A warm welcome goes to our new 4.15 student Ella and also to her family. It’s always lovely to meet new students and have them join our school community.

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As you may know we held the P&C AGM this week. We said Farewell to our wonderful P&C office bearers from 2013/2014 and thanked them for the amazing job they did. A huge thank you to each member as well. The group was one of the most productive P&Cs I have worked with and managed to raise a significant amount of money and helped with some important school decisions as well.

Our new P&C office bearers for 2014/2015 are:
Michelle Sadler President
Sheree Espie Vice President
Christine Neville Secretary
Cath Davis Treasurer

Congratulations, to each of these terrific ladies.

NAPLAN

As you know NAPLAN is over for another year. The Year 3 and 5 students did a good job and the teachers across the whole school ensured that the classes were undisturbed and the school was quiet to help our Year 3 and 5 students perform at their best.

Well done to Mr Waddell and Ms Preiss for the organisation over the three days and also to Mr Waddell for the additional work done to ensure we had everything in order.

Premiers Debating Challenge

We won!! Great job to our team of debaters and to Mrs Bultitude too from one very proud principal!
Penrith South’s Alumni

Do you know of any ex-students who achieved something noteworthy or who are well known? We are encouraged as a school to keep a record of our school’s alumni and highlight them in advertising the great work done in our school and in public education. It can be motivating for students to know they are following in the footsteps of a successful person and that the same opportunities are available to them. We are looking for CEOs, business leaders, business owners, professionals, high profile charity workers, artists, TV presenters.

Once we have an alumni established we could have a photo gallery and short success stories about each person on our school website. Maybe down the track we could inspire them to join our school community and attend significant events or speak to students about carers and the merits of hard work.

If you do know of anyone please let us know. You could jot a note and leave it with our wonderful office ladies or email or even call. This is an ongoing list so if you think of anyone now or in the future let us know.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Kerrie Davis
Principal

IT’S ACADEMIC ON TV

The It’s Academic TV game show episodes filmed in 2014 with Penrith South Public School students as contestants will be broadcast from Monday 19 May, 2014 to Friday 23 May, 2014. The TV program is aired on Channel 7TWO at 7.30am each morning in this week.

Michelle Preiss
Organising Teacher
# SUPERVISORS AWARDS

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KINDERGARTEN 2014

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015.

If you or someone you know has a child that will be starting school next year, please call into the office to collect an enrolment package.

Children must be turning five years before July 31, 2015 to be eligible to enrol for next year.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s readiness to start school please feel free to make an appointment with Mrs Parsons to discuss this.

A helpful website to look at is: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

Completed application forms should be returned to the school office by the end of this term or early next term. This will help us with the organisation of orientation days in Term 4.

We look forward to sharing your child’s educational journey with you.

Meegan Parsons
Assistant Principal

PENRITH SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

“Starting School Group”

For children starting school next year

Fridays Term 3 and 4
9.15am – 11.00am

The group is free and run by an early childhood educator. Please contact Lisa Jackson on 0423 720 492 to enrol. Siblings are welcome. Bring some fruit, water and a hat for your child!

Lisa Jackson
Connect
Child and Family Services
2014 JUNIOR MAYOR COMPETITION NOW OPEN

As part of Local Government Week 2014 Council is looking for a Junior Mayor and 14 Junior Councillors to participate in a mock Council meeting.

The competition for primary school students in the Penrith Local Government Area is a unique opportunity to learn about the role of councillors, how a Council meeting runs and how the Council works.

COMPETITION

To enter, tell us what are two things you would do to make the City of Penrith a better place to live if you were Mayor?

Your entry must fit on an A4 one-sided piece of paper or be an audio visual file. You can write a story, poem, create an artwork or comic strip. If you choose to enter an audio visual file, please ensure it is on a disc or USB.

Your entry must include your name, contact number, year level and school name as well as your parent or guardian’s mobile or business hours phone number.

Entries must be submitted by FRIDAY MAY 30, 2014 AT 5PM. They can be:

- Posted to “Events Team” PO Box 60, PENRITH NSW 2751
- Hand-delivered to 601 High Street, PENRITH NSW 2750
- Hand-delivered to 207-209 Queen St, ST MARYS NSW 2760
- Emailed to events@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au.

WINNERS

Winners will be notified by 4pm on Friday June 6, 2014. Councillor Ross Fowler OAM, Mayor of Penrith will select the Junior Mayor and 14 Junior Councillors.

OBLIGATIONS

Our Junior Mayor and 14 Junior Councillors must be available to attend introductory meetings at Council’s Civic Centre on Monday June 16, 2014 at 5pm and Monday July 14, 2014 at 5pm. This will help prepare them for the mock Council meeting on Monday August 11, 2014 at 5pm in the Council Chambers.
We have kicked off our Premier’s Sporting Challenge for 2014 for both students and staff. The challenge runs for 10 weeks; from Term 2/Week 3 to Term 3/Week 3. The challenge is for students and staff to participate in physical activity each day.

