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### CALENDAR TERM 4 2010

- Dec 10 - Presentation Day
- Dec 10 - Last day  
(year 10 only)
- Dec 15 - Last day  
(years 7, 8, 9 & 12)

### CALENDAR TERM 1 2011

- Jan 31 - School Resumes  
(years 7, 11 & 12)
- Feb 1 - School Resumes  
(years 8, 9 & 10)
- Feb 2 - Swimming Carnival  
(whole school)

A SAFE AND MERRY  
CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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TERM 4 WEEK 9 2010

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Chinese Cultural Visit

Plumpton High School hosted 12 students, three staff and the city Deputy Mayor from Kuitun No. 1 High School in the Xinjiang province of China. Their school only has years 11 and 12 but has a population of 3600 students with an average class size of 50. Xinjiang Province itself has a documented history of over 2500 years, a population in excess of twenty million and borders Mongolia, Tibet, India, Pakistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan. The province is approximately 1000km from the nearest coastline and for many of the students it was their first experience walking on a beach when they went to Bondi.

While we have previously hosted a tour group from Japan for a single day this eleven day stay was our school's first long term cultural exchange which involved home stay experiences. Our visitors touched and created an unforeseen level of awareness and connection with so many of our students and staff, especially our current year 12.

A wonderful program of events was created and managed by Mr Domingo. Highly creative and engaging ESL (English) lessons were provided by Mr Rodriguez and Ms Shukla also went above and beyond expectations by hosting four students herself and conducting a disco birthday party for all of the visitors at her home.

Our visitors shared classes, went on excursions to Darling Harbour, Sydney Harbour, Sydney University, Taronga Park Zoo and Katoomba. As a finale they left us with memorable performances of song, poetry, film and Kung Fu at their farewell assembly on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

A huge degree of gratitude must be made to the families of Ryan and Lachlan Cook, Omar Obaidi, Christine Ebuenga, Teagan and Brodie Routh and Ms Shukla for offering their homes to the Chinese students and then caring, feeding, transporting and providing them with wonderful home experiences throughout their stay.

The staff from Kuitun No.1 High School were so impressed by our hospitality that they are eager to establish a sister school partnership where our students could also experience life in their school and homes.



Please refer to the school's website to see photos of the tour.

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## Year Group Information

The students of year 10 and the graduating students of year 12 had their formals at Rooty Hill RSL and Penrith Panthers respectively. The manner in which the students of both these cohorts conducted themselves was exemplary and they were indeed a credit to themselves, the school and their families. The smoothness and professionalism of both events was testament to the outstanding organisation by Mr Sharma and Mr Dale for year 10 and Ms Atai and Ms O'Connor for year 12.

On behalf of the school I wish the students of year 12 and those who are leaving us from year 10 the very best in their future endeavours. The School Certificates will be available for collection from the school's administration office on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December and the HSC results will be available online on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (refer to the NSW Board of Studies website for details).



While our year 12 students are celebrating the end of the High School years we will soon be welcoming the incoming year 7 students for 2011. A very well attended Information night was held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November and our transition day was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The transition day was well organised by the Year Adviser, Ms O'Connor and Assistant Year Adviser Ms Landon. It was an exciting taste of high school life as students were guided to classes by our trained year 9 Peer Leaders whom answered questions and helped to alleviate any trepidations that the year 6 students may have had on the day.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November thirty five students played a significant role in the Western Sydney Young Leadership Day. Plumpton High School hosted nineteen visiting schools represented by over one hundred students. The day had a strong focus on harmony, tolerance and understanding. Ms Shukla is to be congratulated on her outstanding coordination of this very important event.

The beginning of this term marked the start of the HSC year for the incoming year 12. It is important to realise that attendance and application are both extremely important ingredients for successful outcomes in all courses offered within the HSC. Also of great significance this term was the extremely powerful and life saving Young Drivers Awareness program coordinated by Rotary. This program has been organised for our year 12 students over the last 6 years with outstanding feedback by both staff and students that have attended. Significant sponsorship was organised through Rotary and Rooty Hill RSL to help minimise costs.

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## Building Program

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November our six fully refurbished Science laboratories were officially opened by the former local Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Richard Amery. These facilities have made an enormous impact to the teaching and learning environment in Science. It was therefore fitting that the opening ceremony was conducted in one of the laboratories. It was an outstanding success with inspiring speeches from our school captains, intriguing science experiments, involving audience participation, were conducted by science staff and a wonderful musical performance by school leaders Andrew Farrugia and Shannon Pilkington concluded the event.



The new 2.3 million dollar Community Performing Arts Hall funded by the Federally funded *Local Schools Working Together* Scheme is finally about to start construction. As this newsletter is being printed the construction company will bring in building site sheds and erect safety fencing. It is envisaged that this exciting project will be completed by the end of June next year.

## Special Dates

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 9:00am.** The annual PHS Presentation Ceremony will be conducted in the Performing Arts Centre to acknowledge and award students who have excelled in the areas of academia, sport and community. This is also the last day at Plumpton High School for year 10.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** The last day at Plumpton High School for all students in years 7, 8, 9 and the incoming year 12. The NSW Department of Education and Training has designated the last two days of term 4 to be staff development days. Staff will be required to undergo training and development on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December

In 2011 school will resume on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January** for staff, **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January** for years 7, 11 & 12 and **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** for years 8, 9 & 10. The school swimming carnival will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** which is very early next year primarily due to increasing demand on Mt Druitt Pool.

On behalf of the staff at Plumpton High School I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful break and look forward to starting another exciting year in 2011.

