



# Important Dates

## TERM 2 WEEK 6 2021

### JUN

- 9 Yr 6 Fundraiser Footy Attire—Gold coin
- 14 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 17 K-6 Yellow Excursion to Sydney Zoo
- 25 Term 2 Ends

### JUL

- 13 Term 3 Starts
- 14

### AUG

- 19 School Photo Day - Wear full school uniform

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### Money/Notes Due

- \$86 Stage 2 Camp Deposit & note -27 May 2021 over due
- \$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

What a fabulous two weeks it has been at Penrith Public School!

**New signs** – You may have noticed a little extra colour throughout the school recently. We have brightened up the school with some stair rises with inspirational quotes for learning and our multiplication facts. There are also some coloured pencils outside our school office reminding everyone of our core values of take pride, be sensible, care for others and be polite.

**National Reconciliation Week** - National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Biggest Morning Tea** – Thank you to Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Cameron for organising our cupcake stall. Our staff spent their week cooking up a storm to deliver some special treats for the students. A wonderful example of how we can make an impact and help others in our community.

**Soccer Gala Day** – Congratulations to our students who participated in the inter-school Soccer Gala Day on Thursday 27 May. A fantastic opportunity to compete against other schools and restart competitive sport after such a long hiatus due to COVID.

## **Principal's Message—Continued**

### **A Word from our Local Police:**

**ARE YOU SCHOOL SAFE** – "Illegal parking around schools endangers children's lives". If you've heard the expression "it's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt" then you'll understand why it is important for EVERYONE to obey the road rules.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. Schools provide information in school newsletters and emails to promote safe behaviour and this includes parking legally during drop off and pick up times.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind. Illegal parking around schools puts lives at risk. That's why Council and the Police take a 'zero tolerance' approach. Council Rangers, Parking Officers and Police regularly patrol schools across the Penrith LGA.

**Parking in a No Parking area** - means you can stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a MAXIMUM of 2 MINUTES. You must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.

**Parking in a No Stopping area** - means you CANNOT stop in this area for ANY reason.

**Parking in a Bus Zone area** - means you CANNOT stop or park unless you are driving a bus.

**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.

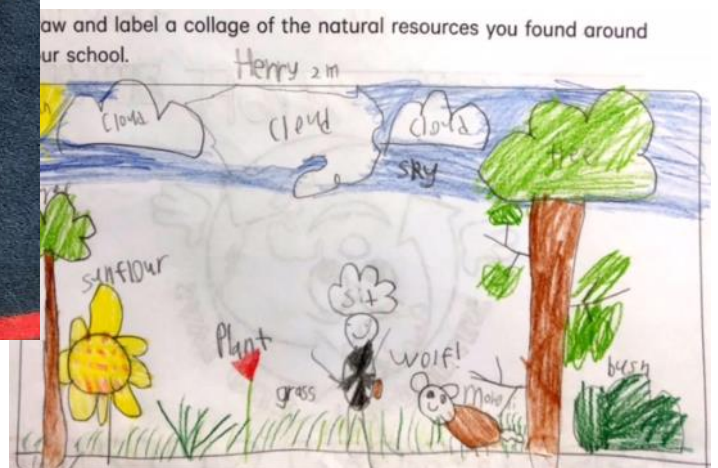
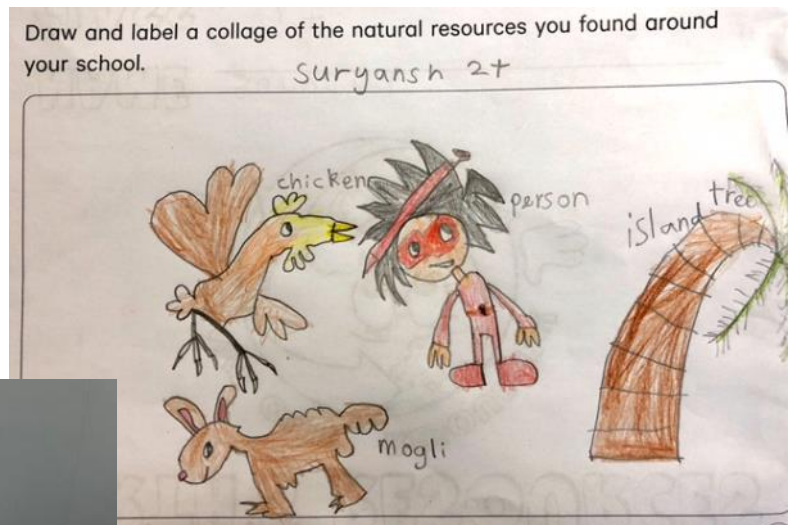
**Staff Development Days** – As you are aware, school staff are required to participate in professional learning sessions throughout the year. The first day of the school term in terms 1, 2 and 3 is also set aside for staff development days, as well as the final day of term 4. This year, staff at Penrith PS will be completing additional professional learning after school hours, which will replace ONE staff development day on Thursday 16 December. The last day of school for STUDENTS will be Wednesday 19 December. STAFF will finish on Friday 17 December. The school will be closed for the summer holidays after that time.

