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Newsletter

Penrith South Public School

Opportunity Growth Success

60th 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.

End of Year Celebrations

What a big end to 2019! Congratulations to all the students who received awards at our presentation assemblies. It is a wonderful period for each and every student to reflect on their learning for the year and consider their goals for 2020. Our Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Farewell were also two wonderful highlights with our children performing their dances and song beautifully for staff and parents. Congratulations to all our students, particularly Year 6 as we wish them all the best for high school.

Important Dates

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Last day of 2019 school year for students.

Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Staff Development Day. Our staff will be involved in a whole day of professional learning. The office will be open and available for any enquiries should you need to contact the school.

Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Students from Years 1-6 return to school.

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st January 2020 – Our 2020 Kindergarten students will be participating in their Best Start Assessments by appointment.

Monday 3rd February 2020 – Our Kindergarten students will commence school at staggered times throughout the day. Parents will receive the times their child is to arrive at school.

Classes 2020

At the beginning of each year our students return to their previous years teacher and class while we ensure we have the correct number of students returning to school to move forward into our 2020 classes. As always, we endeavour to make this process as fast as possible so students can commence the school year with their new class and teacher. If your child is not returning to school at the beginning of 2020 or your family will be away on holidays during the return date, please make contact with our school office so we are aware of your circumstances. This will assist us to speed up the process.

Merry Christmas!

I hope all our families thoroughly enjoy the Christmas holidays and return to us safe and sound in 2020. It has been a wonderful year of learning at Penrith South and we are already excited for an even bigger and better year in 2020. On behalf of all the staff at Penrith South I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Craig White
Relieving Principal

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:

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.

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.

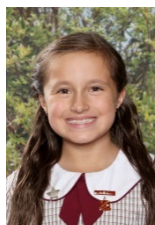
SHARE THE JOY!

The local charity chosen for our Christmas Tree donations was thrilled and overwhelmed by the generosity of our families. Well done Penrith South.

Thank you.
Elizabeth Johnson

PENRITH VALLEY PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations **Miya Rincon**, 4.27 on your outstanding results in the Grand Final of the Penrith Valley Public Speaking Competition.



Miya placed 2nd overall in the Year Four competition. Penrith South are very proud of your achievements!

Mrs Killen

SUPERVISOR'S AWARDS

| BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD | PLATINUM |
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| <u>Year 6</u> Lily Drinan (2 nd) Daniel Small (2 nd) Ella Sedwell (2 nd) Nishika Talusani (2 nd) Brooke Sharpe (2 nd) Aaron Hart (2 nd) Matilda Brown (2 nd) | <u>Year 5</u> Summer Jansz <u>Year 6</u> Nishika Talusani (2 nd) Ella Sedwell (2 nd) Daniel Small (2 nd) Indianna Hemmett (2 nd) Aaron Hart (2 nd) | <u>Kindergarten</u> Taniela Tukuafu <u>Year 5</u> Deacon Coghlan Lilly Barenyi Mia Brown <u>Year 6</u> Knox Patterson Saarim Ghias | <u>Year 5</u> Skylah Riwai-Couch Litia Tredoux Emey Sara Ginu Alyra Williams Jianna Bastian <u>Year 6</u> Bray Coghlan Daniel Small Nishika Talusani Ella Sedwell Brooke Sharpe Lily Drinan Benjamin Blakey Aaron Hart Thomas Myers Indianna Hemmett Matilda Brown Jennifer Morrison Myley Schulz |

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

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P&C NEWS

Hello everyone,

Our next P&C meeting and Clothing Pool will now be next year after school resumes. The details will be in the first newsletter for 2020.

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.

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Raffle. We are not able to achieve what we do and help our fabulous school without the support of the families of Penrith South Public School and our team of fabulous volunteers. Thank you, your help enabled us to hand over a cheque for \$9000 to Mr White as a contribution to the covered walkways.

We look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Thank you for your support,

P&C Members and Committee

Email: pspsandc@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

All the staff in the school canteen wish you a happy holiday. A new canteen menu will be sent home to families next year.

Thank you.

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OSHCLUB NEWS

The last day for Oshclub for 2019 is Friday 20 December. We reopen after the Christmas break on Monday 6 January 2020. For details on their holiday programs go online to oshclub.com.au or ask for a brochure at Oshclub in Room 24.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**
If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.
- **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!
- **Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.**
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.
- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.
- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**
This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

**The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.
Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.
Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.**

You can find out more at:

[Safety Town](#)

[Department of Education](#)

[Transport for NSW](#)

Have a safe holiday break!

Farewell to our Year 6 students and good luck for the future.

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