



Important Dates

TERM 4 WEEK 6 2020

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- 11 Presentation & Gold Award Assemblies – Students only
- 14 Talent Show — Students only
- 15 Party Day all stages
- 16 Year 6 Farewell/Graduation – 12.15pm
- 16 Reports sent home
- 16 Term 4 Ends
- 17-18 Staff Development Day — School office is closed

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2021. Phone the office for an enrolment package.

- **Picking your child up early.**

To help us have your child ready to leave, please send a note on the day to the teacher or ring the office in advance with the approximate time pickup. Please avoid collecting your child during lunchtime as it becomes very difficult to locate children.

- **Dropping your child off late. Please contact the school office on 4721 2158 or 4732 1142 DO NOT** leave your child at the gate unsupervised. For child protection purposes, parents and carers are required to ensure students have entered the school grounds **before** leaving the site.
- **All school gates are locked during the day. Please go to the gate on High Street, next to the High School, and call the school office if your child is late or you need to pick your child up early.**

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Kickstart to Kindy – Our kindergarten transition sessions were held last week. It was great to see such a turnout of parents and incoming students on their allocated day.

Volunteers, We Thank You! – We thank our valued special helpers for all they have done to support our students and staff throughout a very challenging the school year. We rely on the generosity of our helpers to run a whole range of programs at the school and we couldn't do what we do without them!

Councillors and Captains – Information about 2021 leadership speeches was sent out yesterday. Please refer to the note for all information. I look forward to working with our incoming leaders in 2021.

Year Six Farewell and Graduation – A note was sent home indicating the date and plans for the year six farewell celebration. We will attempt to livestream the graduation and Ms Carson will be taking photos on the day.

Gold Assembly and Presentation Day – These assemblies will occur in stage groups. The Gold and Presentation assemblies will be combined this year. We will attempt to livestream the event. Details to follow.

Out of School Hours Care – Camp Australia will be providing onsite before and after school care from 2021. Please see attached flyer for details about their upcoming online information sessions and how to register your interest for 2021.

Attendance – It is critical that students continue to attend school until the last day of term. Teachers have programmed teaching and learning activities up until the very last day! In the event that your child is unwell, please notify the school via SkoolLoop. If your child has flu-like symptoms, the Department of Education has clearly stated that they must show evidence of a negative covid test and be symptom free in order to return to school. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

COVID-19 -The Department of Education has advised that students with flu-like symptoms should be tested for COVID-19. The negative COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the school before their return to school. Could you please advise if your child has had a COVID-19 test and provide a copy of the negative result in due course. **Students should not return to school until they have had a negative COVID-19 test and they are symptom free.**

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 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 ONE staff development day on Friday 18 December.

The last day of school for *STUDENTS* for 2020 will be Wednesday 16 December. The school will be closed for the summer holidays after that time.

