

Term 4 Week 6  
Nov 2019



# Newsletter

# Penrith South Public School

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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.**

**Welcome to Lachlan, Declan and Timo.**

### Christmas Carols

Our Christmas Carols event has been set for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. A letter outlining the details of the evening will be coming home shortly. Mrs Small has been very busy coordinating the event and working alongside the P&C who will be running a sausage sizzle. The P&C have also organised for a coffee van to be present which we are sure will be popular with the parents. We look forward to celebrating the festive season and enjoying a night of carols with our community. Any children attending on the night will be required to have parents with them for supervision.

### Staff Car Park

A reminder that our car park behind Osh Club is for staff as well as Before and After Care parents only. Unfortunately we have recently had some parents of children who do not access OSH using this area to drop their children off in the morning. This is not the purpose of the car park as the area is already very busy in the morning and afternoon. If parents of OSH children are using the car park, please remember you must use lined car spaces only.

### Grandparents Day

What a wonderful success. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting all our visitors and the children loved sharing the day with their grandparents. Classrooms were full and as I walked around the school, I heard from many grandparents as to how much they were enjoying the day and appreciated the opportunity to spend some time with their grandchildren at school.

Also a big thank you to the parents who coordinated the morning tea stall selling hot drinks and cakes. The stall looked absolutely fabulous and proved to be very popular raising over \$300 for our kitchen garden program.

## **Enrichment Proposals**

Last week two groups of students presented two different proposals to me. These students from years 3-6 have been working with Mrs Boswell throughout Terms 3 and 4 as part of an enrichment group. The presentation made solely by the students were very impressive. They demonstrated initiative to create and design the proposals, teamwork to ensure the proposals were completed, technology skills when creating the presentation, planning skills when outlining the details of their proposal and wonderful speaking skills when presenting. We love providing our children these opportunities at Penrith South.

The winning proposal will be coordinating a fundraising initiative later this term. With the assistance of Mrs Boswell, the students will communicate the event to our school and community, liaise with the organisation we are raising funds for, prepare a note, consider how to advertise and collect money on the day of the event. Well done to all involved.

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.**

The Transition to School Group commenced on Friday 26 July and will continue through this Term.

Last Wednesday evening we held our Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten 2020 families. It was a great opportunity to meet some of our families and share information that will help the transition to school. Once again I want to thank the families who attended, the guest speakers and the staff who helped make this wonderful evening happen.

Our last Kindergarten Orientation morning was held yesterday. This was an opportunity for the buddies to show their Kindergarten buddy around our school.

Later this Term we will write to the parents and carers of Kindergarten 2020 students to advise the time and date for Best Start and the time to arrive on the first day of school on Monday 3 February.

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.

Cassie Sigmund  
Relieving Assistant Principal

## **ASTHMA MANAGEMENT**

Poor air quality and hot weather can be a trigger for asthma. Asthma Australia advises parents and carers of children with asthma symptoms to:

- Visit your doctor. If asthma is diagnosed get a written asthma plan.
- Follow the plan.
- Ensure that the asthma medication in particular the preventer is being administered.
- Ensure that the puffer and spacer are used correctly.

## SUPERVISOR'S AWARDS

<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b>
<u>Kindergarten</u> Calais Deane Franks <u>Year 2</u> Celeste Fletcher <u>Year 3</u> Ashton DeVriend Alizia Winchcombe (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Thomas Maher John Josen <u>Year 4</u> Fajar Abrar (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Noah Tregear Lillian Adams Nate Mulvey <u>Year 5</u> Zackary Parkes Douglas Jerrard	<u>Kindergarten</u> Aaliyah Norman Eva Mohr Jed Hardwicke-Towns <u>Year 1</u> Peter Wu Emily Kam Axle Peet Natalie Whatmore Braylee Fornari Kaylah Rose Aiken Brock Wilson <u>Year 2</u> Maraia Belvie Ashley Meads Celeste Fletcher Sophie Svanberg Nimrat Buttar Farah Wilson Alexis Shaw <u>Year 3</u> Keira Eldridge Sharina Timms Georgia Mills Daniel Pollak Ashton DeVriend John Josen Ivy Weger <u>Year 4</u> Heath Maher Noah Tregear Nate Mulvey <u>Year 5</u> Billy Brackenhofer <u>Year 4</u> Rahni Shields Axton Glendenning Sunia Fili Christopher Brennan Jake Higgins	<u>Kindergarten</u> Samantha Petterson Blaire Lockard Malekai Tredoux Marlee Wells Tallara-Hope Clynes Jataye Beattie Chloe Myers Tyson Ong Elyana Becroft Kauan Gimenes Da Silva Anika Austin Maddison Crawford Tyson Ruawhare Elijah Bray <u>Year 1</u> Haleavalu Visiesio Breanna Stevenson-Cooper Mikaylah Bendfeldt Felicity Banks Lily Cullens Olivia Reyes Holly Laidler Rohan Nangri Madison Bell Joshua Gibbs Maisey Winchcombe Damian Beale Taha Abrar Lily Wemyss <u>Year 2</u> Autumn Bratusa Gabriella Saab Jarvis Eddy Eliza Fornari Paine Ashley Meads Coopar Crawford Bella Wilson Short Saxon Yelavich Kent Levi Emanuel Emily Fitzgerald <u>Year 3</u> Osten Moynahan Zachary Weatherstone Sophie Thomson Ava Manley Rianna Manandhar Benjamin Davis Ruby Austen Daniel Arnold Lily Smith Mason Vidal Cohen Eddy	<u>Year 1</u> Chase Ridley Dylan Ross Caitlyn Kirchmair Lauren Seng <u>Year 2</u> Jacindah Rincon Jarvis Smith Bonnie Naghten Isabella Coates Camron Behan <u>Year 3</u> Vivian Doherty Tahlia Rook <u>Year 4</u> Isabella Bengel Sienna Karele Isabelle Gibbs  <u>Platinum Awards will be handed out at the K-6 Assembly in Week 8.</u>

