

# Penrith Public School Newsletter



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Forward With Pride

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## Important Dates 2017

### TERM 4

**30-31 OCT-** Swimming Scheme

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1-3** Swimming Scheme
- 3** Penrith Cup Netball
- 8** Performance Assembly at 11.45am
- 10** KL Assembly
- 13** Kick-start to Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> 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-3<sup>rd</sup> Session
- 30** Gold Award Assembly

### **DECEMBER**

- 5** Year 6 Farewell
- 7** Presentation Day
- 8** KB Assembly
- 12** St3 Fancy Dress Disco
- 13** Party Day – All Classes
- 14** Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- 14** School Reports go home
- 15** Last Day Term 4

### **MONEY/NOTES DUE**

Lakes Excursion - **9 November**  
Year 6 Farewell – **10 November**

### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

#### **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

As anticipated, the term is flying by. Teachers are busily writing reports and our year six students are preparing themselves for high school.

**Swim Scheme** – This is our second week of swim scheme and I would like to thank Mrs Footit for coordinating this important activity. The warmer weather has arrived and it is important that our children know how to keep themselves safe in and around water.

**Attendance Award** – Please be reminded that the attendance award will only be given to students who have no more than 5 unexplained late arrivals or early departures for the year. This award is an important one as school attendance is compulsory, with the morning session being children's prime learning time. Late arrivals disrupt lessons and impact negatively on the learning of all students in the class.

**Town Hall Choir** – I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Stockton and Mrs Gregson for volunteering their time to take our choir to perform at Town Hall on Sunday. Mrs Stockton for her outstanding coordination of Celebration Sing Out and Mrs Gregson the time she has invested in teaching choir at Penrith PS throughout the year. Such events would not be available to our students without the goodwill and generosity of these teachers. I am so proud of our students for their outstanding behaviour and the exemplary way they represented our school.

**Kickstart to Kindy** – We had a wonderful turnout to our first orientation session yesterday. We encourage families to attend as many orientation sessions as possible. Thanks to Mrs Lockley for coordinating our 2017 program.

**Parent Workshop** – Mr McMahon's term four workshop had a wonderful turnout of parents yesterday afternoon. Dates for 2017 workshops will be announced soon!

**P&C Meeting and AGM** – Thanks to the parents who came along to last night's meeting. Our P&C members work tirelessly to support the wonderful teaching and learning programs and exciting activities provided at our school. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and ongoing support.

**2018 Assemblies** – As our school continues to grow at a rapid pace, we have decided to split K-2 and 3-6 assemblies from next year. Assemblies will be held on Wednesday afternoons (2:20pm). K-2 will run on even weeks and 3-6 will run on odd weeks.

Have a great week.

*Warm regards*

*Chantal Beltran*  
*Principal*

## Sponge Throwing Fundraiser

On Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



*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.**



# This year in 5/6 B I have learnt.....

all about Federation which was really helpful and I've also learnt that not all friends are true and loyal. ZAINAH

how to use protractors and name angles and I've become more responsible with my work and to take more pride. CALEB

that people migrated to Australia and that division is good. NICK

how to do division properly and that not everybody is my friend. CHARLOTTE

how to do division and that in class I work better alone. MICHAEL

more about maths like angles and more about my friends and others in my class. BIANCA

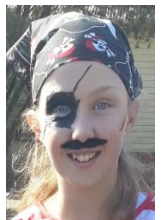
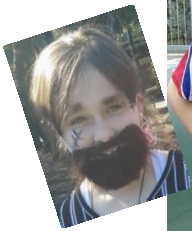
how to write information texts and how to play a sport. ATTILA

to write my spelling words better and also not to pay at the canteen for friends. JORDAN B

to try my hardest and never give up and also that some people aren't the best of friends. -JORDAN M B



how to tell the time and to never give up. KATIE



about migrants, history and information texts. I've also learnt to make new friends, never give up and always try your best. SHIKSHYA

that I'm finally getting better at telling the time on an analog clock and I found my best friend and I always stick with her because she doesn't turn on me. MARISSA

how to improve my creative writing by practising and by doing spelling. I've also learnt that people who love you no matter what have the heart of a true friend. NIVEDAA

how to use a protractor better and I've learnt that the people around me are really talented. DAKOTA

how time zones work in the world and I've learnt you're not alone when you're working, because teachers and friends are always there to help you. ALLY

my times tables from 6-11 and I've found out what I want to do when I'm older. TIKO

more in maths and I think I've got better in my spelling. HARLEY

about times tables and division, how to spell a little better and to write neater. JOSHUA

how to do angles properly and use a protractor. I've also learnt that the friends I have now won't be my friends forever. YOUSSEF

to be better at maths and write better. I am better at talking to other people. JULIANNA