Opportunities to be physically active can include: playground games, dancing, walking the dog, washing the car, weekend sports, skipping and anything else that involves moving! Physical activities conducted on the weekend also count towards your weekly total.

So let’s get moving and see which class is the most active.

Deborah Bruce
Organising Teacher

Live event – GAMES FROM SCRATCH on ABC SPLASH LIVE

2pm 22nd May
http://splash.abc.net.au/livestream/-/I/1090560/games-from-scratch
Do you want to make your own computer games?
Learn to code. Code to learn.
Join ABC 3 SPLASH for a live show about making your own computer games with Good Game's Bajo and Hex.
Post questions now. Vote for the questions you like and they will be asked live on the day

CANBERRA EXCURSION
PAYMENT REMINDER

Just a reminder for those parents / caregivers, paying for Canberra by the instalment plan:

- 2nd payment of $100 is due by Monday 26th May
- final instalment of $125 is due by Monday 21st July.

Many Thanks
Greg Waddell
GIFTED AND TALENTED
NEWS REPORTERS WANTED BY THE ABC

What do we need to know about your community?

How to enter:
- Decide on your story using the theme: 'What do we need to know about your community in 90 seconds'.
- Use your mobile phone or digital camera. Plan what you are going to say in your 'piece to camera' and remember, be natural!
- Think about including an interview and make sure you have written permission for the interviewee to appear in your report.
- Decide and plan what shots you need to cover the story. Plan the shoot day itself to make sure you can get everything you need. Remember to be safe at all times.
- After you've filmed, edited and are happy with the result – just click 'enter now' and upload your video.

Entries open: 8 May
Entries close: 10 June

A team of ABC journalists will pick the best reports to feature in July on ABC online platforms.

Good luck!
http://splash.abc.net.au/ugc-competition/-/u/1199273

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.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work.

For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E
SRC FUNDRAISER

This term we are supporting the Starlight Foundation by having a “Starlight Superhero Day” on Wednesday 4th June (Week 6). Students are asked to dress as their favourite superhero or create their own superhero identity and bring a gold coin donation. Masks, capes and other costumes are encouraged. We ask that students wear joggers on their feet for safety reasons.

Stay tuned for a note which will come home outlining the day in more detail, with some extra information about a possible P&C fundraiser on that day also.

Mrs Brett
SRC Coordinator

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Next Wednesday, May 28 the Junior Cross Country will take place at school.

**WHO:** Children who are turning 5, 6 or 7 years in 2014

**WHEN:** May 28, 11:30-12:45

**WHERE:** the back playground

**UNIFORM:** joggers, school hat and a bottle of water.

- You are welcome to bring a chair and come along to support your child.
- As it is a school activity, the children must remain seated with their classes until the conclusion of the races.

Thank you
Mary Lou Killen

PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE

On Monday 19th May our Penrith South Public School debating team competed in their first round debate for the Premier’s Debating Challenge. This is our first year participating in this competition. The students receive their topic and have only one hour to prepare the debate.

The topic was ‘Teachers should wear school uniform’ and we were the negative team. Our team came up with some good arguments as to why teachers should not wear school uniform and their convincing ‘team line’ helped them win the debate.

Well done and congratulations to Tamana Atmar, Lanu Cross-Taateo, Teagan Bowler and Taila Ward.

Shelley Bultitude
Organising Teacher
PSSA SOCCER

Players - each Friday please remember to bring:

- shin guards
- soccer boots
- long socks (school colours)
- soccer jersey
- school hat
- bottle of water

Deborah Bruce
Organising Teacher

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014

It’s that time of year again!

This week your child will be given a Stewart House plastic bag to take home. If you have any items of clothing that you no longer require could you please send them to school in the bag for our donation to Stewart House.

The bags can be left outside room 12 on the wooden seats before Wednesday June 11. All donated items are given to the Smith Family. Stewart House receives a monetary donation from them to continue their excellent work assisting families in need.

Thank you
Lynda Hoarau
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child’s health on the right track too. So that’s why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23 May 2014.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL BELONGINGS LABELLED

Please remember to label school jackets/jumpers and all your child’s belongings with their name as there are many items of clothing being misplaced due to inadequate labelling. Most children are taking off their jackets through the day because of the lovely warm days and these items are not able to be found.

Any lost property can be found in the foyer of Room 24.
P&C NEWS

On Monday 20th May we had our AGM. Our new office bearers are as follows:

President Mrs Michelle Sadler
Vice President Mrs Sheree Espie
Secretary Mrs Christine Neville nee Long
Treasurer Mrs Cath Davis

I would like to whole heartedly congratulate these ladies and wish you continued success.

I would also like to thank Mrs Michelle Sadler, Mrs Joanne Brennan and Mrs Christina Neville for your support and work we did together in this previous year.

Our next meeting will be an evening meeting on Monday 16th June in the teacher’s staff room at 7.00pm.

Our next clothing pool will be on Monday 16th June in Room 24 from 8.45am to 9.15am.

Thanking you
P&C Committee and Members

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**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.