## SUPERVISOR'S AWARDS

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		<u>Year 3</u> Tyler Ohlsen Shaylee Pitkin <u>Year 4</u> Kai Cullens Hailey Reichel Tyler Ingold Noah Tregear Isaac Hart <u>Year 5</u> Kyhresha Maher Sophie Wicht Charli Phythian Ansh Banga Vansh Banga Jai Davis Cooper Towns Nevaeh Hoggard Hayley Shaw Hadid Khan <u>Year 6</u> Mylinda Vella Savannah Vallance Indiana Pini Brooke Butler Tallyn Bajada Zac Dunn	<u>Platinum Awards will be handed out at the K-6 Assembly in Week 8.</u>

### 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 2020: .....

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

Reason: .....

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

## SHARE THE JOY!

A huge thank you to all the grandparents, families and visitors who generously donated food items and stationary to our Christmas Tree appeal.

We will still be collecting donations until **Friday 6 December.**

Thank you.

Elizabeth Johnson



## 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

## 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

## 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.

## TERM 4 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>6</b>	<p>Nov 18</p> <p>P&amp;C Clothing Pool 8:45 am to 9:15am Room 24</p> <p>Year 3-6 Assembly 2pm Hall</p>	<p>Nov 19</p> <p>Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 9:15am to 11am</p>	<p>Nov 20</p> <p>School Banking</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Public Speaking Final Regentville PS</p> <p>P&amp;C Evening Meeting 7pm School Staffroom</p>	<p>Nov 21</p> <p><b>BOOK FAIR</b> <b>Buy 1 get 1 free</b> <b>8am to 3.30pm</b> <b>Buy one get one free</b></p>	<p>Nov 22</p> <p>PSSA</p> <p>Year 6 Farewell Payment \$35 due</p> <p>Kindergarten &amp; K-3.21 Excursion to Calmsley Farm</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>Nov 25</p> <p>K-2 Assembly 2pm Hall</p>	<p>Nov 26</p> <p>Captains Speeches 9:15am Hall</p> <p>Year 6 Catholic Liturgy K-6 11:35am Hall</p>	<p>Nov 27</p> <p>School Banking</p> <p>Blue Mountains Excursion 4.26, 4.27 &amp; 3-6.23</p>	<p>Nov 28</p> <p>Payment for School Disco Due \$5 per student</p>	<p>Nov 29</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>Dec 2</p> <p>K-6 Assembly 2pm Hall Platinum Assembly</p>	<p>Dec 3</p> <p>Year 6 High School Orientation</p> <p>SRE Christmas Assembly 11:35am Hall</p>	<p>Dec 4</p> <p>School Banking</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Parent Helper Morning Tea</p>	<p>Dec 5</p> <p>P&amp;C Christmas Raffle Tickets &amp; money due in PIP</p> <p>School Disco K-2 4:15pm to 5:30pm 3-6 5:45pm to 7pm</p>	<p>Dec 6</p> <p>Last day for donations For our Christmas Tree</p> <p>Sport Assembly 9:30am Hall</p>
<b>9</b>	<p>Dec 9</p> <p>Presentation Assemblies K-2: 9:30am to 11am 3-6:11:30am to 1pm</p> <p>P&amp;C Christmas Raffle Drawn</p>	<p>Dec 10</p> <p>PLP Celebrations 2pm Hall</p> <p>Afternoon Tea for Parents who speak a language other than English 1:45pm to 2:45pm Room 28</p>	<p>Dec 11</p>	<p>Dec 12</p> <p>Gold Coin Mufti Note to be sent home with details</p> <p>Carols by Candlelight 6:30pm to 8:45pm Community Event</p>	<p>Dec 13</p> <p>Graduation of Transition Group</p>
<b>10</b>	<p>Dec 16</p> <p>Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9:30am Hall</p> <p>Year 6 Farewell Dinner</p>	<p>Dec 17</p>	<p>Dec 18</p> <p>Star Day-mufti (Note to come)</p> <p><b><u>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</u></b></p>	<p>Dec 19</p> <p>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</p>	<p>Dec 20</p> <p>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</p>

