PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Forward with Pride since 1865

Newsletter

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PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL’S CORE VALUES

Learning  Environment  Cooperation  Respect

School Plan 2015-2017

At this very busy time of year one of the school’s many jobs is to develop a new Strategic Plan for the school. We have come to the end of our current three-year plan (2012-2014) for Penrith Public School. The School Plan for 2015-2017 will outline the vision and intended directions the school will take and the specific areas for continued development, in order to meet the existing and emerging learning needs of our students, teachers and community.

Our school plan will be closely linked to the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, agreed to by all Australian Education Ministers. This declaration notes:

“Improving educational outcomes for all young Australians is central to the nation’s social and economic prosperity and will position young people to live fulfilling, productive and responsible lives.”

Young Australians are placed at the centre of this declaration with two main goals being:

Goal 1 – Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

Goal 2 – All young Australians become:

- successful learners
- confident and creative individuals
- active and informed citizens

As achieving these educational goals is a collective responsibility, input from our students, staff and community is valued as we work together in identifying focus areas for the future. A school survey is attached to this newsletter, providing an opportunity for parents and carers to help in our school’s planning process; developing a shared vision for the educational outcomes of all our students.

Please return completed surveys to your child’s class teacher by Monday, 15th December. We welcome all ideas and appreciate the support of our school community.
**Presentation Day- 9.30am Thursday, 11\(^{th}\) December**

All parents, caregivers, family members and friends are welcome to attend our end of year presentation assembly where we acknowledge the hard work and talent of students throughout the year in academic, sporting and school citizenship pursuits. Invitations have been sent home to those students receiving awards.

Date: Thursday, 11\(^{th}\) December  
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am (approx.)  
Venue: School hall

**Gold Award Assembly – 9.30am this Friday, 5\(^{th}\) December**

Congratulations to all the students who received a Gold Award at the Gold Award Assembly last week.

Ken Jackson  Principal

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**Year 6 Farewell Tuesday 16\(^{th}\) December**

5.45pm – 8.30pm  
Year 6 arrive at 5.45pm to take photographs.  
Year 6 parents arrive back at the hall at 7.30pm for Graduation celebrations.  
All children must be picked up by 8.30.

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**2015 Organisation**

If you know already that your child will be leaving Penrith Public School at the end of this year and will NOT be returning in 2015 could you please notify the school office (Year 6 students excepted).  
If you know already that your Christmas holidays will extend past the start of school next year (Wednesday 28\(^{th}\) January) could you please write a note to the school office stating the anticipated date of return to school in 2015.

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**Win a Christmas Hamper**

Tickets are 3 for $1 OR 1 Book of 15 tickets cost $5.00  
(Name and phone number must be written on the stub in the book)

**First prize** hamper contains a razor scooter, a Christmas ham and lots of goodies,

**Second prize** hamper contains a Sunbeam mixer, a Christmas ham and lots of goodies

**Third Prize** hamper contains a picnic set, Harris Farm fruit and vegetable hamper, a Christmas ham and lots of goodies

There will be other hampers with lots of goodies to win as well

Additional raffle ticket books are available at the school office
Bus Passes

Students who are in Year 2 in 2014 and moving to Year 3 in 2015 must complete a new application form for a bus pass.

Please contact the office for a form; the form must be returned to the office before 12/12/2014.

Vacation Care Centres

Penrith City Council will be running Vacation Care Centres during the summer vacation, venues are:
- Emu Plains, Emu Village OOSH  47354511
- Glenmore Pk, Glenmore Pk OOSH 4733 5097
- Cranebrook – Grays Lane OOSH  4729 1736
- South Penrith, Tandar OOSH 4732 4162
- St Clair, Kindana OOSH 9834 4076
- Werrington, Yoorami OOSH  47316929

Canteen News

There will be **NO lunch orders** on Wednesday, 17\textsuperscript{th} December (last day of term). The canteen will be open for snack foods and the purchase of lolly bags ($1).

Meal Deals

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

Kingswood Park Public School Preschool

Kingswood Park Public School provides Preschool Education funded through the DEC for children intending to go to Kindergarten the following school year. We are currently taking enrolments for children intending to start Kindergarten in 2016. Children do not have to attend Kingswood Park Public School in 2016 to attend our Preschool. Our Preschool has a qualified teacher and teachers assistant to support your child's early years of learning. Our learning environment is student directed and play based with technology integrated in all learning experiences. In 2015 we are running two classes of 2 and 1/2 days per week starting at $17.50 a week per child. Please contact our friendly office staff on 4721 4414, come up to our school on Caloola Ave, Penrith or find more information on our website [http://www.kingswoopkp.schoo](http://www.kingswoopkp.schools.nsw.edu.au/home). We look forward to welcoming your family at Kingswood Park Public School.

2014 Performance Showcase

The 2014 Performance Showcase will be held on Friday, 12\textsuperscript{th} December at 9.30 – 11.30am in the hall.

All Welcome!

Following the showcase the P&C are giving all the students a free ice block as a thank you for all their hard work and support during the year
Penrith Public School
Calendar

**Important Dates**

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**January**

**Clothing Pool**
- Open every Wednesday
- 8.45am - 9.15am

**February**

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SCHOOL FINISHES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY, 17th DECEMBER

School resumes for students in Year One to Year Six on
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