

Term 4 Week 4  
Nov 2019



# Newsletter

# Penrith South Public School

*Opportunity Growth Success*

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Student Learning – Past, Present and Future  
Penrith South Public School 1959 – 2019  
Past Present Future

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Safe, Teamwork, Achieving, Respect**

**Every child's journey at Penrith South Public School is one of purpose, high expectations, dignity and options.**

### Covered Walkway

Our new covered walkway is complete and looks fantastic providing shade and cover along the walkway outside our Kindergarten classrooms and leading to the COLA outside our school hall. Our community should be very proud of the Colour Run fundraising that contributed to the construction of the covered walkways. We will continue to raise and commit funds to further construction of covered walkways around the school in the future.

### Kindergarten Orientation

We had our first 2020 Kindergarten Orientation on Tuesday providing us with an opportunity to meet the boys and girls who will be joining us at Penrith South next year. The session was very successful with the children having a wonderful taste of what 'big school' has to offer next year. A big thank you to Mrs Sigmund and her team who coordinated the session to ensure it was a success for our children and staff. We look forward to the next orientation session next Tuesday and also getting to know parents at our information evening on Wednesday 13 November at 7pm.

If you know of anyone who has a child starting school next year and is yet to enrol, please share this information so that the family and child have the best opportunity for a strong start to school in 2020.

### End of Year Celebrations

Notes will start to come home over the next several weeks in preparation for our end of year celebrations. Please keep a close eye on the information in our newsletters and the notes your children are bringing home to ensure you don't miss out on any of the great events or presentation assemblies towards the end of this term.

Craig White  
Relieving Principal

# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are now being accepted at Penrith South Public School.

If you or someone you know has a child turning 5 before July 31, 2020 they are eligible to enrol to start school next year. Please visit our school office between 8.30am and 3.15pm Monday to Friday to collect the enrolment forms. Completed application forms should be returned to the Front Office together with the child's original Birth Certificate, current Immunisation Certificate and proof of address (eg Utility Bill, Rental Agreement or Council Rates).

**The NSW Department of Education Policy states that a child of compulsory school age (6 years old) must be enrolled at and attending a government or non-government school by the time they turn six.**

I look forward to getting to know our new kindergarten students and their families before they start school next year. The Transition to School Group commenced on Friday 26 July.

If you have any questions regarding your child's readiness to start school please feel free to make an appointment with me to discuss this.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held from 9:15am to 11am on:

- Tuesday 5 November
- Tuesday 12 November
- Tuesday 19 November

A Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 13 November from 7pm.

Cassie Sigmund  
Relieving Assistant Principal

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

This fortnights PBL focus is RESPECT:

- *Be kind to each other*
- *Follow instructions*



Teachers will be looking out for students in the classroom and on the playground who are trying their best to follow all instructions and being kind to all students. All teachers are hoping to hand out as many blue STAR tokens as possible.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

If you know your child will be absent during the first few days of the 2020 school year, or will not be returning in 2020 please complete the details below. This information will assist the school planning for next year.

Name of your child:..... Scholastic Year in 2019: .....

Leaving the school or date returning: .....

Reason: .....

Parent/Carer Name:..... Parent/Carer contact number .....

