



Important Dates

TERM 3 WEEK 4 2022

AUG

- 11 1/2T Assembly-2.30pm School Hall enter via canteen gate
- 15 P&C Meeting-3.30pm-4.30pm
- 15 Kickstart to Kindergarten 2023 in School Hall-9.30am-10.30am
- 17 Zone Athletics Carnival-Qualifying students only
- 18 6L Assembly-2.15pm School Hall enter via canteen gate
- 19 Pedlar's Fair Mufti Day-Wear your favourite team's jersey or colours-
Donate a can of drink, juice popper for our Pedlar's Fair
- 22 Kickstart to Kindergarten 2023 in School Hall-9.30am-10.30am
- 25 Whole School Photo Day-Wear Full School Uniform

SEP

- 1 Sydney Zoo-Years 1 & 2 Students
- 1 3P Assembly-2.15pm School Hall enter via canteen gate
- 16 Pedlars' Fair-Parents and carers welcome
- 22 Calmsley Hill City Farm-Kindy students

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

School caps \$18— Surf hats \$20

Money/Notes Due

\$11—Zone Athletics Carnival Permission Note—Mon 15 August

\$115—2nd payment Stage 3 Aussie Bush Camp —Tue 6 September

Final payment Stage 2 YMCA Camp—Thur 8 September

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very excited to have returned to Penrith Public School.

4W Assembly— 4W hosted the first 3-6 Assembly this week. It was wonderful to see parents and carers on site. Everyone had an enjoyable time. A big 'shout out' to Ms. Wood and her students for hosting the assembly and delivering a fantastic item.

Pedlars' Fair—Pedlars' Fair is Friday 16 September don't forget to purchase your pedlars' pennies online via our school website <https://penrith-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> And complete your order form and return to your child's teacher. Notes were sent home yesterday.

School Photos – Whole School Photo Day is on Thursday 25 August. Please send in your payment details on the photo envelope if you have not already done so. Students need to wear full school uniform.

Education Week – Last week Penrith Public School celebrated Education Week. Students celebrated the quality education Penrith Public School provides through engaging activities surrounding the theme – 'CREATING -FUTURES – Education Changes Lives.'

NAIDOC Art Competition – Winners will be presented with their book prize this week.

Hearing Tests – Hearing Australia – Sound Scouts are conducting hearing assessments at Penrith Public School this week. Please send back your permission notes if you haven't already done so. There is no charge for this service.

Collecting Your Child Early from School - If collecting your child early from school please ring the school office ahead of time and allow extra time for your child to collect their things and make their way to the 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! Our comprehensive Kickstart to Kindy program runs throughout terms three and four.

Kiss and Drop – Stopping for more than two minutes in this area is illegal. Please adhere to all signage. Illegal parking may result in fines or a loss of demerit points. After Hours Entry – School office hours are 8:45am until 3:15pm. The gate on High Street with intercom is unattended and locked outside of these times. If you require entry to the school to collect a child after 3:15pm, please use the Doonmore Street gate (nearest the pedestrian crossing).

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 unless they are unwell. Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children from the age of six years. 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.

Unwell Children - We remind parents and carers to keep your child at home if they are unwell. If your child appears to be displaying any cold and flu symptoms including runny nose, cough, fever/temperature, nausea, diarrhoea or headache please keep them home to rest even if they test negative to a Rapid Antigen Test. If any child displays symptoms at school, parents and carers may be contacted to collect their child from school. COVID Reporting and Close contacts - If your child has tested positive for COVID, please report the positive result to NSW Health and to the school office. If they are a close contact, they can return to school if they are symptom free and have a negative Rapid Antigen test result.

Warm regards

Sue McMahon

Relieving Principal

4W Assembly

4W were super excited to host the first primary assembly. They took the audience on an informative and entertaining journey about basketball.



Penrith Public School 'Kick Start to Kindergarten'

Monday Mornings

9.30am—10.30am

Starting July 25 2022

During School Terms 3 and 4

**Free Play
Learning**

Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year?

