

Penrith Public School Newsletter



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Forward With Pride

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Important Dates 2018

TERM 2

JUNE

- 6 African Beat Performance
- 8 Woodford Academy-1FR,1T,K-6 Support Yr1-2
- 13 1/2HM Assembly
- 18 P & C Meeting @ 6pm
- 20 3/4S Assembly
- 22 Naidoc Cup
- 27 KM Assembly

JULY

- 4 School Disco-Pay at Door-Junior 4.30-5.30pm - Senior 5.30-7.00pm
- 4 Naidoc Assembly
- 4 Musica Viva-Doctor Stovepipe
- 6 Last Day Term 2

TERM 3

24 JUL Students Return Term 3

AUG

- 1 5/6L Assembly
- 8 KA Assembly
- 10 Pedlars' Fair
- 14 ICAS – Maths Exam
- 20 P&C Meeting @ 6pm
- 22 KF Assembly

MONEY/NOTES DUE

- \$100 St 2 Camp Final Payment due 22 June
- \$80 St 3 Camp 2nd Payment due 11 July
- \$20 Book Pack – OVER DUE
- \$35 Voluntary School Contribution

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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 2.30pm-
3.00pm every Wed.

K-2 Odd Week, 3-6 Even
Week. 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

Staff Development Days – As you are aware, school staff are required to participate in professional learning sessions throughout the year. The first day of the school term in terms 1, 2 and 3 is also set aside for staff development days, as well as the final two days of term 4. This year, staff at Penrith PS will be completing additional professional learning after school hours, which will replace the staff development days on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December.

The last day of school for STUDENTS AND STAFF for 2018 will be Wednesday 19 December. The school will be closed for the summer holidays after that time.

A Word from our Local Police:

ARE YOU SCHOOL SAFE – "Illegal parking around schools endangers children's lives". If you've heard the expression "it's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt" then you'll understand why it is important for EVERYONE to obey the road rules.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. Schools provide information in school newsletters and emails to promote safe behaviour and this includes parking legally during drop off and pick up times.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind. Illegal parking around schools puts lives at risk. That's why Council and the Police take a 'zero tolerance' approach. Council Rangers, Parking Officers and Police regularly patrol schools across the Penrith LGA.

Parking in a No Parking area - means you can stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a MAXIMUM of 2 MINUTES. You must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Parking in a No Stopping area - means you CANNOT stop in this area for ANY reason.

Parking in a Bus Zone area - means you CANNOT stop or park unless you are driving a bus.

Parking - Please do not park your car and leave it unattended in the kiss and drop zone on Doonmore Street. This area is patrolled at random and many of our families have received fines for parking and leaving their vehicle. Please refrain from parking in people's driveways also, as this is private property and could be considered trespassing.

Leaders' Reception – Our school captains were officially welcomed into their leadership roles on Wednesday 23 May. Mr McMahon attended on my behalf and was incredibly proud of our leaders' behaviour and humility. Well done Vanessa and Jett!

Enrolling Now for 2019 – If you have a child commencing kindergarten in 2019, or if you know of anyone commencing school next year, we are taking enrolments now! Our comprehensive Kickstart to Kindy program runs throughout terms three and four.

Grandparents' Day – We had a great turnout for grandparents' on Friday. Thanks to all members of our community who attended the open classrooms and for all the delicious food contributions.

Animals on the school grounds - This is just a friendly reminder to all parents and community members that animals are not allowed on school grounds without consent from the school. It is important to remember that we do have students enrolled at our school with pet allergies of varying degrees. If you are required to bring an animal onto the school grounds you will need to obtain written/verbal permission from the school. It is important that we adhere to the Department of Education Policy, "Animals in schools: Animal welfare guidelines".

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal

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 with first and last name.
- **PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CAPS ARE NOW \$12 EACH**

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

1FR

What do 1FR enjoy about buddy reading with the big kids in 3/4M?

Isaac: They're nice and they help you if you get stuck on a very big word

Bella: *I like how we do questions at the end* **Curtis:** *The little kids get to read first*

Diesel: *The buddies are kind* **Tanay:** *They help us if we don't know a word*

Lilly: We hear how our buddies use expression **AaroHi:** I like reading

Zavier: *They can help you on the big tricky words*

India: They read to me first and then I read to them

Stella: You get to read really cool books

Faruk: You get to read and see all of the pictures

Emily: There are nice books

Arjundeep: *You can pick your buddy*

Khaya: *You can read other interesting books*

Aleeah: I like making new friends and they can help you

Evelyn: We get to listen to Stage 2 books too

Adam: You can learn what the books are about

Allen: Our buddy can help us work out the tricky words

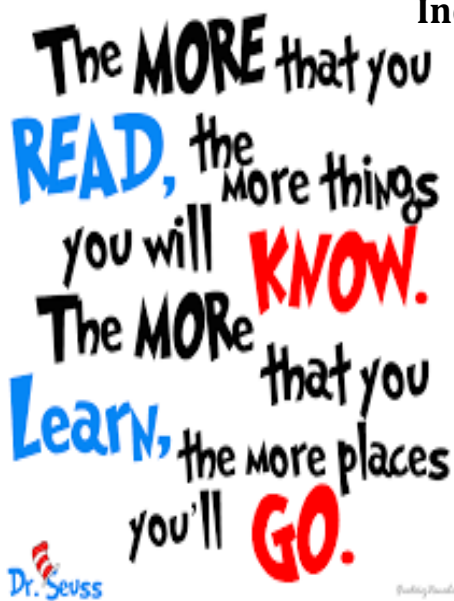
Aaron: I like buddy reading **Anjana:** *The buddy can help you out*

