



Important Dates

TERM 2 WEEK 4 2021

MAY

- 11-13 Naplan Years 3 & 5
- 13 P&C Meeting @ 3.30pm
- 14 Yr 6 Fundraiser—Students bring \$2
- 17 Public Speaking Stage 2 & 3 Finals
- 27 World's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser – Gold Coin Donation—Students only
- 27 Musica Viva – Eastwinds
- 27 Wanderers Cup Soccer Day –Selected students

JUN

- 25 Term 2 Ends
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Money/Notes Due

- \$86 Stage 2 Camp Deposit & note -27 May 2021
- \$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 fortnight at Penrith Public School!

Stage 1 Excursion – On Tuesday 4 May Stage 1 visited Australiana Pioneer Village in Wilberforce to learn all about the past. They saw the sheep shearing, wool spinning, made and ate damper, and visited the old school where they discovered how children were educated in the early 1900s.

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 has an onsite Outside of School Hours service (Camp Australia) for any families who require this service.

P&C Meetings – Our May meeting will be held on Thursday 13 May at 3:30pm. We invite all parents and carers who would like to be involved to attend. Due to COVID safe contact tracing requirements, please sign in with the QR code at the school office.

Mother's Day Stall – Thanks to everyone who volunteered to run the Mother's Day stall. Our P&C sourced some fabulous gifts for students to purchase, yet again! Students thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to 'shop' at school and make very considered choices when purchasing gifts for their loved ones. We would not be able to provide our students with this experience without the dedication and support of our wonderful community. Thank you!

Principal's Message—Continued

NAPLAN – Students in years three and five will sit NAPLAN this week. I ask all parents to ensure your children arrive at school on time to avoid disruption. Parents, please remember that the NAPLAN is a diagnostic assessment and provides a single snapshot of students' capabilities on a single day. Whilst the assessment is useful for data analysis purposes, it is the teachers' daily interactions, assessments and observations that provide a comprehensive, accurate indication of student progress and achievement.

Children's Crossing – Unfortunately we have not been allocated a regular crossing supervisor. Please remember that when the crossing is not supervised, pedestrians have priority. We ask you to assist us in ensuring our students' and community's safety by adhering to the speed limit and giving way to pedestrians. Please discuss road safety with your children and the importance of utilising the children's crossing to ensure their safety on the roads.

Kiss and Drop – You may have noticed Penrith Council have granted our request to extend the Kiss and Drop area along Doonmore Street to facilitate the safe arrival and pick up of our students. Stopping for more than two minutes in this area is illegal. Please adhere to all signage. *Illegal parking may result in fines or a loss of demerit points.*

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.

Biggest Morning Tea – Thanks to Mrs Lindsay for supporting this wonderful cause that is very close to many of our hearts.

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

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.

SPORTS UPDATE FOR TERM TWO

Cross Country

Students recently participated in both the School and Zone Cross Country carnivals. Those selected from our School carnival ran in the Zone carnival held at Jamison Park. It was very pleasing to see the effort all children made in their races. I would like to congratulate them on their achievements in these races. They should be proud of themselves. Thank you to Mr Purse for his work on the day.



Athletics

In a few weeks students will commence some field event competitions for qualifying for the Zone carnival to be held later in term three.



Soccer

Some students will have the opportunity to participate in a special soccer gala day run by the Wanderers club. A note will be sent home shortly for those involved in this day.



Premier's Sporting Challenge

Students in stage 2 and 3 will be receiving a challenge card that involves recording their physical activity for a period of ten weeks. This is usually timed so that two of these weeks are the school holidays. Upon completion of these ten weeks of activity the card should be returned to their teacher.



Premier's Debating Challenge Round 1

Congratulations to our debating team
on your first win in your first debate!

You all displayed excellent matter and manner skills and
presented a fantastic team line. Excellent effort!

