

# Penrith Public School Newsletter



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Forward With Pride

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## Important Dates 2017

### TERM 4

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 15 Lakes Excursion-Year 1
- 16 Lakes Excursion-Year 2
- 20 P & C Meeting @ 6pm
- 22 Centenary Reading Picnic-Parents Welcome  
Dress up old fashioned attire or full school uniform
- 24 Loose coin round up winners announced
- 24 2S Assembly-Modified
- 27 Kick-start to Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Session
- 28 Parent Helper Morning Tea @ 11.15am
- 30 Gold Award Assembly at 9.30am-10.30pm

#### **DECEMBER**

- 5 Year 6 Farewell at 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 7 Presentation Day at 9.30am-11.30am
- 8 KB Assembly
- 12 St3 Fancy Dress Disco
- 13 Party Day – All Classes
- 14 Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 2.15pm-3.15pm
- 14 School Reports go home
- 15 Last Day Term 4

#### **MONEY/NOTES DUE**

Yr 5 & 6 Bathurst EOI form-17 November 2017

2018 Concerts form – 6 December 2017 - **Cut off dates are final**

### 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

Term four has been characteristically busy, with Swim Scheme, councillor speeches, Kickstart to Kindy and much much more!

**Assembly** – Congratulations to KL on their assembly. Your item was outstanding and enjoyed by all. What a talented, confident group of students – you're most certainly ready for year one.

**Kickstart to Kindy** – Our second transition session was held on Monday. It was great to see such a massive turnout of parents on the day. We encourage parents and carers of 2018 kindergarten students to come along to all sessions.

**P&C Meeting** – Our final P&C meeting for 2017 will be held on Monday 20 November at 6pm. All welcome.

**Stage Two and Three Camp Surplus Funds** – Upon finalising camp payments, some surplus funds were able to be reallocated to student accounts. These were applied to school contributions, book packs, outstanding extracurricular fees or applied as a credit towards school contributions for 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Parent Helper Morning Tea** – Invitations have gone out to our special parent helpers to thank them for all they do to support our students and staff throughout the school year. We rely on the generosity of our helpers to run a whole range of programs at the school and we couldn't do what we do without them!

Finally, our thoughts are with the Banksia Road Public School community after last week's sad news. No school community can ever be prepared for such a tragedy and we send our condolences and love to the BRPS community at this terribly sad time.

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.

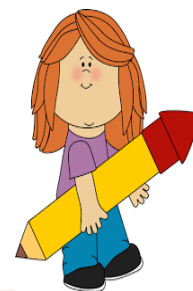
**When?** The challenge will run in weeks 5 & 6 of term 4, so start saving coins. Search your house for small coins. Ask your family, friends and neighbours if they have any unwanted loose change lying around.

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





# Welcome to KB



We have only been at school for 170 days but we have learnt so much! Come and have a peak at the amazing things we have been doing in KB.



Many of us came to school at 5am to help plant trees for National tree day. Lots of us were superstars on the TV! Sunrise the TV show were at school with Jamie Durie and Kerrie Anne Kennerley. Naharrah had a great morning helping plant trees for our future but did think that at recess it was time to go home after a long day already!



We visited Calmsly City Farm where we saw many animals, went on a tractor ride and even milked a cow! Bradley loved patting this friendly goat.





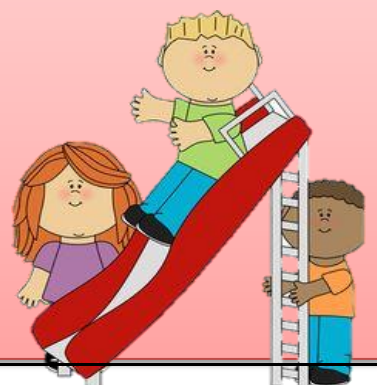
Learning all the letters and the sounds that they make has been fun! We have learnt all of them.... Pirate Day was the best though, even the teachers dressed up!



But best of all ...  
We are FRIENDS!



Recess and Lunch give us the opportunity to play on the equipment. Samuel loves the monkey bars.



## **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**



## 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)



## Special Swimming Scheme 2017



In weeks 3 and 4 over 70 students went to Penrith Pool each day for their swimming lessons. The students practised many life-saving swimming skills and learnt valuable water safety lessons from the daily talks. Here are some figures to show you the great progress that many students made over the 2 week period.

|   | <b>Number of Students<br/>Day 1</b> | <b>Number of Students<br/>Day 10</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of students<br>that can swim 0-4<br>metres | 29                                  | 2                                    |
| Number of students<br>that can swim<br>25metres+  | 3                                   | 42                                   |

Like any new skill, in order for the students to maintain their swimming ability, it is important that they continue to practise swimming regularly because 'if you don't use it, you lose it!'.

