

# The Pennant

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Term 4, Week 1

## Calendar

### Term 4 Week 1

#### **Wednesday 17 October**

Scripture

#### **Thursday 18 October**

Chess 3:30-4:30

#### **Friday 19 October**

Dance Concert

### Term 4 Week 2

#### **Tuesday 23 October**

Blow Test Yr2 Hall 1pm-3:15pm

#### **Wednesday 24 October**

PHPS Parent café in Hall 9:30-11:15,  
Sculpture by the Sea Excursion Stg2 & Stg3  
Scripture

#### **Thursday 25 October**

Police Talk - All stages, Chess 3:30-4:30

### Term 4 Week 3

#### **Monday 29 October**

Stage 3 Milson Island

#### **Tuesday 30 October**

Stage 3 Milson Island,  
Kindergarten Orientation Evening

#### **Wednesday 31 October**

Scripture, Stage 3 Milson Island,  
School Spec Rehearsal

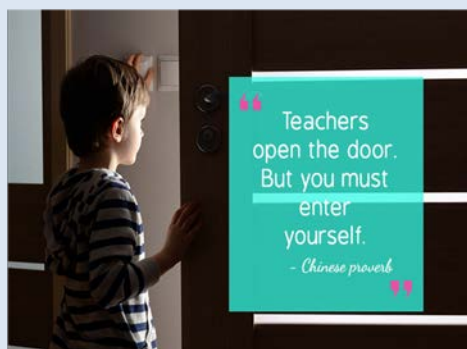
#### **Thursday 1 November**

Stage 3 Milson Island, Grandparents Day  
9:30-11:30, Chess 3:30-4:30

#### **Friday 2 November**

Stage 3 Milson Island

## Thought for the Week



## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. It has been wonderful to see many smiling, happy children and refreshed teachers throughout our school! Term 4 is a busy time of learning and with summative assessments, reports, excursions, Kinderlinks, Yr 2-3 and 6-7 Orientation and all of the end-of-year celebratory and graduation events. We look forward to our students' continuing learning journey and growth.

### TIME TO LEARN

At the end of last term, we reflected on our core business of learning and teaching and what we could adjust to maximise the learning for students in the classroom each day. We listened to the students, staff and parents in regards to the impacts on what deep learning, and the answer was clear...time. This term we are trialling an adjustment of school organisational processes to give greater learning time in the classroom for all students. This will mean every classroom program will have enough time to effectively teach all of the outcomes in each of the Key Learning Areas as outlined by NESA.

9:15 Lessons begin  
11:15 Recess begins  
11:37 Music movement bell  
11:40 Lessons begin  
1:00 Lunch begins  
1:47 Music movement bell  
1:50 Lessons begin  
3:15 School finishes



Learning time begins at 9:15am. The students will line up at their classes designated area at the beginning of the day and end of break times. All students who arrive at school after this time need to be signed into the office by a parent.

There will not be any line-up assemblies. Formal assemblies will occur in the hall each fortnight. K-2 assemblies are scheduled for the even weeks of the term and 3-6 assemblies are scheduled for the odd weeks of the term.

In making this small adjustment we have increased the effective learning time by more than 2 hours each week. Thank you to the students and staff for maximizing learning each and every day.

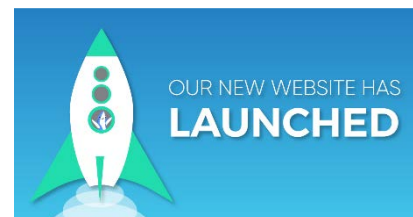
### 2019 STUDENT ENROLMENT

The staff and I will soon commence working together to form classes for next year. Obviously, our planning is dependent on up-to-date information, in particular with regard to student enrolments. To ensure that we have current information, please complete the '2019 Student Enrolment' forms via the link below. Please complete this form by Friday 19 October 2018.

<https://goo.gl/forms/liOtAGFFbZIQfvWA2>

## NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

We have now migrated over to our new website. Thank you to Mrs Maddison and Miss Catherall for the enormous amount of time, effort and technical expertise given to ensure our website is current and reflective of our school values. We are currently updating many of the pages and want this to be a source of information for our community and a place to recognise the wonderful achievements of our school. If you have any suggestions to make our website even better, please send an email to the school marked to the attention of Mrs Maddison or Miss Catherall. You can check it out at <https://pennanthil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



## PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Friday is the last day for our community to participate in the Partners in Learning parent survey for 2018. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. We as a school use the survey results to help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated, to ensure the data is reliable. To this date we have received 11 responses from our community.