## SUPERVISOR'S AWARDS

<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b>
<u>Year 3</u> Jeb Lusad Juilliann Magpali Taylor Brackenhofer Amelia Batha Mercedes Norman Sharina Timms Zac Smith Alexis Ridley (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) <u>Year 4</u> Jake Abbott	<u>Year 1</u> Peter Wu Emily Kam Axle Peet Natalie Whatmore <u>Year 3</u> Angus Annesley Loughlin Monaghan Jeb Lusad Harley Alvey Charlotte Keehn Amelia Batha Elsie Ayres Taylor Brackenhofer Juilliann Magpali <u>Year 4</u> Lincoln Ritzrow Ryan Ashbee Riley Barenyi <u>Year 5</u> Sean Dizon Izabella Owen-Wilde Bayli-Jai Alvey Jackson Loy <u>Year 6</u> Tia Wright Billy Hutton Liana Neely Sean Kingdom	<u>Kindergarten</u> Dommenic Refalo <u>Year 1</u> Halaevalu Visesio Skylah Nunn Taitum Whiu <u>Year 2</u> Bonnie Naghten Isabella Coates Charlie Powhiro <u>Year 3</u> Aviana Portelli Kaden McIlhatton Jessica Pech George Saab Emily Giblin <u>Year 4</u> Harry Williams Mia Tregear Ethan Jeans James Drinan Josiah Faalogo Riley Crawford Sandra Maalat <u>Year 5</u> Amelia Barlow Amelia Sutton Peyton English Abbegale Paris Jazmine Leija-Guerrero James Austen Riley Keliele <u>Year 6</u> Nicholas Brislane Indianna Hemmett Katherine Leverton Tia Wright Dale Sproule Terri Beattie Atley Hillan Eva Archer Ante Pavlovic	<u>Year 4</u> Fajar Abrar Jesikah Tukuafu  Platinum Awards will be handed out at the K-6 Assembly in Week 8.

### BELL TIMES

8:58am	Morning bell to start classes
10:50am to 11:35am	Lunch
1:20pm to 1:55pm	Afternoon Tea
2:55pm	School finishes

### SCHOOL SECURITY

The school's security phone number is: **1300 880 021**

## TERM 4 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b>	<p>Nov 4</p> <p><i>JHS Transition Year 6</i></p> <p><i>Orders due for P&amp;C Sausage Sizzle \$2 each</i></p> <p><i>Year 3-6 Assembly 2pm Hall</i></p>	<p>Nov 5</p> <p><i>Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 9:15am to 11am</i></p>	<p>Nov 6</p> <p><i>School Banking</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter</i></p>	<p>Nov 7</p> <p><i>K-2 and K-3.21 Athletics Carnival</i></p> <p><i>P&amp;C Sausage Sizzle</i></p> <p><i>Payment &amp; orders due for Year 6 Yearbook \$25 &amp; Signature Bear \$15</i></p>	<p>Nov 8</p> <p><i>PSSA</i></p>
<b>5</b>	<p>Nov 11</p> <p><i>Blue Mountains Excursion Classes 3.9, 3.10, 3.11</i></p> <p><i>K-2 Assembly 2pm Hall</i></p> <p><i>Remembrance Day</i></p>	<p>Nov 12</p> <p><i>Blue Mountains Excursion Classes 4.26, 4.27, 3-6.23</i></p> <p><i>Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 9:15am to 11am</i></p>	<p>Nov 13</p> <p><i>Indigenous Youth Eco Summit Yr 2-6</i></p> <p><i>School Banking</i></p> <p><i>Payment due for Kindergarten Farm Excursion (\$35)</i></p> <p><i>Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten 2020 7pm Hall</i></p>	<p>Nov 14</p> <p><i>Grandparents Day 10am to 11:35am</i></p>	<p>Nov 15</p> <p><i>PSSA</i></p> <p><i>Last day for return of Library books.</i></p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Nov 18</p> <p><i>P&amp;C Clothing Pool 8:45 am to 9:15am Room 24</i></p> <p><i>Year 3-6 Assembly 2pm Hall</i></p>	<p>Nov 19</p> <p><i>Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 9:15am to 11am</i></p>	<p>Nov 20</p> <p><i>School Banking</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter</i></p> <p><i>P&amp;C Evening Meeting 7pm School Staffroom</i></p>	<p>Nov 21</p> <p><i>BOOK FAIR</i></p> <p><i>Buy 1 get 1 free 8am to 3.30pm</i></p> <p><i>Buy one get one free</i></p>	<p>Nov 22</p> <p><i>PSSA</i></p> <p><i>Year 6 Farewell Payment \$35 due</i></p> <p><i>Kindergarten &amp; K-3.21 Excursion to Calmsley Farm</i></p>
<b>7</b>	<p>Nov 25</p> <p><i>K-2 Assembly 2pm Hall</i></p>	<p>Nov 26</p> <p><i>Captains Speeches 9:15am Hall</i></p> <p><i>Year 6 Catholic Liturgy K-6</i></p>	<p>Nov 27</p> <p><i>School Banking</i></p>	<p>Nov 28</p> <p><i>Payment for School Disco Due \$5 per student</i></p>	<p>Nov 29</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>Dec 2</p> <p><i>K-6 Assembly 2pm Hall</i></p>	<p>Dec 3</p> <p><i>SRE Christmas Assembly</i></p> <p><i>Year 6 High School Orientation</i></p>	<p>Dec 4</p> <p><i>School Banking</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter</i></p> <p><i>Parent Helper Morning Tea</i></p>	<p>Dec 5</p> <p><i>School Disco</i></p> <p><i>K-2 4:15pm to 5:30pm</i></p> <p><i>3-6 5:45pm to 7pm</i></p>	<p>Dec 6</p>

