PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Annual School Report
Each year the school principal writes a report for the school community. The report compiles all the information regarding major areas of school life such as NAPLAN results, a financial summary, reports from major areas of the school and targets we are aiming to achieve for the following year.

The 2013 Annual School Report has been finalised and is ready for viewing on our school website under the Our School tab. Please take a few minutes to read what we have achieved together during 2013 and what we are hoping to achieve for this current year.

Change to our morning bell time
Our school day begins in the classroom at 9am each day (except Monday when we assemble under the COLA). To help the students be ready for learning as quickly as possible we have adjusted the morning bell time. We now have one morning bell that rings at **8.58am**. This bell is the signal for all students to pack away hand balls, books etc. and move straight to their areas.

The goal is for lessons (and assembly on Mondays) to begin promptly at 9am.

- Students are encouraged to use the bathrooms any time between 8.30 am and 8.58am.
- Late notes will be issued for children arriving at school after **9am** as per normal routine. Students are not classified as late until after 9am.

Just to clarify, the school start time has not changed just the bell to notify students class is about to begin.

Purple Day
This morning our playground looks amazing with so much purple around! Thank you to our families for supporting our drive to raise awareness for Epilepsy and the Ted –E—Bear program. We currently have 5 students with epilepsy at our school and today we have shown all 5 of them and their families that we care and will do what we can to support this worthy cause.
Parking
Each fortnight I seem to be addressing parking and road safety issues. Again this fortnight I have had a member of the public approach me because a parent from our school had parked over their driveway which meant she could not move her car to go and pick her own child up from another local school. This meant that her son was picked up well after the bell which was upsetting for both the parent and the child. While I know this type of thing can happen accidentally I would like to draw your attention to it so we can all be mindful of our neighbours and parking appropriately.

Dance News
Congratulations to Ryan, Joshua, Abigail and Lanuola for being selected for Dance Camp. We hope you learnt a lot and had a great time too.

Also Ryan, Josh and Paige auditioned for the Western Sydney Dance Ensemble and the great news is that Paige has been selected to be part of the troupe. Well done to all of these great dancers for representing our school so well! I would like to thank Mrs Parsons for making these opportunities possible for our dancers.

Assembly
We have a number of parents and toddlers coming to our school assemblies which we encourage and enjoy. We want this to continue and for everyone in attendance to be able to hear and enjoy the assembly. If you have a toddler that is upset for a period of time during the assembly I would like to ask you to move outside away from the hall until the toddler has settled, then re-join the audience.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up in week 11 (7th-11th April). I encourage all of our families to book a time to meet with their child’s class teacher to find out how your child is progressing in and out of the classroom and to see how learning at school can be complemented by what families do at home.

I would like to finish by wishing Mrs Bartush the very best with the upcoming arrival of her baby and thank her for being such a hardworking lovely member of staff during her time here. We look forward to seeing Mrs Bartush back here with us in the future.

Kerrie Davis
Principal

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year at Penrith South Public School we ask for a voluntary school contribution. This payment is voluntary and has not changed for many years and remains at $20.00 per child and $50.00 for a family of 3 or more.

Funds are used to purchase additional resources for the classroom to support student learning.

You may pay this contribution at any time during the year and may be paid via PIP or through the school’s website at www.penrithsth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au by accessing the payment tab and following the instructions.
CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 24 March we held our annual Cross Country carnival for students aged 8 to 13 years of age. We were extremely lucky with the weather and it was perfect conditions for running. The students competed with great enthusiasm and were cheered on by the wonderful support from the crowd. The results were as follows:

8/9 years
1st - Baylee Thomas and Shontay Dezenieks
2nd - James Blakey and Shyleeah O’Connor-Locke
3rd – Harry Small and Syenna Thomas

10 years
1st - Lucas Golovchenko-Martinez and Taylah Copland
2nd - Shannon Perry and Charlee Brunner
3rd - Riley Leech and Tayha Sly

11 years
1st - Ryan Dunk and Anna Mason
2nd - Joshua Papsdorf and Tamana Atmar
3rd - Zachary Shrimpton and Adelle Brett

12/13 years
1st - Perry Lopez and Emma Gies
2nd - Zander Kiely and Jaylen Maipi
3rd - Travice Thatcher and Summer Brown

The winning house on the day was GORDON.