We would love to have a response from every family so that the survey is truly representative of our school community, and I urge you to set aside some time to provide current feedback to the school.

Please use the following link to access the survey: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/68v24>

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

## STELLAR SUCCESS

Congratulations to Yuto A on achieving a Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Yuto completed 30 in 60 minutes making only one mistake. The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. Well done Yuto.

Congratulations to Emma Y who was selected to join a 3 day orchestral workshop at Mercy College, run by Sydney symphony Orchestra. Over the three days, orchestral musicians from Yr 4 - Yr 12 from all over Sydney and other parts of NSW were mentored by Sydney Symphony Fellows. Emma was one of the youngest members of the orchestra!



## CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to congratulate Mrs and Mr Vanderwal on the safe arrival of Zoe Hendricka Vanderwal, on Monday 15 October, 2018. We hope that Samara enjoys her new role as big sister. We look forward meeting this new bundle of joy soon.

*Don't forget every day to remind your children how special they are and how much you love them.*

Kind regards,  
Mrs Rhonda Gosman  
Relieving Principal

**MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**6C** – Maya F, Luke M, Jacinta W, **6M** – Isabel M, Jai M, Sarah B,  
**5V** – Mia V, Tom S, Hanaan G, **5D** – Tim H, Anais G, Tereza S, Max M,  
**3A** – Hannah Q, Liam P, Haniya K, **3G** – Bryan M, Beatrice G, Elijah L-A,  
**3O** – Shirin G, Jordan McN, Campbell W, Nicholas R, Declan W, Mary B,

**LIBRARY** – Alice A 3O, Aditya K 4M, Eden K 3O, Renee C 3O,  
**COMPUTERS** – Nicholas R 3O, Molly A 4B, Matilda F 5V, Emma D 6F, Zoe C KD, Kenzie W, 1R, Emma C 2T,  
**STRINGS** – Mary B,  
**MUSIC** – Alex Y KD, Lauren N 1D, Aurelia P 2T,

**2J** – Andrei S, Seb J, Rishita S, **2M** – Scarlett H, Keshav K, Jenny S, **2T** – Christian P, Samara R-S,  
**1C** – Nathan P, Jamie K, Leo W-L, **1R** – Emily M, Ryo J, Zaal N,  
**KC** – Karina C, Andy K, Sophie S, **KD** – Kaiden T, Isabella N, **KG** – Aaliyah P, Liam T, **KR** – Jasper C, Nathan C,

**MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**Welcome Back To an Exciting Term 4.**

**Band 2019 – Enrolling Now**

Now enrolling for next year's Training Band. Anyone who is interested in joining the band program, please email [phpsband@gmail.com](mailto:phpsband@gmail.com) by Friday 10 October. The year 2 blow test will be conducted at school on Tuesday 23 October.

**Intention to Apply For Year 7 Entry to a Selective High School In 2020**

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly based on the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on:

**Thursday 14 March 2019.**

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you will need to apply via the internet using a valid email address (*not the student's email address*).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. *You must apply before the closing date.*

### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

We are currently enrolling Kindergarten students for 2019. If you have a child starting Kindergarten at PHPS next year and you have not yet completed and submitted an enrolment application form, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that it is also necessary to bring your child's Birth Certificate or identity documents, copies of any family law or other relevant court orders, your child's immunisation history statement and four documents for proof of residence (please contact the school office for the documents required).


### Dance Concert Reminders

- Friday 19 October - 8:45am students arrive at school ready to board buses to go to the dress rehearsal at Hillsong Convention Centre.  
*What to Wear:* Dance concert white t-shirt with school sports shorts. Please label all clothing.
- The canteen will be closed on Friday 19 Oct – Students are to bring their recess and lunch in a small plastic bag.
- Buses are due to arrive back at PHPS by 3:15pm.
- Friday night – students arrive at Hillsong Convention Centre at 6pm sharp, the concert will start at 7pm.

