

Term 3 Week 4
Aug 2019



Newsletter

Penrith South Public School

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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.

State Athletics Selection Trials

Congratulations to Michayla who competed in the State Athletics Selection trials last week. Michayla has qualified for the National Championships in Darwin later this year in the following Multi-Class events. Her results last week were:-

- 2nd Place - Shot Put, Discus, 100m
- 3rd Place - Long Jump
- 4th Place - 800m

Education Week – Open Day

Thank you to all the visitors who attended our Education Week Open Day on Tuesday last week. The day was a great success with lots of positive feedback provided to the school by parents. As always, the Book Fair in our school library was hugely popular with many of our children adding new wonderful books to their home library. Our school passport showcased some of the wonderful programs that we offer here at Penrith South including our Kitchen Garden program and use of robotics in technology. The 50th Anniversary of the moon landing was celebrated in the school hall with over 100 students submitting projects and artworks related to the moon landing. Everyone who attended the hall to see the moon landing projects on display were very impressed by the quality and outstanding efforts of our students and families. Congratulations to all who were involved.

Corwin Professional Learning Conference

This Thursday and Friday our executive staff will be attending a Professional Learning Conference in Melbourne along with the executive teams from our peer primary schools in the Jamison Learning Community. It is a very exciting opportunity for our staff to receive professional learning and hear from highly regarded experts in educational research. Several of the key speakers will be presenting information directly related to projects we are implementing as part of our school plan. We hope this conference will assist us with the future directions of the outstanding education we strive to provide at Penrith South.

In future newsletters we will share some of the insights of these experts and how we will use this information to shape our practice.

P&C Survey

The P&C have created a survey for people to communicate their thoughts and ideas around P&C preferred meeting days and times. The survey will be open for the next week, closing on Wednesday 21st August. The survey can be found at the following address <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7FCBKDH>

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.

Cassie Sigmund
Relieving Assistant Principal

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 in Terms 3 and 4 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

WHOOPIING COUGH

A member of our school was recently diagnosed with Whooping Cough (pertussis). A note from Public Health was sent home with every student last Friday. Parents and caregivers are asked to take the time to read the note. Spare copies of the note are available in the Front Office.

Public Health advise that if a student has a throat swab for Whooping Cough **they must not attend school until the results are back from the doctor.**

SUPERVISOR'S AWARDS

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
<u>Year 1</u> Axle Peet Kaylah-Rose Anderson Nathan Op Den Brouw <u>Year 2</u> William Kirkman	<u>Kindergarten</u> Koby Dunn Georgina Huynh Bentley Fornari Willow Zammit Elijah Bray Marlee Wells Aurora Naghten Oliver Hart <u>Year 1</u> Emelee-Rose Parker Eknoor Saini Hayden Maher Jack McKenzie Taitum Whiu <u>Year 2</u> Indianna Aiken Breanna Stevenson-Cooper Liana Davis Emily Fitzgerald Bella Wilson-Short Sophie Svanberg <u>Year 3</u> Emily Giblin Dakota Lyons Kaden McIlhatton Osten Moynahan Makayla Consentino <u>Year 4</u> Oliver Hunt Daniel Codd Tyler Ingold	<u>Kindergarten</u> Ivy McIlhatton <u>Year 1</u> Kai Wrigley Chase Ridley <u>Year 2</u> Jacindah Rincon Camron Behan <u>Year 3</u> Zachary Billinge Maddison Hennig <u>Year 4</u> Matias Bascunan Isabella Bengé	

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival on August 1 was a day all should be proud of. The students behaved beautifully and it was amazing to see so many students put in an effort at all the events. It was pleasing to see so many students encourage each other and to try new events and just enjoy being outside with their friends. It was exciting watching the students run in the 100 m final and to strive to do their best on the day.

The carnival got off to a late start, but due to the extra ordinary efforts of staff and the help of many kind hearted parents, we were able to get back on track and complete all the events planned. Jamison School students sent 8 student leaders to help on the day and they were very patient, enthusiastic and helpful at all the events. Some events will need to be remeasured but that will be taken care of next week at school.

