

**What's On
 in Week 6**

Mon 24 May	C&G11 Academic Mid Year Examinations Form 7&8 Academic Testing
Tue 25 May 8.30-3.30pm	Forms 9&10 da Vinci Decathlon (Knox)
Wed 26 May 9:00am-10:00am 10:30am-12:00pm	'Excuse Me, I Was Here First' Conflict Resolution – Forms K-6 (Great Hall) ECC Event: Biggest Morning Tea (ECC)
Thu 27 May 9:30am-1:00pm	Forms 3-6 Northern Beaches Eisteddfod – Choir Section
Fri 28 May 8:30am-12:30am 6:00pm-7:30pm	North Shore Independent Schools Expo Catafalque to Warringah/Australia Remembers Service at North Head P&J Music Festival (Part 1) (Great Hall)
Sat 29 May	North Shore Independent Schools Expo

TERM DATES 2010	
TERM II	Opens 20 Apr Closes 25 Jun
TERM III	Opens 20 Jul Closes 17 Sep
TERM IV	Opens 12 Oct Closes 10 Dec

General News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Leadership takes many forms and I am pleased to note the outstanding work being done by a number of pupils led by the Prefects and key staff in fulfilling the second of our School's Core Values *consideration for others*. Miss Bennett is providing a co-ordination role so that Junior School and Senior School fund raising events do not 'clutter' the School calendar. So far this year we have supported the Heart Foundation with the sponsored jump rope for heart appeal raising over \$8000 and the funds for the Prefects' charity of HeartKids is gradually building up with lots of small activities organised entirely by the Form 12 pupils.



Each year Pittwater House pupils join in as volunteers for the Red Shield Appeal and we have chosen Saturday 29 May to assist by providing pupil volunteers as collectors for the Salvation Army. We were delighted to welcome Major Bruce Carpenter the Salvation Army Minister at Dee Why, to Assembly this week who gave every pupil a volunteer permission form. Charlie Roberts, Jeremy Stulajter and Alex Munns of G12 are leading the effort to recruit plenty of volunteers from the School to meet at 9am in Pittwater house PE uniform to give a few hours of their time to this worthwhile cause.

I have been receiving very favourable comments from parents about the exciting and inspiring teaching going on this Term in the Junior School. I congratulate all our teaching staff on their efforts and want to remind all parents that staff will make themselves available at a mutually convenient time to discuss your child's progress and concerns by appointment. You are also encouraged to attend our very informative parent – teacher nights, the next being Forms 8 and 9 on Thursday 3 June from 3.40 to 8.00 pm.

Mrs Jeffery and Mr Page have arranged an information evening for senior pupils and their parents *Supporting your Adolescent*. Our guest speaker, Miriam Holder, is from Relationships Australia a government funded community organisation with 60 years experience providing a range of services building positive and respectful relationships throughout the country. This evening will provide parents with a number of strategies to assist senior pupils at home with their study and homework organisation and overcoming the anxiety of assessment pressures as they work towards their final exams.

VISIT TO THAILAND JANUARY 2011

With the current situation unfolding in Thailand we are adopting a 'wait and see' approach to our January Thailand trip. We have to make a decision before August in order to secure a good ticket price. Mr Coyle, Miss Birch and I will keep you informed.

R V H Morgan, Principal

FROM THE CURRICULUM OFFICE

Congratulations to all Pittwater House pupils who participated in the nation wide NAPLAN (National Assessment Programme — Literacy and Numeracy) testing last week. All of the pupils in Forms 3, 5, 7 and 9 took part. There has of course been considerable debate about the tests and the use of the test data that emerges, to the point that strike action was actually threatened. Here at Pittwater House we realise that the snapshot that the tests give us of the literacy and numeracy capabilities of our pupils is invaluable. Do we teach to the test? We do, or at least we do to the extent that our pupils are prepared and familiar with what they are going to encounter. We will use the 2010 NAPLAN results to make sure we remain one of the top academic Schools on the Northern Beaches.

