PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL’S CORE VALUES

Learning  Environment  Cooperation  Respect

Principal’s Message

Welcome back to all our continuing students and their families; and a special welcome to our new students and their parents and carers. I hope everyone had a great holiday.

I’ve been very impressed by the settled nature of the students and the obvious pride they show in wearing the school uniform.

We will initially be forming 15 classes, and 3 Support classes (2 Hearing and 1 Multi-categorical). Classes will, as always, be determined by the total enrolment across the whole school. New enrolments (and non-returning students) in 2014 will affect our final numbers and may necessitate changes to the final class organisation.

Students have been placed in temporary classes until week three (we are currently in week one) by which time we hope student numbers will be confirmed. There is every possibility that there will be some changes to classes over the next two weeks.

The beginning of the new school year is always an exciting time. It is a time for each of us to make a fresh start and put our new year’s resolutions into action. In terms of our school community, our new year’s resolutions include our Core Values: learning, cooperation, respect and environment.

We each have an important part to play in creating an environment that promotes learning, respect and co-operation for all members of our school community.

I’m looking forward to a great school year and welcome the opportunity to meet with all members of our school community at meetings and functions throughout the year.

School Contributions

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. Please send money to school (to your child’s class teacher) in the envelope provided marked with name, class and amount.
Before School
Supervision time in the playground commences at 8.45am; students should not be arriving before this time.

Attendance
Every day of a student’s school life is unique. Missing precious time for part or whole days affects learning progress. Unless a child is sick, students should be at school every school day from 9.15am until 3.15pm. If your child needs to miss school for some reason other than illness please discuss the matter with me so that we can make some provision to avoid your child missing out on precious learning time.

Families will be contacted by the school to follow up on absences and notes. A note giving a reason for an absence must be sent to school within three (3) days of the absence. A phone message to the office explaining an absence is also acceptable.

The most effective way we can ensure success in the future for our students is by providing the best possible opportunities for learning – BE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

Leaving Early
Under no circumstances should children be taken home early from school unless there is a very legitimate reason. Every moment spent at school is a valuable part of children’s learning experience.

Children should not get into the habit of thinking that they can leave school whenever they feel like it.

Each time a child arrives late or leaves early it is recorded (as the school is legally bound to keep records of student attendance) and if the reason is not legitimate then it is indicated as an absence without reason. This information may then be passed on to the Department of Education and Training Home School Liaison Officer to follow up.

New Fences installed
During the vacation new fences and gates were installed at the rear of the school and inside the High Street gate near the pedestrian crossing. The new gates on High Street and near the tennis courts on Lethbridge Street are secure swimming pool-type gates.

These have been installed as an additional security measure to keep our students safe at all times. Other existing gates may be kept closed (not locked) as an additional measure.

Ken Jackson
Principal

Canteen
Please be advised that the canteen is for food and drink purchases only and canteen staff will NOT be responsible for opening or heating food brought to school by students.

Before school – the canteen will be selling only milk and taking lunch orders.

For children to be served quickly, you may pre-order frozen products on the lunch bag and they can be picked at recess or lunch without having to line up.
### Penrith Public School Staff for 2014 (temporary)

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#### Support Classes

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#### Teacher/Librarian

- Mr Mclean

#### English as a Second Language Teacher

- Mrs Bradley

#### Learning and Support Teacher

- Mrs Bagnell

#### Reading Recovery Teacher

- Mrs Footit

#### School Counsellor

- Mrs Goldsmith

### Relief from Face-to-Face (RFF)

- Mrs McGrouther
- Mrs Martin
- Mr McLean

### Executive

#### Principal

- Mr Jackson

#### Assistant Principals

- Mr Ward
- Mrs Williamson
- Ms Stockton
- Ms Pettigrew (Support classes)

#### School Administrative Manager

- Mrs Brown

#### School Administrative Officers

- Mrs Brisco
- Mrs Tumeth-Clark
- Mrs Saliba

### School Support Staff

#### School Learning Support Officers

- Mrs Fleurant
- Mrs King
- Mrs Adams
- Miss Kelly

#### General Assistant

- Mr Fleurant

#### Cleaners

- Mrs Bate
- Mrs Newbery

### School Hats for 2014 - Reminder

All students are required to wear our school hat or cap (with school crest). The hat ($15) and cap ($10) can be purchased from “Back to Basics” in Cox Avenue – there is also a limited supply available at the school office. Students must wear our school hat to play on the oval and to participate in excursions.

### Play And Chat Playgroup

Commences on Tuesday, 4th February – 9.15-11.00am

Held in “Bringa” house at the corner of Doonmore and Lethbridge St.

Contact Connect Child & Family Services 4758 9966 or just turn up.
Penrith Public School
Calendar

Important Dates
2014

TERM 1

JANUARY
28 Teachers return
29 Students in Year 1 – Year 6 commence
   Kindergarten has Best Start interviews over the next five days

FEBRUARY
4 Play & Chat commences – please note days this year are Tuesday & Wednesday
5 Kindergarten commence
24 Swimming Carnival – Lawson Pool (please note change of venue)
25 P & C meeting 6.30pm

MARCH
11 School Photographs
25 P & C meeting 6.30pm

APRIL
11 ANZAC Day assembly
   Last day of Term 1

Clothing Pool
Open every Wednesday
8.45am - 9.15am

School Banking
Every Tuesday morning before school under the COLA