### School Dance Concert

Please note ticket sales will close at **5:00 PM** on **Friday 19 October**. Please ensure you have purchased your tickets by this time, there will be no tickets available at the venue.

### Grandparents Day 2018



**Grandparents' Day**

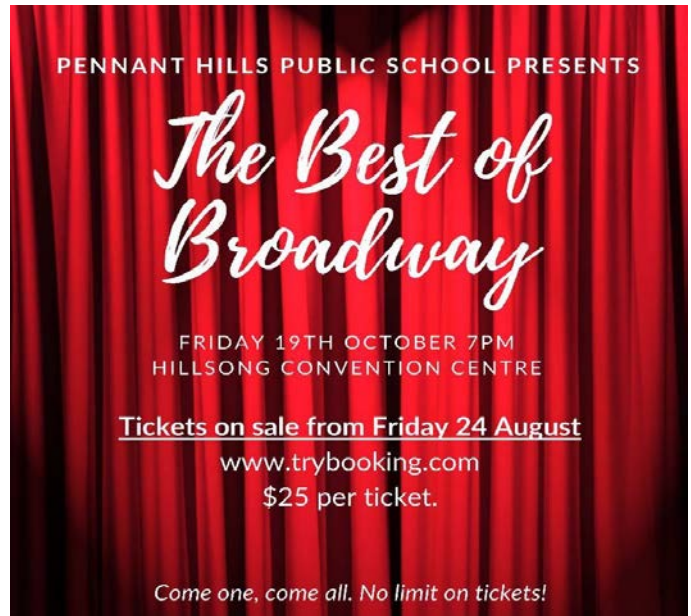
Thursday 1 November 2018

9.30am-11.30am

Pennant Hills Public School  
K-2 Campus, Trebor Rd, Pennant Hills

9.30am Concert in Hall  
10.00am Classroom Visit & Book Sale  
11.00am Morning Tea

\$10 books  
EFTPOS Machine available



PENNANT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

*The Best of Broadway*

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 7PM  
HILLSONG CONVENTION CENTRE

Tickets on sale from Friday 24 August  
[www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)  
\$25 per ticket.

*Come one, come all. No limit on tickets!*

Kind Regards  
Mrs Melissa Griffith  
Relieving Deputy Principal



**BAND NEWS****Welcome Back!****Updates:**

Last term ended with a delightful performance by Training Band at the performance assembly. Thanks to Julia, Claire, Helen and Josiah for setting up and Sharon for organising the event.

**Upcoming Events for Term 4:**

- Instrument blow test for new band students on Tuesday 23 October from 1:00-3:00pm.
- ICB and SCB to perform at Hornsby North on 4 November.
- SCB workshop with Police Band on Tuesday 13 November at PHPS school.
- All the band students to perform at Christmas carols on 13 December.

**Enrollments:**

- Now enrolling for next year's Training Band. Anyone interested in joining the band program, please email [phpsband@gmail.com](mailto:phpsband@gmail.com) with your queries.

Please check our website for more information <http://www.phpspandc.org.au/band>

**The Band Committee**  
[phpsband@gmail.com](mailto:phpsband@gmail.com)

**STRINGS NEWS****Welcome back for Term 4!**

Next Monday 22 October will be a COMBINED rehearsal in the School Hall. Parent Helper is Fredou H.

**Important Dates:**

- Sunday 25 November 2-4pm - Ensemble Busking at Hornsby Mall
- Friday 7 December - Celebration of Learning Assembly - Strings performing at the K-2 presentation day
- Thursday 13 December 6pm - Twilight Carols event
- Monday 17 December 7.45am - End of Year Party and Mini Concert - All parents invited!

For more information on learning a string instrument or joining the ensemble, please contact us at the email address below.

**PHPS String Ensemble**  
[phpsstrings@gmail.com](mailto:phpsstrings@gmail.com)

## DANCE SPECTACULAR

**Save the Date**  
**2018 Pennant Hills Public School Dance Spectacular**

**Friday 19 October 7pm**  
 Hillsong Convention Centre  
 Baulkham Hills



Please order at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) by 5pm Friday 19 October as there will be no tickets available at the venue.

## P&amp;C REPORT

Hi everyone, welcome back! Hope you all had a fantastic, fun filled & safe holiday. Term 4 is set to be huge, so I hope you all had a very relaxing break too. See our Diary Dates below!

