

## What's On in Week 2

<b>Mon 1 Feb</b> 3:30pm- 5:00pm	P&J6 to Abercrombie House Debutantes Ball Rehearsals
<b>Tue 2 Feb</b> 9:00am- 12:30pm 6:00pm- 7:30pm	P&J K-2 Swimming Carnival (School Pool) P&J ECC & K-2 Parent Information Evening
<b>Wed 3 Feb</b> 6:00pm- 7:30pm	P&J 3-6 Parent Information Evening
<b>Thu 4 Feb</b> 8:30am- 3:00pm	C&G Swimming Carnival (School Pool)
<b>Fri 5 Feb</b> 7:00pm- 8:00pm	P&J6 return from Abercrombie House MyHouse Launch Event (Great Hall)

### TERM DATES 2010

TERM I	Closes 1 Apr
TERM II	Opens 20 Apr Closes 25 Jun
TERM III	Opens 20 Jul Closes 17 Sep
TERM IV	Opens 12 Oct Closes 10 Dec

## Staff Development Day

On Monday after a very productive Staff Development Day, the staff all gathered at the end of the day and I was delighted to make the presentation of the staff Years of Service Awards and the Staff Awards of Excellence which are listed here. I know that parents and pupils will join me in congratulating the recipients on the fine contribution they are making to the School.

We also had the opportunity to formally farewell two long-term and diligent members of staff. Mrs Robyn Beaumont, who has served the School for 24 years initially as a teacher and then Director of Admissions and Marketing, has resigned after a period of long service leave to pursue interests in small business and consultancy. Mr Danny Tsang is returning to Hong Kong after nearly two decades providing security and cleaning contact services to Pittwater House. We wish them well and express our appreciation for the contribution both of them have made since the 1980s to the great benefit of the School and our families.

The following awards were presented to the staff:

### Years of Service Awards:

Rev J D L Butterworth	45 years
Mr D J Maydo	20 years
Mr M Lim	15 years
Mr J R Abraham	5 years
Mrs K E Finney	5 years

Awards of Excellence for outstanding contribution to Pittwater House in 2009:

Mrs L M K Atkinson - for directing and providing efficient and reliable transport services for the whole school community.

Ms S C Barnett - for outstanding performance in managing family accounts and assistance outside her area of responsibility.

Miss J A Hardy - for outstanding teaching in P1 and organisation of Junior School prizes.

Ms J C Rubie - for highly enthusiastic approach to teaching music K-12 and outstanding work with extra-curricular ensembles.

Mr R V H Morgan, Principal

## Welcome to New Staff

### To the Teaching Staff:

RKB	Miss Rebecca Bell (J1)
NLB	Mrs Nicole Blackband (PK)
MC	Mr Mark Catanzariti (P3)
NRC	Mr Nigel Collopy (Languages - English)
JG	Mrs Jodie Garrad (P4)
ABJ	Mrs Abbey Jeffery (Humanities - Geography)
BJK	Ms Brenda Kilmore (Physical Science - Maths)
EAL	Mr Edward Lawry (Humanities)
EFL	Ms Emma Lord (The Arts - TAS)
NAR	Mrs Nneka Robinson (Office of DoS - Technology Innovation)
MCS	Mrs Maeve Stephenson (Physical Science - Science)
MRS	Mrs Mariella Stockburger (Physical Science - Maths)

### To the Administration Staff:

AS	Mr Andre Shorin (ICT Assistant)
MCH	Mrs Melanie Henderson (Faculty Administration)
MLN	Mrs Michelle Norton (Marketing Director)
TAT	Mrs Tracey Treter (Accounts)
KU	Ms Kylie Usher (Faculty Administration)

## Staff on Leave this Year

In an effort to keep parents informed I am providing the list of Long Service Leave that has been approved during this year. Such leave is a statutory benefit for employees across Australia and is a reward for service given by employees usually after their 10 years of service in an industry.

