



Important Dates

TERM 1 WEEK 10 2021

APR

- 1 Term 1 ends
- 20 Term 2 begins for all students
- 22 Anzac Day Assembly—Students Only

MAY

- 4 Stage 1 Excursion
- **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.

Money/Notes Due

- \$10 Online Educational Recourses
- \$10 Kitchen Garden & Permission Note—Overdue
- \$40 Year Six Shirt & Order Form - **Overdue**
- \$35 Voluntary Contributions
- \$28 Australia Pioneer Village St 1 Excursion—Due 28/04/2021

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We have entered our final week of term one. Thursday 1 April will be the last day of school. Students return to school on Tuesday 20 April.

Kiss and Drop Zone - The 'No Parking' area on Doonmore Street is our 'Kiss and Drop' zone. We are currently making submissions to Penrith Council to extend this area to facilitate the safe arrival of our students. However, it has come to our attention that people are parking illegally in this area. The law is clear.

*If you use this area, you have **TWO minutes** to drop-off or pick up. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle. Illegal parking may result in fines or a loss of demerit points.* If you need to exit your vehicle to pick up your child, please find parking in the local streets and collect your child from the school gates. Parents and carers should not be standing at the Kiss and Drop gate (on Doonmore Street near the canteen) as this causes congestion and makes it difficult for students to identify their parents' vehicles. If the line for collection is lengthy and blocking the crossing, please circle the block. The safety of our students is our priority.

Supervision – If you require BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE, please contact CAMP AUSTRALIA for enrolment details. Teachers are in meetings EVERY day and EVERY afternoon. Supervision is only provided from 8:45am and not at all, after the school bell. Whilst I appreciate that many of you have commitments, so do our staff. Professional Learning and staff meetings are mandatory parts of the teaching profession. Teachers are required to accrue 100 hours to maintain their teaching accreditation. Meetings make up part of this allocation. If it is a one-off occurrence we will always support our students and their families, however, from term two, for students who are repeatedly left at school well past the school bell, or arriving prior to supervision, the school will be contacting parents via telephone and organising for parents to enrol their children in Camp Australia.

Principal's Message—Continued

Parents on School Grounds – Our school is required to ensure our practices align with the Department of Education guidelines and NSW Health recommendations.

Parents and carers are not required to use the COVID sign procedures for visitors if they are just dropping off or picking up their children, however it is vital that this is done swiftly as parents are not permitted to remain on school grounds without an appointment or invitation to attend a special event. For meetings, parents and carers are still required to sign in and complete the QR code.

Assemblies are permitted but are limited to less than an hour where possible. Parent, carers and special guests may be invited, however must comply with physical distancing and personal hygiene requirements at all times. The school must have a COVIDsafe plan for any of these activities. Where the school is unable to facilitate the 2 square metre rule and the 1.5m distancing, we will be limited as to who can attend these events.

These are the department's guidelines and some schools may be able to facilitate gatherings more than others due to the site size etc. It is important for parents and carers to attend school events, however the safety of all comes first.

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal

Important Information

Paying Online

- 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 for more information see following page.

Skool Loop

- 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.

Absences

- 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.

Visiting School grounds

- Please note, parents and members of the community are not to enter school premises without an appointment.

Contacting the School

- If you are unable to contact the school on the main line you can call the school's second number 4732 1142
- 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. If outside this time please email the school.
- Please ensure in correspondence to the school regarding your child include your child's first and last name and their class.

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.

Making Payments Online

You can make payments for excursions and other events online via the school website using the 'Make a Payment' button. It can be found in the quick links menu at the top right section of any page and also at the bottom of the home page.

If on a mobile device this will be found under the menu icon in the top left of the screen.

Only the fields marked with a * need to be filled in.

These fields will be your child's first name, last name, class, DOB and what you are paying for. Our school website address is <https://penrith-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Year 6 Shirt Orders - Last Chance to Order

The Year 6 shirt payment deadline has been extended.

Anyone who has not yet paid for a shirt and wishes to has until **Wednesday 31 March by 6PM SHARP to pay online.**

No further extension will be granted. This is in order for admin to process your payment on Thursday morning and for Mr Fogg to place the shirt orders prior to the holidays.

If any payment is received after this date and time it will be placed in Fees In Advance (FIA) on your child's account.

