



Penrith Public School

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Important Dates

TERM 1 WEEK 8 2023

MAR

- 15-17 Naplan Years 3 and 5
- 20 P&C and AGM Meeting @ 3.30pm
- 21 Harmony Day—Wear orange or cultural clothing.
- 28 School Cross Country—School grounds
- 24 School Leadership Youth Conference— Years 5 & 6

APR

- 3 PPS Multicultural Public Speaking Finals—Years 3 & 4
- 6 Anzac Day Assembly @ 9.30am parent & carers welcome
- 6 Term 1 Ends
- 7 Good Friday—Public Holiday
- 24 Staff Development Day
- 25 ANZAC DAY—Public Holiday
- 26 Term 2 Begins for all students

School caps and surf hats can be purchased from the school office:
School caps \$18— Surf hats \$20

Money/Notes Due

\$20 - Online Educational Resources

\$30 - Dance Group

\$35 - Voluntary Contribution

\$35 - Year 6 Shirt - Due 31/03/2023

\$6.50 - Hot potato Band Performance - Due 3/04/2023

PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Learning Environment Cooperation Respect

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers



WOW!!! What a fantastic opportunity for some of our Penrith Public School students. John, Nasri and Khaya completed drumming tuition with Mr. Richard Sandham and Penrith Selective High School students to deliver an exuberant presentation at Pulse Alive 2023.

I attended rehearsals last Wednesday evening with our students and was so very proud of their efforts and representation of Penrith Public School. A huge thank you to Ms. Carson and Mrs Sanderson who transported and supervised the boys on the Thursday and Friday evening performances.

Thank you to all the amazing teachers at Penrith Public School. It is wonderful to be able to walk in to classrooms at any given moment and see the student engagement and delivery of high-quality teaching and learning programs.

Mrs. Sharon Gwyn commenced her 1st year of teaching in K- 6 Blue this year. She has previously worked as a Student Support Learning Officer (SLSO) at our school. Mrs Gwyn has been introducing her students to Bee-Bots, integrating mathematics with technology. She is creating engaging lessons, delivering high impact to students. Thank you, Mrs. Gwyn for your dedication to student learning at Penrith Public School.

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NAPLAN – NAPLAN has commenced for Years 3 and 5. Writing was completed today. Reading and Conventions of Language will be completed tomorrow, Thursday. Mathematics will be completed next week.

SRC Fundraiser - The SRC are running an Easter Egg Guessing Competition and Colouring-In Competition in Weeks 9 & 10 for the whole school. Winners will be announced in Week 11.

Easter Egg Guessing Competition – Students will be guessing how many Easter eggs are in a jar. The competition will be run at 1st break each day in Weeks 9 and 10. Students will pay 50c for one guess and \$1 for three guesses. The winner will receive the jar full of eggs.

Easter Colouring In Competition – Students in each stage can choose to enter an Easter Colouring In Competition. Each stage will have one winner. Winners will receive a chocolate bunny/large Easter egg. There is no cost to students to enter the colouring in competition.

Money raised will go towards a charity of choice.

Student Safety In The Mornings – Students who are dropped off in the ‘Kiss and Drop’ Zone or any other drop-off area before school should not be leaving school grounds to visit local shops. Please note that once students enter school grounds they are not to leave for any reason unless signed out at the front office by a parent/carer. Teachers commence duty at 8:45am. Please organise supervision through Camp Australia if your child will be at school prior to this time.

Students Late To School – If your child attends school after 9:15am please go with them to the front office to complete a late note.

Student Afternoon Pick-Ups – There is a lot of traffic on the roads near the school, as well as pedestrians passing by. This greatly influences the amount of congestion around the school at pick-up and drop-off times. Please be mindful to pick up your children from the relevant gates at home time to alleviate larger groups around footpath and road areas.

P & C Meeting and AGM - This will be on Monday 20 March commencing at 3:30pm in the staffroom in A Block (near the office). Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Penrith Paceway Anzac Service – Year 6 students will have the opportunity to attend the combined schools Anzac Service on Tuesday 4 April. Notes will come home to parents later this week.

Harmony Day – Harmony Day is Tuesday 21 March. Students are encouraged to wear orange clothing, part thereof or cultural dress. Thank you, Ms. Thrift for organising Penrith Public School's Harmony Day.

Back To School Vouchers - Please click on the link below for more information:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/initiatives/back-to-school/back-to-school-vouchers>

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.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club operates from 8:45am each morning. A big thank you to Ms. Thrift who oversees the Breakfast Club Program and to Mrs. Witt who runs Breakfast Club every morning.

Camp Australia – Please register with Camp Australia to receive alerts regarding before and after school childcare and make a booking if you require your child to be looked after outside the hours of 8:45am and 3:15pm. PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL SUPERVISION IS FROM 8:45AM. SCHOOL COMMENCES AT 9:15AM. SCHOOL CONCLUDES AT 3:15PM.

Voluntary School Contribution – This year we are requesting a voluntary contribution of \$35 per child to cover the cost of exercise books, photocopying paper and for teaching/learning materials. It makes a huge difference if each family can contribute \$35 per child. Any contribution would be gratefully received.

Warm regards

Sue McMahon

Relieving Principal

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 8th of March six students represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

All swam well, against some fierce competition.

