



Important Dates

TERM 2 WEEK 8 2021

JUN

- 9 Yr 6 Fundraiser Footy Colours—Gold coin
- 14 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 17 K-6 Yellow Excursion to Sydney Zoo
- 17 P&C Meeting @ 3.30pm
- 25 School report go home
- 25 Term 2 Ends

JUL

- 13 Term 3 Starts
- 16 Stage 2 Forces Excursion

AUG

- 6 Penrith Cup
- 19 School Photo Day - Wear full school uniform

Money/Notes Due

- \$86 Stage 2 Camp Deposit & note -27 May 2021-OVERDUE
- \$100 Stage 3 Camp Deposit & note due - 18 June 2021
- \$6.50 AMT Competition & note due-21 June 2021
- \$33 Stage 2 Forces excursion & note due-23 June 2021
- \$10 Online Educational Resources
- \$10 Kitchen Garden & Permission Note-OVERDUE

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe another term has come to an end. Friday 25 June will be the last day of term two. Please remember that Monday 12 July is a Staff Development Day and students do not attend school on that day.

Reconciliation Week Activities – Thanks to Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Craig for their unwavering dedication to the outstanding coordination of our Reconciliation Week activities. Our staff and students have enjoyed raising awareness and learning about reconciliation, our environment and community.

Public Speaking - On Monday 7 June, Penrith Public School hosted some of our local schools for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Thank you to Mrs Wood for organising the event and working closely with our Stage 2 and Stage 3 finalists to prepare their inspiring speeches. Congratulations to Amadea and Kiera on your Highly Commended award.

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.

P&C Meeting— The next P&C meeting will be held at the school at 3.30pm on Thursday 17 June 2021 . Please report to the school office to scan the QR code before attending.

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. The staff development day for term 4 is on Friday 17 December. The last day of school for STUDENTS will be Thursday 16 December. STAFF will finish on Friday 17 December. The school will be closed for the summer holidays after that time.

Principal's Message—Continued

Attendance - Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. At Penrith Public School we encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. It is also important that students arrive at school and class on time. This ensures that students do not miss out on important activities scheduled during prime learning time, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives students time to greet their friends before class and reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

This term we have been celebrating attendance with daily 'shout-outs' to each class who achieves 100% attendance with no late arrivals. We follow this with a weekly attendance award to the class, in each stage, with the highest attendance. At the end of the term the class with the highest attendance from each stage will be invited to a special Mr E disco. Individual students with more than 85% will also be invited to the disco.

Every day counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role – teachers, students, parents and carers.

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

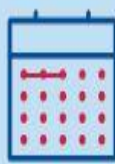
they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

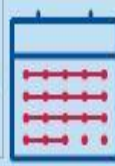


30 mins
per day



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18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Eastwinds

On Thursday 27 May, the members of "Eastwinds" showed students how to harness their creativity by expressing and sharing their personal experiences through music.



A Persian ney (flute) and daf (drum) player, a musical instrument inventor and didgeridoo virtuoso drew on their own diverse cultural and musical backgrounds to create a sound that is uniquely theirs. In this special performance, teachers and students were given the tools to create and connect to each other through making music on the spot.