***“That every class in primary school should
adopt a dog or a cat as a class pet.”***



First Speaker	Lennon	5/6H
Second Speaker	Savannah	5/6F
Third Speaker	Danny	5/6H
Team Advisor	Tahlia	5/6F

Thank you to Aleesha 5/6G and Angelo 5/6G for successfully completing
the chairperson and timekeeper roles.

Mrs Anderson, Miss O'Hara and Ms Wood look forward to working with you
all on the next topic.

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
M ~~W~~ T F
M T W T F
= **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
M ~~W~~ T F
M T W ~~F~~
= **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

This Friday 14 May Year 6 will be having a 'Spider Day' (Ice- cream and soft drink). Please bring in \$2.00 to purchase your drink and support Year 6 in their fundraising efforts.

Penrith Public School Biggest Morning Tea

27th May 2021

We are aiming to raise vital funds for people impacted by cancer on Thursday 27th of May.

Gold coin donations will help us reach our goal of \$1000.

In addition to the gold coin donation, we will be selling a variety of cupcakes, muffins and other sweet treats during break times. All items at the store will be 50c each.



Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Dear families,

Camp Australia (OSHC) thank you all for a wonderful response for our first Rocketeer club. We hope that children might have had a wonderful time, made new friends at our service while exploring various skills and activities. This is the best age for children to learn, explore and engage in various environmental understandings which are positively driven towards team work, resilience, respecting others and understanding human emotions. We with school try to put our best efforts towards that. We wish all the children a great term ahead.

Thank you,

Activities coming up

- Anzac Day activities
- Reconciliation week
- Magnetic blocks

What's on the menu

- Apricot Ball
- Truffle Balls
- Toast with Jam and vegemite

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at cp.campaustalia.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**

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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**



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Details of all fees, terms and conditions are available at www.campastralia.com.au
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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



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.



LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

NEPEAN BLUE MOUNTAINS LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT



GUESS WHO'S BACK?

Carla Pillskic has returned from maternity leave and is working Thursdays and Fridays. You can email her at Carla.Piliskic@health.nsw.gov.au or call on 4734 3878.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE TEAM FOR ONGOING SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO HEALTHY EATING/ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RESOURCES. THEY'RE FREE!

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CHANGES TO SCHOOL LIFE

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us all to think about how we operate through this challenging time. We understand that as a school your priorities may have changed and health related practices once implemented by your school may have ceased.

We would like to know how we can continue to support your school to maintain healthy eating and physical activity practices.

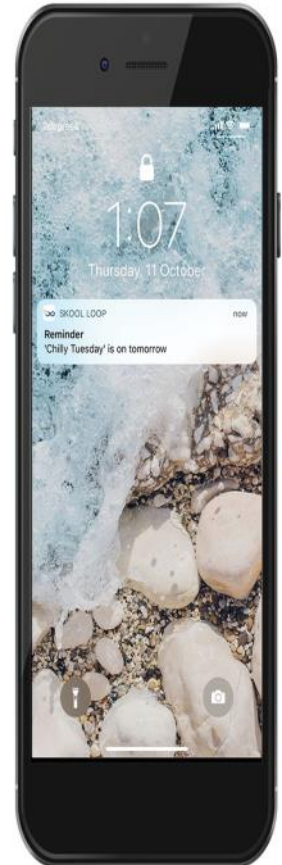
LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

A survey will be sent around SOON so keep an eye out for this!

The Skool Loop App

Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.



Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



YOGA for KIDS FREE TRIAL CLASS

AGES 8 to 12

Monday May 31 4PM-4:45PM

Monday June 7 4PM-4:45PM

We are running two free trial classes to see if there is interest in a kid's yoga class.

Bookings are essential.

Class numbers are limited to 10.

There are many potential benefits of yoga for children, including:

- being physically active,
- improvements to circulatory, respiratory and digestive system,
 - developing sensory awareness,
 - learning to manage stress,
- Encouraging healthy sleep patterns.

**Suite 3C, 438 High Street
(corner of Woodriff and High St) Penrith**

Book online on our website: www.penrithyogastudio.com.au



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