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal

Public Speaking Competition

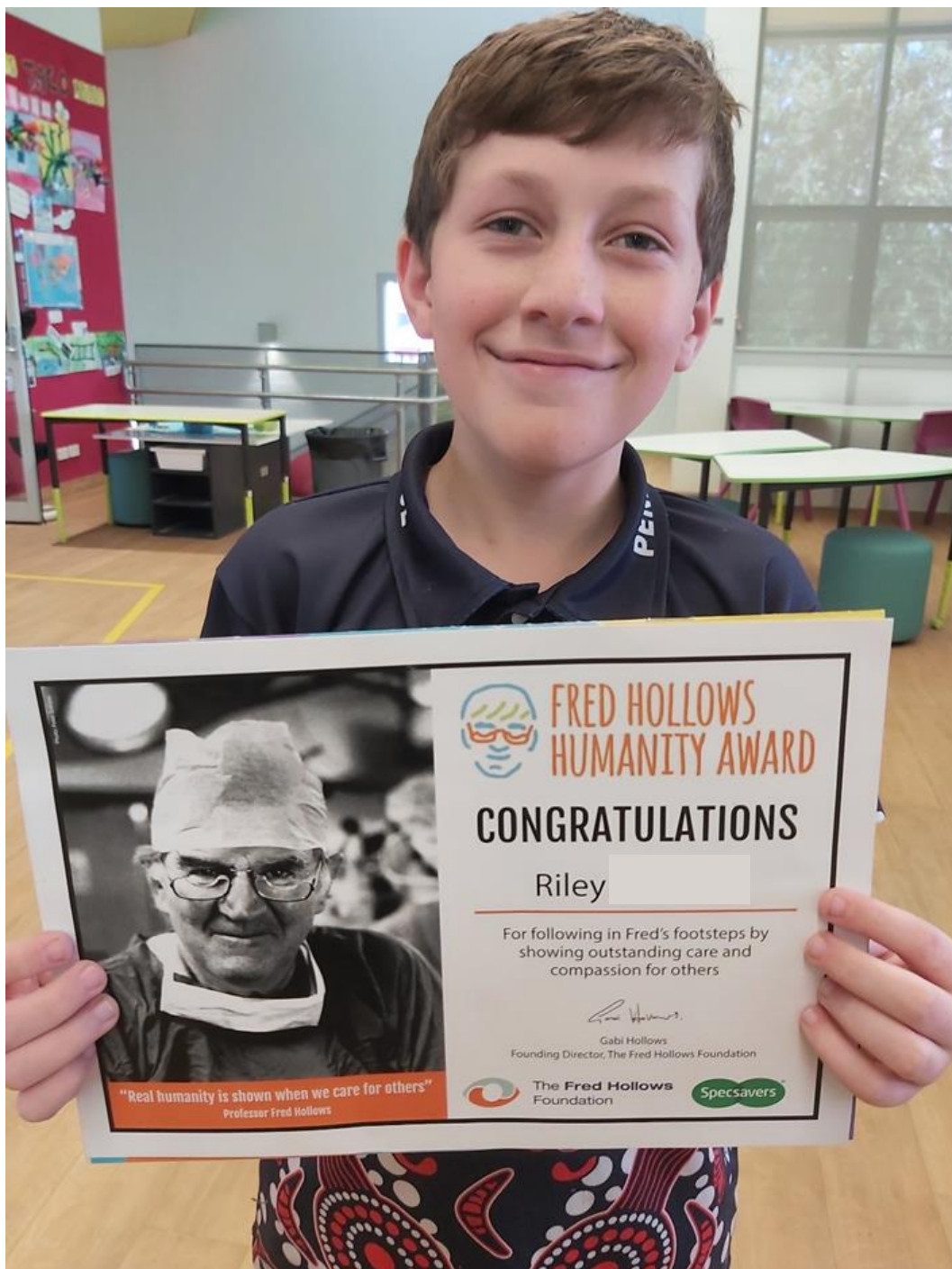
Congratulations to our amazing Stage 3 students who prepared and presented incredible motivational speeches in class. Your speeches touched our hearts and inspired us all. Thank you to students who shared your powerful messages in our Stage 3 finals and showcase.

Well done to Rishi A, Febby J and Christiann P who were named winners of the competition. We are beyond proud of you all.



Fred Hollows Humanity Award

Congratulations to Riley F. in 5/6C for being awarded the 2020 Fred Hollows Humanity Award. He was one of 90 Grade 6 students across NSW to be recognised for demonstrating kindness, integrity, and compassion in everyday life. Riley has a genuine desire to uplift, encourage and assist all those around him, and does so with incredible humility. We joke in our class that he is kindness personified. Riley received his award by post and will partake in the official Zoom Ceremony on Friday 20 November. We celebrated this amazing achievement in a Stage 3 meeting. Well done Riley! We are so proud of you!



