



# Important Dates

## TERM 4 WEEK 4 2021

### **NOV**

Tue 30 School Photo Day-Full School Uniform

### **DEC**

Mon 13—Tue 14 Presentation Day — via live streaming more information to come.

Thur 16 Year 6 Farewell/Graduation— At Penrith Public School

Thur 16 School Reports go home

Thur 16 Term 4 Ends for all students

### **FEB 2022**

Tue 1 Years students 1-6 Return

Tue 1— Fri 4 Kindergarten Best Start—Via Appointment

Mon 7 Kindergarten Commence

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

***Learning Environment Cooperation Respect***

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

School Photo day is on Tuesday 30 November 2021. School Photo envelopes have been sent home today. If you wish to have a School sibling photo please send your child to the office to obtain an envelope.

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect.

If your child was loaned a school laptop over the lockdown period it is to be returned to the school office on your child's first day back at school. Please ensure the power cords are returned.

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and strongly recommended for students indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating.

## **Principal's Message — continued**

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events.

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

Out of school hours care, vacation care settings and preschools operating on school sites will follow the same COVID-safe guidelines as public schools including the requirement to be fully vaccinated from 8 November.

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.

More information about Term 4 and the return to school is available at [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)

*Warm regards*

*Chantal Beltran*

***Principal***

# Parenting Children with ADHD

A 6 week group to help parents learn  
about & manage their children's  
behaviour

2021 Term 4 dates:

Weekly on Wednesdays from  
27 Oct to 1 Dec - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Via zoom

*\*Bookings essential*

For more information and group details  
call Sheree on 6351 4055 or email  
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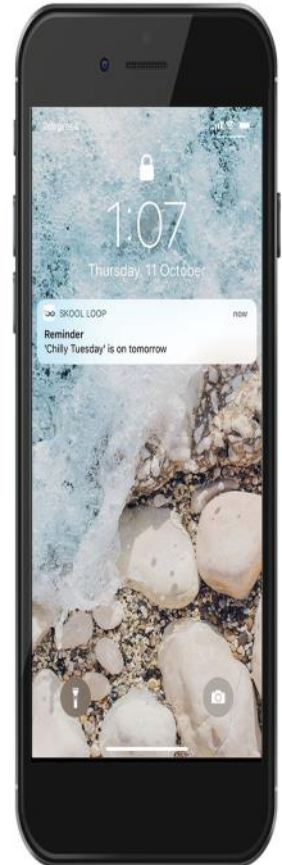




# The Skool Loop App

## 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.



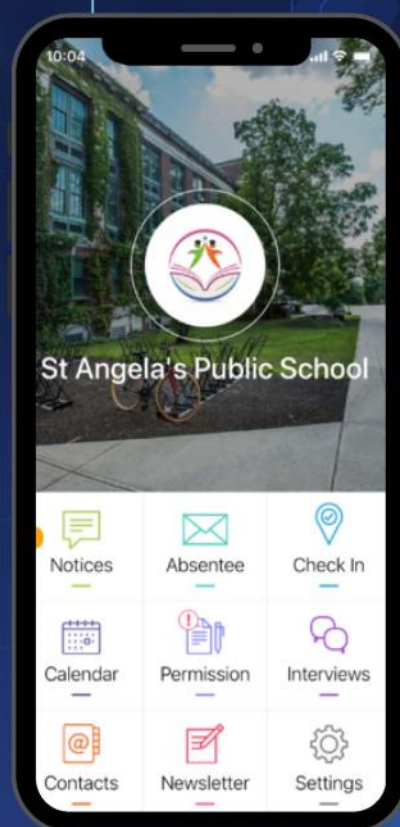
# Have you downloaded our school app yet?

**Our school app ensures excellent and reliable communication between our school and parents at all times!**

## Helpful Features:

- Parent-teacher interviews
- Push-notifications
- Absentee reporting
- Notices

- Calendar
- Permission slips
- Newsletters
- Contact tracing
- School contacts





# Parent Portal App: Unrivalled access at your fingertips.



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- 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



# Newsletter

It's time to  
celebrate,  
we're back!



**Your  
OSHC.**

## A message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Camp Australia!

With the new term, we are enjoying festivity at Camp Australia. Children are getting an indoor and outdoor access to play area, engaged in Halloween activities and diverse environment at Camp Australia. Moreover, at Camp Australia we encourage friendship, sharing and communication among children while having a fun time.

Regards,

## Activities coming up

- Halloween Masks
- Quilling & weaving
- Diwali art & craft
- Fidget toys

## What's on the menu

- Noodle salad
- Fruit Smoothie
- Vegetable face rice puffs

## It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.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.



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New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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