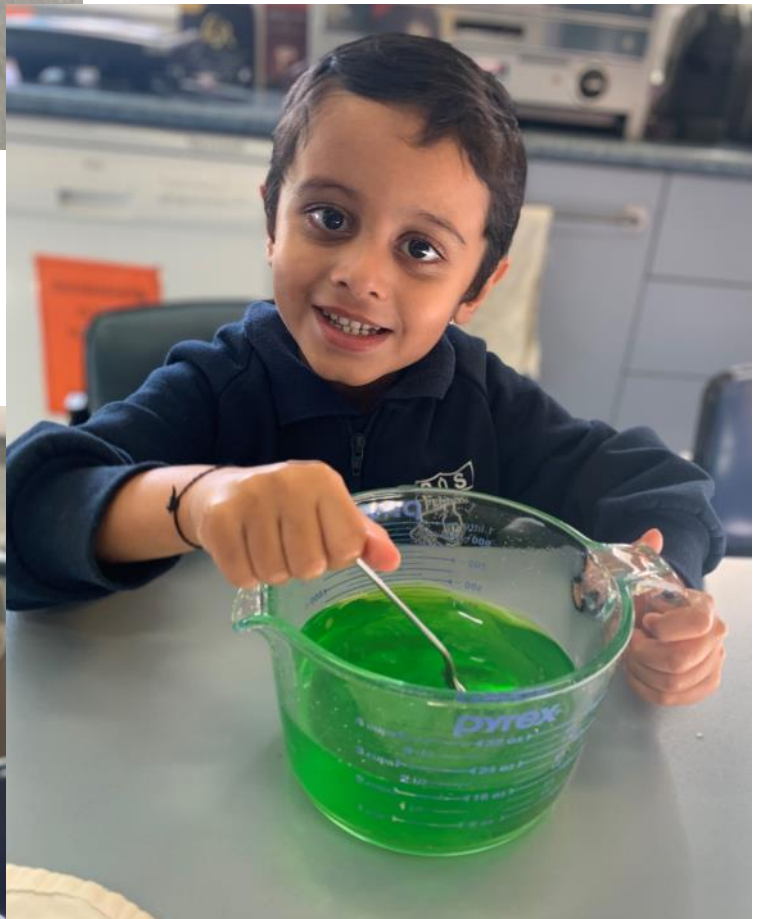
Thank you for being a very engaged audience!



F-Frog Week



KS were learning the word 'frog' this week in Smart Spelling, so we made frogs in ponds. What a treat it was to make jelly, wait for it to set and then eat it! YUM!!





New signage to brighten our school

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.



Multicultural Perspectives

Public Speaking Competition Final

Penrith Public School were very excited to host the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Final for our local area. Finalists from across five local schools in Stage 2 and Stage 3 presented prepared and impromptu speeches. They were unique, engaging and inspiring! Messages around the idea of multiculturalism were heard loud and clear... you are strong, but together we are stronger!



Stage 2 Contestants Lilly & Amadea, Stage 3 Rianna & Keira



Congratulations Amadea & Keira on your Highly Commended award

Thank you to our school leaders Arjun, Angelo, Charlotte and Prizma for helping out on the day as chair people, timekeepers and support.

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/>



FOOTY CAMPS AUSTRALIA

FOOTYCAMPS.COM.AU

2-DAY AFL CAMP PENRITH



FOOTBALL
CAMPS AUSTRALIA

Footy Camps Australia are back this Winter to offer all the fun and skill development that we have delivered in the past. Perfect for kids of all skill level aged 4-12

Grey Gums Oval, Cranebrook

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th July 2021

Call 1300 914 368 or visit
australiansportscamps.com.au
to book or for more information.

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.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.

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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



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**



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 all happen



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.

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.

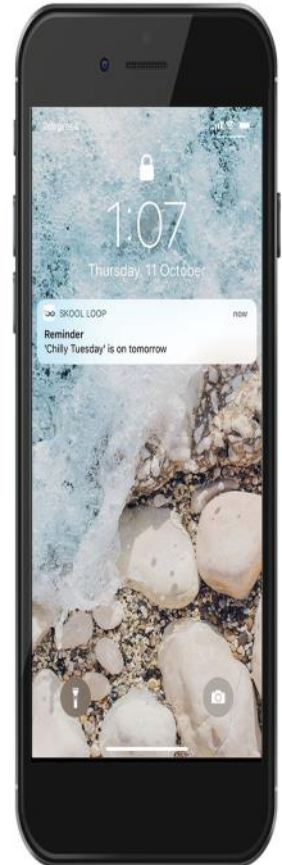
LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

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.