Classes of 2021

Mr Darren Fogg	5/6F	Mrs Nicole Craig	KC
Mrs Charnee Gregson	5/6GN	Mrs Monica Lockley	KL
Mrs Erin Neale	5/6GN	Mrs Belinda McGrouther	KM
Miss Emma Geisler	5/6G	Mrs Sonia Lang	KS
Mrs Stephanie O'Hara	5/6H	Mrs Viki Perry	K-6-Blue
Mrs Kelly Anderson	3/4A	Mrs Lacey Power	K-6-Red
Miss Carmelina Pisto	3/4C	Ms Marcelle Pettigrew	K-6-Yellow
Mrs Amy Cameron	3/4CL /	Mrs Tamara Hayes	K-6 -Green
Kitchen Garden			
Mrs Cassandra Lindsay	3/4CL /		
Kitchen Garden			
Mr Cameron Purse	3/4P		
Ms Amanda Wood	3/4W		
Mrs Therese Fogg	1F		
Mrs Natasha Reynolds	1R		
Mrs Naomi Footit	1/2F		
Miss Jordyn Main	2J		
Mr Giles McLoughlin	2M		
Mrs Sarah Turner	2T		

Yoga @ School

34W have been enjoying many benefits of Yoga including improving our balance, flexibility and posture. In addition, we are enhancing our memory and attention span, and reducing stress and anxiety. We highly recommend Yoga to promote mindfulness!!



Sugar Free-zies

This week we will celebrate a fabulous term and fantastic attendance with Sugar Free-zies across K-6. All students who attend school this week on our Secret Sugar Free-zies Day will receive a Sugar Free-zie - an all natural icy stix to enjoy! Sugar Free-zies are proudly Australian made and owned.

Did you know there are over 4000 tons of sugar consumed by Australians every year in frozen ice stix? The 'No Nasties Icicle Project' are on a crusade to remove 500 tons of sugar per year from Australian diets - without removing the yum and the fun!



P&C Treasurer Position open!

We are in urgent need of a Treasurer for our P&C. Due to unforeseen circumstances we are now in urgent need of a Treasurer and we are seeking a Parents/Carer from the Penrith Public School Community to volunteer to fulfil the position. 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 Amanda Fleming, the Penrith Public School P&C President (penrithpublicschool-pres@pandcaffiliate.org.au).

Thanks

Amanda Fleming



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Issue 2 of Book club 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.

There will be **NO payments** accepted by the office or your child's teacher. Please note that all orders not placed through the online process will be sent back home with the student.

Issue 2 orders close Friday 19th March 2021

AFL SEASON LAUNCH

28/03/21

2pm to 5pm

Greygums Oval Cranebrook

Want to try AFL?

Come join us at Training!

Under 9 Mixed Thursday 5:30pm

Under 10 Girls Thursday 5:30pm

Under 11 Mixed Tuesday 5:30pm

Under 13 Boys Tuesday 5:30pm

Under 14 Girls Tues & Thurs 5pm

Under 15 Boys Tues & Thurs 5:30pm

Under 16 Girls Tues & Thurs 5pm



AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH PRESENTS

A SELF DEFENCE KARATE AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

For boys and girls
Ages 5 – 16
In Sydney Since 1994

Website – karate-kids.com.au

DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE

INSTRUCTORS TRAINED SPECIFICALLY
FOR TEACHING CHILDREN AND TEENS

IMPROVE CONCENTRATION

SELF DEFENCE ONLY IS TAUGHT

BUILD COORDINATION

CLASSES DIVIDED BY AGE
AND EXPERIENCE

BUILD SELF ESTEEM

FROM BEGINNER TO
BLACK BELT

IMPROVE STUDIES

MAKE FRIENDS



WE'RE
COVID
SAFE



**TRY THE FIRST
CLASS FOR FREE!**

Only \$14.00 Per Week
With a \$2.00 Rego per term
No Extra Grading Fees!

INSTRUCTOR IS A KARATE CHAMPION AND ISKA INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Location: Penrith South Public School,

Corner of Jamison Rd. and Evan St., South Penrith

Classes are every Monday for 11 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Monday, 18 January, 2021

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.

COPMI Smiles Program 2021

For children 8-12 years old living in Lithgow, Blue Mountains, Penrith, St Marys and Hawkesbury.

This **FREE**, three day course, aims to assist children 8 - 12 years old, who have a parent or sibling experiencing a mental health problem.

Aims of the Program are to:

- ▣ increase understanding about mental illness
- ▣ Build self-esteem
- ▣ Enhance resilience
- ▣ Decrease feelings of isolation
- ▣ Provide opportunities to develop support networks.

Children will be cared for in a supportive, safe environment whilst being encouraged to learn and talk about mental illness in a fun & age appropriate way. There will be lots of fun activities including games, craft, education & free play.

Morning Tea, Lunch, Provided

When: Monday April 12th 2021 – Wednesday April 14th 2021,
9.30am—3pm (Arrive at 9.20am)

Where: St Nicholas Church Hall (the old school building behind the church), 326 High Street, Penrith.