**Group
Activities**

Join us for a starting school playgroup. It helps provide a gentle introduction to school life through play.

Please bring some fruit, a bottle of water and a hat for your child.

Parents stay with their child at the playgroup.
Siblings can attend.

**Stories &
Games**

Each morning there will be free play, group time and morning tea.

**Visit Areas
of the
School**



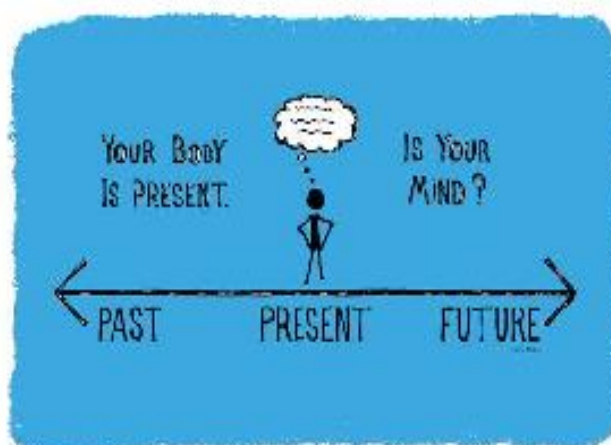
For more information please call /text 0423 720 492 or
call the school on 47212158.

Got It!



Mindfulness

Mindfulness is a means to improve focus and attention whilst reducing stress. It involves focusing on the present moment, concentrating on what's happening and being accepting of what you notice.



Some mindfulness exercises to try:

1. **Walking mindfulness.** Walk slowly, pay attention to the rhythm of your steps and to your surroundings. To up the fun choose animals and try to do their walks!
2. **Breathing mindfulness.** Take one minute to really notice how it feels to breathe. Notice the breath flowing into your nose, down your throat, expanding your belly and reversing. Try using bubbles or pinwheels at the same time.
3. **Eating mindfulness.** At the dinner table take it in turns to use descriptive words for your food: warm, soft, yellow, crunchy, etc. This will help your children try more foods and be more descriptive about what they like or don't like.
4. **Colouring in:** This requires we pay attention only to what is in front of us.

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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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

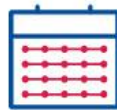
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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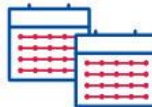
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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School 24 Online Ordering Information

Orders must be entered by 9.15am daily

GETTING STARTED

Welcome to School24. We look forward to providing you with an easy-to-use online ordering platform that can be used on-the-go at any time! Getting started is easy, just follow the steps below and you'll be ready to make your first order in minutes.

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.

SCHOOL24

Students profile

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.

Place your first order!

You are now ready to make your first order. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our friendly support team on 02 8041 1132 or email us on: help@school24.com.au

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Customer support: 02 8041 1132

Don't Get Left Behind This Year!

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information.
Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.



Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

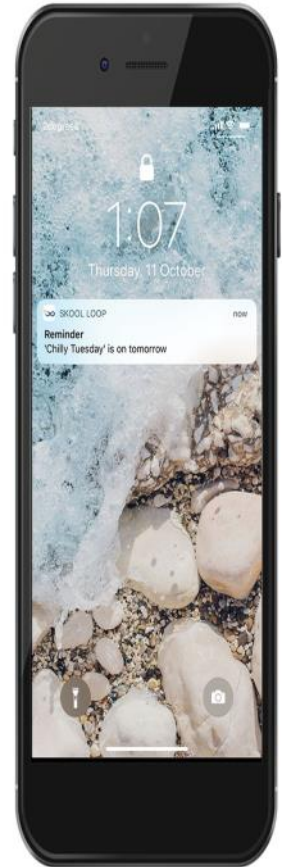


 **THE SKOOL LOOP APP**

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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



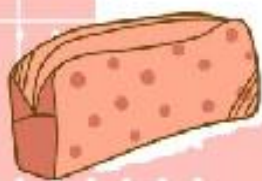



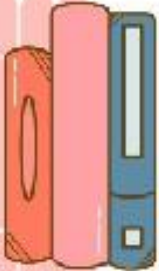

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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.