I am still learning my times tables. MEIHANA

about time all around the world and it really helped me a lot. I also learnt how to make proper friends that will stay with me. SHWITHI

how to measure angles and when the teachers talking not to talk. BRAYDEN

how to do fractions and what they are and I am able to make friends easier EMILY

what a factor is and I've learnt to stick with my friends and not let anyone put me down. PAIGE



how to draw a cube and how to work in a team. NAMRA



I wonder what I will learn next year ?



## BUDDY READING with PENRITH SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

During term 4 students from Penrith Selective High School are working with Kindergarten to complete their Community Service Project.

Most Friday mornings, kindergarten children are busy sharing, reading and enjoying books with their high school friends.

*Mrs Bradley*



# PUBLIC SPEAKING

CONGRATULATIONS to

**Eavie Doyle 3 F , Alfred He 34M , Vanessa Footit 56M**

**Apollonia Zivanovic 56MC , Maheen Zaheer 56MC , Shreya Singh 56MC**

who represented Penrith Public School at the FINALS for PUBLIC SPEAKING .

It was an opportunity to: listen to students from other schools ,  
speak on interesting topics and a great way to show their own confidence and abilities  
to speak in front of a large audience .

CONGRATULATIONS to Eavie Doyle, who was RUNNER UP in the year 3 category,  
and will deliver her speech at the GRAND FINAL  
on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Glenmore Park PS**

*Mrs Bradley*



## **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.



**Like us on our Face Book Page for updates**  
**Penrith Public School P&C and Canteen Association**



## Greening Australia Visits Penrith PS

Last Thursday Greening Australia came to Penrith PS and provided students with another opportunity to learn about the importance of planting for biodiversity. Many plants native to our area, the Cumberland Plain, were given to the school. We planted out a grassed area between the carpark and Doonmore St fence. Students from KF, 1M, 1F, 2RB and 3/4M had fun getting their hands dirty planting trees, shrubs and groundcovers. As usual all students listened attentively, cooperated with each other and thanked our visitors enthusiastically.

Backyard sustainability packs were also provided. Anyone wanting a native tree, shrub or grass for their garden at home please let Mrs Bagnell know via the office.





# Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2017

It is a great time to 'spring' clean so why not donate any unwanted clothes, shoes or Manchester (towels, sheets, blankets etc) to Stewart House. Large plastic bags were sent home with students but you may use any large strong plastic bags. Please ensure items are in **good** condition and return the filled bags by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please leave your donations outside the school hall, under the COLA.

On behalf of Stewart House and all of the Public Education students who attend each year, thank you for your support.

*Mrs Manning*

## STAGE THREE CAMP – Expression of Interest

Next Year Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will be attending the 'Bathurst Goldfields', at Bathurst from Tuesday 6 November - Thursday 8 November 2018.

The estimated cost for the camp is \$350.00. This includes meals from Morning Tea on day 1 to breakfast on day 3, accommodation, all activities and return travel by bus.

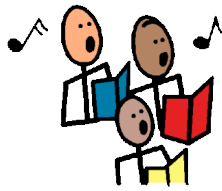
***NOTE: The amount of \$350.00 may vary depending on the amount of students who attend. If we do not have at least 60 students attend, the camp will not go ahead.***

If you would like your child to attend camp, please complete and sign the 'Expression of Interest' note and **return to Mr McMahon by Friday 17 November.**

***NOTE: If your child does not return their 'Expression of Interest' note by Friday 17 November, they will not be able to attend the camp at the 'Bathurst Goldfields' in 2018.***

The notes went home to all Stage 3 yesterday. If you misplace the note, go to our website for another copy. [www.penrith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.penrith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

