



PLUMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 1 2013

26th - 28th March

Yr 12 Camp

29th March

Good Friday

1st April

Easter Monday

10th April

School Athletics

Carnival

12th April

Last Day Term 1

TERM 2

1st May

First Day of Term

23rd -13th May

Yrs 7-10

Assessments

14th-16 May

Naplan

20th-22nd May

Yr 7 Camp

23rd-29th May

RoSA online testing

10th June

Queens Birthday

18th June

Yr 7 & 9 Boys

Vaccinations

28th June

Last day of Term

LINK-UP

TERM 1 WEEK 7 2013

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are already half way through term one and it is amazing to reflect on how much has been achieved in such a short time especially when we consider the first five weeks of school. This year has also witnessed an enormous number of applications for enrolments. Our current enrolment is 1050 students with over 190 students in year 11. We have a large number of students on our enrolment waiting list. This is testament to the outstanding work that is being done by both students and staff.

Staff

There have been very few staff changes for the beginning of this year. Our Principal, Mr Jamieson continues to relieve as NSW Director of the Educational Measurement and School Accountability Directorate. Mr Ezzy and Ms Devlin will both share the relieving of role of Principal in his absence and Mr Gordon will be Relieving Deputy Principal. Mr Sharma will be acting Head Teacher Administration.

Ms Taylor, Head Teacher of Learning Support, is currently on maternity leave and is scheduled to return in Term3. Ms Wegrzyn will be relieving Head Teacher in her absence. Ms Obrien (music) and Ms Atai (Art) are also on maternity leave and will return in the second half of the year

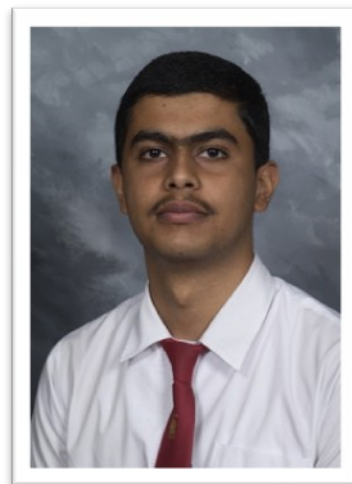
Ms Trimmis, Head Teacher of English, has secured a position as Head Teacher of English at Blacktown Girls HS. Ms O'Connor will be relieving head teacher in this position.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contributions and the positive difference that Ms Trimmis has made to countless students throughout her career at Plumpton High School. Ms Trimmis was a former student of the school. Approximately 15 years ago she transferred as a classroom teacher, became a year adviser and eventually secured the position of Head Teacher English. Under her leadership the academic results of students in English have showed enormous improvement. Throughout last year she was outstanding in her role as Relieving Deputy Principal .

We wish her all the very best in her future career.

HSC Recognition Assembly

The 2012 HSC Recognition Assembly was held in the Performing Arts Centre during week two. A captivated audience consisting of our current year 10, 11 & 12 students listened to the achievements of our outstanding students of 2012 and were also provided with some valuable tips by a panel comprised of all of the award recipients. Particular mention must be given to last year's Umair-Ahmad Shams, the Dux of the 2012 cohort, with an amazing ATAR score of 93.4. He was also awarded a \$46 000 scholarship to complete his university studies at the University of Technology Sydney.



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Principal's Message Continued

Beacon Foundation

This year's Beacon Foundation Program was officially launched at the Rooty Hill RSL with the Beacon Breakfast.

This organisation is a national non-profit organisation working in **130** secondary schools across all Australian states and territories and has made an amazing difference to the lives and aspirations of students within these schools.

Our school has been recognised both at state and national level for our accomplishments within this program. Judging by the community representation and the enthusiasm of our year 10 students at the Beacon launch I predict that this year will be another success story.

Swimming Carnival

Students attended and competed in our annual swimming carnival during week two of this term. The day was a great success with a significant number of very enthusiastic students competing throughout the day. Year 12 also added to the atmosphere of the day by assisting with the organisation and showing a great deal of encouragement to all of the competitors. Congratulations must go to our sports coordinator Mr Nicholls for organising such a smooth running and enjoyable event.

Uniform

It has been great to see the high standard of uniform by so many students at the start of the year. Students and parents are to be congratulated.

However, the recent weather has been quite varied in temperature with some quite cool days. It is imperative that all students should have school jumpers. There are three varieties of school jumpers which can be purchased from the school uniform shop. Grey and/or black jumpers and or cardigans are not part of school uniform.