Important Information

- 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 this into consideration when paying by a due date.
 - When notifying absences on Skool Loop, no further notification is required, eg, by phone. Student absences for the period will be updated from the one notification.
 - Please note, parents and members of the community are not to enter school premises without an appointment.
 - If you are unable to contact the school on the main line you can call the school's second number 4732 1142
 - Please ensure in correspondence to the school regarding your child include your child's first and last name and their class.
 - School phone lines are open from 8.30am-3.30pm. If you need to inform the school of an absence, use the Skool Loop app.
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Message from the canteen

Please note if your child is late to school and has a lunch order it will not be processed. Lunch orders must be received at the canteen by **9.15am - no later.**

To avoid your child not having lunch please use the **School 24** online ordering system.

OSHC at Penrith Public School

Dear Families,

We are excited to be partnering with Penrith Public School to deliver Outside School Hours Care in 2021.

At Camp Australia, we provide an engaging and supportive space for children to play, connect, learn and grow. We will partner with your school community to deliver a tailored before and after school care and vacation care program that is designed to bring out the very best in each individual child.

Our unique programming approach, which is tailored to the individual needs and interests of each child who attends, is aligned with the My Time, Our Place Framework for School Age Care in Australia.



Your service times and fees

	Times	Recurring Fee
Before School Care	7.15am – 8.45am	\$15.50
After School Care	3.15pm – 6.15pm	\$19.50
Vacation Care	7.15am – 6.15pm	\$55.00*

*Base Fee, excluding activity surcharge

A recurring booking is when a minimum of 2 bookings are made that recur on the same day and session across 2 or more weeks. More information regarding your fees will be available soon on our website. By registering with us, we will keep you up-to-date with all the latest information.



Government subsidy is available for eligible families

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) reduces the fees you pay before you are billed. Your eligibility for the subsidy is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out more, go to www.humanservices.gov.au/childcaresubsidy



Registration is free

To attend our care, families must register their child first. Registering your child means we have all the correct information we need to best care for them. Because of this, we recommend all families to register an account with us - that way if you ever need us, you only need to book the session, as we'll already have all the documentation we need from you.

To register we will ask you for the following information and documents:

- Your details and emergency contacts.
- Details about your child, and if any allergies or medication conditions.
- Your CRN (Customer Reference Number) from the Family Assistance Office.
- Child Immunisation Certificates
- Payment method and any other details.



Virtual Information Session

To help families understand everything you need to know about Outside School Hours Care, we are holding virtual information sessions.

Session 1: 25/11/2020 • 7:30pm (AEDT)

Session 2: 2/12/2020 • 12:30pm (AEDT)

Please visit

www.campaaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions to register free into your chosen session.

To register free for OSHC, head to pp.campaaustralia.com.au
We encourage you to do this in anticipation of bookings opening soon.
Once bookings for 2021 open, we will notify all registered families.

Birthday Celebrations

Many students like to celebrate their birthday at school by bringing in treats for their classmates.

Please assure that if you would like to do this, all items purchased are individually wrapped such as Freddo Frogs or cake bars. Unfortunately, homemade cupcakes are not permitted at the present.



Book Club News

Issue 8 of Bookclub will be coming home with your child. If you would like to place an order for your child please use the website:

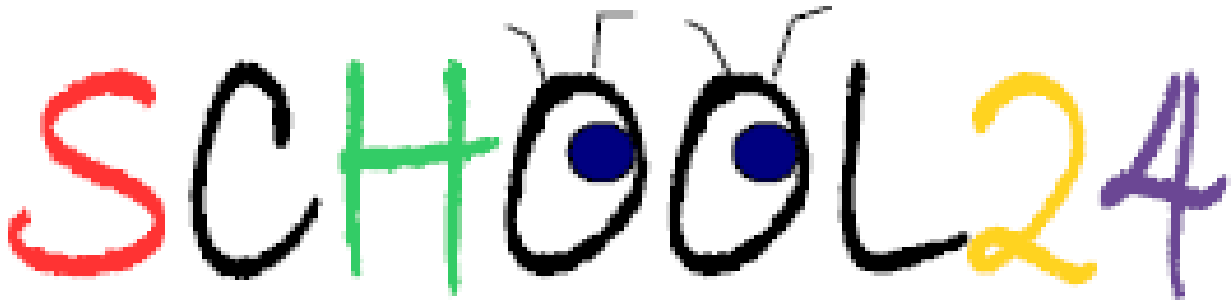
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> using

their **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform. When using this platform, there is no need for you to return anything to the school. For a more step by step guide to ordering please refer to the note on the Penrith Public School Website.