Peter Ezzy

Deputy Principal

# MATHS FACULTY

## Australian Mathematics Competition

Each year, Plumpton High School students enter the Australian Mathematics Competition. In 2010, we had record numbers of students enter and they achieved some fine results, including two Distinctions to John Trinidad (Year 8) and Kavishay Prasad (Year 11) and five Credits, Deslyn Sinha and Dominic Narayan (Year 7), Alvin Kumar (Year 8), Umair-Ahmed Shams (Year 10) and Suelynn Petrella (Year 11).

**Well done to all who had a go!**

### Year 7

Deslyn Sinha  
Dominic Narayan  
Shanal Chand  
Mattison Tabone  
Mohamad Toghee

### Year 8

John Trinidad  
Alvin Kumar  
Jessica Honeysett  
Jacob Lambert  
Benjamin Munday  
Adeel Shams  
Ann-Marie Jarrett  
Montanna Ceh Stone  
Lisa Huntington  
Kiara Fittler  
Tayla Firth  
Kerri-Anne Kendrick

### Year 9

Joshua Cristofoli  
Jayden Mallinson

### Year 10

Umair-Ahmed Shams  
Zeeraak Shaikh  
Kyle Livioco  
Zishan Joyia

### Year 11

Kavishay Prasad  
Suelynn Petrella  
Manpreet Banwait  
Shayal Chand  
Sharriff Rahman

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### Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

Monday	17th January	-	8.00am - 2.00pm
Friday	21st January	-	8.00am - 2.00pm
Monday	24th January	-	8.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday	27th January	-	8.00am - 2.00pm
Friday	28th January	-	8.00am - 2.00pm
Monday	31st January	-	8.00am - 4.00pm

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# INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACULTY

## What's on in Industrial Arts?

Well, it is now nearing the end of the year. While we may all be tired and looking forward to our summer break, there is still a lot of interesting things happening in Industrial Arts.

## Time for a fling!

Stage 5 Engineering has been creating an awful lot of interesting contraptions this year. It has been interesting to see how students have been able to use their creativity to meet certain challenges. The most recent project has been a Trebuchet. The Trebuchet is an ancient war machine. It originated in China and has been used to menace cities for hundreds of years. It was only made obsolete when the Cannon was invented. The classes were required to make a Trebuchet and they used these to 'fling' a small ball. After much heated competition and accusations from Mr Thompson that there was cheating involved, the longest throw was 18.5 metres by Denzel Lacanlale.

## Taking the Penrith Show by storm...

In late August a group of students from Plumpton High School went to the 167<sup>th</sup> Penrith Show to showcase our school's Agriculture studies and to display Pebbles the calf. Despite Ms Burton falling ill and being unable to attend, other staff pulled together and the students put on an excellent display.

The school won the following awards:

- The Renshaw Trophy
- Reserved Champion – Calf Rearing
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Calf Rearing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Horticulture
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Vegetables
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Poultry Judging
- Amanda Coulthard

As can be seen we were very successful at the show. A huge thanks needs to be extended to all staff and students involved in the show. Without their help outside of school hours we would not have been able to attend.



# INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACULTY

## Time to get wet!

Year 7 Engineering has been full of excitement this year. Recently the students completed Bottle Rockets. These are rockets that are made from soft drink bottles and are filled with pressurised air and water. The rockets would travel up to 20 metres and shower everyone behind them with water – great fun was had by all!



## New bus bay assembly point

A new concrete bus bay assembly area has recently been constructed in the school's nature trail. This will provide a much dryer and safer area for our students who wait for buses of an afternoon and for excursions.

Mr Phillips years 9 & 10 Work Studies class spent countless lessons levelling and preparing the ground and then laying the formwork while Mr Shakespeare and Mr Emerson's year 9 Construction class spread and levelled twelve cubic metres of concrete to form the slab that will be the assembly point for all future bus travel. The finished result is outstanding and over the holiday period safety fencing will also be erected around the slab leading to the exit gate.



# INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACULTY

*The View from IA – as seen by Mr Attard*





# Plumpton High School 2011

## Book/Stationary Requirements



### **English:**

240 page exercise book  
120 page book -for journal

### **Maths:**

240 page Grid Book  
Scientific Calculator (available at school)  
Geometry Set

### **Science:**

240 page exercise book  
Safety Glasses

### **Geography/Commerce:**

128 page Exercise book

### **History:**

128 page Exercise book

### **PD/Health/PE**

128 page Exercise book  
School PE Uniform  
Hat  
Drink bottle  
Roll-on deodorant

### **TAS- Food Tech etc**

128 page Exercise book  
Leather shoes

### **TAS-Woodwork etc**

128 page Exercise book  
Leather shoes  
Safety glasses  
Ear plugs  
Blank DVD/Case

### **Creative and Performing Arts- Music**

128 page Exercise book

### **Creative and Performing Arts- Visual Arts**

A4 White page Sketch book  
2B Pencils

### **Creative and Performing Arts- Photography**

A4 Black page Sketch book

### **Creative and Performing Arts- Dance/Drama**

128 page Exercise book  
Display folder

### **Other Electives**

Details will be given at the beginning of next year

### **General Requirements for ALL lessons**

Pencil Case:

- ◇ 2 blue pens, 1 black pen, 1 red pen
- ◇ Coloured Pencils
- ◇ Ruler
- ◇ Rubber/Eraser
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Glue
- ◇ Sharpener

USB at least 1-2GB is highly recommended  
Bag big enough to carry all equipment everyday