PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week we say farewell (for a while) to our much loved Mrs Hiam. As you may already know, Mrs Hiam is taking a block of maternity leave and we wish her and her family all the very best with their new arrival.

We will also be welcoming a new staff member next term, Mr White. Mr White will be the new 2.14 class teacher and also an additional assistant principal for our executive team. We hope he enjoys settling into our school and into his new role.

I would also like to welcome Jacob and his family to our school. Jacob has joined 5/6.19 with Mrs Bruce and her great group of students. Sadly, we are saying a fond farewell to Megha and Milan, who are leaving at the end of the term.

We have had a very steady flow of new students coming into our school over the past few years. Our school is growing quickly which means our playground, classrooms and hall are much fuller than they used to be. Whenever I introduce a new student to a class the group are very welcoming and really seem to enjoy helping new children settle into our school. It is a lovely quality of our school.

Public Speaking
I was so impressed listening to our K-2 students who represented their class in our talking and listening competition. The students spoke clearly and with confidence and were just lovely to listen to. Mrs Parsons and I had a very tricky job of choosing the winner for each year. All the participants should be very proud of themselves!

Congratulations to the following students:
Kindergarten - Nishika K6
Year One – Dylan 1.10
Year Two - Sekela 2.12 and Harry 2.14

Thank you to Mrs Killen, who did an exceptional job of coordinating the competition for this year.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

We were very proud to send our Penrith South representatives to the Regional Spelling Bee on Monday. Congratulations to Erin, Sahel, Tamana and Teancum for working hard and learning such difficult lists of words! It is great to see our school competing with the best spellers in the region and being a part of a high level competition.
District Athletics Carnival
Mrs Brett works tirelessly to ensure our school participates in every sporting opportunity available for students who excel in this area. This requires an incredible amount of organisation and patience as inclement weather often means last minute changes for PSSA, events and carnivals. This year’s district carnival was no exception.

When I speak to Mrs Brett about what she likes the most about being our sports coordinator she says she loves to see our students be fit and active, be their best and achieve at high levels. Well, you can imagine how happy she was when she was informed that Summer Brown qualified for the state carnival for Shot Put! We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys the experience and competes well.

PLATINUM STARs!
I am looking forward to having a lovely morning tea on Friday with our Platinum STARs! This time I have 7 great kids joining me and I hope by the end of the year I have a big crowd of students who have achieved this impressive level. Please remind your children to always be a good friend, listen carefully to their teachers and try their best at things they do at school as we value and reward these types of behaviour, as it ensures our students are happy and safe and makes it the best atmosphere for learning.

School Banking
We had just over 100 expressions of interest for school banking which means we will go ahead with the program! It has been decided that we will get started at the beginning of 2015 so keep your eyes open for more information from the Commonwealth Bank in the new year. This program can only go ahead with a few dedicated parents to do the organising and administration and we are so lucky at Penrith South as we have some parents who have volunteered their time so our children can participate.

School Vision and Evaluation
As you know we have started our school evaluation process for this year. You would have received a green note with our key questions. These questions will help us formulate our school vision. Thank you to the families that have completed the sheets and returned them to the office already and also for the few that have written comments on our tables at the gates in the afternoons. We will collate your ideas and what is important to you on Friday.

There will also be a survey coming home early next term that will give you an opportunity to answer a few more questions as well as add your ideas and feedback for us as a school. This process will help us make decisions about our school priorities and focus areas for the next three years. This is part of the Local Schools Local Decisions reform that allows schools to make decisions based on their student group and in line with staff, students and family’s priorities.

This Friday is the last day of term three and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. School starts back Tuesday 7th October. Please take time to remind your children about the importance of wearing their helmets while riding their bikes and scooters and being very careful in and around cars.

Kerrie Davis
Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME
We are pleased to confirm that the School Swimming Scheme for mainstream students years 2-6 will go ahead as scheduled in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4 starting Tuesday 7th October.

Students must bring their swimming costume, towel, shirt, sunscreen, school hat, plastic bag and warm clothing on a cool day.(All items should be labelled with student’s name.)

Frances Murphy
Coordinator
LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to label school jackets/jumpers and all your child’s belongings including lunch boxes and drink bottles with their name and class clearly marked as there are many items being misplaced due to inadequate labelling.

Any lost property can be found in the foyer of Room 24.