It is also important to remember from an Occupational Health and safety aspect all students are required to wear fully enclosed leather upper shoes at all times.

2014 Year 7 Open Night

An open night was held on 13th March for parents and students of year 6 considering enrolment for next year. Parents and students met in the GWS Performing Arts Centre where they heard information from a number of speakers, including an outstanding presentation from our school captains Emma Stylli and Kristian Jimenez. They were also entertained by an amazing musical performance by year 9 student Elysa Villareal. At the conclusion of the speeches families were then escorted to various faculty venues around the school. The night was a wonderful success and full credit must be given to the many students and staff that attended on the night. Parents who were unable to attend on the night can contact Plumpton High School for further information.

Parent Volunteers needed

Staff vacancies in schools can be filled in a number of ways. One method is through merit selection. This involves forming a panel to advertise the position and then interview applicants. One of the panel members has to be a community member, usually a parent.

If you are interested in being part of this very important process and would like to be trained as a panel member please contact the school on 9625 7020 and ask to speak to Ms Devlin or myself.

Peter Ezzy
Relieving Principal
Plumpton High School

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

Please pay fees between the office hours of 8:30 am and 1:30 pm.
Enquiries regarding school matters between the hours of 8:15 am and 3:00 pm.
Thank you for your consideration.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE UPDATES Via EMAIL & SMS



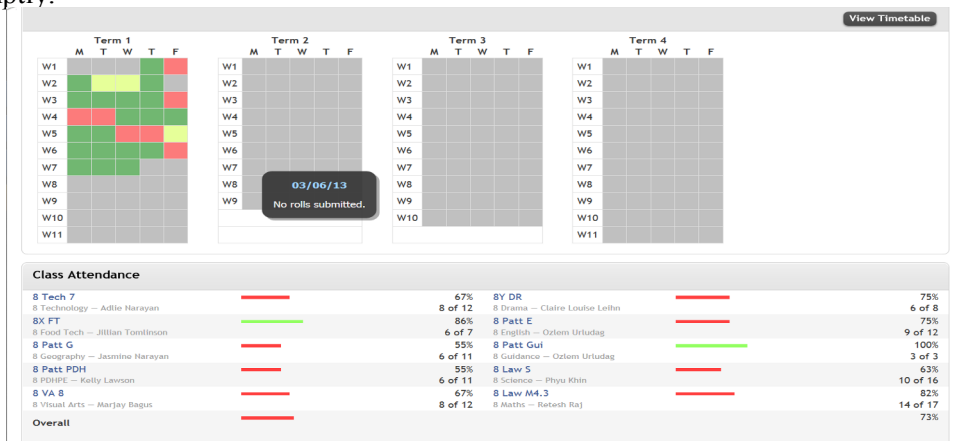
Dear Parents / Carers

If you would like to develop an email link with our Head Teacher Administration, Mr. Sharma regarding your child's ATTENDANCE at Plumpton High School, please just send him an email at:

anil.c.sharma@det.nsw.edu.au

The email should state your name and your child's name and year. He will then add you to his Parent / Carer contact list. This will enable him to send you a graphic (as shown below) displaying your child's attendance record for the term. The graphic will be sent as an email attachment (Word file). This will be a quick form of communication if he has any attendance concerns regarding your child.

In 2013, the school has introduced a new attendance tracking system, that has removed the need for paper rolls and runners to collect the rolls. Teachers are now marking rolls electronically in class, giving the school instant data on student attendance in class (as shown below). The new system has been an instant success giving all staff access to an excellent attendance profile of all students, so that any concerning patterns of attendance can be addressed promptly.



Remember that there is a very close relationship between high attendance and student success. To encourage students to set high standards for attendance, 3 awards will again be presented at Presentation Day & Graduations in 2013: the Gold, Silver & Bronze Attendance Awards.

- Gold Award – 100% attendance (zero days absent)
- Silver Award – 99% attendance (1-2 days absent)
- Bronze Award – 98% attendance (3-4 days absent)

Note: students may be deemed ineligible for these awards if they are regularly late to school.

SMS NOTIFICATIONS

In 2013 you will have been receiving SMS notifications if your child is either absent from school or late to school. Please reply to these SMS notifications promptly so that your child's attendance record can be updated. If the school does not have your most recent **mobile number**, could you please contact the school on:

9625 7020 or 9625 7525.