Rev J D L Butterworth	Terms I, II, III & IV	Mr M S Orrock	Term II
Mrs J L Fortuin	Terms II & III	Mrs J G O'Sullivan	Term I
Mrs J G Gobert	Term I	Mr J S Walmsley	Term IV
Mr K Hoekman	Term II	Mrs M J Ward	Term IV
Mr G A Hudson	Term II		
Mrs D H Liddell	Terms I, II & III		
Mr M L Lim	Term IV		

Mr R V H Morgan, Principal

## General School News

### NEW SCHOOL FAMILIES

We look forward to welcoming all new parents and pupils at the New parents' reception on Friday evening. At the briefing session on Friday night we can go into detail about the day to day routines of School and supply some key dates for the year.

### MIDDLE SCHOOLING

We plan to include in our briefing sessions for parents an explanation of why since 2006 the School has been moving towards a "middle schooling model".

Mr M Orrock, Headmaster

### INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GROUP VISITS

We are delighted to announce again that we are hosting groups from two of our sister schools this year. A group of 15 pupils and 2 teachers from Winnitsuksa school in Thailand are coming early in Term II; and a group of about 25 students and 5 teachers from Woodward Academy in Atlanta are coming late in Term II.

We are looking for families to host our guests for some of this time. Specifically, our Thai friends will need accommodation from April 19 to 26 2010 and our American friends from June 8 to 10 2010. If you are able to offer accommodation to one or two students in either or both of these times, please contact Mr Coyle on 9972 5773. Families new to the school are encouraged to participate in our international exchange programme.

Mr J Coyle



### PREFECTS CHARITY – HEARTKIDS NSW

The Prefects charity for 2010 was chosen to be Heartkids NSW. This was partly chosen in support of my son Harry, who was born in 2008 with Congenital Heart Disease, needing open heart surgery at 11 weeks old to survive. I have seen first hand what this charity can do, hence my desire now to help out in raising as much funds and awareness as possible.

Heartkids is a very special charity solely focussed on children's heart disease (CHD) – which is the greatest killer of young Australian children (Under the age of 5) – a fact most people are totally unaware of. CHD takes more lives than all other childhood diseases – twice that of childhood cancers.

We are now doing something about CHD – to ensure fewer children are born with it and that survival rates improve. Our goal this year is to expand our support services to ensure a much wider reach and to support leading researchers throughout the country - because of the lack of awareness, very little support is currently being offered to these people.

6 BABIES WERE BORN WITH HEART DISEASE TODAY AND EVERY DAY IN AUSTRALIA!

Please have a look at the website [www.heartkidsnsw.org.au](http://www.heartkidsnsw.org.au) and keep updated via the Housenews on up and coming events, where I encourage all TPHS families to get involved and help the Prefects reach their fundraising target this year. The Prefects are very keen to run numerous events in 2010, so please support them. Any queries please feel free to contact me on [Melissa.sare@tphs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Melissa.sare@tphs.nsw.edu.au).

Mrs M Sare

### PITTWATERMAN 2009 UPDATE

The Pittwaterman 2009 is currently in the final stages of editing and printing. We are hopeful that all families will receive copies by the end of this term. Watch this space!

Miss N M Jones (Pittwaterman Editor)



MyHouse

The MyHouse Launch is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Great Hall, come along and discover the new e-learning initiative, MyHouse, being launched in term I at The Pittwater House Schools. Please RSVP on-line at [www.pittwaterhouse.com.au](http://www.pittwaterhouse.com.au).

Mrs A Parker, Marketing Manager

## Junior School News

I wish everyone in the Junior School a warm welcome to the 2010 School Year. This morning there was a sea of happy faces at the welcome assembly from both the pupils and the staff. I am also very impressed with our Kindergarten pupils who managed to start their formal schooling life without a tear. I wonder how the parents were?

There are some exciting events taking place over the next couple of weeks and we really have hit the ground running. Today there will be a letter from me being sent home with the children which outlines some important information and dates of events we would like you to attend this term.

On Tuesday 2 February, the K-2 Swimming Carnival will take place in the School pool from 9:00am-1:30pm. That evening the E-2 Parent Information Session will take place in the Great Hall from 6:00pm finishing in the classrooms by 7:30pm. The Forms 3-6 Parent Information Session will take place on Wednesday 3 February from 6:00-7:30pm as well. As Form 6 will be at Abercrombie next week, Mr Jones and Miss Bennett will organise their parent classroom session when they return.