SUPERVISORS AWARDS

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Ante Pavlovic

Year 2
Remy Sagaga

Year 3
Chloe Kaczmarek
Rachel Quass
Harrison Wootton

Year 4
Mark Dransfield
Lauren Shilito

Year 5
Joshua Arnold
Thomas Villanueva
Chad Arancon

Year 6
Marley Horton
Owen Howe
Keira Maher
Rhys Wootton
Faith Caldwell
Daniel Duivenvoorden
Bayley Gross
Amy Scriberras-Lewis

P&C NEWS

We apologise for the cancelled meeting on Monday. The new meeting date will be on Monday 13th October, Week 2 of Term 4.

The Father’s Day Stall was very successful; raising over $1500. This will be a great contribution to the hall air-conditioning. Thankyou to all those parents who helped out on the day. We had an overwhelming response.

The next clothing pool will be held on Monday 13th October at 8:45am to 9:15am.

P&C Committee and Members
After 2 weeks of postponements due to the weather, we finally sent our District team off to the Penrith Zone Carnival on Wednesday 3rd September, 2014.

All of our competitors made Ms Isichei and I very proud of their behaviour, and their performance on the track, with many of our athletes making the top 10 in their respective events.

We had eight students place 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} in their events at District. They were:-

- **Teancum Brown**
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} place – 10 yrs Boys 100m
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} place – Junior Boys 200m

- **Tayla Hay**
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} place Qualifier – 11 yrs Girls Discus

- **Summer Brown**
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} place Qualifier – Sr Girls Discus
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} place Qualifier – Sr Girls Shot Put
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place – Sr Girls Relay

- **Adelle Brett**
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place – Sr Girls Relay

- **Jaylen Maipi**
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place – Sr Girls Relay

- **Cindy Do**
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place – Sr Girls Relay

- **Bayley Gross**
  - Sr Boys 100m AWD
  - Sr Boys Discus AWD

- **Travice Thatcher**
  - Sr Boys Shot Put AWD

These athletes progressed to the Sydney West Regional Carnival, which was held last Wednesday at the Blacktown International Sports Centre.

**Congratulations to Summer Brown, who placed 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the Senior Girls Shot Put!**

Summer will now go on to compete in the State Athletics Championships to be held early next term. We are very proud to have yet another representative at a State Championships!

Pictured below are the athletes from Penrith South who attended the Sydney West Carnival.
On Monday four very talented spellers from stage 2 and 3 represented Penrith South Public School at the regional final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. The competition was very challenging. Congratulations to Erin, Sahel, Tamana and Teancum for making it into the final and competing so well.
KINDERGARTEN 2015

Our Kindergarten transition activities for new Kindergarten students starting in 2015 are well underway. Pre-schoolers from Bright Stars have been to visit the Kindergarten classrooms to see what life is like at “big school”. They had fun listening to stories, completing a craft activity and playing some games on the interactive whiteboards. They then enjoyed having recess in the playground and a tour around the school.

Kindergarten Orientation is a very important step for pre-schoolers in the process of transitioning to “big school”.

At Penrith South we have 3 orientation sessions for our new kindergarten students. These are being held on:
- Thursday 23rd October at 9.20am to 11am
- Thursday 30th October at 9.20am to 11am
- Thursday 6th November at 9.20am to 11am

A parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 29th October at 7pm, in the school hall. Come along and hear all about the kindergarten program, best start assessment and talks from the P&C, canteen and before and after school care.

Invitations have been sent out to all the children who have enrolled to attend Penrith South next year. If you have not received one or if you have a child or know someone who has a child that will be starting school next year and you have not enrolled I encourage you to please do so as soon as possible.

It is very important that all new students attend our orientation sessions in preparation for the new year. Children will be engaged in fun and interesting literacy, numeracy and craft activities. A successful orientation helps children settle smoothly into school at the beginning of the new year.

I am looking forward to meeting all our new students and families over the coming weeks. If you have any concerns about your child starting school please do not hesitate to phone the front office and make an appointment to speak to me.

Thank you
Meegan Parsons
Assistant Principal

PRIVILEGE DAY

Our Term 3 Privilege Day will be held on Friday 19th September.

Privilege Day is an opportunity to congratulate the students who have shown fabulous behaviour this term and not been in time out.

This term it will be a session of free time in the classroom to be held after lunch.

Students may wear appropriate mufti. This includes closed in shoes and school hat.

Rachel Brett
On behalf of the SRC.
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### STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4 ON TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

School Security
1300 880 021
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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| **Name:**  
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| **Mobile no:** __________________  
| **PARENT/CAREGIVER 2** |
| **Name:**  
| **Home phone no:** ______________  **Work no:** __________________ |
| **Mobile no:** __________________  

**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:**  
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| **Mobile no:** __________________ |

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Signature of Parent/Caregiver  Date  

*Office Use Only:*

Records amended by: __________________________  ___________________________