



Important Dates

TERM 2 WEEK 2 2021

APR

26-30 Hatching Chicks

30 Pyjama Day—Whole School-Gold Coin Donation

MAY

3-7 Hatching Chicks

4 Stage 1 Pioneer Village Excursion Years1 &2

11 Naplan Years 3 & 5

17 Public Speaking Stage 2 & 3 Finals

27 World's Largest Morning tea fundraiser –Donation of Foods ?

27 Musica Viva –Eastwinds

27 Wanderers Cup Soccer Day –Selected students

JUN

25 Term 2 Ends

To assist with planning and to avoid your child missing out payment and permission note are due Wednesday 28/04/2021

Money/Notes Due

\$28 Australian Pioneer Village St 1 Excursion—Due 28/04/2021

\$6.50 Musica Viva-Eastwinds—Due 06/05/2021 NO Extension

\$10 Online Educational Recourses

\$10 Kitchen Garden & Permission Note—Overdue

\$35 Voluntary Contributions

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy start to the term at Penrith Public School!

Kitchen Garden – I would like to officially welcome Popcorn and Zinger to our team. Mrs Cameron and Mrs Lindsay have added two Araucana chickens to our coop and we look forward to sampling their lovely blue eggs during kitchen garden lessons.

Enrolling Now for 2022 – If you have a child commencing kindergarten in 2022, or if you know of anyone commencing school next year, we are taking enrolments now! Our comprehensive Kickstart to Kindy program runs throughout terms three and four.

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.

Principal's Message—Continued

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.

Children's Crossing – Unfortunately a number of parents have been witnessed driving through the children's crossing and not permitting students and parents to cross safely. Please remember that pedestrians have priority and assist us in ensuring our students' and community's by adhering to the speed limit and giving way to pedestrians. Students have also been seen crossing the road along Doonmore Street, rather than using the pedestrian crossing. Please discuss road safety with your children and the importance of utilising the children's crossing to ensure their safety on the roads. Our previous crossing supervisor has moved on to greener pastures and we have a temporary supervisor in the meantime. Please make sure they feel welcome!

Aldi Carpark– Please remember that the Aldi carpark has a 2 hour parking limit. Businesses on that block pay rent to utilise the premises, including a number of parking spaces. A number of members of our school community utilise the pathway and parking area as a meeting point. I encourage you to be mindful of the businesses operating out of the Mooney Real Estate building during pick up and drop off times. This includes disposing of rubbish when leaving the area. We sincerely appreciate your support and understanding.

Wishing you a great couple of weeks ahead!

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal

Important Information

Visiting School grounds

- All parents/carers and visitors to the school must report to the school office. Please use the High street gate next to the High School to access the office.

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.

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 and it will be responded to in office hours.
- Please ensure in correspondence to the school you include your child's first and last name and their class.

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.

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.

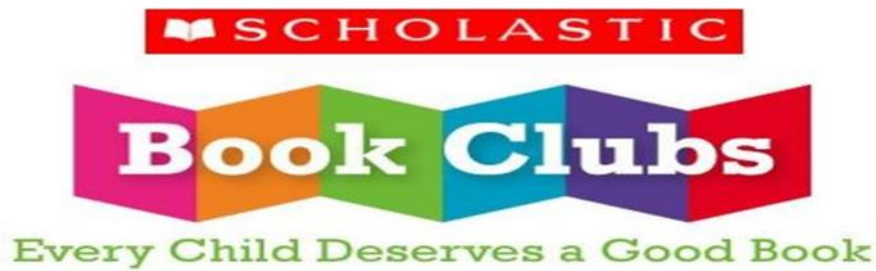
These fields will be your child's first name, last name, class, DOB and what you are paying for. Our school website address is <https://penrith-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Classes of 2021

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



With restrictions easing, STAKZ is meeting again at Penrith Presbyterian Church at 9 Doonmore St Penrith for kids in years K-6. It starts 30 April and runs on Friday afternoons from 3.30-5.30pm. For more details call 4721 2440.



Issue 3 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 7th May 2021

School Therapy Dog

Our school has recently engaged the services of Therapuppy. All Therapuppy dogs are Cavoodles and were born to work in schools. Each dog completes specialised School Dog training and complete recertification every twelve months.

School dogs have been proven to help students reach their potential by providing a way to calm and ground them.

A dog will begin to come to our school shortly to work with students in Year one and Year Two. They will be attending the school only on certain days and will always be on a lead. This has the approval of the principal.

As part of our preparation, it is crucial to establish if we have any students who are afraid or allergic to dogs. If your child is scared or allergic to dogs, could you please send an email to the school penrith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, with your child's full name and class, as soon as possible to let us know.

I look forward to enrolling this new student at our school!

Mrs Sanderson

Assistant Principal Executive Support



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Location: Penrith South Public School,
Corner of Jamison Rd. and Evan St., South Penrith
Classes are every Monday for 10 Weeks (Every School Term)
New and Returning Registration: Monday, 19 April, 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.



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Facilitators:

**Dr Annemaree Bickerton (Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatrist) and
Toni Garretty (Clinical Coordinator Family and Carer Program Illawarra
and Shoalhaven Mental Health Service) presents:**

"Staying Connected When Emotions Run High"

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This **FREE** workshop will provide you with additional communication skills to support someone (between 12yrs to 100yrs) who experiences any of the following:

- Has relationship difficulties
- Demonstrates changing emotions and strong overwhelming feelings that can make communication difficult
- Sometimes behaves in a way that makes them a danger to themselves or others

These symptoms can be experienced in those with mental health issues, drug and alcohol dependence, developmental and learning disorders.

Date: 4th May 2021

Time: 9.30am – 3:45pm.

Please arrive at 8.45 am for registration and COVID-19

Screening using the QR Code provided by the Holiday Inn.

Venue: Holiday Inn Parramatta

All food will be individually boxed. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Places are limited so RSVP: 27th of April 2021 to:

Name: Family & Carers Mental Health Program
Western Sydney

Phone: 8599 4880

Email: fcmhinfo@parramattamission.org.au

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| 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 |

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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,

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