I am very excited to be in my new role as Head of the Junior School and look forward to seeing you at the various functions taking place throughout the year. Below I have included some vital information about the new child car safety laws.

**NEW CHILD CAR SAFETY LAWS**

New safety regulations to target the high rate of injuries from children travelling in cars are being introduced in 2010, which will see children up to the age of seven required to travel in approved seats or wear restraints. The changes will come into effect on 1st March 2010 to allow parents time to learn the new rules and purchase restraints such as booster seats.

The new regulations are part of national safety reforms and include:

- Children younger than six months secured in rearward facing restraints
- Children between six months and four years secured in either a rear or forward facing restraint
- Children between four and seven years secured in forward facing child restraint or booster seat
- Children younger than four years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- Children between four and less than seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.

The recently released *2009 Safer Child Restraints Guide* is available from the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) and provides more detailed information. The guide is available from motor registries, RTA Customer Service Enquiry on 13 22 13 or [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au).

Mrs R Achurch, Head of Junior Schools

## Secondary School News

**APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE CAPTAINS**

House Name	College / Grammar
Butterworth	Melissa Payne / Elliot Green
Morgan	Sacha Korchinski / Daniel Wright
Orrock	Jodie Sizeland / Alex Munns

**FORM 9 MONITORS 2010**

College	Grammar
Rebekah Onsley	Max Irish
Rebecca Williams	Huw Griffiths
China Waters	Martin Wensing
Kelly Jury	Matt Wickens
Maddi Galbraith	James Cox
Jordan Howell	Jayke Rees

Mrs J L Fortuin and Mr M A Page

**UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS – 2009 HSC**

We are receiving positive news about the courses our 2009 Form 12 group have been accepted into. It is pleasing to see so many get the course of their first choice. Among the course published course offers are:

NAME	DEGREE	UNIVERSITY
ACKROYD, Thomas	BEngineering	UNSW
ATKINS, Tomas	BArts	Macquarie University
BRAND, Harrison	B Liberal Arts & Sciences	University of Sydney
CASEY, James	B Environment	Macquarie University
CONDE, Blair	B Business in Hotel and Resort Management	Southern Cross University
DEAN, Emily	B Nursing	Charles Sturt University
DOYLE, Emily	B Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education)	University of Sydney
FERGUSON, Scott	B Arts/B Commerce	University of Canberra
GALBRAITH, Mitchell	B Engineering (Civil Engineering)	University of Sydney
GOODALL, Kate	B Business in Hotel and Resort Management	Southern Cross University
HUNT, Anjali	B Social Work	University of Sydney
JAN, Michelle	B Arts	University of NSW
KARLOWATZ, Nicholas	B Medical Science	University of Technology Sydney
KLEINEKATHOEFER, Karl	B Clinical Practice (Paramedic)	Charles Sturt University
LEON, Alex	BA Media	Macquarie University
McGROUTHER, Alexander	B Engineering/B Science	University of Sydney
McTAVISH, Spencer	B Pharmacy	University of South Australia
MACRI, Monique	B Arts	Macquarie University
MILLER, Paul	B Exercise Science/B Business Studies	Charles Sturt University
NOEL, Bradley	B Industrial Design	University of Western Sydney
NOVAKOVIC, Amelia	BArts BCommerce	UTS
SUMNERS, Nathasha	BArts (Media)	Macquarie University
VAN DEN BRINK, Maresa	B Economics	University of NSW
VIDLER, Hugh	B Science (Nanotechnology)	UNSW
WALDEN, Spencer	BDesign (Computing)	University of Sydney
WARLUM, Ashley	B Commerce	Aust. Catholic University
WESTLING, Jessica	B Liberal Arts & Sciences	University of Sydney
WILSON, Glenn	B Arts in Communication (Information and Media)	University of Technology Sydney
WILSON, Jess	B Science	University of Sydney
WONG, Royden	B Commerce Liberal Studs	UNSW
WYNNE, Bonnie	BArts	University of Sydney
YU, David	B Commerce	University of Sydney
YUAN, Jack	B Asia Pacific Studies / B Commerce	Australian National University

**ALUMNI NEWS**

It is wonderful to hear that Sophie Walden (C12, 2008) has managed to maintain a distinction average in her Arts/Law degree at The University of Sydney and will go on exchange to the University of Carolina, USA later this year.

