PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL's Core Values

Learning  Environment  Cooperation  Respect

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the next action-packed term ahead of us.

Interviews

Semester One parent/teacher interviews are being held on Tuesday, 22nd July from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

A note went home last term with information about the interviews. Please contact the school office to reserve a time to suit you. If this day/time is not convenient for you please contact the office and organise an alternate interview time. This can either be a face to face or phone interview for your convenience.

Please note that interviews are scheduled for ten (10) minutes in order to fit everyone in. If additional time is required a further interview will be arranged for another time.

Last day to book an interview will be Friday, 18th July.

Starting School Group (for pre-schoolers)

Monday, 21st July 2014

Starting this term will be a free “Starting School Playgroup” which will cater for pre-school age children who do not attend pre-school and will be starting school at Penrith Public School next year.

The playgroup will run in the Penrith Public School hall each Monday morning from 9.15 to 11.15am. Families are required to stay with their children for the duration of the playgroup. Siblings are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

A trained Early Childhood teacher will run the group and provide structured instruction for the children. Some activities will also involve the Kindergarten classes.

Please contact the school office for more details and to register your child or just turn up
Athletics Carnival (For ALL students K-6) all teachers will be attending the carnival – there will be NO classes at school

The Penrith Public School annual athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 17th July at Parker St Oval Please contact Mr Emminham if you can help as an official

All students are to be at school in the morning (17th July) for roll-marking and to catch the bus. Every student must wear their SCHOOL (or House colour) hat.

The cost for every student is $6.00; this covers the cost of the ground, equipment hire and transport.

All students must travel by bus.

If students are not travelling back to school on the bus:
- they must have their name marked off by their class teacher before leaving the carnival with their parents/carers or;
- they must have a signed parent/carer note giving permission to walk home – this must be handed to the class teacher and
- they are not permitted to leave the carnival with a friend or relative unless a permission note written by a parent or carer has been given to the class teacher

Athletics carnival Day
- The school canteen will NOT be open
- Breakfast club WILL operate
- There WILL be canteen facilities at Parker St Oval – snack foods may be purchased

NAIDOC Assembly

The NAIDOC assembly held on Thursday, 27th June was a tremendous success, showcasing the talents of our Aboriginal students. Thank you to all the people who were involved in making the assembly one of the highlights of our special events calendar.

Thank you to Ms Stockton for her outstanding organisation of the event.
2015 Kindergarten Enrolments

Now is the time of year to be enrolling your children for Kindergarten next year.

If your child turns five (5) years of age before 31st July 2015 then they are able to enrol in Kindergarten. When enrolling your child, a Birth Certificate and Immunisation records must be produced and an Enrolment Form must be completed. Please enquire at the office.

NAIDOC ART WINNERS

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Pedlars’ Fair Mufti Day - Tuesday 22nd July

dress in warm colours and bring a can of drink

Pedlar’s Fair

Pedlar’s Fair is almost upon us again. This event is one of the highlights of the Penrith Public School calendar. Please read the information in this newsletter about the requirements and organisation for the day.

MULTICULTURAL FOOD STALL

As part of our Pedlars’ Fair we will have a FOOD STALL. Students who are speakers of other languages may bring a plate of food to sell, on the day.

Thanks for your support - Mrs Bradley
Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Silver Awards:

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Musica Viva is coming!

“Jacana”
Monday 28th July
Cost $7.50
Be quick – limited places
Money to be paid to the class teacher

Bus Shopping Tour 2014

School fund-raiser  bargains  treats
Christmas presents  homewares  clothing  manchester
Date: Saturday 25th October
Cost: $55 including morning tea and delicious lunch and prizes
Get some friends together and register your interest
NOW – places will be filling quickly
Send a $20 (non-refundable) deposit to the office.
It’s lots of fun and there is some good shopping to be had!

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Bus Shopping Tour

I/We would love to be included in the Bus Shopping Tour 2014.
I include $20 per person deposit and understand that the balance must be paid by Friday, 12th September 2014.

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To celebrate Education Week, it’s Pedlar’s Fair time again. Proceeds from Pedlars’ Fair will go towards projects at school and to support our programs of reading and talking and listening.

* Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are asked to prepare an activity or game (in groups at school) in which other students can “pay” to participate. Students usually work in small groups to organise their game and materials they need and are supervised by their class teacher. Some past activities have been *sponge toss *guess the jelly beans *face painting *tom bowlo *quoits, etc

* Each student in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 is asked to prepare a pedlar’s tray at home and bring it to school on the day to “sell” their wares. The children can dress up on the day to match their wares e.g. a baker if you have some muffins, a clown if you have some juggling balls, a fairy if you have bags of magic dust!

