



## From the Junior School

Dear Parents

### **PYP Evaluation:**

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week Mario Gauci and Di Fisk from the International Baccalaureate Organisation have been in the Junior School talking to staff, students, parents and the School Council about the Primary Years Programme and how it is implemented at PLC. A self study completed over the past six months, and was provided as preparation for the visit. We have spent the three days in rich dialogue with them about all aspects of teaching and learning in our School. It has been a valuable time for us and we are looking forward to receiving their report.

### **Celebration of Learning:**

Next week our Celebration of Learning is to be held at Scotch College in the Dickinson Centre on Wednesday 25 November commencing at 6.30 pm. Students who are members of SHOUT and TOAST and those Year 6 girls who are Notables are expected to be at Scotch by 5.30 pm. All other students should arrive at 6.00 pm.

We will be rehearsing at Scotch College on Tuesday and Wednesday. As these will be dress rehearsals, the students should all wear PE uniform to and from school. As students will be taken to and from Scotch by bus we would appreciate it if all students arrived at school ready to move to the buses at 8.30 am each day. The following special arrangements are of importance for parents to note:

- \* Students in Years 1 to 4 are to bring morning tea in disposable containers on Tuesday and Wednesday. They should also have with them a water bottle that can be retained.

- \* Students in Year 5 and 6 will need a water bottle for both days. On Tuesday they will also need a snack that can be eaten easily without any mess. As their rehearsal ends at 3.30 pm on Tuesday we would appreciate it if parents could collect their daughters from Scotch College at that time. The collection will be from the roundabout outside the College canteen which is on the corner of Wright and Shenton Roads. Please email your child's class teacher if you are unable to do this. These girls will be brought back to PLC by bus and taken to After School Care.

### **Swimming:**

Attached to this newsletter you will find a notice from Gemma Wood about Swimming in 2010. Our girls will be participating in a two week block of swimming at the University of Western Australia. As swimming commences early in the year, we would appreciate it if you could fill the forms in and return them to Year 1-6 teachers before the end of the year.

### **Christmas cards and gifts:**

At this time of the year students often want to give cards and gifts to their friends as Christmas is a time of giving and celebration. We do however ask that gifts are not exchanged at school nor chocolates or candies handed out. Christmas cards that are hand made or purchased from charity organizations reinforce our message of the focus being on the true Christmas message and giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. When handing out cards children need to take time to consider the feelings of all the members of their class, and not just a few select friends. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Last Day:**

The last day of the School year is Wednesday 2 December 2009.

Pre-Kindergarten students will finish as usual at 12.00 pm.

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students will finish at 12.15 pm.

Students in Year 1 to 4 will finish at 12.30 pm.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will finish at 12.45 pm.

Pick-up is from the usual slipways. Our staggered end to the day is simply to attempt to reduce the traffic flow in and around the School at this time. Parking will also be available on the tennis courts. Teachers will be on duty until 1.00 pm.

I hope that the last two weeks of the 2009 school year are happy ones for all members of the PLC community.

With kind regards

**Janet Wilmot**  
**Head of Junior School**

## School News

### **PYP Evaluation Visit**

The PYP Evaluation visit officially began at 8.00 am, Wednesday 18 November, 2009. However, Mario Gauci and Di Fisk began their review of PLC well in advance of this visit. During October the Junior School was required to send through a standard list of documentation. Members of the Junior School community had been working on elements of this Self Study Questionnaire since the beginning of the year. It was a comprehensive array of documents that were sent to the Singapore office. This was all sent digitally and to give you some idea of the quantity of documentation, it took a number of hours to upload.

Since beginning their visit on Wednesday morning, Mario and Di have had a very busy schedule. This has included visits to classrooms, engaging with students, meeting with the PLC Principal and Junior School Head, discussions with Junior School teachers and meeting with the Education Sub-Committee of the PLC Board.

At the conclusion of the visit on Friday afternoon, Mario and Di will debrief the staff sharing their commendations and recommendations. I will share this information with you in the next newsletter.

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) This is the link for information about IB and PYP.

**Term 4 Calendar** can be downloaded [here](#)

### **Pre-Primary Nativity**

The Pre-Primary Nativity is for parents and friends of the Pre-Primary students and is held in the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel. This year it will be on Tuesday 1 December starting at 9.00am.

### **PLC Auxiliary**

The last meeting of the PLC Auxiliary for 2009 is Monday 23 November. This Auxiliary meeting starts at 11.00 am. Parents are asked to park at Star of the Sea Church, entry from McNeil Street.