## **PENRITH VALLEY CLUSTER 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL**

On Wednesday 30 October, our public speaking finalists represented Penrith South Public School in the Cluster 3 final at Surveyors Creek.

Congratulations to Shaylee Pitkin, Miya Rincon, Kyra Russo, Litia Tredoux, Matilda Brown and Lily Drinan who represented our school. We are very proud of you all!

A further commendation to Miya Rincon who placed **first** in the Year 4 competition. Miya will now progress to the final at Regentville Public School on 20 November. Staff and students wish Miya continued success for the final.

Mary Lou Killen

## **GRANDPARENTS DAY 2019**

**Grandparents' Day will be held on Thursday 14 November 2019.**

Grandparents' are invited to come to our school to visit the children's classrooms from 10.00am until 10.50am.

Grandparents' are also welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch in the back playground with their grandchildren. Lunch will conclude at 11.35am and the children will return to their classrooms.

Grandparents are invited to bring one of their favourite childhood books to read to their grandchildren during the picnic.

The students will be bringing home an invitation for their grandparents over the next few days.

Grandparents are also welcome to place an item beneath our Christmas tree in the front office as our students are supporting a local charity, by collecting non-perishable food items and a variety of stationery items (pens, diaries and note books).

## **RESCHEDULED K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

A red note was sent home last week with all K-2 and K-3.21 students advising families of the rescheduled date for the K-2 Athletics Carnival. It will now be held this week on Thursday 7 November at 9:15am.

## **A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL**

### Student health conditions

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you initially enrol your child. It is also important that you let the staff in the Front Office know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, food intolerances and other medical conditions such as asthma can help us support your child's health and wellbeing at school.

### Student family and emergency contact details

Teachers and Front Office staff may need to urgently contact parents and carers during the school day. We ask that parents and carers advise us whenever their or the emergency contact's home, work or mobile phone numbers change so that we always have the most current details. The school must also be advised of a change of address.

New contact details must be advised in writing. A Change of Contacts form is available in the Front Office and is also enclosed in this newsletter.

## **P&C NEWS**

Hello everyone,

### **P&C Meeting**

The P&C Meeting will be an evening meeting on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm in the School's Staffroom.

### **Clothing Pool**

The next clothing pool will be held on Monday 18 November at 8:45am to 9:15am in Room 24. If you are unable to visit the next clothing pool or have an urgent request, please see one of our P&C members or the staff in the front office. Donations of clean second hand uniforms are always appreciated and can be left at the front office.

Please note we do not have EFTPOS, cash only and limited change. Prices are \$10 for dresses, \$5 for school polos, school jumpers and sport shorts and \$2 for other items.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Our next Fundraiser will be the Christmas Raffle. A note will be sent home soon with the details. Each student will receive a note and a book of 10 raffle tickets. Each ticket is \$1. More raffle tickets are available in the Front Office. Please return money and tickets to PIP. We thank all the businesses and attractions who have kindly donated to our raffle.

