PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Principal’s Awards
As you may remember the school has been reviewing the Principal Awards that are given out to selected students at the Presentation Assemblies at the end of the year. Previously if a student hadn’t received a gold level award they were not eligible for a Principal’s Award which meant that if you enrolled in our school part way through the year you may have been ineligible as you may not have time to reach gold.

The new process starting this year is as follows:
Class teachers nominate any number of students from their class. The nominations are based on attitude, effort and/or achievement. The teachers then discuss the nominations with me and together we decide on two recipients from each class.

We will trial the new system this year and review the process after the assemblies have occurred. If you have any suggestions about the new Principal Award system please feel free to contact the school to add your thoughts.

Rose’s Garden
Rose is a local elderly lady who has been volunteering at our school for about 13 years. Rose walks up the hill on Jamison Road on Mondays and Wednesdays and works with students from our support unit, mainly Ms. Hoarau’s class. She reads with them and helps them with their class work.

Rose is always positive, grateful and friendly. She has a great sense of humour and a warmth about her that is hard to miss, she brings so much joy to our school. Our teachers role model to students respect and care for the elderly and show children that they have value, are wise and have a lot to give. Our children respond to this and truly gain so much from knowing Rose.

Rose turned 90 last week! As a birthday present, and to say thank you to Rose for giving so much of herself and her time to us, the school has planted a rose garden. It is in full bloom at the moment and represents how grateful we are to have a wonderful community member such as Rose. Happy 90th Birthday Rose 😊

Storm Damage
I wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents and children that came to help clean up the school grounds after the storm last week. I was humbled by the amount of people that came to help and how hard each and every one of them
worked. Our grounds were in such a mess after the storm it was hard to believe so much damage could be done so quickly. After an afternoon of hard work, the playground and walkways were usable again, so thank you.

We ended up with 6 roofs damaged; the awning on the back of C Block damaged and we lost many branches from our lovely trees. We have some branches still hanging, which are of course areas that are out of bounds until they are safe again.

**Parent Surveys**

We are currently evaluating our achievements for 2014 and looking for ways to improve our school for our students. As part of this process we would like your input.

There are a few ways to contribute. A paper copy of our parent survey is enclosed in the newsletter, you can also complete the survey online via the psps parents Facebook page or through our school website [www.penrithstp.nsw.edu.au](http://www.penrithstp.nsw.edu.au) where you will find a link. You can also contribute by clicking on this link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HQM57BH](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HQM57BH) if you are reading this newsletter electronically.

It is a short survey of 12 questions with a space at the bottom for comments. There will be two more surveys to come over the next few weeks, one on bullying and one on homework. As always, your thoughts are important to us. The results will be used to help highlight what is working well for your children and what areas need attention. The results will help guide us in our planning for next year. Please complete the survey online or return the **paper copy to the front office** by **Tuesday 18 November**.

**2 Very Special Students**

Ella from 3.20 and Chelsea from 3.8 have made a terrific donation yesterday to cancer sufferers. They used the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign to donate 20cm (from Chelsea) and 30 cm (from Ella) of hair. Their hair will go towards creating a real hair wig for women affected by hair loss from cancer.

These girls have carried out such a selfless and honorable act to help those less fortunate than themselves. I am sure you will agree that these girls showed great character and initiative to think about doing this and actually carrying it out. Girls, great job!

**Kerrie Davis**
Principal

**SHARE THE JOY!**

Once again our school is collecting for the “Toys n Tucker” appeal, which is organized by Anglicare. The children are encouraged to donate non-perishable Christmas food items or toys, for those families who would otherwise go without this Christmas.

We have a Christmas tree in the front office and children may put their donations under the tree to be collected later this month. Anglicare will then distribute these donations to families in need.

Last year the generosity of our families was amazing. We even had our tree and donations on the front page of a local newspaper!

Yesterday, our students took home a “Share the Joy” card, please find the time to read it.

**Thank you for your support**
Liz Johnson
## SUPERVISORS AWARDS

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SUPPORT UNIT

YEAR 6 KINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

The staff at Kingswood High School wish to advise the dates and events that have been planned in order to help your child experience a smooth transition from primary school into high school.

Thursday November 20, 2014
Year 7 Parent Information Evening
(6.30pm – 8.00pm in school library)

Wednesday November 12, 2014
Support Unit Orientation Day
(9.45am – 1.00pm)

Wednesday December 3, 2014
Year 6 State Orientation Day
(8.45am – 12.00pm Kingswood High School Hall)

Contacts for Kingswood High School is Frances Cass or Liz O’Keefe on 4736 1202.