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Education &
Communities

Public Schools NSW

Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents



Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

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What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent's explanations for their child's absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

- Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

- Applications to the Children's Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:

http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/

WELFARE



PLUMPTON HIGH SCHOOL GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND MP3 PLAYERS

General principles

At Plumpton High School, while the increasing use and importance of mobile phones in our lives is recognised, processes have been well established over a long period of time to assist parents and caregivers to deliver messages to their children, which are of an urgent or important nature, without the need for students to have a mobile phone. **For parents who need to contact their child during class time, a call to the office is appropriate and always welcomed. Messages are delivered to students in a prompt manner.** A pay phone is available in the office foyer for use during lunch breaks if required. Students are also able to use office phones in the event of an emergency.

In general, mobile phones are not necessary for communication to and from students during school hours and we ask that this is respected by all. At times before and after school, however, mobile phones offer students and their parents many advantages in terms of ease of communication and a sense of personal safety. For this reason, the school respects the need for students to carry mobile phones, provided students observe the following conditions and courtesies.

Mobile phones and MP3s should not be used during class time for making or receiving calls, sending or receiving text messages, taking photographs or videos, recording conversations, to listen to music or any other unauthorised purpose. Mobile phones and MP3s may be used at lunchtimes, provided such use is appropriate.

At times, teachers may instruct or allow students to use mobile phones or MP3s for specific educational purposes, such as recording an experiment, using music in a dance composition or using an app specific to a subject. At these times students may use their phones but **only when instructed to by their teacher.**

As with all valuable items, students are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones and MP3 players to school due to the potential for loss, theft or damage of the item. Plumpton High School accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to such items including mobile phones.

Should a student have a mobile phone or MP3 at school it must be turned off or placed on silent during lessons and other school activities. It also must be kept securely in the student's bag and not taken out during lessons or other school activities. This will ensure that there is no disruption to the school's learning environment.

Students must not have any material stored on their mobile phones or MP3s which is offensive, harmful or illegal. It is an offence to have images of illegal acts, such as fights, to have pornographic images, to bully or intimidate others through the use of mobile phones or to record people without their consent, on these devices. In such cases the school is required to confiscate mobile phones and refer the matter to police.

Any student who brings a mobile phone or MP3 to school will be responsible for ensuring the above conditions and courtesies are observed. Incidents involving students failing to respect these conditions will be treated in accordance with the Plumpton High School Discipline Policy. The consequences for such cases are shown on the next page of this policy. Students should remember the school's important expectations which apply to all school members.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be A Learner

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Consequences for Unacceptable Use of Mobile Phones and MP3 players

Following are the consequences which apply to the inappropriate use of mobile phones and MP3s, as is consistent with the school's discipline policy.

Unacceptable Use	Consequence
A student who has a mobile phone or MP3 out during a lesson or other school activity.	The student will be reminded to put the phone in their bag immediately.
A student who has a phone in their bag which rings or beeps during a lesson or other school activity.	The student will be reminded to turn the phone off or to silent immediately.
A student who uses a mobile phone or MP3 without specific permission or for an unauthorised purpose during a lesson or other school activities.	The device will be confiscated immediately by a teacher. This will be recorded in the school's mobile phone register. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.
A student who repeatedly has their phone or MP3 out during lessons or other school activities, or fails to have their phone turned off or on silent.	The student will be placed on after-school detention or will be required to complete after-school community service.
A student who does not follow the direction or instruction of a teacher in relation to the inappropriate use of a mobile phone or MP3.	This is a serious offence. The student will be referred to the head teacher who will record the incident on the school's behaviour referral system. The student will be placed on after-school detention in the first instance. This will be much more severe in the case of repeat offenders.
A student who repeatedly uses a mobile phone or MP3 during lessons or other school activity. This will be apparent in the school's mobile phone register.	The student's parents will be contacted and the student will forfeit their right to bring the mobile phone or MP3 to school. The student will be required to complete after-school community service.
A student who uses a mobile phone or other device to record an illegal act, to bully or harass another school member, or to record people without their consent.	The device will be confiscated immediately and may be referred to police. The student's parents will be contacted and the student will forfeit their right to bring the mobile phone to school. The student will be suspended.
A student who has a device containing material which is offensive, illegal or pornographic.	The device will be confiscated immediately and may be referred to police. The student's parents will be contacted and the student will forfeit their right to bring the mobile phone to school. The student will be suspended.

This policy has been initiated by the Student Representative Council and has been endorsed by the staff of Plumpton High School in August 2008. Updated June 2012

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Student Assistance & “The Schoolkids Bonus ”

The Student Assistance Scheme is a fund which has been made available to schools in NSW in varying amounts, by the Department of Education to assist students whose families are legitimately expressing financial hardship, with various costs of schooling.