**Uniform**

Summer/Winter Uniform Transition - To confirm, it is at the parent's discretion, you can wear either winter or summer uniform for the first two weeks of term.

**Kids and Dads Camp**

Bookings are NOW OPEN for the Fathering Camp.

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

Please go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/XGML>

**P&C DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- *Friday 26 to Saturday 27 October*  
Fathering Project Kids and Dads' Camp
- *Saturday 3 November*  
Sandpit Family Photo Day (more info below, bookings NOW available through Flexischools)
- *Friday 16 November*  
P&C End of Year Free Family BBQ
- *Tuesday 4 December 7.30pm*  
P&C Meeting and Staff Thank You Drinks
- *Thursday 13 December*  
Twilight Carols Evening



### Sandpit Photos Family Portrait Day is BACK!

- On Saturday 3 November, 20-minute bookings are NOW AVAILABLE on FLEXISCHOOLS for sessions between 8am and 6pm.
- A \$15 booking fee in which the proceeds will go towards our P&C, is your only obligation and payable at time of booking. All additional poses taken on the day are totally obligation free and will be available for purchase at your viewing session.

### Next P&C Meeting

- The next meeting of the P&C will be on **Tuesday 6 November** K-2 School Hall @ 7.30pm

**Andrew Passé-de Silva**  
**Parents and Citizens Association**  
**0410653878**  
[pandcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:pandcpresident@gmail.com)



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## UNIFORM SHOP

### Summer Uniforms

All students are required to wear summer uniform in Term 4. Orders can be placed for summer uniforms and the items will be delivered to your child's class, or alternatively you may attend the shop during opening hours.

### Year 6 Signature Bears and Balls

Year 6 parents please note that orders for the signature bears and balls are due by Friday 26 October.

### Price List

There are just two small price changes that are effective from the beginning of Term 4; a new price list is now available on the school website by following the link to Our School and What We Offer.

### Second Hand Uniforms

If you have any uniforms in good condition that you no longer require please consider donating them to the Uniform Shop.

### Ordering Uniforms

Uniforms can be ordered by attending the Uniform Shop during opening hours, or alternatively an order form can be completed and together with payment of cash, cheque or card details handed in at either office. Orders will be filled and then delivered to the children's classes. A combined pricelist and order form can be downloaded from the school website by following the links to Our School and What We Offer. Uniforms can also be ordered online through Flexischools, however prices will include the Flexischools' surcharge.

***Please note that uniform orders can not be paid via the school online payment service.***

### Hours

Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Order forms are available on the school website by following the link to Our School.

**Alison Parker**  
**Uniform Shop Manager**  
[phpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:phpsuniformshop@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Fruit & Veg Month 2018 Parent Survey

Our school has been involved in Fruit & Veg Month 2018.

The program managers, Healthy Kids Association, are seeking feedback from parents/carers about the program to help with future planning.

Please take some time to fill out this short survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fruitandvegmonth2018parentsurvey>

The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. As an incentive, a \$20 gift voucher is available for the first 70 eligible responses from across the state. The survey will close Friday 19 October.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Healthy Kids Association on 02 9876 1300 or 1300 724 850.

### Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinator







# COME & TRY GIRL GUIDES

## Gumnut Guides

is for girls aged 5 & 6 years old

Come and visit on  
Wednesday  
24 & 31 October 2018

Pennant Hills Gumnut Guides meet on Wednesdays in the school term from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

If you like doing cool stuff with other girls your own age, Gumnut Guides is the place for you!

You'll get to play games, sing, cook something yummy, create fab crafts, and take part in some awesome outdoor adventures.

And while you're having so much fun, you'll also be earning badges that celebrate and recognise the things you do and achieve as a Girl Guide.

## Junior Guides

is for girls ages 7, 8 & 9 years old

Come and visit on  
Wednesday  
7 & 14 November 2018

Pennant Hills Junior Guides meet on Wednesdays in the school term from 5.30pm to 7pm.

Junior Guides join a Patrol of four to six girls within the larger Unit. Together with your Leaders you and the other girls decide what stuff you want to do.

Because you do things as a team, you get to know each other really well. That's why girls in the same Patrol often become really close friends.

