

# Penrith Public School Newsletter



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Forward With Pride

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## Important Dates 2017

### TERM 4

#### **NOVEMBER**

30 Gold Award Assembly at 9.30am-10.30pm

#### **DECEMBER**

- 5 Kingswood H.S. Yr 7 2018 Orientation
- 5 Year 6 Farewell at 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 7 Presentation Day Assembly at 9.30am-11.30am
- 7 SRC Sponge Throwing Fundraiser
- 8 KB Assembly
- 8 Joan Sutherland – The 78 Storey Treehouse
- 12 Performance Showcase 9.15am-11.15am- Parents & Carers Welcome
- 12 ST3 Fancy Dress Disco at 5.00pm-6.30pm
- 13 Party Day – Whole School
- 14 Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 2.15pm-3.15pm
- 14 School Reports go home
- 15 Year 6 Shirt Signing
- 15 Last Day Term 4 for Students & Staff

### TERM 1

#### **JANUARY 2018**

- 29 Staff Return
- 30 Students Return Year 1-6

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 6 Kindergarten Commence

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

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

It is hard to believe this is our second last newsletter for 2017. The next few weeks will be exceptionally busy as we recognise the talent, effort and achievements of our remarkable students. We will also be bidding farewell to our year six students as they complete their final weeks of primary school and make their way to high school.

**Kickstart to Kindy** – We had our final session yesterday and I would like to thank all parents and carers who came along to the parent session. This is a great way to get to know other incoming Kindy parents and to understand the way Penrith PS works to ensure our students' individual needs are catered for in a caring, inclusive environment.

**P&C Dinner** – Many staff have put their names down to attend Friday's dinner. It is a great opportunity to show our gratitude to our hardworking P&C for all the support they provide throughout the year.

**Gold Assembly** – We can't wait to celebrate the successes of our students at Thursday's assembly. Parents and carers are invited to join us at 11:45am to congratulate our award recipients. I will also be announcing our 2018 Councillors and thanking our outgoing leadership team for their amazing efforts and hard work throughout the year.

**Volunteer Morning Tea** – Mrs Lockley and Mrs McManus organised a delicious High Tea to show our gratitude to our treasured volunteers this morning. If you have contributed your time to the school and did not receive a personal invitation, please accept our sincere apologies. As you can understand, it is very difficult for two teachers to know of every helper in each of our 19 classes.

**Presentation Day** – Our annual presentation assembly will be held on Thursday 7 December at 9:30am. We invite you to join us in acknowledging our outstanding students and their efforts, successes, talents and achievements throughout 2017.

**Year 6 Farewell** – Students and staff are looking forward to this year's Year 6 Farewell dinner. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with our students before they head off on their high school journey.

Have a great fortnight.  
Warm regards

*Chantal Beltran*  
*Principal*

## 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*

## St Nicholas of Myra Parish Sacramental Program

### First Reconciliation 2018

*Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish will be in Term 1 next year.*

*To be eligible for First Reconciliation, **children must be in year 3 or above and must be baptised.***

*Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on*

***Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm.***

*Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.*

*If your child has not been baptised, and you wish to enrol them in the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator,*

*Colleen Nicholas.*

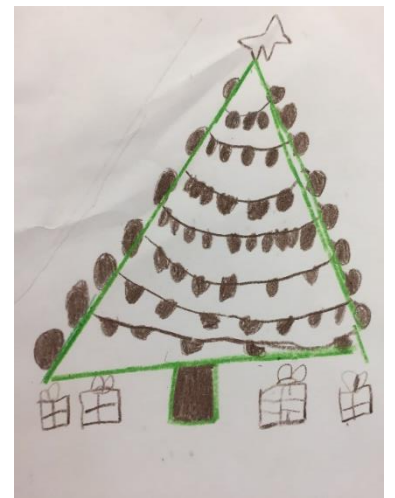
3-6P



*At Halloween I like to think about scary houses that have ghosts. Ho Tin*

*I get excited about Santa coming to my house when I'm asleep at night.*

*Allison*



At Halloween the children can walk to other houses and knock and say "Trick or Treat" to get lollies. Cassie

**Christmas is fun because you can open presents.  
Trent**



3-6 P

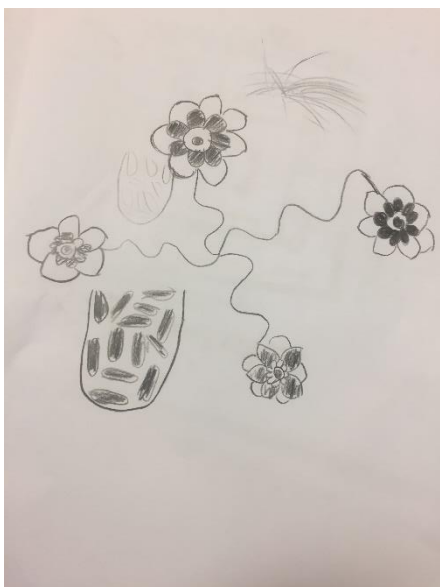


At Halloween, people can dress-up like cowboys and vampires and pirates and Superman. Ben

*People like to throw at each other to celebrate Holi. Tyren*



In 3-6 P we love learning about special days that are celebrated around the world.



