

Penrith Public School Newsletter



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Forward With Pride

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Important Dates 2017

TERM 4

OCTOBER

- 20 Neighbourhood Walk –Year 1 & 2
- 23-31 Swimming Scheme
- 23 P & C Meeting & AGM
- 25 Neighbourhood Walk –Kindy
- 27 KF Assembly -Modified
- 30 Kick-start to Kindergarten-1st Session

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Swimming Scheme
- 3 Penrith Cup Netball
- 8 Performance Assembly at 11.45am
- 10 KL Assembly
- 13 Kick-start to Kindergarten-2nd Session
- 15 Lakes Excursion-Year 1
- 16 Lakes Excursion-Year 2
- 20 P & C Meeting
- 24 Loose coin round up winners announced
- 24 2S Assembly-Modified
- 27 Kick-start to Kindergarten-3rd Session
- 30 Gold Award Assembly

MONEY/NOTES DUE

Swim Scheme - Payment in full by **18 October**
Neighbourhood Walk –Permission Note **OVERDUE**
Lakes Excursion Note & Payment due **9 November**

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School Banking

8:45 – 9:10am
Every Tuesday
under the COLA

Clothing Pool

Every Wednesday at
8.45am - 9.15am

Please note
NO ONE is to enter the
room unless a P&C
helper is present.

Class Assemblies

Commence at 11.45am
on selected Fridays and
run for approx 1 hour.
Parents and Caregivers
are welcome to attend
these assemblies

All Notes & School Newsletters are accessible on our School Website

Limited Paper copies of the newsletter are available outside the Office.

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to what is typically the busiest term of the year.

P&C Annual General Meeting – Our P&C AGM and meeting have been postponed by one week. The meeting will take place on Monday 30 October. All welcome.

External Validation – Our school went through the Department of Education External Validation process last Thursday. The EV panel looked at the evidence we compiled as a staff, measuring our achievements and progress on our strategic directions against the Department's School Excellence Framework. We thank our fabulous Captains, Gino and Negar, along with Mrs Zivanovic, for your assistance on the day. Mrs Zivanovic's DELICIOUS tira misu was a bit hit too!!

Permission to Publish – Please ensure you return these notes and tick to give your child permission to be published! This includes publication in our school newsletters each fortnight!

Selective High School Placement for 2019 – Applications are now open for students in year five who wish to apply for placement in a selective high school for year seven 2019. Separate notes were sent home with all students in year five, however parents wishing to apply, or seek further information can visit the website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Professional Learning for Staff – Our staff undergo regular professional learning throughout the year in order to acquire and share knowledge around curriculum, pedagogy, wellbeing, technology (to name a few) and to develop and maintain professional networks. Primary school principals across NSW will be attending the NSW Primary Principal Association Annual Conference next week and will hear from a range of speakers to broaden our thinking and further our learning and development as school leaders. I thank Mr McMahon for relieving as Principal during this time.

Kickstart to Kindy – Mrs Lockley has collaborated with Connect Family Services to deliver another exciting and jam-packed kindergarten transition program this year. We encourage all families and incoming Kindy students to attend all of these sessions. Connect will be running additional orientation sessions at Bringa cottage. If you plan on enrolling your child, or know of someone who will be enrolling a child in kindergarten 2018, please contact the school office ASAP on 47212158.

Wishing you a fabulous fortnight!

Warm regards

*Chantal Beltran
Principal*

Warragamba Dam

On Thursday 7 September 5/6M were treated to a day out at Warragamba Dam followed by a tree planting at a local reserve. This excursion was funded by Penrith City Council and NSW Water and we were one of only 7 schools to enjoy this experience in 2017. We were also extra lucky in our timing as we were at the dam on the one day of the year when they test the flood gates and release water over the spillway. We got to watch the water rush past which was equivalent to one Olympic swimming pool every 2 seconds. The students participated in water quality testing activities and gained insights into how NSW Water protects the quality of water in our taps. We were then transported from the dam to a local Penrith reserve to participate in tree planting activities. In just under 1 hour 5/6M worked really well as a team to plant and water 160 new plants to regenerate the habitat of the local reserve. The students greatly enjoyed the whole day with comments like "I wish we could do this every day!" and "Best excursion ever!"