Warm regards

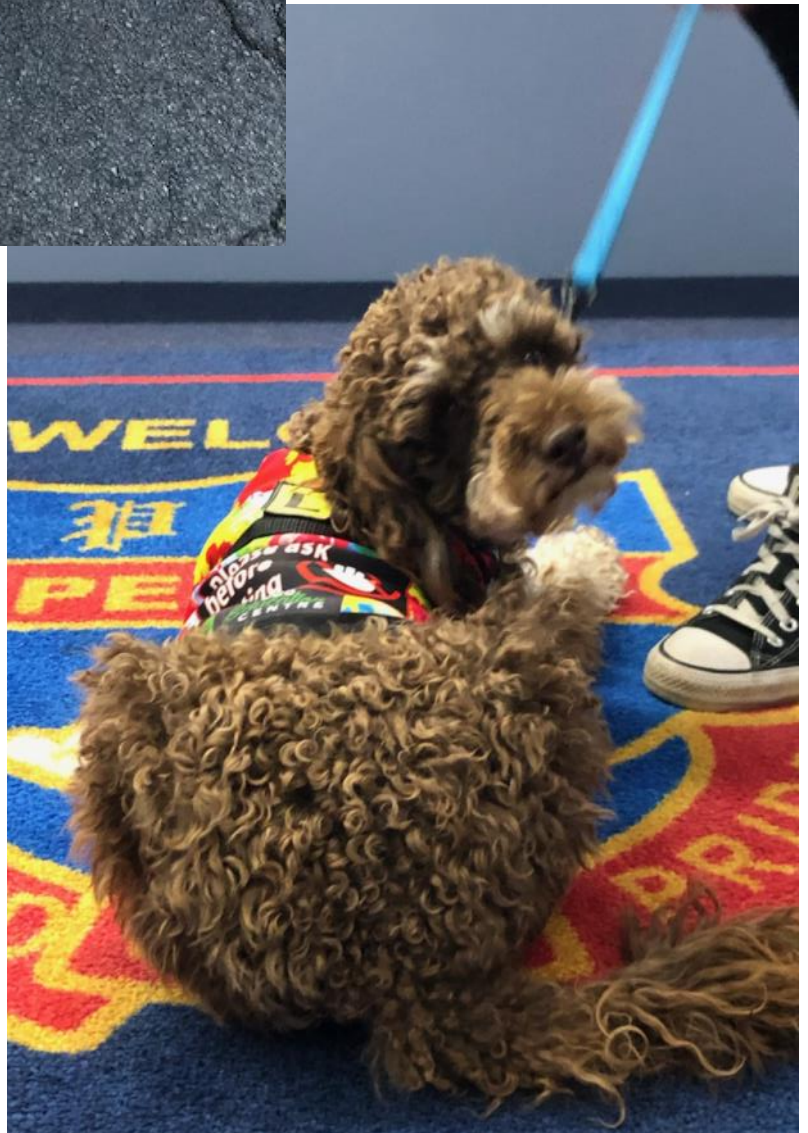
*Chantal Beltran*  
*Principal*

## What's news with Miss Georgia and Mowgli?

It has been wonderful to see how Miss Georgia and Mowgli have settled in as students of Penrith Public School. We have learnt that Mowgli enjoys reading, giving high five's and is currently working on his sitting skills. Miss Georgia has taught us how to care for Mowgli and enjoys showing us how he is learning to master his skills at school. Our students always enjoy visits from Miss Georgia and Mowgli!









## Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 27 May, we held our Biggest Morning Tea and Mufti Day, raising a jaw-dropping figure of \$1959.65 in funds toward cancer research. Our staff dedicated their time and amazing baking skills to create a mouth-watering range of delicious treats, from muffins to pikelets, cookies to cake pops. An extra big shout-out to Mrs Sanderson and Mrs McGrouther for baking and decorating HUNDREDS of mini cupcakes. Sprinkles, icing snowflakes, emojis and even the school logo adorned each edible work of art. A big thanks to Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Cameron for organising the event. It was so successful that we ran a follow-up cake stall fundraiser the following day! The generosity of the Penrith Public School community is greatly appreciated.







# **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/>



Please bring in your bread bags to help raise funds for our school.

The collection boxes are located near the office and outside the Kitchen garden room.

## **WANDERERS CUP**

This week students participated in the Western Sydney Wanderers Cup, which is a soccer competition held throughout the western Sydney region. Our region was the Penrith/ Blue Mountains region. I would like to congratulate all the boys and girls who represented our school as well as all the parents who came along to support the students.

One of our teams lost in the final of this event but have performed well enough that they will go on to represent at the finals to be held at Blacktown later in the year. Lots of time to practice for that event!

A big thanks to Mitchell for his help with coaching the teams.

## **PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE CARDS**

All students in stage 2 and 3 should by now have received their sporting challenge cards. This 10 week challenge will run to the end of term, through the holidays and over the first 3 weeks of term three. This will take in our School Athletics Carnival, which is due to be held on the 26 July. Students simply need to mark each section of physical exercise on the card and return it upon completion. Hopefully, we can once again achieve diamond level!!

*John Emmingham*

*Sports Coordinator*

## **Invitation to NDIS Information session**

On Thursday 3 June, Penrith Public School is hosting an NDIS information session presented by *Uniting* local area coordinators. *Uniting* supports people aged 7-65 who have NDIS plans and are eligible for the scheme. They are also able to support people with a disability who aren't eligible for the scheme by connecting them to services and supports in their local community. During the information session families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the NDIS process and supports offered. This activity has the approval of the principal.

**Date: Thursday 3 June 2021**

**Time: 3:30 to 5pm**

**Location: Penrith Public School library**

**Please RSVP by Wednesday 2 June to [penrith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:penrith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**

*Theresa Sanderson*

*Assistant Principal Executive Support*



# 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** = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

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**1** day per **week** = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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# 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](http://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**

**CAMP AUSTRALIA**  
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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**



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

**Book now** [www.campastralia.com.au](http://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](http://www.campastralia.com.au)  
Need Help? Our Customer Care Team are available 5am–9pm AEST on 1300 105 343

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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





# 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](mailto: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

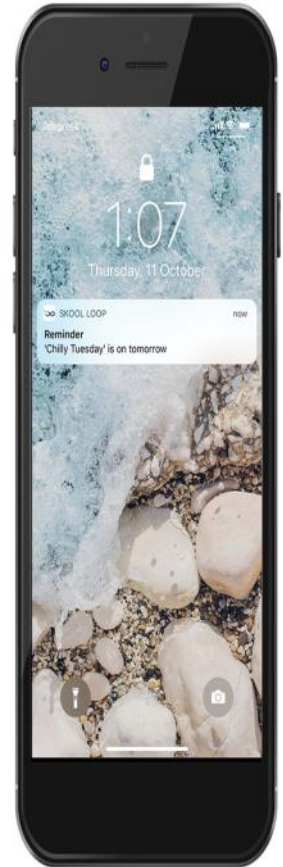
A survey will be sent around SOON so keep an eye out for this!



# 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.