P&C Committee and Members

Email address:pspsandc@gmail.com

## **STARTING SCHOOL GROUP**

This is a relaxed playgroup that introduces our kindergarten students for 2020 and their families to school life. The group meets every Friday from 9:15am to 11am and started on Friday 26 July.

This free transition program is facilitated by a qualified Educator and aims to build friendships and confidence in a fun and relaxed educational environment. Parents and carers stay with their child and children and are asked to bring a healthy snack, water and a hat.

Please call Kim Martin on 0423 720 492 to enrol.

Connect Child and Family Services

Community Based Family Support

## **SHARE THE JOY**

Once again, our school is collecting Christmas food items and small gifts for a local Penrith charity. The charity would be very pleased to accept pantry items such as tins and packets of food and also school supplies for students. Pencils, textas, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, lunch boxes and drink bottles would be very welcome.

Our school community has always been so generous in supporting our Christmas appeals and we hope you are able to support us again this year. You are invited to place these gifts under our Christmas tree in the Front Office.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Johnson

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Lost property can be found in a white laundry basket in the foyer of Room 24 (OshClub Room). Parents and carers are reminded to label everything so that items, when found, can be returned to the students.

Lost valuables are held in the Front Office.

We ask that families check that jumpers, jackets, hats and lunch box items are labelled with their child(s) name. This will help items to be returned to their owners.

## UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Our new uniform supplier is Back to Basics School Wear & Sportswear. They are located at 52 Cox Ave Kingswood. Their phone number is 4721 7422.

Hats are also sold in the Front Office for \$18. The exact amount of money is required as we do not hold change or have EPTPOS.

## IN THE KITCHEN GARDEN

### Ornamental Turners of Australia

A big thank you to The Ornamental Turners of Australia who have made 10 seedling pot makers to enable the students to make newspaper seedling pots. I had morning tea with the men who had made the pots and was shown around their shed where they do so much ornamental work with wood. I was amazed at how much work goes into their different projects.



### Term 4 Week One

Week one saw a hive of activity in the kitchen garden. The students were harvesting vegetables and herbs to sell for a gold coin donation to both parents and students. We raised \$34.00 from the donations. The money raised will go towards the purchase of spray paint to finish the pipe structures over the gardens where the shade cloth will be attached to protect the plants over the summer months.

The students found many bugs in the garden on Wednesday. We were very excited to see lady bugs and parasitic wasps. These wasps actually lay their eggs inside a caterpillar and when they emerge the caterpillar will eventually die.

More seedlings were also planted this week. Tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, radish, lettuce and carrots were some of the seedlings that were planted. The students will certainly enjoy some healthy produce and hopefully we will have some produce to sell before the end of the term. The soil was also tested during lessons so we can see what is needed to help our vegetables and herbs grow.



Soil Testing





The painted pipes for the shade cloth in Summer



Harvesting our produce



Filling the gardens with soil



Cucumber vines planted last week

Leanne Kirkman  
Teacher

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Bus travel is one of the safest ways to travel to school, but accidents occur most before and after the bus journey.

Learn how to stay safe in and around buses with these tips for students, parents and drivers.

### Tips for students

While on or near a school bus, students should:

- cross the road where and when it is safe to do so
- wait for the bus in a quiet and orderly manner
- remain in your seat or if standing, remain behind the front passenger seat and hold on tight at all times
- keep bags and other items out of the aisle
- wait until the bus stops moving before getting off
- listen to directions from the driver

### Tips for parents

You can assist your child to become a safer bus traveler. Remember:

- wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopped bus
- never call for your child to cross the road to meet you
- supervise your child and hold their hand to and from the bus stop
- discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Practice how to cross the road safely with your child. Remember:

- **WAIT** on the footpath until the bus has driven away and choose the safest place to cross
- **WATCH** until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped
- **WALK** across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic

Busways- School Bus Safety Program





## SPECIAL INVITATION

To all the wonderful people in our school community who supported our recent bookfair, as a way of saying THANK YOU for your amazing effort and support, Scholastic has offered us:

### **A buy one get one FREE Bookfair**

There is no commission raised, instead it goes to our “Fantastic School Community” to thank you for your continued support of our children.