All educators and council staff that we worked with on the day commented on the great behaviour and polite manners of our students. Well Done 5/6M!

Mrs McGrouther



3F Buddy Reading Program With KF

This year 3F has been involved in a buddy reading program with KF. Once a week KF would venture down to our classroom to listen to modelled reading by 3F students. KF also had the opportunity to read books they have been reading in class. Both 3F and KF students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and new friendships.



3F Buddy Reading Program With KF



Friendships

Friendship is like the grandest ship
Sailing the seven seas
Friendship is like a shimmering rainbow
In our never ending dreams

3F

Penrith Cup Oz Tag 2017

On Friday 8th September 45 students represented our school playing Oz Tag across 5 different teams including juniors, seniors, girls and boys. We entered more teams than we have in the past and the behaviour and attitude of our students was excellent.

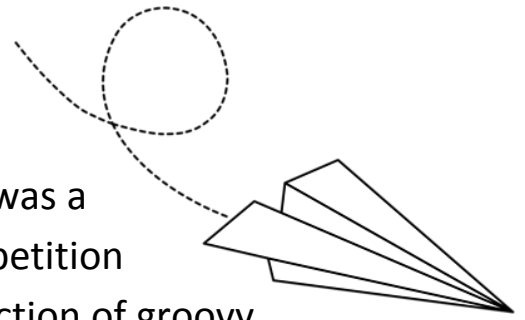
Even though it was a non-competitive event and the focus was on learning new skills and having fun, our teams did tend to score more tries than the other teams in most games (not that we were counting). The weather did not disappoint and a great day was had by all!

Naomi Footit

Oz Tag Coordinator



SRC News



The paper plane competition, held in term three was a huge success! All classes participated in this competition and winners were able to choose from a wide selection of groovy prizes. It was wonderful to see paper planes that were covered with drawings and stickers. We are sure this made these planes fly further. Thank you to the students of Penrith Public School for the enthusiasm you brought to this day.

Together we raised \$215!

Following is a list of our paper plane winners

Name	Class		Name	Class
Rayansh, Wesley & Aarohi	KF		Luciano, Bradley and E.J.	KB
Bella & Anastasia	KL		Jamie	1F
Slater	1M		Jed	1HW
Austin, Diya & Aiden	2S		Ramtin	2RB
Shreyas & Connor	1-4P		Chase	K-2S
Aaron	3F		Josh S & Cooper	3W
Alfred	3/4M		Emmanuel	4W
Angeline	3-6P		Tarek	5/6G
Jordan	5/6B		Ethan	5/6MG
Ashton, Jayden, Apollonia & Than-Ha				5/6N

Sponge Throwing Fundraiser

On Thursday, December 7th the SRC will hold a sponge throwing event. Students can purchase tickets to throw wet sponges at their SRC reps and maybe even some teachers too! Tickets will be sold on the day. One ticket will cost 50 cents or perhaps you may like to buy three tickets for one dollar. Let's hope it's a hot day on December 7th.



Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Broadbridge

P & C News



Loose Change Round Up

P&C School Fundraiser

We know you are busy, and may not have time to volunteer at school, **but you can still help!**



The P&C fundraise to help pay for iPads, technology needs, subsidise excursions and much more. Please help us reach this years' fundraising goal by donating your loose change to the round up.

What is it? The Loose Change Round Up basically encourages the kids to bring in as much loose change as they can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the seats in the lounge etc. (with parents/caregivers permission of course!) to place in their classes' jar. The 2 classes with the highest amount collected at the end of 2 weeks wins an ice cream party. Winning classes announced on Friday 24th of November.