B M King, Director of Studies

JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL 2010

A reminder to all pupils in the Junior School who are currently learning an instrument, that they are invited to perform at our Junior Music Festival held on Friday 28 and Monday 31 May. Application forms can be collected from music staff, class teacher or reception, but must be returned by Wednesday 19 May. Pupils may perform up to two pieces each, or a maximum of three pieces if they are learning more than one instrument. The pupils attending the Festival also have an opportunity to be chosen to perform a special solo in our Junior Creative Arts Night, which is on the last Wednesday of Term (23 June).

J C Rubie, Creative Arts & Design

ANNUAL FRENCH DINNER



The French Dinner will be held on Friday 30 July in the Great Hall starting at 6:00pm and concluding at approximately 9:00pm. The theme for this event is *"le français dans le monde"*, French in and around the world. Note this date in your calendars and book your table when the invitations are sent later this term. *A bientôt!*

J Sellies, Languages

SCHOOL SHOP

Pupils who need or would like their blazer to be sent away for colours to be embroidered please allow two weeks before it is returned to the School Shop. Pupils needing Made to Measure Uniform items please allow up to 4 weeks for delivery. Boys Forms 10-12 light Grey trousers are now half price. There are limited sizes available.

T C Spark, Manager

FORM 12 CHARITY REPORT

Thankyou everyone for your kind contributions so far this year. We are supporting Heart Kids, a charity that researches Heart disease in children and supports their families. Our charity events have been very successful, and just last week we added another \$380 to our collection with the chain of coins crossing the oval. Many thanks to the Junior School parents who reminded their children of this, and congratulations to everyone who supported! We have raised close to \$3000, but we would still appreciate more help with the upcoming events. We have a mufti day scheduled for Thursday 24 June and look forward to a sensible display of enthusiasm for this event.

Jade Kinder and Elliot Green, Form 12 Charity Prefects

Junior School News

On Thursday 20 May, our Cross Country Team is travelling to Bathurst to participate in the HICES Cross Country Carnival being held at All Saint's College. Participants should refer to their permission notes and/or MyHouse for departure and arrival times of the School coach. I wish the team every success.

Form 4 had an amazing week at Abercrombie House last week, thank you to their hosts, Mr and Mrs Chris Morgan and their teachers, Mrs Garrad and Mrs Ward.

Now that NAPLAN is over for another year, Mr Catanzariti is missing his Tuesday afternoon extra-curricular activity, so he would like to invite all Forms 2, 3 and 4 pupils to join the Junior Homework Club from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. If you are interested Mr Catanzariti will need to see a permission note in your diary planner. The club will commence Tuesday May 25.

R M Achurch, Head of Junior School

Secondary School News

HSC – SUPPORTING YOUR ADOLESCENT FOR FORMS 10 TO 12

The Higher School Certificate is probably one of the most stressful events a young person will face in their life to date. How they survive this stage in their education depends in part on themselves and their level of emotional maturity and on the support they receive from their parents, teachers and friends.

As part of the **House Study Skills** program, we are holding an evening for parents with children in Forms 10, 11 and 12. The aim of the evening is for parents to share ideas, anecdotes and questions in relation to the senior years of schooling. Two parents from Pittwater House, will open the night discussing their experiences as parents of current and former HSC pupils.

Our keynote presenter is Miriam Holder, an experienced psychologist with Relationships Australia. She has extensive experience with adolescent behaviour and family relationships. She will talk about strategies that you as parents can implement to help reduce stress and anxiety throughout the HSC year and assist your child in reaching their personal best. She will focus on the physiological development of adolescence and give insight into adolescent behaviour and strategies that can be adopted that achieve positive relationships both at home and at School.

We are very excited to hold this event and hope you will be able to join us. Please refer to the invitation below which was sent home with pupils of Forms 10, 11 and 12 last week along with a letter.