However, **FUNDS ARE LIMITED** and each application is considered on Merit. It also must be noted that General School Fees are NOT covered by the Student Assistance Scheme

With this in mind, it is an opportune time to recognise the recent Federal Government announcement that Australian families with children at school will get a new cash payment to help with educational costs. It was announced that this payment will start to roll out in June.

Each year, families will receive a new Schoolkids Bonus worth:

- \$410 for each child in primary school
- \$820 for each child in high school.

This new guaranteed payment will help the families pay for uniforms, books, school excursions and stationery.

Because the payment is automatic and upfront, it means:

- Parents don't need to keep receipts for months and months - it's a guaranteed payment.
- Parents will receive the full amount every time, so families won't miss out if they lose receipts.
- Parents don't have to pay out of their own pocket, and then wait months to get paid back the payment will be paid up front, twice a year, before the start of Term 1 and Term 3.
- No paperwork is required.

May I also remind you that participation in elective practical lessons must be limited to those that have relevant fees, as these fees cover the cost of materials and resources required. Furthermore, wearing incorrect footwear to practical lessons in workshops and Science labs is against Occupational Health & Safety regulations, meaning that those students are also excluded from important practical lessons.

If you have any queries regarding the Schoolkids Bonus please visit the following websites:

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/>

<http://www.familyassist.gov.au/>

If you require information regarding fees or uniforms please contact the school.

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School Uniform

It is the expectation of our school community that all students attending Plumpton High School will be dressed in the school uniform. It should be the aim of every student to wear the uniform with pride and to take care of it. Another advantage of having all students in uniform is that it assists teachers to distinguish between intruders and students, thus making school uniform an issue of increased safety.

PE or sports uniforms should only be worn for PE / Sport classes – not to and from school.

Year 7 - 9 Girls

White Plumpton HS crested polo

Black skirt or black $\frac{3}{4}$ shorts or black pants (*not leggings or jeans*)

Red Plumpton HS crested jumper

Enclosed leather shoes

Year 7 - 9 Boys

White Plumpton HS crested polo

Black shorts or black pants (*not jeans*)

Red Plumpton HS crested jumper

Enclosed leather shoes



Year 10 -12 Girls

White Plumpton HS crested senior blouse

Tartan skirt or shorts or black pants (*not leggings or jeans*)

Red Plumpton HS crested jumper

Enclosed leather shoes

Year 7- 9 Girls

White Plumpton HS crested senior shirt

Black shorts or black pants (*not jeans*)

Red Plumpton HS crested jumper

Enclosed leather shoes



INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACULTY

What's on in Industrial Arts?

PHOENIX 5 RACING

OneSteel Phoenix 5 at the F1 in Schools Nationals

The OneSteel Phoenix 5 Racing (Plumpton High School's F1 in Schools Team) travelled to the national competition in late February.

They left for Werribee South Caravan Park in Melbourne early on Sunday morning. The bus left at 7.30am and arrived at 6.30pm. The students thoroughly enjoyed takeaway food for lunch and dinner and once they arrived they knuckled down and worked hard to apply their sponsorship sticker to the car, finishing at midnight.

Monday started with travelling to the venue at Williamstown and registering for the competition. The rest of the day was devoted to finalising and rehearsing their presentation and preparing engineering drawings. The boys worked until 2am on these tasks.

Tuesday was an early start, leaving at 7am to attend a special tour of BAE Systems. Mr Holmes demonstrated his excellent navigation skills to ensure that they made it on time despite the heavy traffic. The tour around the factory was very interesting with BAE Systems working on developing the LHD Multipurpose Warship. The students were also able to see how components are manufactured in a cutting edge industry. After the tour the students were rushed off to the F1 in Schools engineering judging, which was held in a local high school. Mr Thomson was extremely interested to contrast a Victorian high school to our own.

The engineering judging involved comparing the design of the car to the regulations for compliance. The students were told of the excellent features built into their car, but also lost some marks. Next, the students needed to make an 8 minute verbal presentation in front of 3 engineer judges. This was an intense experience and the students did a fantastic job presenting this information in a unique way, impressing the judges in the process. That night dinner was hosted by the F1 in Schools judges at the local RSL.



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Wednesday was the first real day of competition and it was held at the International Air Show at Avalon. The boys were immediately thrown in the deep end having only 1 hour to set their pit display which included vinyl backing panels, TV, Xbox, Race Cars, Business Cards and Sponsorship goodies. The first event on the schedule was a behind the scenes tour of the air show. The students were able to closely examine Sea Hawk helicopters and Global Hawk UAV.