Support Unit
Assistant Principal

ROAD SAFETY

Driving near school buses
There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash. Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Selective High School notes went home to all Year 5 students. If you are interested in your child applying for Selective High School for Year 7, 2016 (this year’s Year 5 students), you will need to apply online as soon as possible.

There are no paper application forms. All applications need to be completed by November 17, 2014. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Rachel Brett
Teacher
# TERM 4, 2014 CALENDAR

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Year 1 – 6 students resume school on Wednesday January 28, 2015
The StEPS program, offers free vision screening assessment to all 4 and 5 year olds. If your child has not had their vision screened this year, we would like to invite you to attend a free StEPS Clinic.

Clinics are available at:

**Hawkesbury Community Health**
Monday 15th December 2014 and Thursday 15th January 2015

**Penrith Community Health**
Tuesday 2nd December 2014

**Cranebrook Community Health**
Friday 21st November 2014

**Springwood Community Health**
Wednesday 17th December 2014

Please phone 47305100 to make an appointment for one of the above clinics

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**2014 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR TICKETS**

Tickets for the **2014 Schools Spectacular – This is Australia** are now on sale. The Schools Spectacular is an outstanding production featuring over 3,500 singers, dancers and musicians representing over 400 public schools from across the state.

This year’s show pays tribute to the diversity that Australia offers, not only in its landscape but through the people and the history of our nation. The 2014 Schools Spectacular will be held at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly the Sydney Entertainment Centre) on:

- **Friday 28 November 2014**  12:00pm  Schools’ preview
- **Friday 28 November 2014**  7:30pm  Official opening night
- **Saturday 29 November 2014**  1:00pm  Matinee
- **Saturday 29 November 2014**  7:30pm  Evening performance

Good tickets are still available for all shows.

This year’s ticketing has been changed with the introduction of a family ticket (two adults and two juniors) for all performances other than the Schools’ preview. In addition, there is a new tiered ticketing structure – Platinum, Gold and Silver – to provide a range of pricing options for individuals and families.

For further ticket information and to make bookings, please visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au or email details@schoolsspectacular.com.au.

Bill Anderson, PSA
Director, Specialist Programs
Executive Producer, Schools Spectacular
Dear PENRITH SOUTH OSHClub Parents,

We have been informed of an upcoming Pupil Free Day and are hopeful that this will run, however, \textit{this is dependent on numbers.}

When / what / how: Date: \textbf{Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December 2014}. Please book prior to \textbf{Friday 12th December 2014}.

Times: 7.00am to 6:00pm Cost: $13.56 - $45.00 per child (Not including 50% tax rebate)

\textbf{How to book:} Please log in to your account online at \url{www.oshclub.com.au} and book in under the aftercare bookings tab.

\textbf{What happens:} Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

\textbf{What to bring:} Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear/provide appropriate clothing including hats.

\textbf{Please note:} we require a minimum of 15 children to run the day, parents will be notified by end of business \textbf{Friday 12th December 2014} if the day will proceed.

\textbf{Further Important Information for this Day:}

Once you have booked there are \textit{no refunds} for cancellations.

- A $10 late booking fee applies for any casual attendances on the day.
- All regular Before and After Care bookings have been removed.

\textit{If you have an account query, need help logging into your account or no longer wish to receive email please contact your account manager Maria on the information below}

Thank you,

\textit{<image003.jpg>Maria Manolidis | Account Manager}

Suite 405, 46 Kippax Street, Surry Hills. NSW. 2010

\textbf{P:} 02 8355 5300

\textbf{F:} 02 8355 5301

\textbf{E:} maria@oshclub.com.au

\textbf{W:} \url{www.oshclub.com.au}

\textit{Child Care Rebate(CCR)}

Most families are eligible for the 50\% rebate of all out of pocket expenses for attending OSHClub programs. Many families are getting half their fees back as an

\textit{Immediate discount when they ask for their rebate to be applied to their account. Please note the CCR is not means tested.}
Changes to the CCR payment method can be made online at www.humanservices.gov.au or alternatively call 13 61 50, give your Customer Reference Number (CRN), enter your PIN (if you have one) then say ‘Child Care Rebate Options’ and follow the prompts.

Ask for your Child Care Rebate to be paid ‘directly’ to OSHClub

On your behalf as a fee reduction.

P&C NEWS

Another year almost over and it is crazy time again.

Christmas raffle tickets will be handed out this week. All tickets are $1.00 each with each child receiving a book of ten to sell. There will be extra raffle books available at the front office. Tickets and money are due back to PIP by Tuesday December 2, 2014 so the raffle can be drawn on Monday December 8, 2014.

