



Important Dates

TERM 4 WEEK 8 2022

NOV

- 30 Calmsley Hill City Farm –Kindergarten Students– Arrive at school at 8.45am enter via Doonmore Street gate

DEC

- 1 KC Assembly—2.30pm-School Hall enter via canteen gate
- 5 Kickstart to Kindy—9.30-10.30am-School Hall
- 7 Talent Show-Rehearsal-Students only
- 8 3A Assembly—2.15pm-School Hall enter via canteen gate
- 9 Gold Award Assembly—Kinder, Years 1 & 2@ 9.30-10.30am School hall
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 @ 11.30am-1.00pm School hall
- 12 Kickstart to Kindy—9.30-10.30am-School Hall
- 12 Talent Showcase-Time-TBA-Parents Welcome-School Hall
- 13 Presentation Day—12.30-2.30pm -Penrith High
- 15 Yr 6 Students' Graduation Ceremony—11.15am-12.15pm School Hall
- 15 Yr 6 Students' Farewell—Penrith RSL-5.00-9.00pm
- 16 School Reports go home
- 16 Term 4 Ends for Students

School caps and surf hats can be purchased from the school office:

School caps \$18— Surf hats \$20

Money/Notes Due

Year 6 Farewell—\$40.00 Due by 8 December 2022

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Teachers are working hard completing reports, as well as preparing for end of year events. This is a very busy time of year for teachers everywhere. All staff at Penrith Public School need to be congratulated for their commitment to the education of students, enriching lives and always providing engaging activities to interest all students.

Penrith Public School also hosts Professional Experience students from various universities throughout the year. These ongoing partnerships provide invaluable opportunities for our teacher education students to meet the Australian Professional Standards at the Graduate level and are fundamental to the development of the next generation of Australian teachers. Thank you, Mrs. Sanderson, for overseeing the management of this program as well as to all our teachers who support the Professional Experience of university students in managing and delivering 'Best Practice' to future educators of quality learning to children.

I was very privileged to listen to counsellor speeches recently. They were authentic and inspiring.

It takes courage to be able to deliver speeches to large groups. Thank you to all Year 5 students who delivered a speech and for taking the time to prepare and practice your talks. You were wonderful and spoke with confidence and passion.

I leave you this week with a quote from Walt Disney: **All our dreams can come true-if we have the courage to pursue them.'**

Kindergarten Farm Excursion - Kindergarten students will be attending Calmsley Hill City Farm this week on Wednesday 30 November. **Please make sure your child is at school by 8:45am as the bus will be leaving at 9am sharp.** Don't forget to pack a small school bag for your child with lunch and a full water bottle. Please do not pack toys. Students will need to wear full school uniform including a school hat. ****With the numbers of COVID cases increasing please monitor your child for symptoms of illness and isolate under the public health orders.**

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SRC Decorating Competition – The theme of the competition is **Celebrations**. Students can draw a decoration or create one using paddle pop sticks, wool, glitter or things found around their home. The decoration will also need to include string so it can be displayed on the big tree located in the middle of Penrith Public School playground. SRC members will vote for their favourite decoration in each stage and the winners will receive a gift voucher. Entries are due by Wednesday Week 8 to Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Pisto or Mr. Purse.

Party Day – All classes will have their end of year Party Day on Monday 12 December. More details will be forthcoming.

Starter Packs for Year 7 - Kingswood High School – 2023 - Starter Packs for Year 7 can be purchased on-line on the Kingswood High School website, then collected at Kingswood High School Office from Monday 28 November between 8:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday. The cost of the Starter Packs is \$70.00.

P & C Christmas Raffle – The P & C Christmas Raffle is an exciting event, with many hampers included in the draw. A huge thank you to our P & C, especially Mrs. Witt who spends countless hours sourcing items and putting the hampers together. Raffle tickets have already been sent home. Tickets are \$3.00 each or a book of 5 for \$10.00. CASH ONLY. DO NOT PAY ONLINE. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn 13 December at the Presentation Assembly. If you have any donations for the raffle please send to the school office.

Enrolling Now for 2023 – If you have a child commencing kindergarten in 2023, or if you know of anyone commencing school next year, we are taking enrolments now!

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Clothing Pool – Mrs. Witt will open the Clothing Pool every Wednesday from 2:30pm-3:15pm. Please ring the school office ahead on 47212158/47321142 so we can ensure numbers on the school grounds are managed.

Left over clothing – After picking up your students on Wednesday afternoon at 3:15pm you can check our clothing rack for any items that belong to your child. Please enter the gate in Doonmore Street (opposite the church).

Camp Australia –Mid November on-line bookings will commence for 2023. Please register with Camp Australia to receive alerts regarding before and after school childcare.

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell – The Year 6 Graduation and Farewell is on Thursday 15 December 2022. The graduation will commence at 11.15am and finish at 12.15pm, with the arch from 12.15pm-12.30pm. Parents and carers will receive an invitation to the graduation in due course. The Year 6 Farewell will then commence at 5pm-9pm at Penrith RSL later the same day.