There will be **NO cash payments** accepted by the office. Please note that all orders not placed through the online process will be sent back home with the student.

Issue 8 orders close Friday 27 November 2020





It is Finally Here!! Canteen online ordering!

Our canteen staff and P & C volunteers have been working tirelessly to get this off the ground and Canteen Online Ordering with School 24 is now live.

See the attached notice for how to setup your child in the parent portal. Once you are set up then you are all set to start ordering. If you are having difficulties setting this up, please contact **School24 on 0280411132** for support.

Things to note:

- Orders for the day close at 9.15am same as the canteen window.
- If you order a recess for your child, they need to present themselves at the canteen window at recess to collect.
- We will still be operating as per normal via cash lunch orders at the canteen window.
- The canteen is still opening at recess and lunch for small over the counter snacks and drinks.

And Finally, this is a work in progress and quite new for all, please be patient as we are certain to encounter snags and hiccups as we all adjust.

Please let your child know that they have an online lunch order.

HAPPY ORDERING!

p.s Information will be uploaded on the school loop app and in the next newsletter.

Many Thanks
Samantha Taylor

TREASURER

Penrith Public School P&C Association

GETTING STARTED

Welcome to School24. We look forward to providing you with an easy-to-use online ordering platform that can be used on-the-go at any time! Getting started is easy, just follow the steps below and you'll be ready to make your first order in minutes.

Registration

Go to: www.school24.net.au

Register

Press the **blue** registration button to create your account. ->

Enter your unique school ID number to help us match your account with your school.

Penrith Primary School - School registration ID: 25282963

You will then be asked to input your personal details. Once completed click ->

Create Account

Congratulations you are now registered!

Activate your Account

Go to www.school24.net.au

Use your registered email address and password to login. Once you have logged in you will need to complete the following steps to ensure you are ready to make your first order.

Step 1

Setup your children. In the middle of the screen there is a 'students' button. Here you can input your child's name and class, along with any allergies or special requirements they may have.

SCHOOL24Students profile

Step 2

Top-up your account. You will be taken to a secure page where you can select a top-up amount and enter your card details. Top-up is instant when using visa/master cards.

Place your first order!

You are now ready to make your first order. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our friendly support team on 02 8041 1132 or email us on: help@school24.com.au

SCHOOL24

Customer support: 02 8041 1132

Penrith Public School

Thanks the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Penrith Public Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Penrith Public School once installed.



WEEKEND Cartoon Camps



Greater Campbelltown & Macarthur Region

Sat Dec 5th - Sun Dec 6th

Ambarvale Public School: 61 Copperfield Drive, Ambarvale

Greater Western Sydney

Sat Dec 12th - Sun Dec 13th

Trent Street Guides
Corner Evan & Trent Streets, South Penrith

Sat: 10am - 2pm / 2pm - 6pm / 6pm - 9pm Sun: 10am - 2pm

\$35 per class

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- Working with Children Checks
- A professional cartoonist will be running the program
- All art materials included
- We accept Creative Kids vouchers valued at \$100. If the children wish to come for the full weekend, the cost will only be \$40 per child



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\$100 Creative Kids Voucher

Contact service NSW. Each child aged 4 - 17 is allowed \$100 per year to attend our programs. Call our office with the vouchers: 02 9343 0833. If you want to attend all 4 classes you only need to pay \$40 per child.

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:
<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>