At this time of the year, everyone is cleaning out their cupboards so if anyone has any spare uniforms for the clothing pool we are running low on stock. We would appreciate it if you could drop any clothing items into the front office.

We would like to extend a very big thank you to all the lovely people who came to the school last Sunday to help clean up the playground after the storm.

Our thanks also goes to everyone who helped decorate the hall for the Halloween Disco and also those people who helped serve drinks to the children during the disco. The children had a wonderful time.

Southlands Shopping Centre’s promotion is now over. Thank you to all those people who dropped their receipts in the box.

We wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year!

With thanks

P&C Committee
The Objects for which the Company is established are:

in relation to all persons in Australia diagnosed with DOWN SYNDROME, and associated anomalies, either ante natal or post natal, or to persons having the care and control of such persons;

A) to provide medical and associated assistance;

B) to provide continuing emotional support, counselling and education in the nature of life long learning;

The Right Start Foundation, under the provisions of its Constitution, will provide a grant up to $5000 per annum to families who have a child with Down syndrome and who are suffering financial hardship, to assist that child with therapy and related expenses and/or equipment.

CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT

Please ensure you meet the criteria of child’s age before proceeding.

1. The grant will assist those families to meet the associated therapy expenses associated with Down syndrome.
2. Families must be able to prove financial hardship.
3. The grant will only be available to a family whose child is over the age of seven and undertaking or prepared to undertake regular therapy sessions.
4. In the first instance, the grant will be no more than $5000 and will be provided in four instalments over a 12-month period. Receipts must be provided after each quarter, before the next instalment is paid.
5. The board of The Right Start Foundation reserves the right to withdraw a grant if it believes the monies are not being used in the correct manner.
6. The decision to award a grant will be based upon the discretion of The Right Start Foundation board. That decision will be based on information provided by the applicant.
7. There will be no appeal process. The decision of The Right Start Foundation board is final.
8. All information will be held in the strictest confidence and will be destroyed once the application has been considered.
9. Families can re-apply at a later date.
10. The board will notify you of the outcome of your application in writing as soon as possible.
11. The board reserves the right to seek evidence to support your application.

For more information, contact the chairman Angus Cox by email in the first instance to:
angus@cmcox.com.au

SEND APPLICATIONS TO: The Right Start Foundation
Grants
PO BOX 41, Picton NSW 2571
Kingswood South Public School
50th Anniversary Fete
22 November 2014

10am - 3pm
Smith St Kingswood

Tiny Tot Zone
Community Services
Car Show
Entertainment
BBQ Lunch
Showbags

Raffle
Market Stalls
Childrens Art Show
Chocolate Wheel
Rides
Memorabilia
HEAD LICE

Head Lice Spread and Treatment Tips

It’s that time of the year again, when head lice are once again on the prowl.

Head Lice Spread:
- Regularly check your children’s hair.
- Teach older children to check their own hair.
- Tie back and braid long hair.
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom.

Just remember, there is no single solution to stop head lice infestations, only persistence.

Head Lice Treatment:
Conditioner stuns head lice! The stunning effect seems to last about 20 minutes. After this time most lice are active again.

Conditioner also makes it hard for the lice to grip the hair shafts. Lice hold onto hairs with their six claws, and when they are alive, they are usually not removed by the typical plastic fine tooth comb. If the hair is wet, or, better still, coated with conditioner, lice seem unable to hold on as strongly as on dry hair. Conditioner may also suffocate lice. Use conditioner on hair to increase the rate of detection. Applying conditioner to dry hair is best, but it will work on wet hair also.

White hair conditioner has been recommended to be used for treatment.

- Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
- Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
- Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb (preferably with cylindrical metal teeth – NOT FLAT TEETH). Plastic nit combs are good for removing adult head lice but not necessarily the eggs.
- Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a tissue and look for lice and eggs.
- Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.

For more information on head lice treatment visit:

HEAD LICE

Please ensure that you check your child’s hair thoroughly on a regular basis, especially coming into the colder months. We have had cases of head lice reported at school and in the district. It is only by parents being vigilant in the checking of their child’s hair that we can control this problem and we ask for your co-operation in this matter.
We sometimes have difficulty in contacting parents/caregivers in an emergency. 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.

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| Home phone no: ____________________ Work no: ____________________ |
| Mobile no: ____________________ |

**PARENT/CAREGIVER 2**

| Name: ____________________________________________ |
| Home phone no: ____________________ Work no: ____________________ |
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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: ____________________ |

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Signature of Parent/Caregiver  Date

**Office Use Only:**

Records amended by: ____________________  ____/_____/_____

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