The Pedlar’s Tray (Years K, 1 & 2)
Your child has to parade with the tray so it should be a manageable size – about the size of a shoe box lid / top of a pizza box. Cover the tray and decorate it.
What goes on it? The items you prepare are your donation to this fundraising event. Help your child to decide on the items – probably 6-12 things – which can be made or assembled at home. Each day leading up to the Pedlar’s Parade we will demonstrate some things the children might like to bring. In previous trays there have been *little bags of home-made play dough *pencils with feathers and jewels *pet rocks *plastic jars of bubble mix *little cakes *beaded friendship pins *bookmarks *pre-loved tiny toys *peg magnets
Your imagination – and visits to the $2 shops – will provide plenty of inspiration!

Before the Pedlars’ Fair! There will be no money exchanged on the day. Students are asked to bring their money to school before the day and exchange it for “Pedlar’s Pennies” which are traded for wares on the trays and turns at the games. As transactions are made, the “pennies” will be destroyed but if the students have some left over, they can write their name on the back and they will go in the draw for a prize.

On the day! K, Yr1 & 2 will parade with their trays and then set them up in “Tray Central” where parents can volunteer to assist with trading. Students are then able to move amongst the games and activities and have some fun with their big buddies.

The day is designed to encourage children to participate in the planning and implementation of activities with their friends and peers. Every child should be able to take part in some aspect of the day. Your assistance is an appreciated and highly valued aspect of your child’s learning. All family members and friends are invited to attend.

Pedlar’s Pennies will be available to pre-purchase in Term 3 Week 2 for 50c each or 5 for $2 (on the day they will be 50c each).
Stage One
Australian Arms Museum excursion
Photo Gallery
How well does your family communicate?

“The best communication happens in families when no one is working at it.”

Studies have shown that members of strong families communicate differently than members of troubled families.

In strong families parents and children get comfortable with each other so that important issues are raised and help is asked for free from judgement. Members of troubled families are often critical in their communication and either speak to each other in accusatory ways or they avoid conflict altogether.

Members of strong families don’t always reach agreement but they speak directly and honestly with each other without blaming and they often end up agreeing to disagree. They also have processes in place such as regular shared meals that ensure people speak to each other on a regular basis.

Studies have also shown that members of strong families are generally good listeners. They use their ears more than their mouths and they ask questions rather than rely on reading other people’s minds. Parents also have a way of engaging children in discussions about interesting, challenging and personal subjects while maintaining privacy of thought.

Strong families also like to laugh. The stronger the family the more likely they are to use humour to maintain a healthy outlook on life. Humour is an important ingredient in communication. It is used to express warmth; reduce tension, get conversations going and help deal with anxiety and difficulties.

The busyness of life can inhibit open family communication. Traditionally, strong families enjoyed spending time together and communication occurred in natural, unforced ways. Today families need to work hard at communicating and don’t leave it to chance.

Strong families find a way of carving out time to be with each other. They recognise those opportunities that afford effective communication and they guard these assiduously.

Strong families also use technology to aid communication rather than interfere with it. Mobile phones are used to stay in touch, television offers opportunities for discussion and emails help keep conversations going when people are separated by distance.

What’s your family like?

How well does your family communicate?

1. Do you get together as a family each week so everyone has an opportunity to talk? Yes 2 No 0
2. Is humour a feature of your family? Yes 2 No 0
3. Do most people in your family listen to and take an interest in each other? Yes 2 No 0
4. Do you have effective processes to resolve conflict between siblings such as family meetings? Yes 2 No 0
5. Do children talk openly to you or each other about problems or issues that may bother them? Yes 2 No 0

SCORE: 10: Remarkable. Communication is tricky so it is hard to have all bases covered.
6-8: Good stuff. You need to continue to work at it.
6-4: You may need to focus on ways to talk so children will listen and listen so they will talk.

Try This . . .

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

To promote open communication in your family:

1. Make mealtime more than a refuelling pit stop. Sharing a meal provides an opportunity for parents and children to talk, exchange views, swap news and have a laugh or two.
2. Talk with children on their turf. Places such as bedrooms and cars can be safe havens for open communication. Identify where your children talk the most and make the most of those places.
3. Talk about the stuff that children and young people want to talk about. Find out what interests your children and use that as an entry point to conversations.
4. Write it down. Sometimes conversationally clumsy parents resort to notes or letters. So if you have something important to say or an issue you want to discuss put pen to paper (or start up the computer) and get it down in writing.

Action Plan

First Step . . .

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about communicating effectively with children and others in your family visit www.parentingideas.com.au

Quote

‘Communication is a skill that you can learn. It’s like riding a bicycle or typing. If you’re willing to work at it, you can rapidly improve the quality of every part of your life.’

Brian Tracy

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# Penrith Public School Calendar

## Important Dates

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### Clothing Pool

Open every Wednesday 8.45am - 9.15am

### School Banking

Every Tuesday morning before school under the COLA 8.30am – 9.10am

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**MEAL DEALS Every Tuesday**

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

1. 5 Chicken Crackles or 5 chicken nuggets + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper
2. 3 Hash browns + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper
3. A Fresh Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper
4. A Fresh Chicken, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich + Just Juice Popper + Zooper Dooper

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