The next event was two intense interviews where the boys would be judged on their ability to explain to the judges how the car was made, the engineering decisions made during design, the computer software they used and the testing processes used during car development.

The final event for the day was racing. This was not as successful as hoped and the car was slow taking 1.202 seconds to travel 20m when the top teams finished in 1.060 seconds. This was attributed to a heavy car and lack of testing, but it was still an exciting experience. After racing it was back to the air show to see USAF F22 Raptors, RAAF F/A18E Super Hornets and the Red Bull racing pilots flying low and fast – Zooodooom!

The final day of competition was full of nervous excitement to see who the winner would be. The first competition was called “reaction timing” where Adeel manually launched the car. He was the quickest, launching the car with a reaction time of 0.068 seconds, but the car was just too slow to make an impact on the other teams. Next the boys were judged on their portfolio and pit booth display. While there were some elements that were innovative and praised by the judges, overall the other displays by the top teams were better presented. The final competition for the day was knockout racing and we got to the second round.



Finally the competition was over and the awards were presented. Out of 18 teams from across Australia, only 6 awards were presented. The OneSteel Phoenix 5 Racing team won the “Best Marketing” award thanks to our sponsor OneSteel. Overall the OneSteel Phoenix 5 Racing team placed 10th out of 18. The winning team came from NSW and won 3 awards. They will be attending the International Competition in Houston, Texas, and will get to visit the F1 Grand Prix and NASA. The boys were very humble and congratulated every team they competed against.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACULTY

Friday was an early day with a 6am rise and a long drive home, finally arriving at 4.30pm, not that the boys noticed as they slept most of the way home.

The OneSteel Phoenix 5 Racing team were:

- Adeel Shams
- Cameron Huff-Watt
- Alvin Kumar
- Muneeb Zahid
- Samarth Gorwadia

Special thanks must be given to Mr Thomson and Mr Holmes for their massive effort to get the boys ready for competition.

Sponsors of the OneSteel Phoenix 5 Racing Team:

- OneSteel
- Blacktown City Council
- Copy Print
- 1985 Designs
- Auto Masters
- GMB Signs



INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACULTY

Dressed for Success

Students at Plumpton High School are expected to be in uniform when attending school. Practical subjects, in particular, have specific requirements for shoes to help ensure student safety.

What to wear?

All students are required by law to wear firm leather upper shoes in practical lessons. This is so that their feet are protected in case of falling objects, chemical or other issues.



What not to wear?

Any shoe that have an open, fabric, mesh upper or soft sole are NOT permitted in the practical rooms. These shoes pose a WHS risk in the practical classroom environment and should not be worn.

OnGuard Safety Tests

All students in Industrial Arts and Agriculture class are required to complete safety tests. These safety tests are online and can be accessed on the following website:

<http://www.1300acepro.com/OnGuardACEPro/?schoolId=plumptonhighschool.nsw>

Students should have a login and password however if they are unsure they can ask any Industrial Arts teacher for assistance.



Fees

All parents are reminded that fees are due for Industrial Arts subjects. Please remember to pay for these to help support the learning opportunities available in the Industrial Arts faculty.

PDHPE FACULTY

We have had a great start to 2013 in PDHPE, we held our annual school swimming carnival on **Friday 8th February**. The weather was in our favour this year and it was an awesome day with a great turn out of students competing in a variety of activities, from races, to in the water and out of the water novelty events. The Year 12's turned out all kitted up in their commando costumes to lead the troops.

The Winning House for the day was **Karinga on 811**, with Halkirk coming 2nd on 621, Woodstock 3rd on 363 and last but not least Dangar on 264. These points will be carried over to the Athletics Carnival in week 11, Wednesday 10th April! Karinga will be able to defend their first place position while those students in Dangar need to make sure they all participate in as many events as possible to increase their chance of taking the lead.

On the day we had one record broken by **Tayla Martin** in the 50 metre breaststroke, which is an outstanding achievement on its own, however, she also achieved age champion on the day. She then went on to compete at Zone, where she won age champion of the Mount Druitt Zone! Great work Tayla.

Brittany Good and **Georgia Lambert**, also managed to achieve age champions our carnival, then continued on to receive Zone age champions as well great work ladies!

