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# Important Dates

## TERM 3 WEEK 4 2021

### **Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2022**

**“Parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out Of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it. Thank you for your support”**

# **PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES**

***Learning Environment Cooperation Respect***

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

Please download the Skool Loop app to ensure you are kept up to date. Our onsite numbers have doubled this week. Public Health Orders state that children should be learning from home. Schools remain open for children of essential workers who have NO other option. **We are currently operating on a skeleton staff (2 teachers).**

The school has been somewhat overwhelmed by requests for paper-based learning. We were posting packages out to parents, however with the increasing number of requests the school is unable to continue to send packages via priority post.

### **The system for collecting paper-based learning will be as follows:**

1. Collect your child's work from kiss and drop zone during allocated times
2. Put A4 piece of paper on dashboard with child's name and year (eg, year one, year six) in large writing so staff know what package to hand you
3. Return your child's work from the previous week at this time. Please make sure it is inside a clearly labelled envelope

### **Collection times will be organised according to students' surnames:**

A-L on Thursdays at 10-11am and again at 3-4pm

M-Z on Fridays at 10-11am and again at 3-4pm

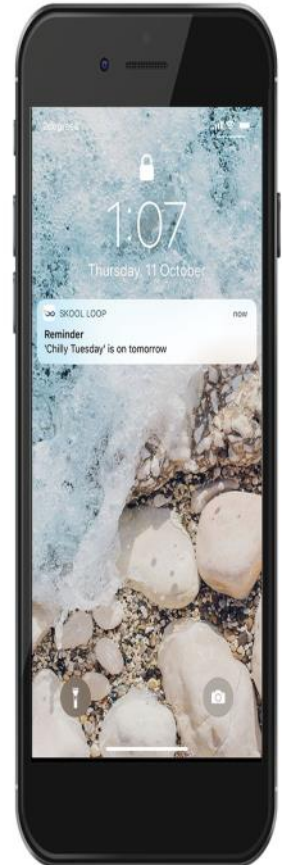
*Warm regards*

*Chantal Beltran*

# 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.



# Learning from home resources K-6

The NSW Environmental and zoo education centres have created a range of websites, digital books and teaching and learning resources to support learning from home and classroom programs.

Visit our teaching and learning hub

<https://bit.ly/2Zb7FBI>





# 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](http://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.

[Visit our blog](#)

# 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!