Please click on the following link to view the minutes of the last meeting and all previous minutes for the year - <http://www.plc.wa.edu.au/contact.aspx?pagename=Auxiliary&flag=6>

If you would like to make any suggestions regarding the Auxiliary, please email [auxiliary@plc.wa.edu.au](mailto:auxiliary@plc.wa.edu.au)

### **Vacation Care Special**

OSHC will be open for full days (8.00 am – 6.00 pm) on Thursday 3 December and Friday 4 December. Please contact Brenda Bishop, OSHC Coordinator, to enrol for these days.

### **Vacation Care**

PLC Vacation Care [enrolment forms](#) are now available for December / January. Parents please be aware that all-day care will be available for PLC students immediately after the closure of school. However, the Vacation Care programme is open to all children (PLC and non PLC) does not commence until Monday 7 December. For enquiries please contact Brenda Bishop, OSHC Coordinator, on 94246508 or 0408 884 797 or [bbishop@plc.wa.edu.au](mailto:bbishop@plc.wa.edu.au)

### **Outside School Hours Care**

Please complete the enrolment form by clicking [here](#) and return to Outside School Hours Care Co-ordinator Brenda Bishop 94246508 or 0408 884 797 or [bbishop@plc.wa.edu.au](mailto:bbishop@plc.wa.edu.au)

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**Clothing Shop Hours****2009**

23 November – 27 November 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

30 November - 3 December 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

**2010**

18 January – 22 January 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

25 January – 29 January 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Closed 26 January – Australia Day

1 February – 4 February 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Normal shop hours: Tuesday and Thursday 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm Wednesday 8.00 am – 1.30 pm

Also open on the first Monday of each new term - 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

**Physical Education and Co-curricular News**

Term 1 2010 Sport [Enrolment Form](#)

Term 1 2010 Sport [Timetable](#)

Term 1 2010 [Swimming Note](#)

Please download this form and return it to school.

**Music****5/6 Choir**

Please note: All girls in the Year 5/6 Choir must attend practice this Monday 23 November at 7.30 am in the JS Hall. As this is our last practice for the year, we require everyone to attend.

**Junior School Concert Band**

All girls in Junior School Concert Band please remember to bring your instruments and music to school for our combined school rehearsal Monday 23 November, commencing at 8.20 am in the JS Hall.

**Year 6 Swimming Training**

In 2010 the Year 7's will be integrated into the Independent Girls School Sporting Association (IGSSA) Swimming Carnival, to be held on Friday 12 March. Students have a great opportunity to experience what is one of the most exciting and prestigious sporting events on the School calendar.

We invite your daughter to PLC swimming training from 6.30 am – 7.45 am at Scotch College on Friday 20 November and Friday 27 November.

The bus leaves PLC at 6.15 am from outside the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel, and returns all students to School at 8:00 am. Students are welcome to eat breakfast in the Senior School Cafeteria.

**Community News****Year 6 Parent Function**

Year 6 parents are invited to an end of year party on Saturday 28 November at the Mosman Park Bowling Club. To view the flyer, click here: <http://admin.aussiehome.com/plc/userfiles/Yr%206%20end%20of%20year%20party.pdf>

**Year 3 Parent Function**

Year 3 parents are invited to attend a Christmas Party at the home of Liesl and Alistair Brogan on Sunday 29 November. The flyer for the event can be viewed here: <http://admin.aussiehome.com/plc/userfiles/xmas%20party%20yr%203.pdf>

**Canteen Changes**

Due to rehearsals for the Year 1 - 6 Celebration of Learning at Scotch College, the canteen will be closed on Tuesday 24 November and Wednesday 25 November.

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## Canteen Roster

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Nov	23	Monday	Anita Eftos
	24	Tuesday	Canteen closed
	25	Wednesday	Canteen closed
	26	Thursday	Kerrie Shannon
	27	Friday	Margo Zimmer

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## Dates, Activities and Events Timetable

Nov 23 Monday 7.40 am - 8.20 am Suzuki String Group

7.30 am Year 5/6 Choir

8.20 am Junior School Concert Band

24 Tuesday 7.40 am - 8.20 am Suzuki String Group

7.30 am - 8.20 am JS Concert Band

8.45 am Celebration of Learning Rehearsals - Scotch College

25 Wednesday 7.30 am - 8.20 am Vivaldi Orchestra

7.40 am - 8.20 am Suzuki Strings

6.30 pm Celebration of Learning, Dickinson Centre

26 Thursday 7.30 am - 8.20 am Years 5 - 6 Choir

7.40 am - 8.20 am Suzuki String Group

27 Friday 7.40 am - 8.20 am Suzuki String Group

7.30 am - 8.20 am SHOUT Percussion

7.40 am - 8.20 am Cello Suzuki

Orientation Day Year Pre-Kindergarten - Pre-Primary

8.30 am JS Assembly HDDC Semester Awards

### **Important Dates:**

Celebration of Learning Wednesday 25 November 2009

**Last Day of School Wednesday 2 December**