Special thanks to Mrs Delforce and Mrs Brett for their effort and organisation before and on the day. Also to Mr Waddell for tirelessly starting all our track events. Also thank you to the office staff for having all the first aid and attendance lists prepared.

Sarah Boswell
Organising Teacher

TERM 3 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	Aug 12 <i>School Hats sold in Front Office are now \$18 (cash)</i> <i>Science Week</i> <i>Year 3-6 Assembly 2pm Hall</i>	Aug 13	Aug 14 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Newsletter</i>	Aug 15 <i>Consent Forms for Dental Assessment due back today</i> <i>Stage 3 (Year 5-6) Science Incursion</i>	Aug 16 <i>PSSA</i> <i>Payment for ICAS due \$14.50 each</i>
5	Aug 19 <u>Group Photos</u>	Aug 20 <i>Football in Schools Program for Year 3-6 (Sport Uniform)</i>	Aug 21 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Dental Assessment</i> <i>Payment due Dance Festival \$10</i>	Aug 22 <i>Dental Assessment</i> <i>K-2 Assembly 2pm Hall</i>	Aug 23 <i>Last week of Winter PSSA</i> <i>Dental Assessment</i>
6	Aug 26 <i>Clothing Pool 8:45am to 9:15am Room 24</i> <i>Dance Festival Rehearsal (All Dance Groups 8:30am)</i> <i>Year 3-6 Assembly 2pm Hall</i>	Aug 27 <i>Father's Day Stall Gifts are priced From \$2 to \$5.</i>	Aug 28 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Zone Athletics</i> <i>Evening P&C Meeting 7pm School Staffroom</i>	Aug 29 <i>Zone Athletics</i>	Aug 30 <i>No PSSA</i> <i>Last Day to complete Student Reading Record for Premier's Reading Challenge</i> <i>Homebush Athletics Carnival for IO Classes K-3.21 & 4-6.22</i>
7	Sep 2 <i>K-2 Assembly 2pm Hall</i>	Sep 3 <i>Payment due for School Swimming Scheme (Years 2-6 & 3-6.23) Not K-3.21 & 4-6.22 \$73</i> <i>Dance Festival Evening Performance (Stage 1 & Boys Hip Hop)</i>	Sep 4 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Dance Festival Evening Performance (Stage 2 & Stage 3)</i>	Sep 5 <i>Year 5 Tree Planting Note to come</i> <i>K-2 Public Speaking</i> <i>Dance Festival Matinee (All Dance Groups)</i>	Sep 6 <i>No PSSA</i> <i>IO Support Classes (K-3.21 & 4-6.22) Eisteddfod -Hall</i>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Group Photos – Monday 19 August. Note to be sent home today.
- Stage 3 Camp (Year 5-6) to Milson Island Monday 9 September to Wednesday 11 September.
- Summer PSSA resumes on Friday 13 September.
- Great Book Swap – Thursday 12 September. Note sent home last week.
- Night with the Stars Thursday 26 September.
- Star Day Friday 27 September- note to come.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



- ❖ The Challenge opened on 4 March 2019.
- ❖ **You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 30 August 2019 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.**
- ❖ You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

- ❖ **The certificates you can receive for completing the Challenge are:**

Year of completing PRC	Award received
First year	Challenge completion certificate
Second year	Challenge completion certificate
Third year	Challenge completion certificate
Fifth year	Challenge completion certificate
Sixth year	Challenge completion certificate
Eighth year	Challenge completion certificate
Ninth year	Challenge completion certificate
Tenth year	Challenge completion certificate
Fourth year (not consecutive)	Gold certificate
Seventh year (not consecutive)	Platinum certificate
Every year from Year 3 to Year 9 (inclusive). Therefore only Year 9 students are eligible.	Medal

- ❖ Student privacy is no longer an issue as the Premier's Reading Challenge no longer lists student names on an Honour Roll in a national newspaper.
- ❖ A link to the Premier's Reading Challenge website is in the Student Portal under the Learning section. Students are also able to add a link to the PRC in the My Link List section.
- ❖ Students can also log in directly to the PRC website using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password.
- ❖ If you are unaware of your username and/or password, please contact your class teacher and ask for your Student Portal username and/or password.
- ❖ This link explains how students log into the PRC site:
<https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/6000062941>

GREAT BOOK SWAP

Penrith South Public School will hold a Great Book Swap event on **Thursday 12 September** which will coincide approximately with Indigenous Literacy Day. From 12 August the book swap will be announced at Monday morning assemblies and be promoted in the school newsletter.