When? The challenge will run in weeks 5 & 6 of term 4, so start saving coins. Search your house for small coins. Ask your family, friends and neighbours if they have any unwanted loose change lying around.

Please get on board and let your SMALL CHANGE fund BIG CHANGE for our School.

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our annual fundraiser is traditionally supported through donations of hamper items.

If you could please donate a gift or non perishable food item for this years Xmas hamper, it would be greatly appreciated.

The more donations....the bigger the prizes!

Our raffle is drawn at the school end of year presentation assembly.

This years raff/e monies will go towards funding the Macquarie Literacy and History Program Resources.

STUDENT SAFETY

For the safety of all children, please **shut all school gates** upon entry and leaving the school premises.

The staff car park is strictly for staff and transport approved by the Department of Education only.

DO NOT park or walk through the car park. This is unsafe for our students - many of whom cannot be seen when vehicles are reversing.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Let's keep our children safe!

Message from the Office

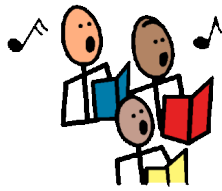
- When making payments, please ensure your child's name, class and activity are written on payment envelopes.
- If paying by cash, ensure correct money is placed in envelopes. No change will be given.
- **Online payment via the school website is the preferred payment method.**
- When payments are processed online, if you make a payment twice for the same activity, the second payment will be processed as a payment in advance to be used for any future events.
- A friendly reminder, if your child has been loaned clothing from the office, we would appreciate it if you could wash and return the items to the office as soon as possible, as we have limited clothing. Packing a spare set of clothing for your child, especially in years Kindergarten and Year one, would be greatly appreciated.
- Parents please check jackets & hats to ensure that they belong to your child. Please ensure you label your child's items such as hats, jackets and other belongings.

Canteen News

Breakfast club closes at 9.05am everyday. **NO ONE** will be served after this time. There is No EFTPOS or CREDIT card facilities. NO credit, weekly prepaid orders, or promise to pay the next day will be accepted. No phone orders.



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Penrith Public School P&C and Canteen Association



Performance Assembly

A special assembly is planned for Wednesday 8th November at 11:45am to allow parents, families and students to see our talented choir, dancers, and our Indigenous 'Liven Deadly' group perform on stage in our school hall. If you were unable to see your child perform at concerts throughout the year, this is your chance to see them.

We hope you can make it!



Nepean Art Society 50th Anniversary Exhibition and Sale

Saturday 21 October 9am to 5pm

Sunday 22 October 10am to 4pm

Free entry to exhibition

Official Opening

7pm Friday 20 October

(\$5 entry to opening)

Raffle Prize donated by Gunter Barth
Tickets available during exhibition and opening

Old Council Chambers, entry on Station St Penrith

www.nepeanartsociety.org 0476 161 359

www.facebook.com/nepeanartsociety

Come along to
PLAY and Chat
at Bringa Cottage

Penrith Public School

Cnr Leithbridge St and Doonmoore St,(behind the school
parking lot)

Tuesday and Thursday morning
9.15am-12noon

Through the School terms.



For 0-5 year olds,
their parents and caregivers.

Drop in and have a cuppa.
We have painting, playdough, music, stories,
toys & games for the children.

Enquiries: ring Kathy 0432 625 981 or Connect Child & Family
Services 4758 9966

Penrith Public School "Kick Start to Kindergarten"

Mondays
Terms 3 and 4
9.15am – 11.00 am
starts July 24th

A relaxed playgroup that gradually introduces the family to school life.



- Qualified educator to facilitate
- FREE - no cost
- Creates friendships
- Educational and fun
- Builds confidence
- Helps familiarise children and their family with the environment

**For more information call
Tamara on 0423 720 492 or
School 47 212158**

Bring a healthy snack, water and a hat for your child



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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

COMMUNITY BASED
FAMILY SUPPORT