At our swimming carnival the Boys Age Champions consisted of: 12 Years boys Blake Muscat, 13 Years boys Shaun McDonald, 14 years boys Jamie Collachie, 15 years boys Matt Nance, 16 years boys Brendan Lal and 17+ boys Todd Martin. The Girls Age Champions consisted of: 12 years girls Piper Jacobs, 13 years girls Chloe Jensen, 14 years girls Tayla Martin, 15 years girls Georgia Lambert and 17+ girls Brittany Good! Great work guys.

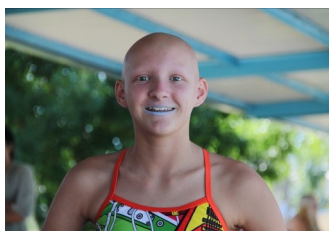
Congratulations to the following students who were successful at our swimming carnival and made it to Zone.

Boys

Blake Muscat
Kyle Swan
Shaun McDonald
Josh Dyde
Zac Good
Raymond Hupton
Dylan Van den Bos
Jamie Collachi
Griffin Jacobs
Baden Smith
Cameron Huf
Matt Nance
William Andrews
Brendan Ieq
Corey Reynolds
Josh McKay
Todd Martin
Jayden Grech
Blake Toogood

Girls

Brittany Good
Rebecca Gomez
Emmalee Saaghy
Tayla Gerard
Georgia Lambert
Taylor Nutt
Tayla Martin
Brooke Zamit
Joy Tedesci
Chloe Jensen
Amy Bolehala
Danielle Mitchell
Jessica Szakacs
Piper Jacobs



At Zone we had the following students successful in making it through to the Regional Carnival and we wish them the best of luck!

Boys

Blake Muscat,
Shaun McDonald
Kyle Swan
Zac Good
Raymond Hupton
Dylan Van den Bos
Jamie Collachi
Griffin Jacobs
Cameron Huf
Matt Nance
William Andrews
Josh McKay

Girls

Brittany Good
Georgia Lambert
Tayla Martin
Brooke Zamit
Amy Bolehala
Jessica Szakacs
Piper Jacobs



PDHPE

Rooty Hill vs Plumpton - March 6, 2013

On Wednesday the opens boys cricket team played Rooty Hill in the Davidson Shield Knockout. It was a great first up effort by our boys. Omar took a wicket in his first over and it was the start of a dominant display. Apart from one batsman the Plumpton side dominated every batsman, eventually Rooty Hill finishing their 40 overs at 9/118. Standout was Jack Sloane taking 4 wickets. The batting started very shakily with Jack being dismissed second ball. Then Skipper Ben Dodd and Omar Obaide steadied the ship, amassing the total in only 25 overs for the loss of 4 wickets. Skipper Dodd top scored with 39 not out.

1st Innings: Rooty Hill

BATSMAN	STATUS	Rs	Bs	4s	6s	SR
Ryan Fitz	c Obeidi b Sloane	54	95	3	1	56
Aaron A	c Hebb b Obeidi	0	2	0	0	0
Ben Nightingale	b Johnson	5	44	0	0	11
Thomas Suall	c Robinson b Johnson	2	22	0	0	9
Dylan Marshall	c Johnson b Sloane	2	15	0	0	13
Paul McCarthy	c Hebb b Sloane	2	10	0	0	20
Tyler Cooke	c Robinson b Hebb	16	31	0	0	51
Troy Elcock	c Jacobs b Jacobs	0	4	0	0	0
Allan Tuigamala	c Dodd b Sloane	2	2	0	0	100
Callan Brechbuhl	not out	6	16	0	0	37
Jackson Peterson	not out	4	4	0	0	100
TOTAL	<i>Extras: 26 (16wd 6nb 3b 1lb)</i>					118-9

BOWLER	O	R	W	Econ
Damny Sloane	5	10	0	2.00
Omar Obeidi	6	8	1	1.33
Bryson Johnson	6	9	2	1.50
Farid Farjad	2	20	0	10.00
Ben Dodd	7	32	0	4.57
Jack Sloane	9	17	4	1.89
Griffin Jacobs	2	9	1	4.50
Liam Hebb	3	12	1	4.00

2nd Innings: Plumpton

BATSMAN	STATUS	Rs	Bs	4s	6s	SR
Jack Sloane	c Suall b Fitz	0	2	0	0	0
Ben Dodd	not out	39	64	1	0	60
Dean Robinson	c Tuigamala b A	19	25	3	0	76
Omar Obeidi	c Suall b McCarthy	27	29	4	0	93
Damny Sloane	runout (Tuigamala)	7	11	0	0	63
Jason Robinson	not out	4	18	0	0	22
TOTAL	<i>Extras: 24 (16wd 2nb 2b 3lb)</i>					119-4