**I like to celebrate Diwali because I wear nice clothes and it is an important Hindu festival. Angeline**

## Penrith Public School Mural

We officially unveiled our mural made from approximately 5000 recycled plastic caps and over 4000 screws.

Students in years 5 and 6 have been designing and constructing the mural during the year. It looks amazing and so colourful.

*Mrs McGrouther*



## Stage 1 Excursion to the Lakes

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November (Year 1) and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (Year 2), Stage 1 visited the Penrith Lakes Education Centre and learnt all about mini-beasts in both the wet and dry environments. A highlight of the day was dip-netting in the lake and catching lots of mini-beasts, which were later explored further under a microscope. The students also enjoyed a tour of the lakes in our very fancy bus and listening to Mr Clever's commentary about both the history and the future of this amazing local environment.

We met some new friends including a stick insect, Lilly the Lizard and Pretzel the snake. Many brave children even gave Pretzel a little pat.

A wonderful day was had by all!

*Mrs Footit*



## **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.

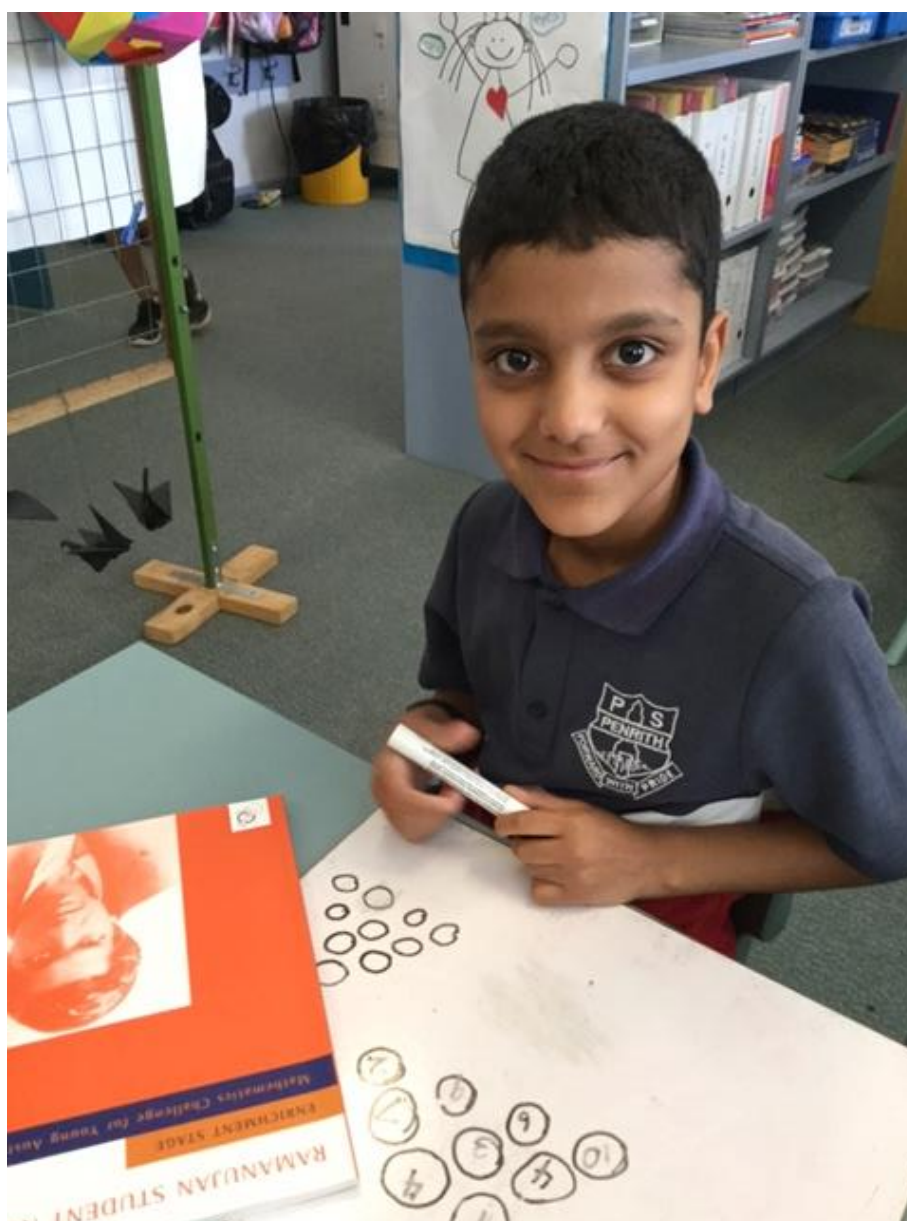


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**Penrith Public School P&C and Canteen Association**

## Australian Mathematics Trust Award

Hearty congratulations to Sukhmandeep Singh, from year 3, who was recently awarded a High Distinction by the Australian Mathematics Trust - University of Canberra - for his outstanding performance in their four months' mathematics challenge.