Mr Emmingham and Ms Thrift



Congratulations to the these students

Felice J, Sehaj L, Michelle H, Grace C, Eli C, Sofia R



HARMONY DAY

On Tuesday 21 March Penrith PS will be promoting **HARMONY DAY**. Students are encouraged to wear **orange** or cultural clothing. Please be mindful to wear sun safe clothing. No money on the day thank you.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Every year children from public schools attend Stewart House over a 12-day period and are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening as well as treatment.

Children who attend Stewart House participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.

Stewart House donation drive envelopes will be sent home this week.

Please return the envelope to your child's class teacher with your donation inside. Any donation over \$2.00 is tax deductible.

Don't forget to write your name and details on the back of the envelope to go into the draw to win a \$4000 holiday gift voucher.

Stewart House is the NSW Public Education charity of choice.

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. This year the NAPLAN assessments are being held from 15 to 27 March. Attached is the parent/carer information, including links to practice tests and advice on supporting your child to achieve success.

As there are audio elements to the assessments, we ask for students to provide their own wired (plug-in) headphones where possible. The school has a limited supply of headphones if your child does not have access to



Boys and Girls 7 – 13 years are invited to join

Penrith City Children's Choir

Project II – April / May 2023

Native American Chants

Penrith Children's Choir will be the special guest at Penrith City Choir's concert 'All American'. The Children's Choir will captivate the audience with the haunting beauty of 'Ancient Mother' and the rhythmic drive of 'The Earth is Our Mother'. Adults and children combine for an exciting finale.

The project includes two workshops in Glenbrook in April and May leading to a public performance on Sunday 21 May at Glenbrook Baptist Church.
Fees: \$50 per child. Family reductions: \$75 for two children; \$90 for three children.

If you love to sing, join us. No auditions. Applications close Tuesday 28 March

For an Information Pack & Application Form contact: PCCC Administrator,
Rebecca Padgett 0417 433 903; Director, Lucy McArary 0432 625 986;

email pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au or visit

www.penrithcitychoir.com.au/penrith-city-childrens-choir

PPS ANZAC ASSEMBLY

When: 9.30am Thursday 6 April 2023

Where: Penrith Public School hall

Who: K-6 students, parents/carers

In preparation for the event, we are asking our PPS community to share an image of any family members who are or have served for their country.

Please send an email with your photo as a jpeg file as an attachment to Ms Wood at our school email address. Don't forget to include their name, brief details about them and the name of your child. Photos should be sent by Thursday 30 March.

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Ms Wood's grandfathers
Cecil Caine and Edward Allen
WWII Veterans



2022-2023 Price List



PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

POLO SHIRT	\$ 38.00
BOYS 08 NAVY SHORTS	\$ 28.00
BOYS 05 NAVY TROUSERS	\$ 38.00
SUMMER DRESS	\$ 63.00
BLOUSE	\$ 43.00
SKORT	\$ 36.00
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
MICROFIBRE JACKET	\$ 68.00
MICROFIBRE TRACKPANTS	\$ 50.00
SPORT SHORTS	\$ 30.00
CAP	\$ 18.00
SURF HAT	\$ 20.00
SCRUNCHIES	\$ 5.00
LIBRARY BAG	\$ 15.00
WHITE SOCKS	\$ 5.00 EACH
	or
	\$ 15.00 for 4
NAVY COTTON TIGHTS (PRIMARY)	\$ 12.00 EACH
	or
	\$ 30.00 for 3

Prices effective 15/08/22 ~ Subject to change without notice ~ Includes 10% GST

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Our Website



SHOP INSTORE OR ONLINE

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 4:30PM

Saturday - 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Our stores will be closed from December 21ST 2022
and will reopen on January 4TH 2023

JANUARY TRADING HOURS 2023

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 5:00PM
(Closed Australia Day - Thursday 26TH of January)

Saturdays 9AM - 3PM	SAT 7 TH	SAT 14 TH	SAT 21 ST	SAT 28 TH
Sundays 10AM - 1PM	SUN 8 TH	SUN 15 TH	SUN 22 ND	SUN 29 TH

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The Skool Loop App



TIME TO UPDATE!

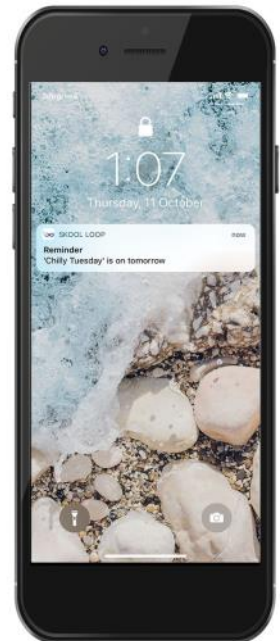
Our school uses **The Skool Loop App** to communicate and send important information. **Please check** your app store to ensure your phone is running the **latest** version and receiving **all school news**.

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.



ENROL NOW

SYDNEY SCHOOL

HANDBALL COMP



SUN 19TH MAR | 2:30-4PM | \$25

AGES: YEAR 1 - YEAR 12
50+ SCHOOLS, 100+ TROPHIES, PRIZES, AWARDS

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Weekly Kids' Club

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**3.30 till 5.30pm
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS**

**BIBLE TALKS - FUN GAMES
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