BOWLER	O	R	W	Econ
Ryan Fitz	5	25	1	5.00
Aaron A	5	19	1	3.80
Paul McCarthy	6	26	1	4.33
Dylan Marshall	3	19	0	6.33
Jackson Peterson	2	9	0	4.50
Ben Nightingale	2	6	0	3.00
Thomas Suall	2	11	0	5.50

PDHPE

Mt Druitt Cup – U15s rugby league 7/3/13

Whalan Reserve

Plumpton High's U15s rugby league team played in the Mt Druitt Cup on Thursday 7th of March, 2013. This team was comprised of year 9 and 10 students.

The Mt Druitt Cup is a trial for selection into the zone rugby league team which will enter the Sydney West Championships. All schools within the Mt Druitt zone entered a team.

The boys met Rooty Hill in their first game, however, they were quite anxious and this resulted in a lot of dropped ball. This denied the boys possession and prevented them from obtaining any field position. Unfortunately, the boys were defeated 3-0.

In the second round, Plumpton met Doonside. The boys markedly improved their performance. Possession was the key due to the short duration of the game. The boys completed their sets and won the game 3-1.

Plumpton's last game was against Chifley Mt Druitt. Once again the boys executed the simple yet effective game plan. An outstanding kicking and passing game from Corey Reynolds enabled the boys to win 2-0.

Four students from Plumpton High were selected to represent the Mt Druitt zone: Corey Reynolds, Isaia Tone, Alex Aleki and Joseph Howard.

Congratulations to all of the boys.

Team list – Alex Aleki, Isaia Tone, Corey Reynolds, Jesse Jakob, Isaiah Tidemann, Tyrone Tiedemann, Nikodemo Pureariki, Joseph Howard, Josh Young, Motu Lamkam, Jason Raymond, Ben Duncan, Abraham Abdul-Ahed, William Andrews, Jeffersen Iro Valoa, Jerome Misa, Shawn Hughes.



BEACON UPDATE



The CEO of Beacon Foundation, Mr Scott Harris talked about the direction of Beacon within schools and the goal of generating actual jobs from the partnerships formed between school and businesses. Mr Matt Smith from Fuji Xerox was the guest speaker and he talked about his career and why his business volunteers its time to help the community and he felt that it was an opportunity for his staff to become more engaged with their own work as they felt a stronger sense of community spirit when they volunteered. Many of PHS staff attended and enjoyed talking to businesses partners and students.

Ms Devlin, Mr Ezzy, Mr Smith, Miss Pendespiti, Mr Holmes and Mr Adamski attended and enjoyed the delicious food on offer from Rooty Hill RSL.

It was an early start for some of our year 10 students and I am proud of their exemplary leadership and communication skills demonstrated during the Breakfast. Congratulations –

Allana Young, Mitchell LeRoy, Rikki-Lee Balcombe, Caitlin Prevet, Erica Condon, Latischa Dehaan, Jacob Elchoghri, Alex Bulan, Eunice Flores, Glen Estrella, Kristyn Friesendorff, Shaneal Garillo, Aaima Kausar, Maryam Kausar, Shivani Reddy, Hagen Rieck, Deslyn Sinha and Shanal Chand.

The breakfast was coordinated and kept on agenda by our 2 fantastic school captains Emma Stylli and Kristian Jimenez, they managed to MC the event whilst networking with corporate sponsors.

On Friday 8th March, 18 year 10 students participated in the TOLL Leadership event which assists business managers in their development of leadership models within their workplace. Our students were outstanding and demonstrated their strong communication skills as well as their ideas about leadership and working with people. The business partners from TOLL said that the feedback given by students was well thought out and useful for their frameworks. They also said that the future of Australia is in good hands with the younger generation.

Congratulations – ***Dominic Narayan, Chanuka Nanayakkara, Kristyn Friesendorff, Hagen Rieck, Roslyn Cameron, Harman Kaur, Sasha Murray, Josh Jenkins, Christy Velasco, Muneeb Faroqi, Mohammad Razi Amjad, Harry McNair, Mitchell LeRoy, Allana Young, Rikki-Lee Balcombe, Dominic Moresi, Setcita Manukeu and Tyrone Tiedemann***

Future Beacon Dates –

Fundraising at the athletics carnival 10th April

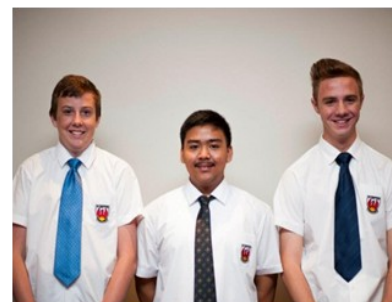
Mock Interviews 19th June

Speed Careering 7th August

Charter Signing 26th November

Dates TBA – Polish, Lunch with the Girls and BBQ with the Boys

If any year 10 students wish to join the Beacon Ambassador team please see Mrs Tanti or Miss Pendespiti for further details.



