PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL’S CORE VALUES

Learning  Environment  Cooperation  Respect

Principal’s Message

A new term has started and there is lots of learning, enjoyment and hard work ahead of everyone. It is vital that all students and parents do their best to ensure students attend school every day. We have a very busy term ahead of us – refer to the “Important Dates” calendar.

Anzac Day

On Friday, 11th April, we celebrated Anzac Day with a student-led assembly at 10.45am. This was an outstanding event, led by our senior student Councillors. Our students responded brilliantly to the solemnity of the occasion by giving their undivided attention and best behaviour to this very important event.

Applications for Opportunity Class (OC)

On Monday, 28th April, on-line applications, became available to parents/carers with students in Year Four who wish their child to sit the test (23rd July) for enrolment into an OC class in 2015. Paper application packages will be available on request from school. Paper and on-line applications must be completed by Friday 16th May.

Please contact Mrs Williamson for an “Expression of Interest” form (available now).

Stewart House Day 2014 – Friday 9th May

Please return your Stewart House Donation envelopes with your details and a $2.00 coin. Don’t forget to fill in your details on the front of the envelope for a chance to win a family holiday.

‘Stewie the dolphin’ rubber bouncy balls will be on sale from Thursday 8th May at a cost of $3.00. A limited number are available so be quick to avoid disappointment. All proceeds go to Stewart House to contribute to the cost of the program which gives public education students in need a chance to have a break away from their current situations. The children are provided with thorough health checks and participate in self-esteem and resilience building activities.
Penrith Public School P & C Association will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday 9th May.

Students will be able to buy a gift with prices ranging from 50c to $10.00.

We are seeking donations for items to sell on the stall. Anything is appreciated, such as scented candles, bath salts, handkerchiefs, etc. – please leave donations at the office.

Thanks for your generosity.

Grandparent’s Day

Friday, 23rd May will be a very special day for Penrith Public School. We will be celebrating Grandparents’ and Senior Citizen Friends’ Day at our school. All grandparents and senior citizen friends are invited to visit our school from 9.30am.

Our visitors will have the opportunity to visit their student grandchildren and friends in classrooms between 9.30am and 10.00am. Then each stage will present a musical item for our guests. This will be followed by morning tea. Grandparents and senior citizen friends are welcome to visit the Book Fair in the school library during the morning.

Program:

9.30 – 10.00 – classroom visits
10.00 – Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3 students will entertain with musical items in the hall
10.50 – morning tea & Book Fair in the Library

Please note that this is a school day and students should not be leaving school early.

Donations for morning tea are needed for Grandparents’ Day. Please bring all food to craft room verandah before 9.15am on Friday 23rd May.

Counsellor’s Corner

Group Program Term 2, 2014

I would like to hear from any parents who are interested in attending a parent group over 8 weeks this term, to be run at Penrith Primary during the day either on a Tuesday or Thursday. The group focus would involve strategies regarding coping with significant behaviour issues, eg. ADHD or other behavioural difficulties, in your child at school or home. Topics will include identifying difficult behaviours, managing behaviour, prevention of behaviour issues, special time, managing medication, working with the school. There is no cost for the program, however, it will only run with a minimum of 8-10 interested parents.

Please contact Leanne Goldsmith, School Counsellor, at Penrith Primary School on 4721 2158 by Friday 2nd May, 2014.
Free workshops

“Supporting Your Kids through loss and grief” – 30th April 6.30-9.00pm
“Tech Safe and Savvy” – 7th May 7.00-9.00pm
“Helping Kids deal with Anger” – 7th May 10.30-12.30am
Richmond Neighbourhood Centre 20 West St, Richmond – Call 4588 3501

Two Years free parenting support to parents of children with a disability. Parents are invited to go to www.mysay.org.au to fill in a survey and register for free parenting support under the Stepping Stones Triple P project

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Silver Awards:

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Student work online

Here are some new digital slideshows, brainstormed by students at Penrith Public School in recent weeks, plus some old favourites. (They require Flash and an Internet browser to view online. We hope you enjoy viewing them.)