Students will be encouraged to bring in books and classroom teachers will each have a collection point in their classroom for donated books. On the day of the book swap, tables will be set up in the school hall. Books will be arranged in approximate age group order.

Each class will be allocated a time at 10 minute intervals (similar to Father's / Mother's Day stall) during the day to come and purchase a book for a gold coin donation (if book numbers look limited - 1 book per person). The stall will also be open at lunch time for students to make additional purchases. The stall will be supervised by Indigenous students in Stage 3 and a teacher from the Aboriginal Education team.

Funds raised will be donated via the online donations function on the Literacy Foundation website. https://indigenousliteracyfoundation.secure.force.com/CICD_Donations?id=701A0000000ZeXP

More information about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation can be found <https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/>. More information about The Great Book Swap can be found <http://www.greatbookswap.org.au/>.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. Penrith South Public School has implemented the PBL framework to assist in improving the social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for our students.

Each fortnight our PBL team gets together and discusses our school's needs. We develop a focus which we share with students at the Monday morning assembly. Teachers look out for students achieving the focus and hand out a matching STAR token. During our K-2 and 3-6 assemblies the STAR tokens are collected and poured into our tubes displayed in the front office. The first Stage (K-2 and 3-6 separately) to fill their tube is rewarded with an extra 10 minutes of play time to celebrate their achievements.

Each fortnight our PBL focus will be communicated to our families in our newsletter.

Our current PBL focus is 'Teamwork' – *work and play together co-operatively.*

Teachers will be looking for students encouraging and helping each other, using kind words, taking in turn and respecting personal space in the classroom and on the playground.

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

GROUP PHOTOS

On Monday 19 August 2019, the School Photographer will be returning to our school to take make-up individual portraits and to take the following group and team photos:

- School Captains
- School Councillors
- SRC Representatives
- House Captains
- Library Monitors
- Choir
- Band
- Techsperts
- Debating Group
- PSSA Sporting Groups (both winter and summer sports teams)
- Aboriginal Dance Group
- Year 6 group photo
- Students who were absent on photo day and retakes

Full summer school uniform is to be worn on the day however please bring **Year 6 shirts and/or full sports uniform (including socks and boots if worn) to school to change into** for team photographs. Children are also advised to bring a jumper or school pants to change into in case of cold temperatures.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to confidently swim 25m unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 to 6. (Students in K-3.21 and 4-6.22 have a different swimming program).

Dates: Monday to Friday, 16 September through to 20th September, 2019
Monday to Friday, 23rd September through to 27th September, 2019
10 days (Week 9 and Week 10 of Term 3)

Venue: Penrith Pool - Ripples

Travel: By bus, daily to and from Penrith Pool

Cost: **\$75.00** - payment includes travel and pool entry each day

Things to bring (to be carried in a reusable bag, not a plastic bag):

- Swimming costume and t-shirt or rash shirt (to be worn to school in the morning)
- Towel
- Plastic bag for wet items
- Sunscreen
- School hat
- Warm clothing on a cool day
- School uniform (to change into after their lesson)

Students will be assessed during the School Swimming Scheme for all water safety skills without wearing goggles. The note was sent home last week and spare notes are available in the Front Office.

FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM COMES TO PSPS

The Football in Schools program engages students through positive physical activity experiences centralised around football. The program consists of a session with a coach from the Western Sydney Wanderers program. The program is committed to ensuring football is accessible to all schools in the area. Classes from Year 3 to Year 6 have been invited to participate on Tuesday 20 August. Students are encouraged to wear sports shoes and bring a positive attitude!