As well as weekly meetings, you'll get to do things such as hiking, water activities, camping and earning badges.

Pennant Hills Guides meet at the  
Leisure & Learning Centre, 8 Warne Street Pennant Hills

To register for a come & try day or for more information contact the District Manager, Fiona Tucker.  
fiona040@tpg.com.au or 0438284592



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## STAFF CALENDAR TERM 4 – 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	<b>15 Oct</b> STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN	<b>16 Oct</b>	<b>17 Oct</b> Scripture	<b>18 Oct</b> Chess 3:30 - 4:30	<b>19 Oct</b> Dance Concert	<b>20 / 21 Oct</b>
2	<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>23 Oct</b> Blow Test Yr2 Hall 1pm-3:15pm	<b>24 Oct</b> Scripture PHPS Parent cafe (Hall)(9:30 -11:15) Sculpture by the Sea Excursion S2 & S3	<b>25 Oct</b> Police Talk - All stages Chess 3:30 - 4:30	<b>26 Oct</b>	<b>27 / 28 Oct</b>
3	<b>29 Oct</b> Stage 3 Milson Island	<b>30 Oct</b> Stage 3 Milson Island Kindergarten Orientation Evening 7pm	<b>31 Oct</b> Scripture Stage 3 Milson Island School Spec Rehearsal	<b>1 Nov</b> Stage 3 Milson Island Chess 3:30 - 4:30 Grandparents Day 9:30-11:30	<b>2 Nov</b> Stage 3 Milson Island	<b>3 / 4 Nov</b>
4	<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>6 Nov</b> P&C meeting 7:30pm Kinderlinks 1 9.30am BYOD Parent Session 6pm BYOD Parent Session	<b>7 Nov</b> Scripture Year 2 transition - middle session	<b>8 Nov</b> Chess 3:30 - 4:30 Yr 5 Leadership Day	<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>10 / 11 Nov</b>
5	<b>12 Nov</b> School Spec Rehearsal	<b>13 Nov</b> Kinderlinks 2	<b>14 Nov</b> Scripture	<b>15 Nov</b> Chess 3:30 - 4:30	<b>16 Nov</b> P&C Thank you BBQ	<b>17 / 18 Nov</b>
6	<b>19 Nov</b> Year 2 transition - afternoon	<b>20 Nov</b> Kinderlinks 3	<b>21 Nov</b> Scripture School Spec rehearsal	<b>22 Nov</b> Chess 3:30 - 4:30 School Spec Rehearsal	<b>23 Nov</b> School Spec Performance	<b>24 / 25 Nov</b> School Spec Performance
7	<b>26 Nov</b> Year 2 transition - afternoon	<b>27 Nov</b> Kinderlinks 4 Yr 6 Fun Day	<b>28 Nov</b> Scripture PHPS Parent Café (Hall)(9:30 -11:15) Leadership Speeches	<b>29 Nov</b> Chess 3:30 - 4:30 Choir Performance - Epping Club (10- 12:30pm)	<b>30 Nov</b>	<b>1 / 2 Dec</b>
8	<b>3 Dec</b> House Captain Speeches & Voting	<b>4 Dec</b> Final P&C Meeting 7pm	<b>5 Dec</b> Scripture	<b>6 Dec</b> Chess 3:30 - 4:30	<b>7 Dec</b> Celebration of Learning	<b>8 / 9 Dec</b>
9	<b>10 Dec</b> Yr 6 Farewell Stage 1 Travel Expo	<b>11 Dec</b> Bush Christmas (Kinder) IncurSION School Tour 10am 3-6 Site Stg 1 Travel Expo	<b>12 Dec</b> Bush Christmas (Kinder)	<b>13 Dec</b> Carols Chess 3:30 - 4:30 9.30am Yr 6 Graduation Thank you morning tea 11.30am	<b>14 Dec</b> 3-6 Oliver Performance at PHHS	<b>15 / 16 Dec</b>
10	<b>17 Dec</b> End of Year Celebration (Movies)	<b>18 Dec</b>	<b>19 Dec</b> LAST DAY TERM 4 2.30pm Yr6 Clap out	<b>20 Dec</b>	<b>21 Dec</b>	<b>22 / 23 Dec</b>