[Visit our blog](#)



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WHO ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST
1.00 PM - 4.30 PM

Chifley College Senior Campus
Learning Hub
67 North Parade
Mount Drutt

RSVP BY MONDAY 15TH AUGUST
(WEEK 5 TERM 3)

Weekly Kids' Club

STAKZ

3.30 till 5.30pm
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

BIBLE TALKS - FUN GAMES
CRAFT ACTIVITIES - SINGING

Penrith Presbyterian Church - 9 Doonmore St. 4721 2440
Visit us at: penrithpresbyterian.com



Welcome to
Penrith City Children's Choir
(7 – 13 years)

Singing Day 2022
Sunday 14 August, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Lucy McAlary, Director

Join us for an exuberant afternoon of singing. All members, old and new, will love 'Tina Singu' from Africa, 'Haida', a hypnotic Israeli song and the upbeat gospel number 'O won't you sit down'. Through this wide-ranging and colourful repertoire we develop vocal technique, musicianship and part-singing skills in an encouraging and joyful learning environment supported by experienced adult and youth mentors. A great introductory 'taster' for new members. Informal performance for family and friends at the end of the workshop.

Singing safety and Covid:

- All teaching and support staff are fully vaccinated.
- Spacing of singers and ventilation are top priorities.
- Air quality will be monitored using a CO2 meter.
- The NSW Dept of Education strongly recommends that all eligible children aged 5 years and older get vaccinated against COVID-19. Penrith City Choir also strongly recommends that all participating children meet the current level of vaccination unless they have a medical exemption.

Penrith City Children's Choir – Singing Day 2022

Lucy McAlary, Director

Workshop:

Sunday 14 August 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: St Finbar's Church Hall, Levy St, Glenbrook

Bring: A drink and snack and a hat.

Informal performance

Sunday 14 August 4.50pm

Venue: St Finbar's Church Hall, Levy St, Glenbrook

Tickets: No charge for the performance. Family and friends invited.

Applications close Tuesday 9 August

You can send your application:

- by email to pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au
- in person to St Finbar's Church Office [mark envelope: ATTN Juliana Knouf for PCCC]

Cost: \$25 per child. Family reductions: \$40 for two children; \$50 for three children.

Payment can be made:

- online: Penrith City Choir Acct details: BSB: 512 170 Ac: 100228558. In 'field' enter PCCC and your child's surname. Please bring a copy of the receipt on the first day.
- To arrange payment by cash, cheque or money order, please contact the Administrator.

Financial assistance can be provided, if necessary. Please contact the Administrator to discuss.

Places are at the discretion of the Director, Lucy McAlary.

PCCC is mentored by Penrith City Choir and gratefully acknowledges
generous support from St Finbar's Church.

For any other information contact the PCCC Administrator, Suzanne Armstrong
0450 091 367 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au



Penrith City Children's Choir Singing Day 2022 Project Application Form

Please see the Information Pack for full details on how to send your application and payment.

Child's name:

Date of birth:

male/female (please circle)

Parent / Guardian name:

Address:

Telephone Home:

Mobile:

Email address:

School attended, school year level, and instruments played (plus an indication of standard/length of learning), if applicable.

Does your child have any health issues (eg allergies) or educational challenges you need to mention to us so that we can best support your child?

Does your child have any special dietary requirements?

Publicity photos will be taken during the Singing Day project.

Please indicate your preference:

I give/do not give permission for my child's photo to be published in the local press.

I give/do not give permission for my child's photo to be displayed on PCC website.

I give/do not give permission for my child's photo to be displayed on PCC Facebook page.

I give permission for my child to take part in the PCCC Singing Day.

Payment type: online / cheque / cash (please circle)

Signed Date

Name (please print)