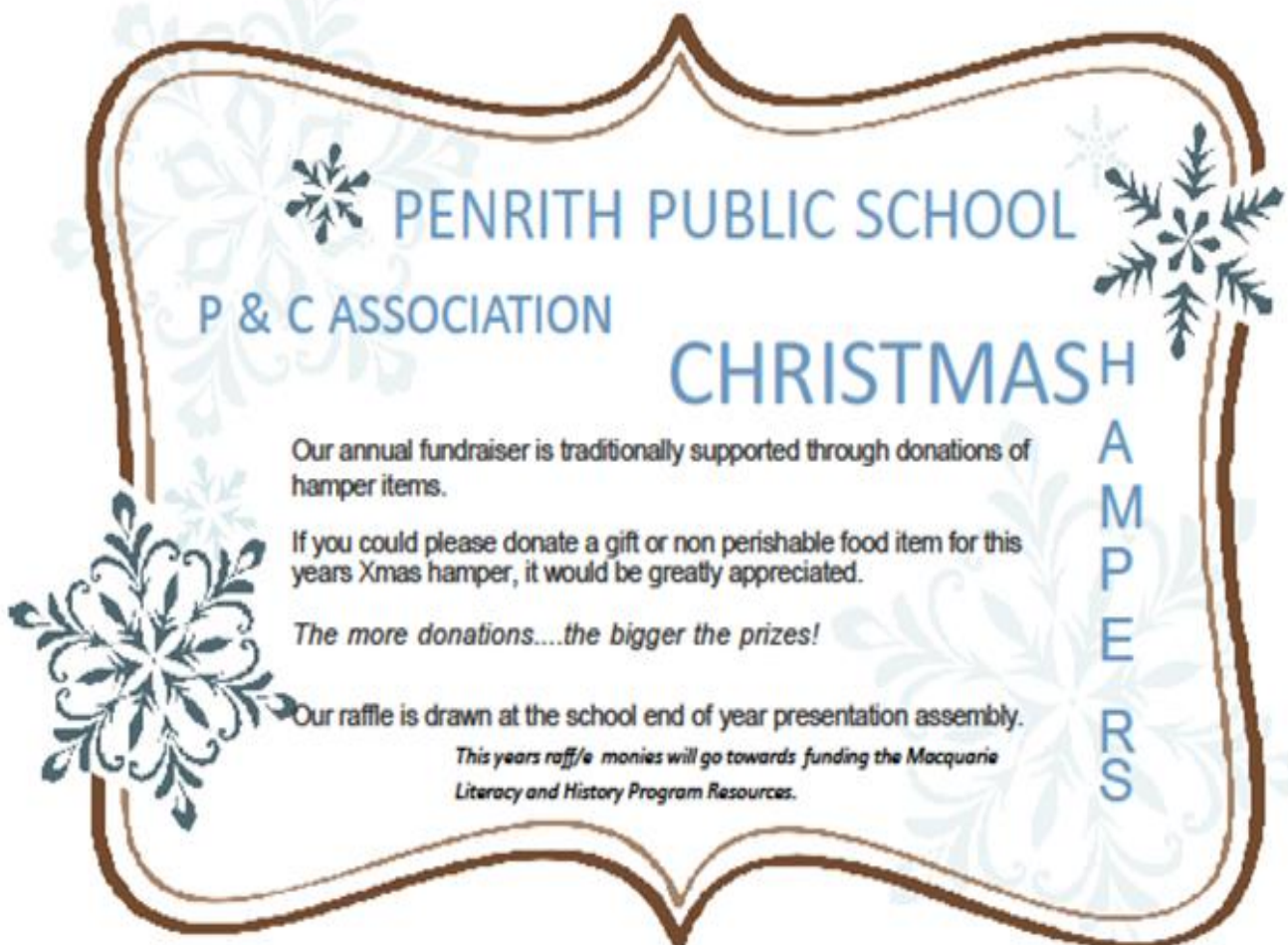




## Performance Assembly

A special assembly is planned for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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!





# families

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## SHORT COURSE



### WHERE: NEW HORIZONS CHURCH

Unit 8/516 Corner of Neale St and Great Western Hwy, St Marys  
(Adjacent to Valley Fitness)

**WHEN: MONDAYS** November 14, 21, 28, December 5. 7pm - 10pm

**COST:** \$70 pp / \$40 pp Conc. **OR** \$90 Couple / \$60 Couple Conc.

Presented by FUSION Western Sydney  
Information Sallie Hammond  
Phone 0431 433 422  
Email [sallie.hammond@fusion.org.au](mailto:sallie.hammond@fusion.org.au)  
[www.fusionwesternsydney.org.au](http://www.fusionwesternsydney.org.au)



The **Families Course** forms a framework to build a healthy, strong and loving family life and covers key areas of family relationships including:

