



Important Dates

TERM 4 WEEK 8 2020

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- 10-11 Presentation & Gold Award Assemblies – Students only
- 14 Talent Show — Students only
- 14 Party Day—Years 5 & 6
- 15 Party Day—kindy & Years 1,2,3 &4
- 16 Year 6 Farewell/Graduation – 12.15pm –\$20.00 due no later than 4 /12/20
- 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

As the end of year is fast approaching, this will be our second last newsletter for the year. Teachers are busily writing reports and our year six students are preparing themselves for high school.

Attendance Award – Please be reminded that the attendance award will only be given to students who have no more than 5 unjustified 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.

Party Day – Stages have provided students with information about party day. This will take place on Monday 14 December for Years 5 & 6 and Tuesday 15 December for Kindergarten & Years 1,2,3 &4. Please note that food sharing is NOT permitted. Guidelines have been provided by stage teachers.

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 – Students have decided to go with a Hawaiian Beach Party theme. Information has been sent home to our Year 6 families. The beach party will be held on the last day of term, together with our graduation festivities.

Gold Assembly and Presentation Day – We can't wait to celebrate the achievements of our students at our combined Gold and Presentation Day assemblies in week 10. Parents and carers are invited to join us via livestream at your child's allocated time. I will also be announcing our 2021 Councillors and Captains and thanking our outgoing leadership team for their amazing efforts and hard work throughout the year. The assemblies will run over two days on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December. Further information will be provided over the next week to students receiving awards on the day.

Kiss and Drop Zone—The No Parking area located on Doonmore Street is our designated Kiss and Drop Zone. This area provides a safe space for parents and carers to drop off and collect their children from school by car. Parents are able to legally drop off or pick up their children in this area. You may have noticed recently that there have rangers patrolling Doonmore Street. In order to avoid a hefty fine, please ensure you are following the rules.

- You can only stop for two minutes.
- You must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.
- **Your car must be fully within the signposts. If your child opens the door and it is outside the posts, you may be fined.**
- Children should exit from the school side of the vehicle.

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 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!

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

Stage 2 Creative Dance

This term students in Stage 2 combined movement skills and concepts to effectively create and perform movement sequences. All students focused on active participation. They developed confidence and competence whilst engaging in physical activity.

**Thank you Mr Emmingham
for a very creative and fun few weeks!!**



Stage 2 Creative Dance-Continued



P&C News Update

It is with great sadness that we have accepted the resignation of our beloved Treasurer Samantha Taylor. Due to medical reasons Samantha is no longer able to fulfil her role within our team. We would like to say a big thank you to our dear Samantha for the wonderful 12 years you have given us! Your show of dedication, time and effort has been selfless and inspirational. Thank you, for always sharing your heart including your smile and lending an ear when we've needed it. Thank you Samantha, for supporting Penrith Public School and our P&C, the P&C truly wishes you all the best for your future including most of all a speedy recovery.

With the Treasurer position vacant, we are seeking a Parent / Carer from the Penrith Public School Community to volunteer to fulfil the position. For information on the Role of the Treasurer- please see the Information flyer via the Skool Loop App. Even though this role requires time and an established understanding of Financial Practices & Procedures, immediate training will be available. Applications of Interest will be accepted until the position is fulfilled. Please submit your interest for this position in writing via email to Janelle Lodge, the Penrith Public School P&C President (penrithpublicschool-pres@pandcaffiliate.org.au).

Janelle Lodge, PPS P&C President



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.
- If your child is sick, please don't write unwell or sick as a reason. Due to COVID, the school needs to know the exact nature of the illness.
- 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.

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.

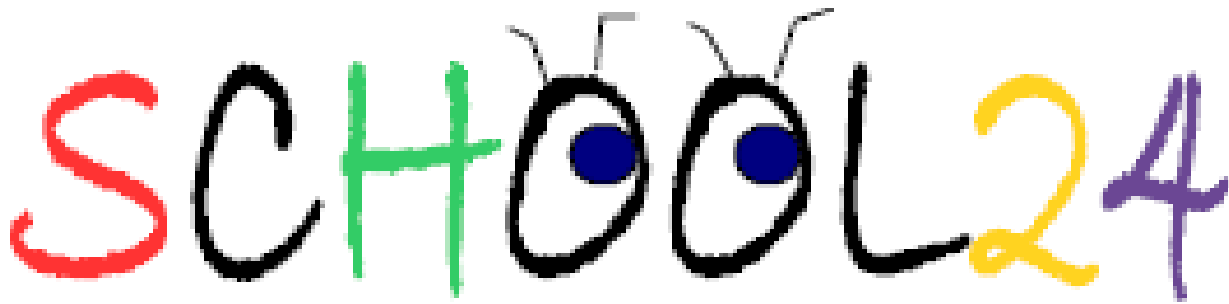
Session 1: 25/11/2020 • 7:30pm (AEDT)

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.



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.

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Students 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

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Customer support: 02 8041 1132

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>

INChurch's Christmas Concert Film – Outdoor Screening Event

Date

18th-20th December

Times

7:30pm gates open

8:15pm kids preshow

8:30pm screening begins

Extra information

Food available on the night, BYO seating (picnic rugs, chairs).

INChurch has a COVID Safe plan in place and will be adhering to it.

Head to website for more details: <https://inchurch.com.au/christmas>



INChurch Presents

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Streaming online from December 19th-24th

OUTDOOR CINEMA EXPERIENCE

DECEMBER 18TH, 19TH, 20TH 7:30PM

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Location: Penrith South Public School,
Corner of Jamison Rd. and Evan St., South Penrith
Classes are every Monday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)
New and Returning Registration: Monday, 27 July, 2020
New Students can also join on any Monday during term.

**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.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.