



Important Dates

TERM 4 WEEK 4 2019

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- 5-8 Swim School
- 7 3/4R Assembly @ 2.30-3.15pm
- 11 Kickstart to Kindergarten 2nd Session @ 9.30-10.45am
- 13-15 Stage 2 & 3 Camp Departing from school @ 9.30am
- 13 Nepean Lakes Excursion-**1/2H, 1/2V** and **Year 1** students in **1/2FR**
- 14 Nepean Lakes Excursion-**1/2S, 1/2T, K-6 Green** and **Year 2** students in **1/2FR**
- 14 Wanderers Soccer Finals Girl Team
- 14 KK Assembly @ 2.30-3.15pm
- 25 Kickstart to Kindergarten 3rd Session @ 9.30-10.45am
- 28 Gold Awards Assembly K-2 9.30-11am/ Yrs 3-6 11.45am-1.15pm

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- 5 3/4G Assembly @ 2.30-3.15pm
- 13 Presentation Day -10am-12noon held at Penrith High School Hall
- 16 Performance Showcase Concerts – 9.40-11.15am All Welcome
- 17 Reports Sent home
- 18 Year 6 Arch
- 18 Year 6 Farewell—Nepean Rowing Club
- 18 Term 4 Ends for students

Money/Notes Due

Nepean Lakes Excursion—**Due 7 November 2019**

Book Pack—\$20 is still not too late to pay. K-2 clubs are running this term + extra equipment is purchased with these funds.



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.

Maths Trust Teacher of the Year – Congratulations to Mrs Wilkes and Mrs Briggs whose outstanding work with students at Penrith Selective High School and our Enrichment class has been recognised and acknowledged as a shining example of learning in the 21st century. The Maths Trust awarded Mrs Wilkes and Mrs Briggs 'Maths Trust Teachers of the Year' as a result of the wonderful extension maths program they designed for our students. Students participating in the program attend the high school each Tuesday.

OC Challenge – I would like to say a huge congratulations to our Enrichment Team who competed against 13 OC classes at Penrith Selective High School last week. Our team came second in two of the challenges and third in two others. They came overall fourth! Congratulations to Mrs Wilkes and our very talented, hard-working students. This achievement shows that it is not a class that makes wonderfully talented individuals, but it is the commitment and dedication of those individuals, under the guidance of wonderfully talented and passionate teachers. Thanks to Mrs Wilkes for facilitating opportunities for our students to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively and learn in new and exciting ways.

Assistant Principal Appointment – Congratulations to Mrs Footit, who was appointed as Assistant Principal at Penrith PS, through the merit selection process. Mrs Footit has been a teacher at our school for many years and her own children attended Penrith PS. Mrs Footit's appointment will commence at the beginning of 2020. Welcome to the PPS Executive Team!

Swim Scheme – This is our second week of swim scheme and I would like to thank Ms Pettigrew 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. Thanks to Mrs Howells, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Power, Mrs Perry, Mrs King, Mrs Adams, Mrs Sanderson, Mrs Fleurant, Ms Pettigrew and Mrs Crompton for accompanying our students on this activity.

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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.

Celebration Sing Out – I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Stockton and Mrs Sanderson for volunteering their time to take our choir to perform in the Celebration Sing Out. Mrs Stockton for her outstanding coordination of Celebration Sing Out and Mrs Sanderson 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 your outstanding behaviour and the exemplary way you represented our school.

Kickstart to Kindy – We had a wonderful turnout to our first orientation session last Monday. We encourage families to attend as many orientation sessions as possible. Thanks to Mrs Fogg and her Kindy team for coordinating our program this year.

P&C Meeting and AGM – Thanks to the parents who came along to last week'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.

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 day on Friday 20 December.

The last day of school for STUDENTS AND STAFF for 2019 will be Wednesday 18 December. The school will be closed for the summer holidays after that time.

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal



Attendance and Absences

Did you know that if a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school?

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Out of school hours (OSH) care Expressions of interest

Penrith Public School has been contacted by Penrith City Council to let us know of a new out of school hours (OSH) that is opening in our local area. If you are in need of OSH services now or for next year you can contact them using the number below.

Penrith City Council Children's Services is currently gauging interest in the demand for Before and After School Care for students at Penrith Public School.
Do you require Out of School Hours Care now or in 2020?

We offer high quality care operating within a purpose-built space at Kingswood Park OSH. Children are transported by Council bus free of charge to and from school.

Children will be served a nutritious breakfast or afternoon snack and will be able to participate in a range of fun activities.