HSC – Supporting Your Adolescent Parent Forum Agenda

- 6.30 pm – Canapés and Drinks on arrival
- 7.00 pm – Welcome address from Mr Mark Page
- 7.10 pm – Update on Study Skills Program for Forms 10, 11 and 12 - Ms Abby Jeffery
- 7.20 pm – Address from Parents of HSC students past and present – Mr Steve Coleman
- 7.40 pm – Keynote Speaker from Relationships Australia – Ms Miriam Holder
- 8.20 pm – Open Forum for audience to ask questions.
- 8.30 pm – MyHouse Parent on-line Forum
- 8.35 pm – Vote of Thanks - Mr Richard Morgan

**Invitation to: HSC - Supporting Your Adolescent***Information evening for parents of Forms 10, 11 and 12*

- Presenter:** Miriam Holder from Relationships Australia
Date: Thursday 27 May 2010
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: the Great Hall
RSVP to: School Reception at: school.admin@tphs.nsw.edu.au or telephone 9981 4400 by Tuesday 25 May.

Sport

PISA FORMS 3-6

Junior Girls Netball v Covenant Christian. Won 3 - 2. Once again Bella Stevens (J3) and Stephanie Braund (J4) made a great partnership in the circle creating many attempts at goal-shooting. Even though Sekai Robinson (J4) had never played netball before moving to Australia she is this week's "Player of the Match". Sekai made many intercepts in the goal circle and also stuck with her player every minute of the game making it very hard for them to attempt any goal shooting. We will need to work on getting in front of our opposition at next week's training. This week's "Encouragement Award" goes to Wren Lockhart (J3). Well done girls.

K E Osborne, Manager

Senior Girls Netball v John Colet. Won 51 - 0. It was a very fast game due to our great ability to spread across the court and pass the ball quickly. We had some great intercepts to help us bring the ball to our goal circle. Our consistent shooting allowed us to win the game. We will only need to work on throwing the ball more accurately. Player of the Match was Courtney Halford (J6). We played incredibly well in our random positions girls. Thank you Miss Bennett for coaching us.

Thao Nguyen, (J6)

Junior Boys Soccer v Covenant Christian School. Lost 3 - 2. This was a very entertaining game. The first half saw our team get a number of poor referee's decisions. The second half started better with a goal from Lachlan Batton(P4) and Luca Franks(P4). Although the team played well and with a lot more control, they just ran out of time. Three points went to Samuel Wang (P4), two points went to Reiley Dunlop(P4) and Luca Franks(P4) got one point. Thanks to Mr Catanzariti for coaching the team and refereeing the game.

M D Catanzariti, Coach

BASKETBALL

G11/12's v Forest Fire. Lost 27-33. This week's game was again close but the opposition made better plays and passes and their solid defence and attacking teamwork were much stronger than our team. Strongest point scorers were Willem Van Zanten and Elliot Green with Nick Bulman and Daniel Wright providing some standout baskets.

A Wright, Manager

CROSS COUNTRY

CIS Cross Country Championships will be held at Eastern Creek Raceway on the Thursday 17 June. Information regarding team members will be forwarded as it comes to hand.

NETBALL

On Monday 10 May, Pascale Casey, Clementine Lockhart (C10), Rebekah Onsley, Jordan Howell and Maddison Galbraith (C9) completed in the AICES Netball trials in Castle Hill. The standard was a lot higher this year and our girls played exceptionally well. We finished in 4th place overall, our highest placing yet in this competition. Well done girls.

S Birch, Coach

RUGBY UNION

AICES Rugby Union – All the boys who registered their interest in both the Open and U/16 CDSSA Rugby Union team will be playing in the AICES Rugby Union Championships at the TG Milner playing fields (Eastwood) on Tuesday 25 May. Information will be circulated via your managers Mr Jones (opens) and Mr Comerford (U/16).

SNOWSPORTS

TPHS Snow Trip – To date I have only received 3 response slips regarding the 2010 TPHS Snow Trip (2 negatives and 1 confirmed). Thank you to those pupils who have handed them back. As it was stated last week, if we were unable to secure sufficient numbers, the trip would become financially unviable and therefore we would have to cancel it. After much deliberation, we have decided to cancel the TPHS Snow Trip due to a lack of numbers. I apologies as to any inconvenience this may cause.

Snowsports Competition– This is your last chance to inform either Miss Birch or myself that you are interested in the representing the School in the Scots Cup, the Redlands Cup and the NSW Interschool Championships, as entries are due. Thank you to the following pupils Ben Alexis, Maddy Alexis, China Waters, Reiley Cross, Rebecca Onsley and Hugo Dowd, who have all registered their interest to date.