The District Carnival is on Friday 9th May at Jamison Park, Penrith. The first 6 placegetters in each age group have qualified. Permission notes will be distributed to the qualifiers shortly.

Shelley Bultitude
Cross Country Organiser

SOCCER IN SCHOOLS CLINIC

Penrith South Public School are very lucky to be offered a free Soccer in Schools Clinic by the Wanderers this Thursday 3rd April. It will take place during school hours for students in years 2-4. Please send your child to school in their sports uniform on this day.

Thank you
Miss Semeniuk
Organising teacher
SYDNEY WEST REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 20 March, the Sydney West Regional Swimming Carnival was held at Homebush Aquatic Centre. We were lucky enough to have 5 competitors representing our school at this event. Congratulations to Syenna Thomas who came 3rd in her heat of the 8 YRS 50M Freestyle and well done to the Junior Boys Relay squad of Riley Leech, Ellukah Thomas, Aaron Barlow and Riley Soutter who finished 17th overall.
Congratulations, we are very proud of you all!

Shelley Bultitude

SPORT NEWS

Unfortunately, the rain has once again wreaked havoc on our term of PSSA sport and the forecast is not looking great for this week either. This week will be the last round of Summer PSSA for this term and hopefully we get one more game in before Winter PSSA begins next term. On that note, we will be starting trials for winter PSSA teams in week 11. As the Pedlar’s Parade is on Friday of that week, we will have sport on Thursday of the last week of school.

Congratulations!!!
Four of our Stage 3 students have been successful in gaining selection into Penrith District teams to compete at Sydney West Carnivals. Teancum Brown of 5-17 was selected in the Under 11s Rugby League. Adelle Brett of 5/6-19 was selected in the Girls Touch Football and Summer Brown and Cherish Tafea of 6-18 were selected in the netball team. These trials are very competitive and only the very best players are taken from schools right across the Penrith District. We wish these 4 students the best of luck at the Sydney West Carnivals.

Organising teacher
## SUPERVISORS AWARDS

### Bronze
#### Kindergarten
- Kai Reid
- Alyra Williams
- Amelia Barlow
- Summer Jansz
- Charlie Brown
- Harrysen Dragomirovic
- Caisha Klimo
- Amelia Sutton
- Skylah Riwhah-Couch
- Harrysen Dragomirovic

### Year 1
- Indiana Pini
- Uswah Bint E Umar
- Billy Hutton
- Tallyn Bajada
- Ella Sedwell
- Jake Higgins
- Mylinda Vella
- Ryan Malton
- Dale Sproule
- Holly Flack
- Christopher Brennan
- Lauryn Refalo

### Year 2
- Makayla O’Farrell
- Brad Mason
- Amy Lancaster
- Raiha Bint-E-Umar
- James Burrows
- Adam Lucas

### Year 3
- Jake Reid
- Emma Davis
- Alexis Hay
- Amelia Antaw
- Lillie Rickard
- Syenna Thomas

### Year 4
- Emily Duggan
- Snehin Talusani
- Rhys Sadler
- Paige Daniel
- Zane Crouch
- Lucas Golovchenko-Martinez

### Silver
#### Kindergarten
- Litia Tredoux

#### Year 1
- Thomas Myers
- Aaron Hart
- Azalia Henricks

#### Year 3
- Sam Brett
- Ella Saunders
- Chelsea Sutton

#### Year 5
- Zachary Shrimpton

#### Year 6
- Taila Ward
- Adelle Brett
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EASTER PEDLAR’S PARADE

Our parade will be held on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April 2014 at 9.30am
The students may dress as a character or wear mufti with an Easter hat.
Students will bring a tray of goodies to sell which will be placed on tables under the COLA before school.
The Easter raffle will be drawn after the parade.
Please see all the details on the blue note which was sent home on Tuesday.
Come along and enjoy the morning!