Fees are as low as \$4 per session per child depending on your Childcare Subsidy level.



Fred Hollows Humanity Award

Congratulations to Cooper on being awarded the Fred Hollows Humanity Award, presented by Gabi Hollows, at a ceremony held at UTS on 16 October. He was one of 84 grade 6 students to receive the award which recognises students who demonstrate kindness, integrity and compassion in their everyday lives. Cooper courageously epitomises these qualities to enhance the lives of all around him whenever an opportunity avails itself. He walks alongside, uplifts, supports, encourages, helps and cares in a meaningful way, every day.

Cooper has initiated fundraising efforts and is currently working on increasing awareness of the impact of palm oil on the plight of the Sumatran Tiger's survival. Kindness, integrity and compassion matter. Congratulations Cooper! We're so proud of you!





Penrith Selective High School's OC Challenge

A team of 8 students from our Stage 3 were invited to engage in a full day of exciting academic challenges across eight disciplines at Penrith Selective High School's OC Challenge Day.

Our team of senior students walked away with four awards and an overall fourth. Twenty four teams were challenged in eight disciplines, ranging from Art, Drama, English, Maths, Science to Engineering, Code-Breaking and General Knowledge. Well done, Rochelle Dasuni Abigail Lucinda Daniel Manisha Kira and Cooper. Outstanding team work.





Celebration Sing Out!

On the weekend of 26 and 27 November the Penrith Public School Celebration Sing Out choir experienced the thrill, power and passion of massed choral singing, accompanied by the 100 piece grand symphony orchestra, when they joined over 800 voices to perform at the Sydney Town hall. The students performed a repertoire of songs including You'll never walk alone, La Bamba, Boatman and Enjoy the Storm.

All proceeds from this night are donated to the Westmead Children's hospital Music Therapy program. This year the concert is expected to raise over \$30 000 dollars. A sum entirely raised as a result of student participation, volunteers and of course our incredibly supportive parents.

All students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and shone in their special role of being right next to a very exciting brass ensemble. Some schools were worried by the noise – not us! Parents who were there will attest to the poise and exemplary behaviour of all our student's bravo.

Mrs Sanderson and Ms Stockton





CONGRATULATIONS to.....

Danny Year 3, Kaya Year 4, Jarvis Year 5,
Eavie Year 5, Rochelle Year 6, Allison Year 6

who represented Penrith Public School at the
Nepean Valley Public Speaking Competition.

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 .

WELL DONE !

Mrs Bradley





Message from the Office

- *Paying online via the school website is the preferred payment method for all school payments. It is secure and provides you with a receipt via email. Payment made before 6pm will be received by the school the following day. Please take into consideration when paying by a due date.*
- *If you pay by cash correct money only as no change will be given. A receipt will be issued by the class teacher once the banking is processed by the office scheduled time. If you require a receipt instantly use the **payment online** method.*

P&C News

Last Monday night, the P&C held its AGM. We would like to thank those Parents and Carers from our community who attended. We would also like to welcome the following Parents into the below roles:

Mrs Janelle Lodge – President

Mrs Tanya Witt – Vice President

Mrs Laura Doyle – Vice President

Mrs Amanda Fleming – Secretary

Mrs Samantha Taylor – Treasurer

The P&C would like to thank our Community for its support over the past year with special mention going to Jenny Harricks. Looking forward, our Annual Christmas Raffle is getting closer and so is 2020!! Check out our Face Book page: <https://www.facebook.com/Penrith-Public-School-P-C-and-Canteen-Association>



P & C President's AGM Report October 2018-2019

Firstly, on behalf of myself and the P&C team I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support. Once again this year's response from our school community has been very positive and has enabled the P & C to support the school in a number of events over the past twelve months.

Each year we welcome new parents through the Kindergarten Orientation sessions providing them with a Parent Perspective overview. Next years 2020 students are about to start their sessions and we congratulate the Kick –Start Kindergarten team of teachers on their commitment in making this transition program such a success in our school. We are delighted to continue our involvement and support of this program and look forward to seeing these students in Kindergarten next year.

Looking back over the past twelve months at the support and fundraising events that the P & C have held with the support of the teachers and the wider Penrith Community is pleasing. Our annual Ice-block Thank You Day last November went well with all students and teachers enjoying a nice icy treat! We then finished off the year with The 2018 Annual Christmas Raffle which raised over \$1500, on of our best results yet with many families enjoying hamper prizes.