**PLACE:** School Library  
**TIME:** 8.00am to 3.30pm  
**DATE:** Thursday 21 November

We look forward to seeing you there and hopefully you can pick up some great gifts for Christmas.

**Remember: Buy one get one FREE (same price or lesser value)**

Lyn Drew  
Librarian

## LIBRARY MESSAGE

As the Term draws to an end, the time has come to collect and return all the library books your child has borrowed throughout the year.

If I could ask for your assistance in locating all library books borrowed and please return them to the library by Friday 15 November (the end of Week 5).

If there are any problems please do not hesitate to call in and see me. Thank you so much.

Lyn Drew  
Librarian

## DRIVE AND PARK SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

**You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:**

- Drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- Never call out to children from across the road-it is very dangerous
- Always take care when driving in 40km school zones
- Follow all the parking signs-these help keep children as safe as possible
- Park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- Never double park-it is illegal and puts children at risk
- Never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- Model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children

**NSW Department of Education | Road Safety Education**

# 123 Magic

## and Emotion Coaching

Effective Discipline for Children 2-12 years

### What is it ~

It is a behaviour management program for children 2-12 years that can be used by both parents and teachers. It is a program that can be put into place quickly and its simplicity means that it is easy to use and easy for children to understand. It is a program that eliminates arguing, yelling and smacking.



There is a cost of  
**\$15.00**

to cover course materials.  
(Please talk to facilitators  
if you have any financial  
difficulties)



### DATES:

Mondays  
4th, 11th & 18th November,  
2019.

### TIME:

9am-11.30am

### WHERE:

Penrith South Public School,  
172-190 Jamison Road, Penrith.

For further information and bookings,  
contact our Penrith office on  
(02 88432580)

RSVP: 21st October, 2019

### Facilitators:

Susan Gale and Daniela Weber

## PLAY AND CHAT

Play and Chat is held at Penrith South Public School for 0-5 year olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:15am to 12 noon.

Drop in and have a cuppa. Everyone is welcome. We have painting and playdough, music, stories and great activities.

Enquiries: Call Kathy 0432 625 981 or Connect Child & Family Services 4759 1462



# Circle of Security

**Where: CatholicCare office  
St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High  
Street, Penrith**

**Tuesdays, 22nd October-  
10th December 2019**

**(Must attend first session,  
if unable to attend other sessions  
discuss with facilitator.)**

**10.15 am-12.30pm**

**Cost: Gold Coin Donation**

**Facilitators: Frances Pegrem  
and Susan Gale**

**Bookings Essential**

**PENRITH RECEPTION (02)  
88432580**



The Circle of Security is a relationship based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. Research has confirmed that secure children show increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness, and an increased capacity to handle emotions more effectively when compared with children who are not secure.

This program will help parents raise their children with love, warmth, and emotional intelligence by showing parents how they can connect with their child or children in ways that break old and sometimes destructive patterns of parenting.

**This program is a must for all parents!**

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/caregivers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

The absence note or letter should be given directly to the class teacher for processing.

If you have changed any of your contact details, please complete the notice below and return it to the school in order that we can update our records.

Thank you.

### Change of Contact Details

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT/CAREGIVER 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Work no: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT/CAREGIVER 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Work no: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

### Two Emergency Contacts Other than parent/caregiver

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT 1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Work no: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT 2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Work no: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Caregiver

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### **Office Use Only:**

Records amended by: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_