“An Easter tale” by Class 1HB (2014):
http://photopeach.com/album/1316eud

“A spooky story” by Class 1HB (2014)
http://photopeach.com/album/dhyv1q

The K-2 students also made use of some slideshows created by past classes. It is exciting that the students’ work lives on to enrich the learning of younger students.

“Baa baa black sheep” by Stage 1 (2011):
http://photopeach.com/album/18cw2b6

“Jack and Jill” by Stage 1 (2011):
http://photopeach.com/album/uedlul

Some Stage 2 students had an opportunity to create a new slideshow on the importance of the colour red, which has many international, cultural and symbolic meanings.

“Surrounded by RED” by Class 3/4L (2014):
http://photopeach.com/album/10pdjt3
Canteen News - MEAL DEALS Every Tuesday

Choose your Tuesday Meal Deal Special for just $3.50!!

1. 5 Chicken Crackles + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper
2. A Fresh Chicken, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper
3. 3 Yummy Drummies + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper
4. A Fresh Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper.

Numeracy

Helping your child with measuring length and area

You can help at home with your child’s understanding of length and area with the following activities:

- Use modelling dough to roll out two “snakes” of different length. Talk about one snake being shorter, and the other longer.
- Roll out two snakes that are the same length. Turn one into a zigzag or curved snake. Ask your child, which snake is longer?
- Walk around objects and talk about how many steps it takes.
- Draw squiggle patterns and ask your child to colour in the “closed” areas.

Helping your child with mental calculations

Most calculations that we carry out each day, we do in our heads. It is important for your child to learn to do mental calculations for things such as shopping, sharing costs, watching sport and even preparing dinner!

What can you do at home to help your child learn this skill?

- Ask your child to work out how much change they will get when paying for an item at the shops.
- If your child is saving to buy an item, ask how much more money they will need to save before being able to buy it.
- Encourage your child to estimate the cost of two items when shopping.
- When playing games that use two dice, replace dot dice with ones that have numbers on them.
- If watching a game involving two teams, ask your child to work out the difference in the scores in their head.
- Involve your child in working out costs associated with holiday travel. For example, we will stay five nights and the cost per night is $120.
Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screentime is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY
 Forgotten about Mothers Day?

Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon of Body Shop, Candles, Lingerie, Tupperware, Jewellery & much much more and help raise funds for Penrith PCYC.

Buy that special someone something fun and exciting.

Don’t forget you can always do with more Tupperware for that cupboard.

Gold coin donation upon entry.

**Cash or credit card only on the day**

Where:- 100 Station Street, Penrith.
When:- Saturday 10th May, 2014.
Time:- 1pm to 4pm
PENRITH LAKES
MODEL SHOW

Date       Monday 9 June, 2014 (Queens Birthday Public Holiday)
Time       10am – 3pm
Cost       Free entry, $5 per vehicle
Phone      02 4730 0000
Web        www.regattacentre.nsw.gov.au

The event will feature model displays, active demonstrations, high speed racing and ‘come and try’ opportunities from an array of model clubs including seaplanes, powerboats, nitro cars and scale ships. The Penrith Lakes Model Show will be a fun and festive day out for the whole family, with music, an M.C., entertainment, food stalls and a jumping castle.
## Penrith Public School
### Calendar

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**APRIL**
- 28 Professional Learning day for teachers
- 29 **First day of term 2 for all students**

**MAY**
- 1 Guide dog presentation for K-2 & Support classes
- 8 Students attending the cross country can buy Mothers’ Day gifts today
- 9 Mother’s day stall
- District cross country
- 13-15 NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 students
- 23 Grandparents’ Day
- 27 P & C meeting 6.30pm
  - Greg Alexander Shield Stage 3
- 29 Whole school photo

**JUNE**
- 4 Rugby league clinic Stage 2&3
- 18 Rugby league clinic Stage 2&3
- 19 Penrith Basketball tournament Stage 3
- 20 NAIDOC Cup
- 25 Rugby league clinic Stage 2&3
- 27 Last day of Term 2

### Student Information Sheet

Please return the Information Sheet to your class teacher.

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A copy of this newsletter is also available on the school website along with other school related information [www.penrith-p.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au](http://www.penrith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)