In 2019 our fundraising efforts continued with the Annual Bunning's BBQ which raised just on \$1500. A big thank you must go out to the P&C team, Staff members, Parents and the community for all their support. In May, we had a great Mother's Day stall which was once again well supported and raised just on \$1200. In June we held Loose Coin Round Up which raised just under a \$1000. The teachers did a great job encouraging students to raise funds. In late August, we held our Fathers' Day Stall which was very well supported and raised over a \$1000. This year we joined forces with the School to support Pedlars' Fair Day by selling Show Bags, thank you for everyone who participated on the day.

The Uniform shop has been able to provide our students with affordable clothing options this year due to the continued donations from our community. Last year Penrith Public School introduced 4 House Sports Shirts which we fully supported and incorporated into our School Uniform. I must thank Tanya and the team for their continued support in managing our Uniform shop.

The Canteen is closely supported by the P & C and is efficiently managed by Fiona Gates. Fiona has continued to develop her role by successfully implementing continual changes to improve the Canteens' Running Operations. This year once again, in recognition of Fiona's hard work, the Canteen received its Scores on Doors 5 Star Award Certificate. Over the past twelve months the Canteen has also supported the School through being open after hours for the School Discos and a number of Special activity days. In saying that we would like to thank Fiona for her continued commitment and dedication that she has given in running the canteen this year and we also sincerely thank those parents who support her.

Through out the year the P&C has continued to seek ways in which we can support our students, in doing this we have generously donated our time and effort so we have the funds to contribute to a number of projects across the school. Whilst we have continued to save over the past 12months, we allocated funding towards the 2018 Presentation Awards and Medals, the Yr 6 Farewell Cake and the Schools' Sport Shirts.

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Throughout the year I have been completely supported in my role by the executive team and would like to thank those of you that have also committed to helping the Penrith Public School P&C achieve their goals. cont.



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Thankyou

Janelle Lodge

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P & C President





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Classes are every Monday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)
New and Returning Registration: Monday, 6 May, 2019
New Students can also join on: Mondays, 13 May, 20 May.

**New and Returning
Students
Ages 5-8**
Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

**New Students
Ages 9-16
and Returning Students**
Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

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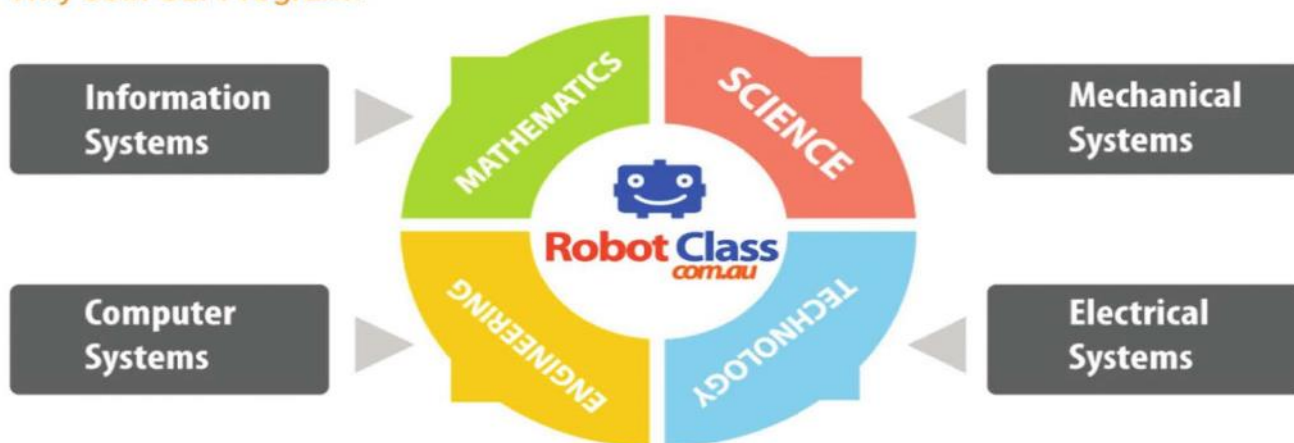
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Penrith Public School 'Kick Start to Kindergarten'

Monday Mornings

9.15 am—10.45

During School Terms 3 and 4
Starting July 29 2019

Free Play
Learning

Do you have a child starting
kindergarten next year?

Join us for a starting school playgroup. It helps
provide a gentle introduction to school life
through play.

Group
Activities

Please bring some fruit, a bottle of water and a hat for
your child.

Parents stay with their child at the playgroup. Siblings
can attend.

Stories &
Games

Each morning there will be free play, group time
and morning tea.

Children not attending any other Early Childhood

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Venue-School Hall



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