Libby Peace and Liz Johnson
Organising teachers

PENRITH SOUTH SUITABLE MUFTI DRESS CODE

Suitable mufti implies the following:

- suitable footwear means no high heels or open toed sandals, slip-ons or thongs.
- Tops with obscene or inappropriate slogans are banned.
- \textbf{NO} singlet tops, shoe string strapped tops or dresses, low cut, bare midriff or very short, shorts are to be worn.
- \textbf{The school broad brimmed hat} is still to be worn on these days in the playground as it provides the best sun protection.

All these measures are in place to protect your children. We thank you for your support.
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADER’S DAY

On the 31st of March, 2014 all the school captains and councillors attended the National Young Leader’s Day. We spent the day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. It took 2 hours to get there but it was worth it. We learnt how to be great leaders from Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose, The Hon. Bob Carr, Mike Martin and Coen Ashton. We got books signed by Andy Griffiths and we also got to meet him. There was around 6,000 people attending the National Young Leader’s Day. The day was supported by the Halogen Foundation. There was more than one event in Australia and we were lucky to be a part of this special day. We had to get to school by 7:00 am to arrive before 9:30am. The fun day ended at 2:30 pm. We arrived back at school at 3:40 pm. Everyone enjoyed Andy Griffiths speech because it was hilarious and inspiring. He also showed us a sneak peek of The 52 Storey Treehouse. Coen Ashton spoke to us about never giving up as he was born with Cystic Fibrosis. He told us about his sad life and how he managed to live to see another day. Ita Buttrose was the 2013 Australian of the Year. She also spoke to us about her life growing up and her experience of a leader. The Hon. Bob Carr spoke to us how he wanted to join parliament and he did become foreign minister of New South Wales. He is also the one who made up the Premiers Reading Challenge. Mike Martin told us that nothing cool, great or long-lasting ever stays that way. Mr Waddell and Mrs Brett took us there and back. We would like to thank them for their help and their organisation. Yaal Ravi, Leanne Seng, Abigail Rossiter, Laine Fox, Jaylen Maipi and Teagan Bowler enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot about being a leader.

By Leanne Seng and Teagan Bowler

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2

- Students return to school on Tuesday 29th April 2014 for the commencement of Term 2
- School ANZAC Service Wednesday 30th April 2014 at 10:15am
- P&C Mother’s Day Mufti
CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that this special flyer was distributed to students.

Please note that orders must be returned to the Canteen by 9am on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} April.

Spare order forms are available at the Canteen.

P&C NEWS

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all who donated and purchased at the Cake Stall on Grandparents/Harmony Day. It is wonderful to get so much support, we made around $600.00 which is a great effort by all. THANK YOU so very much. Also a big thank you to all who helped on the day, your help was appreciated.

The next big event is the Pedlar’s Parade on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} April at 9:30am. This is always a fun day. The students wear mufti with an Easter hat or dress as a character. We ask that they bring a tray of goodies to sell, like small eggs, cakes, popcorn bags etc however we do have to abide by Work Health and Safety issues so as pretty as fruit and lolly kebabs are, we are unable to sell them due to the kebab stick. The students will have a chance to purchase goodies at the end of the parade. We might even have a surprise visitor turn up on the day as he has made appearances at previous events; so fingers crossed.

Finally all sold raffle tickets and money must be returned to the front office and placed in PIP by 3:00pm on Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} April. Unfortunately we are unable to take them after this date as they have to be processed so they can be drawn at the Pedlar’s Parade. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Our P&C Annual General Meeting is on Monday 19\textsuperscript{th} May at 9:15am.

Thanking you
P&C Committee

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