



# Important Dates

## TERM 1 WEEK 6 2019

### MAR

- 18** P&C Meeting @ 6pm—Staff Room
- 18 –19** Debating Camp—Selected students
- 19** EOI year 7 2020 Placement form due today
- 21** Harmony Day – Wear Orange Clothing
- 25 –29** Chicks R Us Visiting-\$2 Donation—Yr K-2 & Support Classes
- 30** Bunning's BBQ Fundraiser – North Penrith– Volunteers Needed

### APR

- 1-5** Chicks R Us Visiting-\$2 Donation
- 3** School Photo Day-Full School Uniform
- 4** Cross Country Carnival - School Grounds @ 9.45am-12.45pm
- 12** Last Day Term 1
- 30** Students Commence Term 2



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## PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

*Learning Environment Cooperation Respect*

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is escaping us and I would like to commend our students on how well they have settled into their classes. The extreme heat seems to have moved on and we are relieved to be able to utilise our playground and outdoor areas freely. May I remind you that it is compulsory for students to wear a school hat during break times. If they do not wear a school hat they will not be permitted to go over the road to play. School hats are available for purchase from the school office.

**Harmony Day – 2019** Harmony Day will take place Thursday 21 March. Students are invited to wear orange clothing on the day.

**Staffing** – Mrs Williamson has taken leave for the remainder of the term. We welcome Mrs Willis, who will be teaching 5/6W with Mrs Phillips during this time.

**Professional Learning** – I will be attending a principals' conference from Wednesday to Friday this week. Mr McMahon will be relieving in my absence.

**Bell Times** – Please ensure you do not drop your children at school prior to the commencement of supervision (8:45am). School finishes at 3:15pm and we ask that you are prompt in collecting your children from school as teachers have meetings and professional learning activities they are required to attend after that time. The school is able to provide details of several before and after school providers if you require such services.

**Morning Bell** – We kindly ask parents/carers to say goodbye to your children after the second morning bell. This is due to the increasing number of students and congestion caused around the entry points to our buildings. We thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring our students' safety and wellbeing.

**P&C** – Our next P&C meeting for 2019 will take place at 6pm on Monday 18 March. All members of the PPS community are welcome to attend monthly P&C meetings.

*Warm regards*

*Chantal Beltran  
Principal*



## **MORE SPORTS NEWS**

Last week a number of students participated in our School swimming carnival. I was very pleased with the way all students competed and encouraged each other to do their best. Then on Thursday some of these students participated at the Zone swimming carnival. Nearly everyone who swam at this event had a faster time than at the School carnival. Well done! Thank you to all parents who assisted and supported on either day.

Congratulations to Samuel Parnell who has been successful in making the Zone under 11's rugby League team.

Unfortunately, due to our expanding school and the need for classroom space the Swimming Carnival ribbons, House Captain badges and, probably, Cross Country ribbons won't be presented until early next term.

Selections will be taking place over the next two weeks for our School Soccer teams.

Our School Cross Country Carnival, including our annual house war cry competition, will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April on our playing space across the road. Parents are welcome to watch this event.

*John Emmingham*

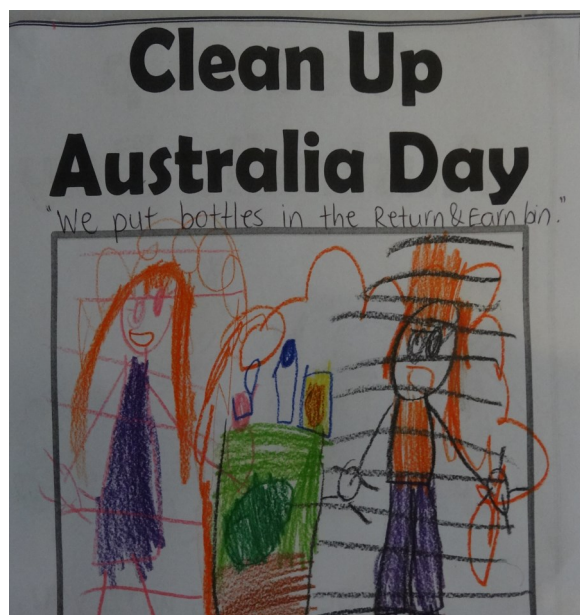
*Sport Coordinator*



## Clean up day - that's a (plastic) wrap!

Last Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, each class joined in with 'Clean Up our School Day.' Students cleaned up all areas of the school and it looked beautiful!

The most common waste was plastic, and students have learnt about the impact of plastics and how we can reduce them, especially in our lunchboxes!



Thank you for your support. Let's keep putting our rubbish in the bin!

*Miss Fell and Mrs Bagnell*



### Message from the Office

To all parents & carers

If any details have changed; e.g. Mobile numbers, Emergency contacts or Home address, please contact the office or you can print a **Student change of Details form** from our school website:

<https://penrith-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

It is very important we have the most up to date information. If your child is unwell we need to be able to contact parents promptly.

*Admin Staff*

### P&C Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Will be held at North Penrith Bunning's on  
Saturday 30th March. Volunteers are needed please  
ring the office to add you name to the list.





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## 'ZERO TOLERANCE' OF ILLEGAL PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

WHEN AN OFFENCE IS DETECTED A  
FINE AND 2 DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

Illegal parking around schools  
endangers children's lives.

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### FACT/S

If you've heard the expression "It's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt" then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

A child hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr has a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr the chance of survival is less than 7%.

Source Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

#### What does this mean?

You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

#### Why is it there?

To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children & other pedestrians to avoid crashes.



#### What does this mean?

You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

#### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers

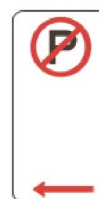


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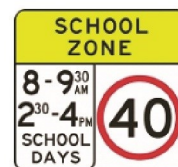
You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

#### Why is it there?

To provide safe places for children to be picked up - usually associated with Kiss & Ride zones.



40 km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.



Parking on footpaths/nature strips is an offence - fines can be issued that include the loss of 2 demerit points.

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# *Penrith City Children's Choir*

invites you to its first project for 2019

## *Singing Day*

directed by

**Lucy McAlary**

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join us for this project on

*Sunday 17 March 2019*

*If you love to sing, please join us.*

No auditions!

**PENRITH PS STUDENTS HALF PRICE**

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:  
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