Anastasia: The big kids can help you

Ridhi: I like reading

Declan: *You get to read cool books*

Lorelai: You can read anywhere



*As the weather gets cooler,
it's so nice to sit in the sun
and enjoy a good book...*

1FR love reading with their 3/4M buddies!

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss



Vale Teresa Bates

Penrith Public School is a sadder place this week, for we have received the news of the sudden passing of a very much loved recent staff member, Mrs Teresa Bates.

As our school cleaner for many years, Mrs Bates was a familiar sight to most people in our community. She was involved in all our events. Her specialty was going the extra mile to make our school as attractive possible. On big occasions and everyday, Mrs Bates wanted us to shine. The pride she took in every aspect of maintaining our school environment was utterly selfless and outstanding. In times when staffing levels were changing and duties were in a time of transition Mrs Bates was our anchor. She was fearlessly outspoken if she believed change might result in a detriment to either our students or our school environment.

Mrs Bates had a well-deserved reputation for both common sense and joy in the wellbeing of others. She was renowned for her thoughtfulness – after her passing, her daughter Kellie has been comforted by all the messages saying the same thing – how she cared for others, how she took the time to get to know each of us and how she loved being part of Penrith Public School.

When someone coined the phrases 'small everyday acts of kindness' and 'paying it forward', they could have been thinking of Mrs Bates.

Penrith Public School is a school which has been known since its earliest times as a place of cohesion and happiness. In 1869, a time not specially known for personal comments in school reports, the inspector commented specifically on the well-being of the students, the hard working, committed staff and the pride that was evident in all who claimed the school as their own.

Mrs Bates definitely embodies that school spirit of being selfless, hardworking and committed above and beyond her job description.

We send our deepest sympathy to her husband David, her children Kellie and Mathew and to Teresa's much loved grandchildren.

Thank you Mrs Bates.

We will miss you always but how lucky are we to have had a person like you in our lives to continue the tradition of staff having pride in our school, going the extra mile without looking for praise and caring for others.

Rest In Peace



Penrith Council Recognition Award

On Wednesday 23 May, both Vanessa and Jett attend the Penrith School Leaders' Reception at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club. Their certificates were awarded by Councillor John Thain - Mayor of Penrith. Both Jett and Vanessa represented Penrith Public School and were proudly dressed in their school uniform. I would like to congratulate Jett and Vanessa on being our school leaders and setting an amazing example for other students across the school.



League Tag Gala Day

Recently some students in Stage 2 and 3 participated in a League Tag Gala day. The Stage 3 team showed a high level of skills to achieve good results throughout the day, while the Stage 2 team, under the coaching guidance of Mr Fogg, showed excellent improvement throughout the day. Well done to all students involved and thankyou to the parents who supported the students on the day.



SRC News



Congratulations Braxton J, Evan E, Seth P,
Bailey S and Connor S.

These very talented students won the soccer competition held by our SRC and each of these students received a free soccer ball.

Mrs Broadbridge & Mrs Reynolds.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2018

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 Wednesday 13th June 2018. 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.

Debating

On Wednesday 30 May 2018 the Penrith Public School Debating Team travelled to Kingswood South Public School to participate in the first interschool debate of the year.

We were competing against students from Claremont Meadows Public School and the debate topic was "Peer pressure does more harm than good". We were the affirmative team. The students worked really well as a team to prepare for what proved to be a challenging debate topic. The debating coaches, Mr Sanderson and Mrs McGrouther, report that they were extremely proud of the respect, courage and professionalism shown by all of our students who attended to watch or participate in the debate. We are very pleased to say that we were announced as the winners of the first debate for 2018. Well Done Team!

Belinda McGrouther





Shilla Taekwondo is a family orientated club dedicated to Korean Style Martial Art, Classes available for all ages.



Visit our club at Werrington Downs Neighbourhood Centre

2c Brookfield Avenue Werrington Downs

Monday & Wednesday 3yrs to 7 Yrs. 5pm -5:45pm

Monday & Wednesday Family class 6pm - 7pm

Demonstration Team Monday's 7pm - 8pm.

Master Benny Lampasi 6th Dan 0422 452 336

[shilla taekwondo@hotmail.com](mailto:shilla.taekwondo@hotmail.com)

First 2 lessons free.

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to assist with the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is **Tuesday 8.40am-9.10am near the hall.**

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to **the office.**

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Availability: _____