We are applying for an additional session for the mainstream students for next year so hopefully even more students will be able to improve their swimming abilities.

*Mrs Footit*

*Swimming Scheme Coordinator*



# Centenary Reading Picnic

On Wednesday 22nd November, from 2.30pm till 3.15pm, members of our school community are invited to join us for a Centenary Reading Picnic.

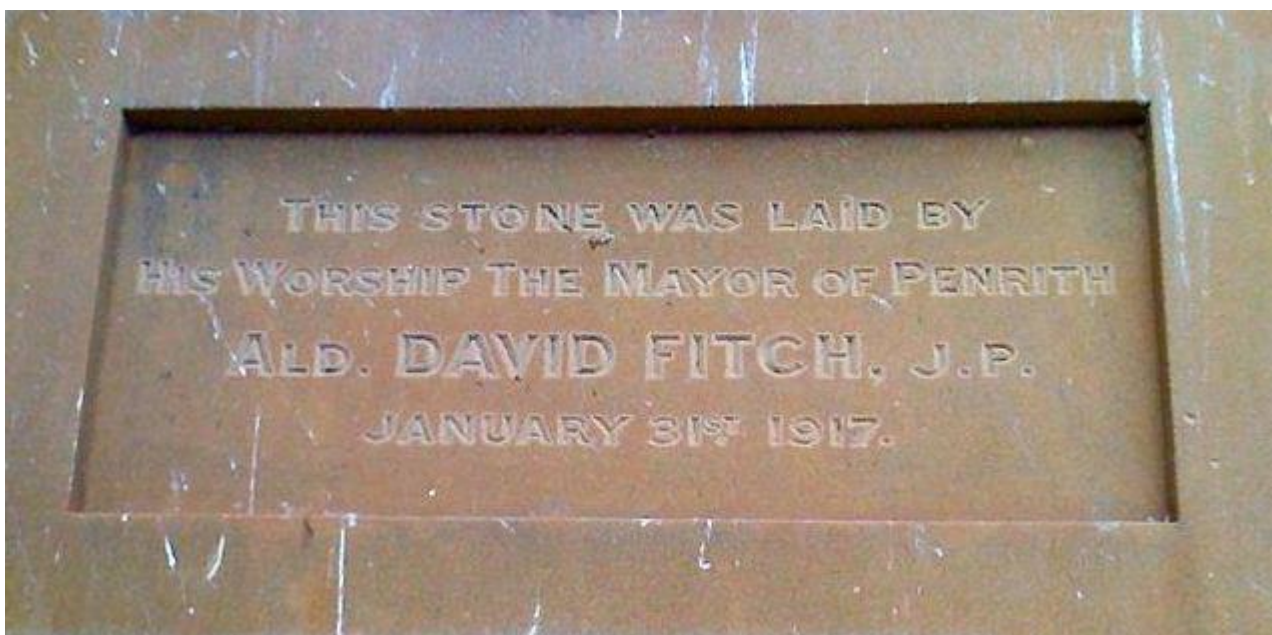
Groups of students will find shady nooks in the playground to share a favourite book on picnic rugs with class members and teachers. Some groups will be with their reading buddies from other grades, or students can sit with parents and other family members.

As part of the afternoon, we will be celebrating the main building's 100th birthday. It's hard to believe that this building was dedicated with a plaque in 1917. Our spectacular new mural, created from hundreds of recyclable plastic bottle caps and lids by Stage 3 students working with Mrs McGrouther, will be unveiled. Mr McLean will be announcing the results of the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Students are asked to dress up in old fashioned attire or full school uniform. Parents might like to bring some picnic treats and a rug.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Mr McLean, Mrs McGrouther  
& Ms Stockton*



## **Voluntary Helper Morning Tea**

*Tuesday 28 November 2017*

*School Library-11.15am*

Invitations have been sent out. We formally apologise if you have been overlooked. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.





# 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.*





1 November 2017

The School Principal  
Penrith Public School  
51 High St  
PENRITH NSW 2750

Dear Principal

### **The Red Shield Appeal 2018**

The Salvation Army provides help to people in need from all cultures and religions in our community.