To register please call: Bronwyn Powell (COPMI Coordinator) on 4734 4464 or Family & Carer Team on 8880 8160. Registrations close 1st April 2021 and spaces are limited so get in quick!





Do have your own little wildlife warrior at home?

For one special day the Museum of Fire is offering this FREE environmental program!

When: Friday 16 April 2021
(school holidays)

Where: Museum of Fire,
1 Museum Drive Penrith

Time: 10am - 12pm

Who: Children Aged 5-10

What: All participating students will receive a hands on experience. Children will learn about the local environment and help to plant a garden in the Museum grounds. They will receive a special plant that they can take home to care for themselves.

Children who take part in this program will be invited to participate in future junior caretaker activities.

For more information as well as terms and conditions please visit www.museumoffire.net

MUSEUM OF FIRE

JUNIOR CARETAKER'S DAY

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2021



Supported by the Jane
Goodall Institute Australia
and Roots and Shoots



Newsletter



ROCKETEERS

EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Join us for our very first mission.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



Every child that attends receives a FREE merchandise pack including T-shirt, Badge and Rocket!

A message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome you and kids for a wonderful and adventurous journey to our new branding Rocketeers Program during school term break. Kids will enjoy a fun ride towards learning and exploring their potential and skills. Our crew members always bring their passion and skill set to the service to stimulate and provide a tailored experience to each child. So welcome onboard to our first mission!



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

Before & After School Care

Available on site at
Penrith Public School in
2021

**NEW
in
2021**

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Let's make it safe, simple



Program	Times	Casual Fee	Recurring Fee	85% off with Subsidy
Before School Care	7:15am - 8:45am	\$18.00	\$15.50	\$2.33
After School Care	3:15pm - 6:15pm	\$21.00	\$19.50	\$2.93
Vacation Care	7:15am - 6:15pm	\$57.50	\$55.00	\$8.25
Pupil Free Day	7:15am - 6:15pm	\$57.50	\$55.00	\$8.25

**Register now for
Penrith Public School OSHC**



**Up to 85%
off your fees
with the
CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

Book now www.campastralia.com.au

Are you eligible for the Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees.
If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Details of all fees, terms and conditions are available at www.campastralia.com.au
Need Help? Our Customer Care Team are available 5am–9pm AEST on 1300 105 343

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Let's make it safe, simple

Parent Portal App: Unrivalled access at your fingertips.



- Book all your children at once.
- Book one session or for the whole year.
- Book OSHC and Holiday Club.
- Simple booking calendar overview.
- Track your spend.
- Manage your and your child's details.



Download the state-of-the-art Parent Portal app today and take control of your account with ease.



Updates coming in 2021

- + Refer-a-friend loyalty rewards
- + Offers and discounts
- + In-service photo gallery



SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY TIPS

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT SCHOOL

PARKING



NEVER double park - which includes not blocking traffic while "waiting for a spot" in the NO parking area. Go around the block.



DROP OFF/PICK UP



Always follow the rules of the No Parking, stay for 2 minutes while dropping off or picking up and stay within 3 metres of your car.



CROSSING



NEVER park or stop across/on a pedestrian crossing.



NO U-TURNS



NEVER conduct a U-turn around school especially over double white centre lines or near a crossing.



PEDESTRIANS



Always use crossing facilities. Stop Look Listen and Think even when you have right of way.



BUCKLE UP



Children stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.



EXITING THE CAR



Make sure children use the kerb side door when getting in and out of a car.



BE READY



Children be ready at the gate and looking for their car at pick up time.



PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL

[penrith.city](https://www.penrith.city)

Coming this March



Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square – it's the game that they all know and love.

Register for Handball now through your Parent Portal



Championships Starting Now

Handball Service Championships are starting from Monday 22 March.

Entry into the competition is only \$5 - so enter your child now and book them into After School Care to secure their spot.

All registered children receive a FREE handball and the Service Champion will receive a trophy and automatic entry to represent their school at the Regional Championships!

Key Dates

8 - 19
March

Official Practice in After School Care at Your OSHC

22 - 26
March

Service Championships in After School Care at Your OSHC

School
Holidays

Rocketeers Championships
*More information on our website

2
May

Regional Championships

How to register your child

To participate into the Handball Championships or attend our program, you need to be a Camp Australia customer. You can register an account with us for free at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and Rocketeers Service Champion wins a Trophy!



