Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the start of the last term of 2014, with a special welcome to the new children who have enrolled at our school this week.

As we are approaching the end of the school year, there are going to be many activities involving the students that are outside the normal school routines. Just a quick look at the “Important Dates” section of the newsletter indicates some of the exciting events, such as; Presentation Days and Party Days that are scheduled for this term. Changing routines sometimes goes hand-in-hand with unsettled student behaviour. The staff will be working very hard to make sure that students remain “on task” throughout this term. I would ask parents to assist teachers by ensuring:

- the school’s “Code of Conduct” and ‘Core Values” are adhered to
- students arrive at school before 9.15am and are picked up at 3.15pm
- students attend school regularly (reason for absence notes returned promptly)
- school uniform is always worn
- homework is completed

Ken Jackson
Principal

Harris Farm Excursion

On Thursday of the last week of term, year 2 students in 2S went on an excursion to Harris Farm Markets. They were given a tour of the market and found out where and how the fruit and vegetables are stored and where they came from. They then went on a treasure hunt reading clues to find various fruit and vegetables. The alphabet fruit and vegetable hunt proved very challenging. We never did find a fruit starting with U or X. At the end of their visit the students were given recyclable bags with a fruit bar, bottle of water and a piece of fruit of their choice. On the way back to school the students enjoyed their fruit choices in Memory Park. The students’ behaviour was, as is expected at Penrith Public school, exemplary. This was the first time Harris Park Markets has hosted our students. The effort they made to educate our students about fresh and healthy fruit and vegetables was outstanding. The last part of the excursion was completed the day after the excursion when students sat down to write a very sincerely felt thank you for making them all feel like such VIP’s.
Walkathon $50 Voucher Draw.
Each student who returned their money and sponsorship form before the end of term had a ticket in the draw to win one of four $50 Coles Myer vouchers generously provided by our hard working P and C.

Many parents and friends donated more than $50 and one family more than $300. Although a final count is to be conducted next term when all monies have been returned, it seems as if the generous people of Penrith Public school have again raised in excess of $4000.

The lucky winners were Rhianna Butler, Lucinda Harricks, Sophie Fisher and Holly Epps.
A special thank you to Mrs Lodge, Mrs Silk Jones, Mrs Taylor and Mrs McManus for their organisation and coordination of this event.

Silver Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have earned Silver Awards:

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P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Penrith Public School P&C Association will be held on Tuesday, 28th October at 6.30pm in the library. All executive positions will be declared vacant and elections will take place for the 2014/15 committee.
All welcome.

Cut off Dates for excursions. Please take careful note of cut off dates for payment of performance and excursion money. We have to order and pay for the exact number of bus and performance tickets needed before we go/attend.

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.

Stage 2 Camp
Our stage 2 students will be leaving on Thursday morning for their overnight camp to Mowbray Farm. They will return on Friday with lots of stories to tell. Thank you to Mrs McMahon and the other attending staff for affording this great opportunity to our students.
**WARNING!!!**

Watch out for the BEACH PARTY!
It’s coming!!

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**Canteen News** - NO lunch orders will be accepted after 9.30am

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

**Final Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2014**

It is a great time to ‘spring’ clean so why not donate any unwanted clothes, shoes or manchester (towels, sheets, blankets etc) to the Smith Family and Stewart House. Large plastic bags will be sent home with students this week but you may use any large strong plastic bags. Please ensure items are in **good** condition and return the filled bags before Monday 27th October. Please leave your donations outside the school hall.

On behalf of Stewart House and the Smith Family, thank you for your support.

Mrs Naomi Footit

**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’.

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**Penrith City Children’s Choir**

Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years are invited to join

**Penrith City Children’s Choir**
for its next project

**The Snow Wolf**
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

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**Celebration Sing Out** 9th November
Sydney Town Hall

The deadline for ordering tickets from the school for the 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
www.mca-tix.com.au
or by phoning 1300306776

Cost : $38, concession $28, Family $103
Penrith Public School
Calendar

**Important Dates**

**2014**

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**Clothing Pool**

Open every Wednesday 8.45am - 9.15am

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