- **Year 1-6 students return to school on Wednesday 29 January 2020.**
- **Kindergarten 2020 students start school on Monday 3 February 2020.**

## PSPS SPORT REPORT –WEEK 4

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>PLAYED</b>	<b>WIN/LOSS/DRAW</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>PLAYER OF WEEK</b>
Tee-ball Term 1	York	Loss	5-0	Charlotte Keehn
Tee-ball Team 2	Jamisontown	Loss	8-11	Zoey Reyes
Tee-ball Team 3	The Lakes	Win	9-0	Tyler Ingold
Tee-ball Boys	York	Loss	10-14	Riley Crawford
Cricket Maroon	York	Loss	113-69	Taylan Goker
Cricket Gold	Regentville	Loss	107-52	Kody Sutton
Cricket Green	York	Win	124-61	Cameron Roberts
Cricket Blue	NCS	Win	168-80	Isaac Hart
Jnr League Tag Team 1	NCS	Win	11-4	Isaac Lemon
Jnr League Tag Team 2	NCS	Win	9-3	Alicia Mason
Snr League Tag Team 1	NCS	Win	9-6	Riley Munce
Snr League Tag Team 2	NCS	Win	11-3	Kai Reid
Softball Team 1	Cambridge Gardens	Win	5-1	Brooke Sharpe & Izzy Owen-Wilde
Softball Team 2	Bye			
School Sport	AFL			Matilda Brown

## PSPS SPORT REPORT –WEEK 5

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>PLAYED</b>	<b>WIN/LOSS/DRAW</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>PLAYER OF WEEK</b>
Tee-ball Term 1	Kingswood Sth	Win	14-12	Taylor Brackenhofer
Tee-ball Team 2	Jamisontown	Loss	13-7	Fajar Abrar
Tee-ball Team 3	The Lakes	Win	15-2	Jack Lita
Tee-ball Boys	Bye			
Cricket Maroon	Regentville	Loss	89-49	Knox Patterson
Cricket Gold	York	Loss	85-62	Jackson Loy
Cricket Green	Jamisontown	Win	97-82	Naindeep Singh
Cricket Blue	York	Win	118-83	Lars Rowcliff
Jnr League Tag Team 1	Penrith Sth	Loss	7-6	Harley Alvey
Jnr League Tag Team 2	Penrith Sth	Win	7-6	Phoebe Morris
Snr League Tag Team 1	Llandilo	Loss	5-7	Summer Jansz
Snr League Tag Team 2	Cambridge Park	Loss	1-6	Charlie Brown
Softball Team 1	Regentville	Win	8-0	Daniel Small
Softball Team 2	Kingswood Sth	Win	4-2	Charli Phythian
School Sport	AFL			Billy Norman

## 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

The classes and Mrs Kirkman learnt about sister or companion planting last week. This involves putting 3 different plants in the same plot to help each other to grow. The three plants used were sweet corn, purple king beans and Queensland blue pumpkin. The beans provide nitrogen for the corn while the corn provides a place for the beans to grow. The pumpkin provides a broad leaf coverage that helps keep the moisture in the soil for longer. Before we planted the seeds, the students had to remove all the grass roots from the garden then add more soil, cow and horse manure and water saving mixture. The soil was then watered with fertiliser before the students planted the seedlings.



The watermelon seedlings that students planted 2 weeks ago have now started to grow. I can't wait to eat them.



Another job that was done last week was putting the shade cloth over our garden beds. This will allow water to stay in the soil for longer over the hot days in summer. Mr Smiley and I were very impressed with how each class worked last week. All students completed their jobs well and then went on to work on another task. We are proud of how each class is helping each other in the garden and this is the reason our garden is flourishing.