**HSC STRATEGIES BRIEFING**

We plan to announce a date shortly for all Form 11 and 12 parents to attend this briefing. This will focus on how parents can ensure and help the School and the pupils maximise HSC results. It will include getting across the concept of how much work is required, essential time management and study skill methods.

Mr M Orock, Headmaster

**Sport**

**PISA SPORT FORMS 3-6**

This Friday we will be holding trials to select our PISA Sports teams for Term I. The following teams will be selected to take part in PISA Sport during Term I, which will once again be held on Fridays from 11.30am -1.00pm: Junior Girls and Boys Forms 3 and 4 – Teeball, Senior Girls Forms 5 and 6 – Softball, Senior Boys Forms 5 and 6 – Cricket.

Mr P Browning

**K-12 SPORTS DATES**

The Sports Dates are now loaded on the Schools website. The calendar lists all dates current as of Dec 7, please note that due to Associations and venue changes this may change as the year progresses.

**CIS SPORTS TERM I 2010**

Pupils who are interested in the following sports should see Mr Levy in the Sports Department for more information. AFL, Diving, Hockey Boys – U16, Hockey Girls – U16, Rowing, Sailing, Swimming Additional Events, Tennis Boys, Tennis Girls, Triathlon, Volleyball Open.

**SPORTS CHOICES**

Thank you to those who submitted their Sports Choices for 2010 at the end of last year. Choices will be posted in all Form rooms by the end of this week. Those pupils who have not completed a Sports Choices form have not registered for Sports this year. Please note that this form can be found on the Schools web site Secondary School > Extra Curricular > Sports Choices 2010.

**BASKETBALL**

The Term I and II competition will be starting soon and due to large numbers trials will be held for certain age groups. Pupils will be notified during Form classes when these are to be held.

**SWIMMING**

We have our School carnivals coming up early in Term I. Tuesday 2 February, K-2 Swimming Carnival 9.00am -12.30pm. Thursday 4 February College and Grammar Swimming Carnival, Grammar Swimming Carnival at Pittwater House from 8:30 – 11:30am. College Swimming Carnival at Pittwater House from 12:00 – 3:00pm. Wednesday 10 February Forms 3 to 6 Primary Swimming Carnival 9.00am – 2.30pm. The School swimming calendar will be handed out to those who make the representative team but the coming events are Saturday 20 February is the Redlands Carnival (6:00 – 9:30pm) out at Homebush and the Pittwater House Swimming Invitational on Friday 26 February (4:00 – 7:30pm).

Parents if your son/daughter has excelled in a sport outside of the School realm please do not hesitate to contact the Sports Department on [will.levy@tphs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:will.levy@tphs.nsw.edu.au) to have their success printed in Housenews.

Mr W Levy, Manager of Sport

**PHPA**

**SUMMER DRINKS PARTY**

Fri 12 February from 6:00-8:00pm in the Great Hall. \$30 per head. All Parents and Staff are invited.


Mrs J Galbraith, Vice President PHPA



Volunteers needed next week for the 'Pittstop' on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (8am-2pm approximately). We also need helpers for the Swimming Carnivals on Tuesday 2 February for K-2, Thursday 4 February for C&G and Wednesday 10 February for the Forms 3-6 Carnival. If you are able to help, please ring the Canteen on 9972 5718.

Mrs M Conde, Manager

<b>CANTEEN DUTY</b> <b>Canteen Supervisor –</b> <b>Phone 9972 5718 after 8.00am</b>			
Mon 1 Feb	Julie Leal	Kathy Waters	Vickie Cardiff-Kinder
Tue 2 Feb	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	
Wed 3 Feb	Silvia Herbert	<b>Help Needed</b>	
Thu 4 Feb	Teresa Easter	<b>Help Needed</b>	
Fri 5 Feb	Jane Griffith	Penny Moses	Kerry Julian



**CLOTHING POOL AND SECOND HAND BOOKS AT 1 PARKES ROAD.**

Access is via the gate at the top left hand corner of the car park.

The Clothing and Book Pool is run by a volunteer parent and is open on Tuesdays 8am-

**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**