



Important Dates

TERM 4 WEEK 8 2019

DEC

- 5 Ice cream Day Year 6 Fundraiser—\$1
- 5 3/4G Assembly
- 9-11 Stage 2&3 Camp—New Date
- 11 Kingswood H.S. Gifted & Talented Test
- 12 Lake Excursion—1/2H, 1/2V, 1/2FR Year 1-New Date
- 12 Mc Classes Christmas walk
- 13 Presentation Day -10am-12noon held at Penrith High School Hall
- 16 Performance Showcase Concerts – 9.40am-11.15am -All Welcome
- 16 Xmas Party Day –Whole School
- 17 Year six graduation Ceremony @ 2pm-3pm
- 17 Reports Sent home
- 18 Year 6 Arch @ 11.50am-12.30pm
- 18 Year 6 Farewell—Nepean Rowing Club
- 18 Term 4 Ends for students

JAN 2020

- 29 Students Return 1-6
- 29 Jan-3 Feb Best Start Testing

FEB

- 4 Kindergarten Commence-Staggered start

Money/Notes Due

Year Six Farewell— \$35 **OVERDUE**



PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school year has drawn to a close and I'm sure you are all looking forward to enjoying some quality time with family and friends.

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 19 and 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.**

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. I cannot thank our hard-working P & C Association enough for the time and energy you invest in building and maintaining strong and positive links between the school and the home. Your support for the school has been consistent and incredibly constructive in so many ways. I thank all our parents who have assisted with fundraising efforts, volunteered in classrooms, transported students to and from extra-curricular activities, sewn costumes for performances among many other things.

Volunteer Thank You – Mrs Lockley has organised chocolates as a way of showing our gratitude for all the ways our volunteers assist us in delivering quality teaching and learning experiences for our students. Your support is greatly appreciated!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Vergara, Ms Usnik, Mrs Howells, Mr Romero and Mrs Gregson for your hard work throughout 2019. Mrs Gregson will be taking maternity leave and we congratulate her on the new addition to her family. Mrs Vergara, Ms Usnik, Mrs Howells and Mr Romero will be working in other schools in the area, as we welcome Mrs Footit and Mrs Reynolds back to full time teaching positions. Mrs Manning will be returning on a part time basis and we welcome Ms Amanda Wood, who was successful in securing a permanent, full time teaching position, through the merit selection process. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Mrs Footit and Mrs McGrouther on their permanent appointment to Assistant Principal positions at the school.



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Gold Assembly – It was such an honour to host our annual Gold Assembly last week. The incredible number of students achieving gold is testament to the outstanding citizenship and behaviour that is underpinned by our school core values. Well done to all students who were recognised at last week's assembly!

Farewell – It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Mrs Stockton and Mrs Bussey as they retire from permanent, full time teaching. Whilst I am sure they will return to us in a casual and/or part time capacity, they take with them a wealth of knowledge and passion for public education. I thank Mrs Stockton and Mrs Bussey for all they have contributed to the PPS students, staff and community over the years and wish them all the best in this next phase of their lives.

Congratulations to our incoming leadership team (these people will be announced at Presentation Day on Friday, 13 December 2019) – I have no doubt you will fill your roles with enthusiasm and pride. Well done to our outgoing leadership team, you have been delightful to work with throughout 2019.

Presentation Day—will serve as an opportunity to acknowledge the enormous efforts and commitment of our students throughout the year. I congratulate all students who will be receiving awards.

Students and staff are looking forward to our upcoming Year Six Farewell. We wish our year six students every success as they commence their high school journey and hope you remember your years at Penrith Public School fondly.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.

If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.

It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.

Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

Talk to your child about being a safe road user.

Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.

This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, car-parks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.

Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

You can find out more at:

Safety Town

Department of Education

Transport for NSW





LOST PROPERTY

In the office there are 3 pairs of reading glasses, purses and watches.

Please have a look at lost property outside the library.

All items not collected at the end of the year will be donated to the uniform shop or Cancer Council Shop

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.*



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P & C ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Our annual fundraiser is traditionally supported through donations of hamper items.

If you could please donate a gift or non-perishable food items for this year's 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 day assembly

This year's raffle monies will go towards funding for new classroom technology

Raffle ticket booklets have been sent home this week



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Kingswood High School Creating Opportunities for Success

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for indicating an interest in the 2020 High Potential and Gifted Year 7 class at Kingswood High School. This is a highly sought after and demanding class, which aims to extend and develop students who possess high potential and/or giftedness.

To ensure that the students selected for this class have the required aptitudes, we will be holding a testing day on the Wednesday 11th December. Students need to arrive at the school office at 8.45 with testing beginning at 9 am. The test will consist of 3 x 30 minute components, and will focus on their verbal and non-verbal skills as well as reasoning. Students will receive a 10 minute break between each section.