Our main fund raising event is the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock which will take place over the weekend of

**SATURDAY 26 AND SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018**

The support for our Red Shield Appeal from your school students, who gain amongst other things, a sense of identification with their local community, an enhanced understanding of those people who do it tough, and an opportunity to be part of an event that gives back to the local community.

How can you help?

- Your commitment as a school community to the **RED SHIELD APPEAL DOORKNOCK** by including the Doorknock details in your school calendar and newsletters.
- Encouraging all students to be involved in this Community Service.
- Hold a Red Threads Fundraising Event at your school. This is a "red day" where it could be a gold coin to wear a red hat or socks or something creative using Red from our logo
- Speak with us about including the **RED SHIELD APPEAL DOORKNOCK** as a leadership programme in your school

The Salvation Army is involved in many areas of the community including youth at risk through drugs and alcohol, homelessness, abused women and children, the elderly, families in crisis, as well as being available in times of disaster.

Your Salvation Army representative is Mr Gerry Carney at the Penrith Corps 02 4733 1133 and his email address is [gerry.carney@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:gerry.carney@aus.salvationarmy.org). Gerry will be in contact with your school early in 2018.

I ask you to please include these dates in your school calendar.

Yours sincerely

Greg Donovan

Community Fundraising Coordinator  
The Salvation Army  
Communications & Fundraising Department  
Level 2 / 166 – 170 South Parade Auburn 2144  
Email: [greg.donovan@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:greg.donovan@aus.salvationarmy.org)

Please Note: The Salvation Army takes seriously its responsibilities under the Child Protection Legislation and will have in place appropriate procedures to ensure the safety of children who volunteer to help us.





**After School Care / Vacation Care / K ~ Y9**



**Coding**  
Scratch

**Math**  
Algorithm

**Robotics**  
Robot Building  
Programming

**S.T.E.M.**  
Education

**C-Language**

**Enquiry**

Orientation / Free Trial

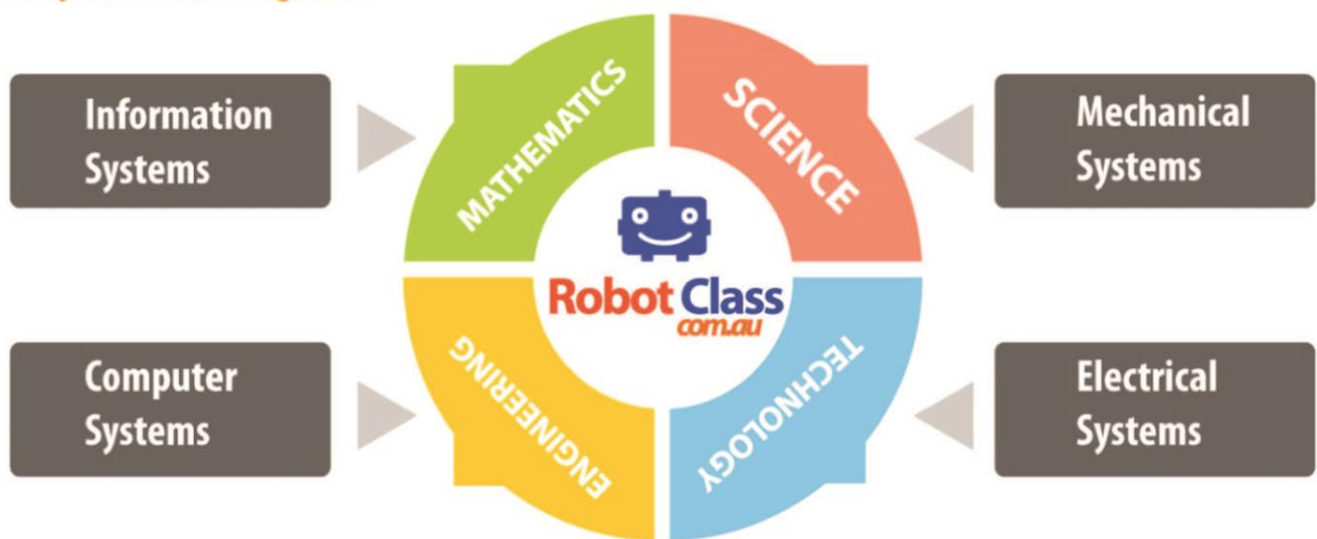
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