies ‘helping’ and they have a great time too!

What if I want to know more?
Coming to P&C meetings is a great way to find out more about the school and the activities of the P&C. You will meet the Principal, some teachers and other parents and hear about a wide range of topics including how all the sub-committees operate.
The meetings are advertised in the PHPS newsletter and everyone is welcome. You do not need to RSVP – just arrive a few minutes before things start and introduce yourself to the Secretary who will then welcome you to the meeting and introduce you to everyone else. After the meeting there is usually time to chat to others.

What if I can’t come to meetings?
You are always welcome to contact any member of the P&C with a question or suggestion which can be raised on your behalf at the meeting. You could also drop a note in the P&C mailbox (in the school office) or email the P&C Secretary.

Do I need to join the P&C?
No, members of the school community are welcome at meetings. However if you wish, you can join the P&C by coming to a meeting and paying $1 for each calendar year of membership. Joining the P&C entitles you to vote at meetings.

How can I become more involved with the P&C?
The great things about the P&C is that you can put in as much time and effort as you choose. This may vary over the year or from year to year as your personal circumstances change. If you would like to be more involved with the P&C you could consider:

- **Joining a committee or simply going along to committee meetings when you have the time:** Canteen, Uniform Shop and Fundraising are all managed via a sub-committee of the P&C and they
value the contributions of parents at meetings.

- **Becoming an office-holder in a committee:** Most committees need a Secretary, Treasurer and P&C representative to report back to P&C meetings.

- **Becoming an office holder with the P&C:** Each year in March the P&C conducts its AGM and elects all office bearers. Any member of the P&C may nominate themselves for an office and an election will be held as a show of hands. The P&C Executive Committee is formed by the 5 official positions elected each year – President, Vice Presidents (2), Treasurer and Secretary. Other positions, as listed in the table below are simply allocated to any willing volunteer. If you wish to nominate yourself for an Office Bearer position at the AGM you will need to join the P&C first.

In most cases, if you decide to join a committee or take on a particular position it is greatly preferred if you are able to commit to a whole school year in that position as this helps with the smooth running of the P&C. In some cases it may be possible to spread the load and 'job share' with another volunteer.

What do I do now?
There will be a Working Bee at the School on Saturday 28 February. We need many hands to help us with the grounds that day. Please come and help us.
Attend the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 11 March at 7.15. Hope to see you there.

**Uniform News**

**Relocation of PHPS Uniform Shop**
Due to a number of factors (cost, lack of volunteers, easier access by parents), PHPS Uniform Shop will be relocating to Lowes Wollongong (located in the mall, 191 Crown St) at the end of Feb 15. The last two days of trading for the shop at the school will be Wednesday, 18th and 25th Feb 15. Lowes will now stock all NEW items of uniform for PHPS. To ensure you continue to receive comparable prices, you are encouraged to take advantage of 20% off days (which will be communicated in school newsletters) and consider joining either Lowes Rewards Club or Ezy-Way. A new price list will be distributed soon.

**Uniform Availability**
Current stock of girls tights will not be transferring to Lowes, with a small number left available for purchase by parents (sizes 4-6, 7-9 in cotton and 6-9, 10-12 in microfibre) at a reduced price. Similar tights will be available from Lowes. There are also a few excursion bags available for purchase (ideal for swimming scheme and school day trips) that will also not be transferring to Lowes and will no longer be available. Parents and caregivers are also advised that PHPS sports uniform consists of a unisex polo top and navy (logo) shorts and that they are not required to purchase either a netball skirt or skort. These items have been removed from the Lowes uniform listing for PHPS and Lowes staff have been advised.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**
A second hand uniform shop will continue to operate at the school every Wednesday morning, with all proceeds going towards the school through the P&C. Relocation of the existing shop to the Canteen (is proposed) with revised hours. Details will be communicated in a future newsletter.

**Smencils and Lunch Order Bags.**
These will be sold through the Canteen. Smencils are $1.20 each or 5 for $5.50. Lunch order bags are $10 each, washable and are available in several colours.

**Girls Summer Dress – Change of Style**
After many decades, the girls summer dress will be changing its’ style. The summer dress will be a more wearer-friendly drop-waisted style with box pleats, bottle green trim and a permanent, sewn on bottle green (cross over) tab-tie, still being made in the current fabric colours. The new summer dress will be on display in the school office for anyone who may want to have a sneak peak at the new design or wish to submit feedback. This has been a long, considered process involving input from the Staff, P&C and parent body representatives. The new summer dress will be phased in over three years and will not be compulsory until 2018, by which time most students would have grown out of their current style dresses.
necessitating a new summer dress. The new summer dress will not be available from Lowes until Oct/Nov 15 and Lowes have advised that they will reduce the price of the current summer dress style considerably.

Canteen News

The canteen is now OPEN!! We are open for lunch orders and snacks during lunch time from Monday to Thursday, closed Fridays. Summer specials available at the moment include Frozen Grapes and Frozen Orange quarters, only 20c each.

Online Ordering: Do you know you can order your child’s lunch online? Just go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to register and place an order. It’s simple to use; just create an account, register your child/ren, add credit to your account and place your child’s order before 9.15am. You order and pay for it all online so no loose change required!! Also no need to supply a bag or drop off the order as it gets printed onto a bag in the canteen from our computer. Orders can also be placed up to two weeks in advance. If you want to keep using your reusable lunch bag then that can be dropped off to the canteen in the morning with your child’s name and note saying “Online Order”.

Canteen Volunteer Required: We still require one more volunteer to fill the canteen roster on a Wednesday, once a month, from 9.15am – 12.15pm. If you are able to help us out please let the office know or phone Beth on 0414943818 or email: bethbignell@gmail.com

Personal Best Awards

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze recently. Gold students in years K-6 will receive their badges at the special Gold Assembly on Wednesday 1st April. Silver and Bronze students will receive their awards at our next assembly on Wednesday 25 February.

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