Gold Assembly – Friday 9 December at Penrith Public School in the hall. Times to be advised after Week 6. Invitations will be sent home with students in Week 7.

Presentation Assembly – Tuesday 13 December commencing at 12.30pm at Penrith Selective High School. Invitations will be sent home with students in Week 8.

Last Day for Students – Students will finish school on Friday 16 December.

Warm regards

Sue McMahon

Relieving Principal

Congratulations Miss Pisto



Miss Pisto received the Metropolitan South and West School Performance Directorate Excellence Award 2022 in the Early Career Teacher (First 5 years of teaching) category.

Miss Pisto is pictured being presented with her award by the Executive Director, School Performance – Metropolitan South and West, Deborah Summerhayes.

Grandparents Day



Grandparents Day-continued



COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.





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- How to manage challenging behaviours in your child
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- How to help your children manage their emotional responses

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PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN: Wed 16th, 23rd & 30th Nov

WHERE: Online via ZOOM

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

COST: FREE



Contact 4720 6500 or groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

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Sundays 10AM - 1PM	SUN 8 TH	SUN 15 TH	SUN 22 ND	SUN 29 TH

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NAVY SLACKS	\$ 45.00
GIRLS PULL-ON NAVY SHORTS	\$ 31.00
NAVY SLOPPY JOE	\$ 43.00
NAVY ZIP JACKET	\$ 48.00
NAVY FLEECE TRACKPANTS	\$ 35.00
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MICROFIBRE TRACKPANTS	\$ 50.00
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	or
	\$ 15.00 for 4
NAVY COTTON TIGHTS (PRIMARY)	\$ 12.00 EACH
	or
	\$ 30.00 for 3

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School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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Orders must be entered by 9.15am daily

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Registration

Go to: www.school24.net.au

Register

Press the blue registration button to create your account. ->

Enter your unique school ID number to help us match your account with your school.

Penrith Primary School - School registration ID: 25282963

You will then be asked to input your personal details. Once completed click ->

Create Account

Congratulations you are now registered!

Activate your Account

Go to www.school24.net.au

Use your registered email address and password to login. Once you have logged in you will need to complete the following steps to ensure you are ready to make your first order.

Step 1

Setup your children. In the middle of the screen there is a 'students' button. Here you can input your child's name and class, along with any allergies or special requirements they may have.



Step 2

Top-up your account. You will be taken to a secure page where you can select a top-up amount and enter your card details. Top-up is instant when using visa/master cards.

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Customer support: 02 8041 1132

The Skool Loop App



TIME TO UPDATE!

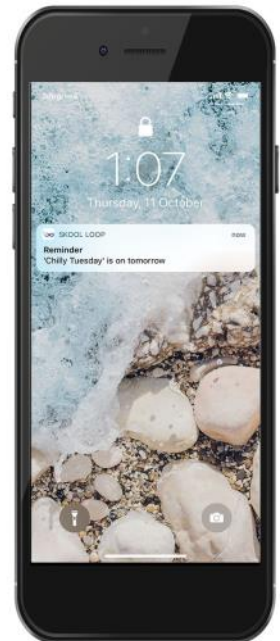
Our school uses **The Skool Loop App** to communicate and send important information. **Please check** your app store to ensure your phone is running the **latest** version and receiving **all school news**.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. **Check your app store** to ensure your phone is running the **latest version!**



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.



Welcome to 2022

Welcome back to a new school year! Our Outside School Hours Care, Your OSHC provides tailored experiences that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.

We have been busy designing the perfect program and environment to kick off the new year. We can't wait for your children to experience it.

Our term 1 program will focus on forging new friendships, strengthening existing ones, being secure, and feeling included and confident. We have set up an engaging and inspiring Your OSHC space so every session you child will be able to choose from different experience in our many zones.

Dear parents,

Welcome back to another exciting year to Camp Australia. Children's choices are the base of our programming. We are dedicated to provide children a safe learning environment where they feel belonged and valued. Please reach us to 0402353737 for further queries.

Regards,

Coordinator



Virtual information sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how our team can guide your child's growth. These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how Your OSHC by Camp Australia operates.

[Book now](#)



COVID safe activities

All activities are COVID safe, adhere to all health guidelines and follow COVID-19 cleaning practices.



Positive Transitions program

Whether it's your child's first day of school, they're joining us at OSHC for the first time or they just need a little encouragement after the summer holidays, our Transitions program will help your child feel safe, valued and included.



Save on OSHC fees with the CCS

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy? We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine what you're eligible for. For more info, visit [Mygov.com.au](https://mygov.com.au)

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 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.



Boost your child's sense of belonging

When children feel that all-important sense of belonging, they can thrive. Read our full blog on helping to boost your child's sense of belonging in primary school.

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Term 4 | Tuesdays | 5pm to 7pm | YMCA Penrith



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