Sukhmandeep worked through a series of eight logic based maths problems that became progressively more difficult with each challenge. Sukhmandeep was one of only 11 students Australia wide to be awarded a High Distinction at the Ramanujan Challenge Level. A thoroughly deserved achievement where Sukmandeep's persistence and a love of learning shone through.





**Uniting**

Delivering the NDIS in your community



## You're invited to a family fun day in the Hawkesbury

**Come and celebrate International Day of People with Disability and Social Inclusion week.**

On 1st July 2016, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was introduced in Nepean Blue Mountains by Uniting and the National Disability Insurance Agency. The NDIS is the new way people with disability receive help and it means a new era of lifestyle and service choices for you and your family.

**Join us on Saturday 2nd December 2017 from 10am to 4pm**

- Non-stop entertainment, food, music and fun
- An interactive expo of local businesses, organisations and service providers
- Roving magicians, face painters, fairies and entertainers
- Get your free photo with Santa from 12pm
- Donate a gift to charity at our Wishing Tree

There will be an event program available on the day so you don't miss a thing. Note the date in your diary, and feel free to contact us.

**When:** Saturday 2nd December 2017  
10am to 4pm

**Where:** Hawkesbury Showground  
40 Racecourse Road  
Clarendon

**Contact:** Heather or Vanessa  
0429 192 467  
vbayley@uniting.org

**Register:** vbayley@uniting.org

[ndis.gov.au](http://ndis.gov.au)



1 November 2017

The School Principal  
Penrith Public School  
51 High St  
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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 sock 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

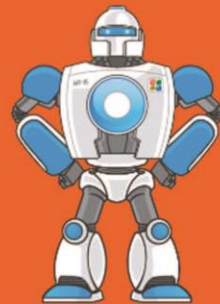
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**Enquiry**

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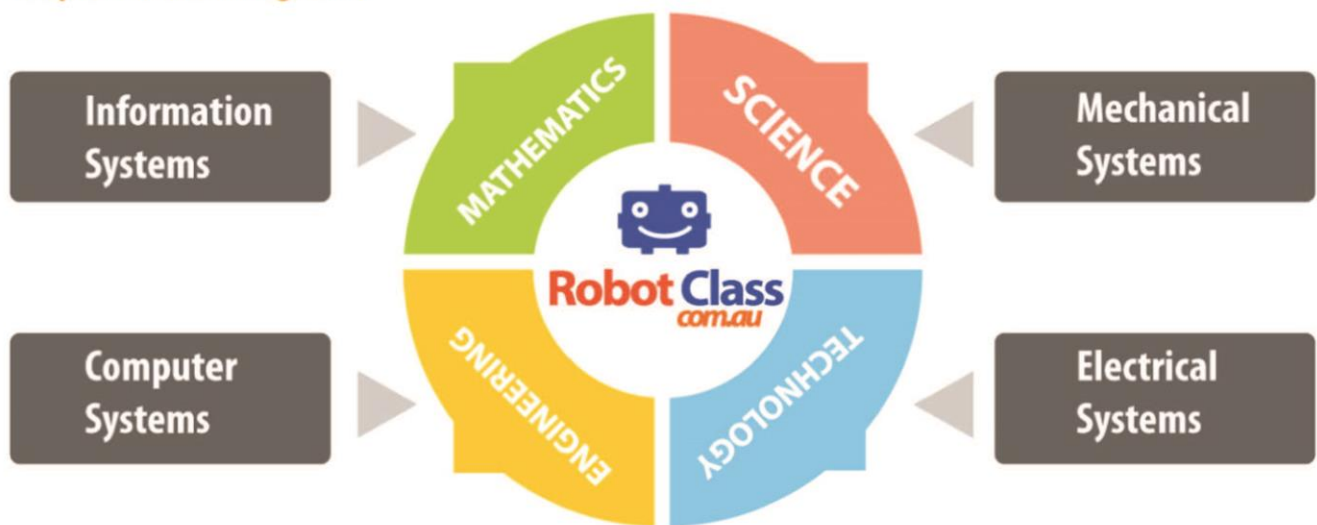
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