Thank you to the mothers who helped with the Grandparent's Day Morning Tea. Money raised will be put back into our garden and help buy ingredients for future cooks this year.

Leanne Kirkman  
Teacher

## SCHOOL SECURITY

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

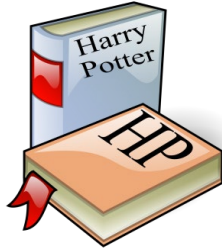
## LOST PROPERTY

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.





## 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

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

On behalf of staff and students at PSPS we wish Miya Rincon continued success in the Year 4 public speaking Grand Final on Wednesday 20 November.

Mary Lou Killen

## P&C NEWS

Hello everyone,

Our next P&C Meeting will be this evening, Wednesday 20 November at 7pm in the School's Staffroom. The next Clothing Pool will now be next year after school resumes. We want to thank everyone for their support in 2019.

Please contact the P&C by email or the staff in the Front Office for any urgent Clothing Pool requests. We appreciate any donations of second hand uniforms so that we can help other families. These donations can be left with the staff in the Front Office.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Our last Fundraiser will be the Christmas Raffle. Each student has received a note and a book of 10 raffle tickets. Each ticket is \$1. More raffle tickets are available in the Front Office.

Please ensure a name and contact number is written on each stub along with the student's name and class on the back so we can contact you when you win.

**Tickets and money are due back to PIP by Thursday 5 December. Winners are drawn on Monday 9 December.**

Thank you for your support,  
P&C Members and Committee  
Email: [pspsandc@gmail.com](mailto:pspsandc@gmail.com)



# Online grooming



This factsheet explains online grooming and includes tips for parents and carers about how to help their children avoid unwanted contact.

## What is online grooming?

Online grooming is when an adult makes online contact with someone under the age of 16 with the intention of establishing a sexual relationship. The offence occurs in the communication phase so no physical contact need ever occur for police to step in and investigate these offenders.

Offenders may create several online identities with some pretending to be another young person in order to build and maintain trust with a young person, while others are upfront about their age or intentions and manipulate the young person into thinking their relationship is okay.

## Where can it happen?

Online grooming can take place on instant messaging apps, social media, gaming sites, emails and in chat rooms. It's important to know that all websites, apps, games or pages have the potential to be misused or cause harm.

Many parents and carers may not be aware that chat functions appear on several popular online games, applications and social networking platforms.

Anonymous chat can provide a platform for online child sex offenders to target young people. There have been many instances where online predators have used 'in game' chat as a gateway to access children.

**Tip:** If you are unsure about the features in the games or apps your child is using, do some research, download it yourself and review, or better yet, sit down with your child and ask them to show you how it works.



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## Who is your child talking to? Be aware of the connections your children are making; not everyone online is who they say they are.



### HOW TO HELP MINIMISE UNWANTED CONTACT

- > Your child should not use their full name online; they should use a nickname or their first name only
- > They should not disclose their address or phone number to anyone online
- > They should not post or share photos of themselves that show their identity or location (such as a school logo on a shirt)
- > Keep communication open and encourage your child to talk to a trusted adult if they feel they cannot discuss something with you
- > Your child should never agree to meet someone they have met online unless they have your permission and are accompanied by yourself or a trusted adult
- > If something feels wrong then it probably is; your child should trust their instincts
- > Check your child's security settings on their online networking sites and have them set to protect their privacy as much as possible, review settings regularly, particularly after updates or changes to the site
- > Consider whether having the 'chat' function enabled on apps and games is necessary

Reassure your child that they can talk to you and you will support them even if they have shared something online that they are concerned about.



### WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT ONLINE GROOMING?

If you are concerned your child, or a child you know, is possibly at risk of online child sexual exploitation, report it to police.

Online child sexual exploitation can be reported to ThinkUKnow [thinkuknow.org.au/report](http://thinkuknow.org.au/report)

If a child is in immediate danger please contact 000.

### CONSIDER SEEKING ADVICE FROM SUPPORT SERVICES:



Lifeline

13 11 14



Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800



Youth Beyond Blue

[www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)



ReachOut

[www.au.reachout.com](http://www.au.reachout.com)



Bravehearts

[www.bravehearts.org.au](http://www.bravehearts.org.au)



The Carly Ryan Foundation

[www.carlyryanfoundation.com](http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com)

ThinkUKnow and the Carly Ryan Foundation have developed a

#### Family Online Safety Contract

to help parents and carers start cyber safety discussions with their children. This is a resource for parents, carers and their children to refer to when agreeing on appropriate online behaviours and expectations held by both the parents and their children. A copy is available at [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)