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

P&C NEWS

Hello everyone,

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be our evening meeting. It will be held on Wednesday 28 August at 7pm in the School Staffroom.

Clothing Pool

The next Clothing Pool will be held on Monday 26 August 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.

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.

Donations of clean second hand uniforms are always appreciated and can be left at the Front Office.

Father's Day Stall

Our next fundraiser is the Father's Day Stall which will be held on **Tuesday 27 August**. A note was sent home last week with details. Gifts will be priced at \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5. All gifts have been pre-purchased so there is no need for a donation day.

All children will visit the stall during the morning with their class with an opportunity to purchase ONE gift. This is to ensure each child has at least one gift. At the first break, after all classes have been through, children can return to purchase more gifts if they so desire.

P&C Committee and Members

Email address: pspspandc@gmail.com



Tuning in to Kids

When: 6 sessions from 5th August 2019
Time: 9:00 am —11:00 am
where: Penrith South Public School
172-190 Jamison Road Penrith
Topic: Emotionally intelligent parenting

Please note: there is no child minding for this course
Makeup sessions will not be offered for missed sessions
Missed sessions will forfeit a certificate of completion

To register please contact
Lavy/Susan from CatholicCare Penrith
(02) 8843 2580 | susan.gale@ccss.org.au

Dates of sessions

5th August
12th August
19th August
26th August
02nd September
09th September

"TIK teaches parents skills in emotion coaching, which is to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting and supportive way."

What parents are saying:

"It has made me a calmer parent and my child is calmer and we feel closer to each other. He/she is also better able to manage his/her behaviour."



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

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.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL 2019

Each year the University of NSW runs the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These competitions provide an excellent opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance.

The entry fee and sitting date for each competition is as follows:

Digital Technologies	2-4 September	Year 3-6	\$14.50
Science	4-6 September	Year 2-6	\$14.50
Writing	9-11 September	Year 3-6	\$14.50
Spelling	11-13 September	Year 2-6	\$14.50
English	16-18 September	Year 2-6	\$14.50
Mathematics	18-20 September	Year 2-6	\$14.50

This year the competitions will be administered online. Each competition will be conducted on one of the given days in the range available.

Spare notes are available in the Front Office and payment is due by Friday 16 August.

Meegan Parsons

Act Deputy Principal

Teacher and Wellbeing

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.



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DESTINATION MOON



Peyton English 5.17



Keira Mulvey 3.11

Congratulations to all the students who entered our Destination Moon competition.

Your posters, dioramas and models were out of this world!

Thank you for your enthusiasm and enormous effort.

Congratulations to our prize winners:

Kindergarten:	Blaire Lockard and Charlotte Sedwell
Year One:	Matthew Ayoub and Taitum Whiu
Year Two:	Sophie Svanberg and Jacindah Rincon
Year Three:	Grainger Wasiu and Keira Mulvey
Year Four:	Miya Rincon and Isabella Bengé
Year Five:	Brock Neville, Vansh Banga and Ansh Banga
Year Six:	Ella Sedwell and Billy Hutton

SOLAR CAR UPDATE

Western Sydney University Solar Team have just unveiled their new solar car **UNLIMITED 3.0!**

We wish them luck in their race from Darwin to Adelaide.

GO TEAM RED!





PEACE

bringing us together
and never apart

COMPETITION THEME

Peace is about bringing us together locally and globally

WHO CAN ENTER

Students in public education settings including all public schools, TAFE colleges and other post-school sites are eligible to enter.

Entries may be made in the following divisions:

- TAFE / Corrective Services /Post Schools
- Years 11-12
- Years 7-10
- Years 3-6
- Years K-2

PRIZES

Total prize money \$4000

Grand prize — \$500

Prizes in each category

1st — \$200

Runners-up — 3 x \$100

Merit — 8 x \$25

SUBMISSIONS

CLOSE August 30, 2019

Details on Federation website via

'My Interests'

or

<https://www.nswtff.org.au/slpp>