S S Jones, Manager of Sport

SOCCER

15s Grammar v St Pauls. Lost 2-5. Although St Pauls proved to be too strong for us this week, congratulations must go to the Boys on two wonderful goals. A strong effort all round with Huw Griffiths (G9) directing the play from sweeper and Connor Lambert (G9) leading the way as Captain. Well done on a great game!

Elliot Green (G12), Coach

Peninsula Soccer (College) – College Soccer trials will now be held on Friday lunch (*weather permitting*). Training times are as follows: Senior Team – Tuesday mornings and Junior Team – Thursday mornings.

S S Jones, Manager of Sport

WATER POLO

U15 College v Mackellar. Won 16 – 0. As a group we showed excellent positional awareness in this match. Players moved the ball up well, and passed effectively, against a demoralised opposition. It was wonderful to see over half the team scoring goals, and this reflects the strong sense of team support we enjoy this year.

J O'Sullivan, Manager

U15 Boys 'B' v St Andrews. Drew 4 – 4. The boys showed some excellent defence; Alex Smith and Sandy Butterworth were outstanding.

U15 Boys 'A' v Redlands. Won. Our 'A' team were far too strong for Redlands and remain unbeaten.

Next week will be interesting when the two Pittwater House teams come up against each other for the first time. Monday 24 May Pittwater 'A' v Pittwater 'B' at 8:47pm. Training is on Thursday morning at 7.00am in the School pool. Please be prompt.

M A Page, Coach

Grammar Open v SACS. Won 14-0. Great team effort by all the boys. Jordan Coleman was great in defence which kept the opposing team scoreless. For his tremendous efforts he was awarded the coaches Man of the Match. Goals were scored by Willis Casey and Harrison Selby scoring 3 each, Sam Nicholas, Dylan Reid and Billy Brooks scoring 2 each and Reece Jones and Charlie Eager both scoring 1 each. Congratulations to all involved.

Next game: v Redlands 8.01pm. Please be there at 7.30pm.

R M Nicholas, Manager

CONGRATULATIONS

Conan Omari (G10) was selected to be on the NSW State Team for the 2010 National Youth Archery Championships that was held in Perth during the last school holidays from 2 – 10 April. His team (the compound team) won the gold medal and Conan came 5th in Field and 6th in Target in his division against archers from all around Australia.

S S Jones, Manager of Sport

PHPA (Parents' Association)

PITTWATER HOUSE FAMILY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Message from the PHPA President:

The Pittwater House Parents Association is a flourishing part of our School community and provides an important business networking opportunity through the School website under the "My House" portal.

The Parents Association is excited about presenting a new opportunity to all our School families, as well as Alumni, who operate a business and would like to advertise their business through the School website for a nominal fee.


Businesses that currently have a website will have their details displayed together with a link to their website via our "My House" portal. Businesses that do not have a website can just advertise with their business details only listed. A small logo or picture advert in JPEG can also be displayed.

If you are interested in advertising then please fill out the on-line form on MyHouse under Global Folders/Family Business Directory by 13 June. Once we have received your details and reviewed your business for feasibility, we will contact you with our pricing options.

Should you have any queries in the meantime or require further clarification, then please contact Lata Wilkinson at lataw@optusnet.com.au or 0407 360 365 in the first instance.

T Alexis, President PHPA

CANTEEN DUTY Canteen Supervisor – Phone 9972 5718 after 8.00am			
Mon 24 May	Carina Percy	Help Needed	
Tue 25 May	Shelley Jiang	Lucy Dennison	
Wed 26 May	Kathy Waters	Help Needed	
Thu 27 May	Vanessa Fulton	Pam Greening	
Fri 28 May	Kate St Clair	Vickie Cardiff-Kinder	



CLOTHING POOL AND SECOND HAND BOOKS

Located next to the School Uniform shop.

The Clothing and Book Pool is run by a volunteer parent and is open on Tuesdays 8:00-9:15am and Thursdays 2:00-3.15pm.

Please Note: Only cash or cheques will be accepted. Purchases **cannot** be charged to your School account. **CUSTOMERS MUST CHOOSE CAREFULLY AS THE PHPA HAS A NO REFUND POLICY**