Dear Parents and Caregivers,

If you could glimpse behind the scenes you would be very gratified by the number of generous parents and caregivers who contribute selflessly and usually anonymously to make our school not good, but GREAT. Here are just some of the things that have happened this term. Books, uniforms and equipment have been donated; a parent has been working in the garden in her spare time; 100 free tickets have been given to a most wonderful stage show; students have been invited to tour Harris Farm; parent volunteers have helped with reading and transport of students; helped at Athletics and Swimming carnivals; worked on the fund raising activities; taken students for sport and gross motor activities; supported students at assemblies. The parents who come to the P and C meetings do extraordinary things not just with tangible assets but also with the positive support they give to making Penrith Public School the very best school it can be. To all of you from all of us – THANK YOU.

Have a well-earned holiday with your wonderful children.

Julie Stockton
Acting Principal

School resumes for all students on Tuesday 7th October 2014.

Walkathon Draw last day of term. Be in it to win it.

The P&C has generously provided $50 vouchers for each of the stages. If your child has returned their sponsorship money, then they have a ticket in the draw. Good luck to all.
Congratulations to the following students who have earned **Silver Awards**: 

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**Junior and Senior Discos TONIGHT** *(Year 6 Farewell fundraiser)*

This term’s discos will be held on 16th September in the school hall.

Junior – 4.30pm – 5.30pm cost is $4.00 which includes a bottle of water.
Senior – 5.30pm – **7.00pm** cost is $5.00 which includes a bottle of water.

As a special treat “GLOW BRACELETS” will be available at the hall for $1.00 each

For the Disco inside the Hall is a Kids Zone `only.

The Canteen will be open for tea, coffee and snacks for parents to enjoy in the COLA.

Please ensure you are on time to pick up your child after the disco.

**Canteen News - NO lunch orders on the last day of term.**

There will be snacks and drinks available AND back by popular demand for this day only a lolly bag can be bought for $1.

**SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME** for students in year 2 – year 6

Don’t Miss out

There are now only 15 places left.

Our school has been allocated two weeks of swimming lessons in term 4 of this year. The swimming scheme will be offered from 20th October until the 31st October.

The cost of this important activity is $85.00. This includes transport and admission to the pool for the lessons.

**2015 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Now is the time to be enrolling your child for Kindergarten next year. If your child turns 5 years of age before the 31st July 2015, then they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten. When enrolling your child, proof of address, a birth certificate and immunisation records must be produced and an enrolment form must be completed.
**Late to school**? This should be a rare not a regular occurrence.

When a student arrives late for school this is recorded as a ‘partial absence’. Please note that students arriving late for school, unless accompanied by an adult or a note will have their partial absence marked as ‘unjustified’.

**Mobile Maths Games**
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: [http://bit.ly/oSREYV](http://bit.ly/oSREYV)

**Reduce, reuse, recycle**
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

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

The deadline for ordering tickets from the school for the Celebration Sing Out concert on the 9th November at the Sydney Town Hall has now passed.

Tickets can no longer be purchased through the school

Tickets can be bought at the door on the night or online at
or 1300306776
Cost: $38, concession $28, Family $103
Stage 3 Berry Camp

71 students had a great time at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre last week. All students did their very best in all activities.

Students swung, flew, canoed, cooked, trekked, climbed, took part in archery, traded and co-operated during the week.

The staff at the Centre complimented our school on the behaviour of all students. It was a time when legends were made, new friendships established and we all went from our comfort zone to our courage zone, even if just for a little while.

Many thanks to the staff for their support in this important part of Stage 3 learning.
Phil Ward - Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Stage three parents - ask your children about ....... The Hill
Head Lice

Holiday time is a good opportunity to interrupt the cycle and eradicate head lice by treating your child.

WARNING!!!
Watch out for the BEACH PARTY!
It’s coming!!
Kindergarten students had a great day of learning on their excursion to Calmsley Hill.
Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years
are invited to join
Penrith City
Children’s Choir
for its next project
The Snow Wolf
a mini-opera
directed by Lucy McAlary
If you love to sing, please join us.
No auditions.
Applications close 8 October.

For further information,
contact the Administrator:
Liz Strasser
0418 202 849
pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

North St Marys Community OOSH
Sept/Oct Vacation Care Program 2014
02 9623 0331
nsmcoosh@pnc.com.au

Monday 22 Sept - Messy Games Day.
Fun with slime, custard, chocolate and more. Bring a change of clothes on a towel.

Tuesday 23 Sept - Mini Chef Cooking Day
Spend the day cooking and playing, and then devouring all your creations at an afternoon banquet.

Wednesday 24 Sept - Excursion to Gumsley Hill City Farm - ride a tractor, milk a cow, crack a whip
Extra cost for excursion $15.00 pp

Thursday 25 Sept - Fancy Dress Party
Come dressed as your favourite super hero, sports star or movie character. Every child will be given a prize.

Friday 26 Sept - Cartooning Workshop
Come ready to learn how to create your very own cartoon with Toon Creations.

Monday 29 Sept - Mad Scientist Day
Fun and messy science experiments. Bring an old paint shirt.

Tuesday Sept 30 - Excursion to Laser-tag and Bowling in Penrith
Extra cost for excursion $15.00 pp

Wednesday 1 Oct - Chocolate Fun Day
Games, cooking, craft and play, all with chocolate!

Thursday Oct 2 - AFL Sports Clinic, come and learn skills and have fun with an AFL coaching session.

Friday Oct 3 - Pyjama Party Day
Building forts, girls vs boys comp, making pop corn and a more

Tuesday Oct 7 - Reptile show
Snakes, lizards frogs and more
Extra cost $10 pp

Contact NSMCOOSH to make a booking and receive an information pack.
NSMCOOSH operates out of the North St Marys Childrens Centre on Oak St, North St Marys.

Cost is $50.00 per day, plus excursion costs.
50% government rebate is available.

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## Important Dates

### TERM 3

#### SEPTEMBER
- **16**  DISCO
- **18**  Whole school assembly
- **19**  Canteen red day
- **19**  Last day of term 3
  - Walkathon voucher draw.

#### OCTOBER
- **7**  All students return to school for term 4
- **9**  Stage 2 students overnight camp to Mowbray Farm
- **10**  Stage 2 campers return
- **20**  Swimming school commences
- **28**  P and C meeting 6.30 pm
- **31**  Swimming school concludes

#### November
- **5**  ‘Enviromentors’ talks
- **12**  Responsible handling of Dogs K-2 sessions
- **18**  Kindergarten Orientation
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- **20**  Kindergarten Orientation, parent information morning

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