Visit www.campastralia.com.au/handball for more information



Gateway Family Services

Term 2, 2021

Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
No Scaredy Cats <i>Strategies to help your child reduce anxiety & build resilience. This group will assist you to understand how anxiety develops & how to offset its progress whilst providing some strategies for its management.</i>	Every Monday 17th May - 31st May 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i>	WinCAMP 56 Whitecross Road, WINMALEE	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Tuning In To Kids <i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.</i>	Every Monday 3rd May - 31st May 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i>	Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, KATOOMBA	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 6th May - 20th May 10:00am - 12noon <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	Gateway Family Services (Penrith premises) Cnr Henry & Station Street, PENRITH	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i>	Every Wednesday 5th May - 23rd June 7:30pm - 9:00pm <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	ONLINE via ZOOM	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.



12th March 2021

**Penrith High School
Penrith Public School**

Changes to Route 775 from Monday 19 April

Dear Parents and Students,

From **Monday 19 April 2021**, there will be changes to Route 775 (morning service).

Route 775 will depart at 8:07am from *St Marys Interchange - Stand 8 (Stop ID: 276041)* and operate 5 minutes earlier (throughout entire trip).

There will be no changes to the route path.

For more information, maps and new timetables, visit busways.com.au/R1-school-bus-changes or contact us on 1300 69 2929.

Yours sincerely,

Busways
(3020i) RTE 775 110Z

12th March 2021

**St Clair High School
Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
Penrith High School
Penrith Public School**

Changes to Route 776 from Monday 19 April

Dear Parents and Students,

From **Monday 19 April 2021**, there will be departure time and route changes to Route 776 (morning service).

Route 776 will operate via the following timing points at the following times:

Timing point	Change
Mount Druitt Station, Stand H	Depart 10 minutes earlier at 7:40am
Roper Rd after Carlisle Ave	Depart 10 minutes earlier at 7:48am
Colorado Dr after Explorers Way	Depart 9 minutes earlier at 7:51am
St Claire Shopping Centre, Bennett Rd	Depart 8 minutes earlier at 7:56am
St Clair High School, Endeavour Ave	Depart 8 minutes earlier at 8:00am
Blackwell Public School, Blackwell Ave	Depart 8 minutes earlier at 8:01am
Solander Dr at Cameo Cres	Depart 7 minutes earlier at 8:06am
St Marys RSL Club, Mamre Rd	Depart 7 minutes earlier at 8:13am
Our Lady Of The Rosary Primary School, Mamre Rd	Depart 7 minutes earlier at 8:14am
St Marys Interchange - Stand 8	Arrive 6 minutes earlier at 8:22am
St Marys Interchange - Stand 8	Depart 6 minutes earlier at 8:24am
Great Western Hwy opp Water St	Depart 5 minutes earlier at 8:33am
Second Ave after O'Connell St	Depart 4 minutes earlier at 8:38am
Nepean Hospital Derby St Derby St	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 8:44am
Doonmore St opp Penrith Public School (Sets down Penrith High School)	Depart 2 minutes earlier at 8:49am

There are no changes to the route path.

For more information, maps and new timetables, visit busways.com.au/R1-school-bus-changes or contact us on 1300 69 2929.

Yours sincerely,

Busways
(3025i) Rte 776 172Z

12th March 2021

**Penrith High School
Penrith Public School
Kingswood High School
Penrith Anglican School**

Changes to Route 776 from Monday 19 April

Dear Parents and Students,

From **Monday 19 April 2021**, there will be changes to Route 776 (afternoon service).

Route 776 will operate via the following timing points at the following times:

Timing point	Change
Penrith Station, Stand A	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 3:45pm
Penrith Selective High School, Lethbridge St (also sets down Penrith Public School)	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 3:51pm
Nepean Hospital Derby St	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 3:54pm
Kingswood High School, Bringelly Rd	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 3:58pm
Second Ave at Morphett St	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:03pm
Great Western Hwy after Water St	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:09pm
St Marys Interchange - Stand 5	Arrive 3 minutes earlier at 4:18pm
St Marys Interchange - Stand 5	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:20pm
Mamre Rd opp St Marys RSL Club	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:26pm
Solander Dr opp Cameo Cres	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:31pm
Blackwell Ave opp Blackwell Public School	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:36pm
Bennett Rd opp St Claire Shopping Centre	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:41pm
Colorado Dr at Explorers Way	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:45pm
Roper Rd opp Carlisle Ave	Depart 3 minutes earlier at 4:48pm
Mount Druitt Station, Stand H	Arrive 1 minutes earlier at 5:00pm

There are no changes to the route path.

For more information, maps and new timetables, visit busways.com.au/R1-school-bus-changes or contact us on 1300 69 2929.

Yours sincerely,

Busways
(3027i) RTE 776 309Z