Thanks
Mrs Tanti

LIBRARY

Welcome to all the new students to our school library. Hopefully by this time you have settled into your new school and have found us, and are using the facilities on offer. Please make sure that you come to the library to organise a **library ID card** which is to be used for borrowing books, computers and board games. Year 7's will get their cards toward the end of term when the school photos have arrived. Up till then you may use the facilities on request at the front desk. Please note that these cards are to be used for Year 8 as well so look after them and bring them to school every day.

Year 9's and 11's will get a new library card **on request** at the library front desk. This will have an updated photo on it and is to be used also for the following year. If you do not want one you may continue to use your old one. If you have lost your card it is advisable to request a new one so that you can access library facilities.

LIBRARY MONITORS for 2013:

Aaima and Maryam Kausar, Eunice Flores (Yr 10); Sana Dehsabzi, Luke Hancock, Kate Walker, Christian Gatchalion. Reya Roy (Yr 9) and Isabella Mirian (Yr 8). My thanks go to these reliable students who give up some of their lunchtimes to assist with the shelving of books and keeping the library tidy.

EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOUR

The library area is now being shared by the Da Vinci Centre who are using the top level. Thus, at lunchtimes we are quite full and sometimes it can get too noisy. Students are requested to be considerate of others and realise that the library is not just a meeting place and extension of playground but also where study and research might be taking place. Soon there will be more changes, with new stylish, modern furniture that is more conducive to differential education methods, allowing flexibility and innovation in class lessons. This is very exciting. However, at lunchtimes remember that it is a library and as such should have a peaceful atmosphere of quiet conversation in small groups so that those who wish to work are able to do so. I thank you for your efforts on this behalf.



CHESS We have quite a strong chess interest at PHS and have won several trophies over the years. I welcome any new students who play chess to visit the library at lunchtimes and be introduced to other keen players. At the moment they are practising for the **Junior Chess Contest** which is on **Tuesday 9 April**. While this will determine the junior champion, there are also other prizes for Top of a Year level. To encourage girls to play I also have a Top Girl prize and Highly Commended. So while you may not feel you will be the champion, come and give it a try and you might surprise yourself by earning a small prize. We have interschool teams too, for Yr 7-8 and Yr 9-10 that begin their contest in Term 2. This is an excellent way to develop your skills. On Friday 15th March our team received 3rd place in the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Challenge. So we are through to the semi finals later this year. Well done particularly to **Nicholas Douglas & Natkhawit Chompoo** who received trophies respectively for Individual 3rd & 5th places.



READING CLUB On a Wednesday Lunch 2 we have quiet reading in the library where we reclaim the library for reading for 30 mins. Any students, junior or senior, are welcome to join us but must come prepared with a **fiction book in their hand** as they come through the door of the library. They can prepare by finding a book in Lunch 1 or bring one from home. They are allowed to bring in their bags and eat their lunch while reading in a corner of the library quietly by themselves. An optional extra is to join our "**Book of the Month Club**" at the end of each month discuss this book over cool drink and biscuits. At the end of the year a **Readership Trophy** is awarded for the junior student who has shown me the most enthusiastic and diligent reading habits.

I look forward to seeing everyone at some time this year in the library.

Mrs Pitt Teacher-Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS



Blacktown Workers Junior Rugby League Club "The Club of the Future"

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Junior registrar Janice Dean: 0433 667 255
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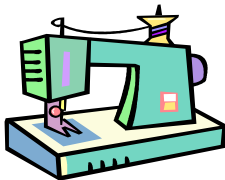
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PD 2	10:00 am	11:15 am
LUNCH 1	11:15 am	11:45 am
PD3	11:45 am	1:00 pm
LUNCH 2	1:00 pm	1:30 pm
PD 4	1:30 pm	2:45 pm

Uniform Shop is open
Tuesdays: 8am to 12 pm
Thursday: 11am to 3 pm

2013 Concession Cards are now available if you are 16 years and older. Collect from The Rolls Office in your own time.