After the test, students will remain at Kingswood High School for a High Potential and Gifted Enrichment Day. During this, students will attend activities designed to extend their critical thinking skills and continue developing skills and experiences in working collaboratively.

We ask that students bring recess and water for the day. The school will be providing a BBQ lunch. Students will finish for the day at 2.30 pm.

Please indicate via the link below if your child will be attending the day and if they have any special dietary needs.

The link can be found here: <https://forms.glc/SXifncZ3j5aTz8DZA>

The deadline for RSVP will be Monday 9th December.

Please note that attendance on this day does not guarantee placement in the High Potential and Talented Class in 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely

Mr Adam Kerr
High Potential and Talented Coordinator
Deputy Principal

Ms Amy Chattey
High Potential and Talented Coordinator
Head Teacher HSIE



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Raise Foundation, a not-for-profit best practice mentoring organisation, is seeking 35 volunteers from the local Penrith community to mentor young people for a program commencing at Penrith Selective High School in 2020.

The program runs for two hours on the same day and time each week over Terms 2 and 3 of the school year. Details will be announced shortly on www.raise.org.au/2020-programs.

Raise measures the impact of its mentoring programs and statistically significant outcomes include increased confidence and resilience, ability to set goals, coping skills, hope for the future and asking trusted adults for help. Raise mentors also benefit by contributing to the community, gaining improved listening / parenting skills and connecting with the younger generation.

Could you, or someone you know, volunteer your time to mentor at Penrith Selective High

Head to www.letterstomymentor.com.au to experience the difference a mentor makes and express interest.





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St Marys Soccer Club 2020 Registrations



for Boys, Girls, Men, Women,
and over 35's

Coaches & Managers are also required

Potter Field, Cnr Shepherd Rd, & Orchard St, St Marys

Saturday 1 st February	9am – 12pm	Sunday 2 nd February	1pm – 4pm
Thursday 6 th February	6pm – 8pm	Saturday 8 th February	9 am – 12pm
Sunday 9 th February	1pm – 4pm	Thursday 13 th February	6pm – 8pm
Saturday 15 th February	9am – 12pm	Sunday 16 th February	1pm – 4pm

Check our website regularly for updates.

Registration Bonus:

**UNDER 5, 6 & 7 PLAYERS FREE REGISTRATION
WITH ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER**

ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS RECEIVE A FREE SOCCER BALL

ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE FREE SHORTS AND SOCKS

Girls & Women ONLY Teams in selected age groups

New players need Proof of Age

Children as young as those turning 5 in 2020 catered for

\$100 Active Kids Rebate available to eligible students



Enquiries: Maria 0466 657 069 registrar@stmaryssoccer.com.au
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Programs from Kindergarten to Year 9



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Education

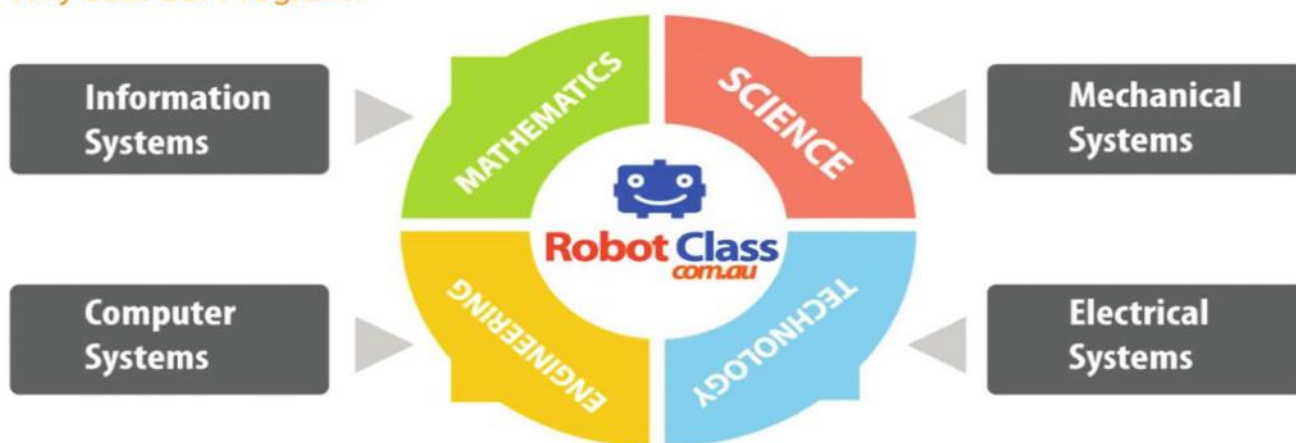
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