- Understanding Parenting Styles
- Having Values in our Family
- Building Nurturing Skills
- Understanding Ages and Stages
- Being Positive
- Building Honest Relationships
- Independence
- Dealing with Conflict
- Discipline

*"Really impressive in range and depth,  
fun and engaging for participants,  
a huge help in any family situation."*

**Steve Biddulph**

(Internationally acclaimed author and educator on raising kids)

Resourcing Parents		Term 4 2017 Parenting Programs -9 October to 31 December 2017-Nepean Blue Mountains							
		visit <a href="http://www.resourcingparents.nsw.gov.au">www.resourcingparents.nsw.gov.au</a>							
Course	Agency	Suburb	Cost	Start Date	End Date	Time	Contact Name	Phone	Email/Contact
<b>Early Learning Events (0-5 years)</b>									
Transition to School Program - Colyton Public School Term 4	Connect Child & Family Services	COLYTON		Thursday, 12/10/2017	Thursday, 07/12/2017	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Joanne Everingham	0490049950	<a href="mailto:jo.everingham@connect.asn.au">jo.everingham@connect.asn.au</a>
Playlots Supported play group Term 4	Springwood Uniting Church	SPRINGWOOD	\$3 per week or \$15 a term	Friday, 13/10/2017	Friday, 08/12/2017	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mary-Ellen Jamieson	0415533491	<a href="mailto:springwood.uca@westnet.com.au">springwood.uca@westnet.com.au</a>
St Mary's PlayConnect Term 4	Playgroup NSW	ST MARYS	N/A	Saturday, 14/10/2017	Saturday, 16/12/2017	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Maria Bifulco	1800 171 882	<a href="mailto:mbifulco@playgroupnsw.org.au">mbifulco@playgroupnsw.org.au</a>
Duplo Club Term 4	Mission Australia	ST MARYS NORTH		Monday, 16/10/2017	Monday, 11/12/2017	3:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Liana Antalfi	4724 3000	
Bennett Rd Supported Playgroup Term 4	Mission Australia	Colyton	FREE	Monday, 16/10/2017	Monday, 04/12/2017	9:15 AM - 11:15 PM	Jerry Keomalavong	47243018	
Rooby's Adventure Time	Community Junction Inc.	ERSKINE PARK	Gold coin	Tuesday, 17/10/2017	Tuesday, 21/11/2017	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Naomi Tolo	9834 2708	<a href="mailto:info@communityjunction.org.au">info@communityjunction.org.au</a>
St Marys Supported Playgroup Term 4	Mission Australia	ST MARYS	FREE	Wednesday, 18/10/2017	Wednesday, 29/11/2017	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Jerry Keomalavong	47243018	
St Marys South Supported Playgroup Term 4	Mission Australia	ST MARYS	FREE	Friday, 20/10/2017	Friday, 01/12/2017	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Jerry Keomalavong	47243018	
St Mary's MyTime Term 4	Playgroup NSW	St Mary's	N/A	Saturday, 21/10/2017	Saturday, 09/12/2017	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Maria Bifulco	1800 171 882	<a href="mailto:mbifulco@playgroupnsw.org.au">mbifulco@playgroupnsw.org.au</a>
Oxley Park Supported Playgroup Term 4	Mission Australia	OXLEY PARK	FREE	Wednesday, 25/10/2017	Wednesday, 29/11/2017	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Jerry Keomalavong	47243018	
<b>Parenting Events</b>									
PARENT CONNECT GROUP Term 4	Richmond Community Services Inc	RICHMOND	Free	Monday, 09/10/2017	Monday, 04/12/2017	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Various	02 4588 3555	<a href="mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au">admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au</a>
GUTS - Growing Up Through Separation	Richmond Community Services Inc	RICHMOND	FREE	Tuesday, 10/10/2017	Tuesday, 14/11/2017	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Various	02 4588 3555	<a href="mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au">admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au</a>
ADHD diagnosis - Next Steps Term 4	Richmond Community Services Inc & Northcott	RICHMOND	FREE	Tuesday, 10/10/2017	Tuesday, 10/10/2017	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Various	02 4588 3555	<a href="mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au">admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au</a>
Tools for Parents - Developing Your Kids Social Skills	Richmond Community Services Inc.	RICHMOND	Free	Wednesday, 11/10/2017	Wednesday, 11/10/2017	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Various	02 4588 3555	<a href="mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au">admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au</a>