PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to Caine 3.20 and Elizabeth 3.8. I hope you and your family enjoy your time at our school and that you settle in and feel a part of our wonderful school community very soon.

Special Education Eisteddfod

Last Friday our school had the privilege of hosting the Special Education Eisteddfod for this year. The school hall was full of friends and family who came to be entertained by special education students from a number of schools from across the area. Some of these students have extremely challenging lives and health issues and all of that was put to the side for the day while they performed and entertained us with their talents in the area of performing arts.

Ms Hoarau has been an advocate for the Eisteddfod for a number of years and I know she would have been thrilled with the event this year. Well done to all of our students who performed on the day and to their amazing teachers, Ms Hoarau and Mrs Newcombe, who help bring out the best in our special education students every day.

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the students who presented their speeches and readings in our 2014 Public Speaking Competition held yesterday. The speakers were all well-rehearsed and highly skilled in using eye contact, gestures, voice intonation and volume to capture the audience’s attention. We learnt a lot from the informative pieces and had a laugh at the entertaining speeches as well.

Each year now has one person going to the next level of Public Speaking to represent our school. The following students are this year’s representatives;
Samuel Brett Year 3
Erin Lucas Year 4
Jordan Pilcher Year 5
Adelle Brett Year 6

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

District Athletics Carnival

We have a number of students involved in the District Athletics Carnival today. I wish them the best of luck, hope they enjoy the experience and do their best. Mrs Brett has worked tirelessly with the organisation for this event due to the wet weather cancellations and I am sure she will be glad to see the day underway.
At Penrith South Public School we have strong programs and dedicated staff that help children experience all aspects of the curriculum. We have dedicated teachers and support staff who help our school implement high quality programs in a wide range of areas. It doesn’t matter if your child excels in art, science, mathematics, poetry, sport or any other area. At Penrith South we work hard to ensure the programs we offer children are engaging and effective. All of our staff take pride in their work and seeing our children excel.

Last night was a superb example of this. Our students were absolutely fabulous at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. The routines were impressive, the costumes, make up and preparation was second to none. The children have learnt so much about dance, all the while having a great time with their friends under the expert guidance of our dance teachers.

I would like to remind you that these high energy performances are all planned and practiced during teacher’s lunch breaks and during their own time. These events also require time to organise buses and permission notes, auditions and much more. I am always so proud of this school and the students and their achievements and efforts and I know you will join me in saying a big thank you to everyone involved.

Kerrie Davis
Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Just a reminder that the permission notes and payment for the school swimming scheme (years 2-6 mainstream) are due into PIP by Monday 8th September. Unfortunately, the scheme will not go ahead if we do not have enough interested participants.

Frances Murphy
Coordinator

PENRITH EISTEDDFOD FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Congratulations to the students in K-3/21 and 2-6/22 for their performances at the Eisteddfod last Friday. The effort and enthusiasm they put into weeks of practice is to be commended. There was a variety of items including dance, percussion, bells and singing. The performances were fantastic and all the students, family and friends that came along enjoyed this wonderful event.

The Eisteddfod has become an annual event at Penrith South Public School with several schools participating this year from our local area. Special thanks must go to Ms Hoarau and all those who helped in the preparation and co-ordination of the event ensuring its success on the day.

Loretta Newcombe
KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are now being accepted.

If you or someone you know has a child turning five before July 31, 2015 they are eligible to enrol to start school next year. Completed application forms should be returned to the office now as we are in the process of organising the orientation days for our new kindergarten students.

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.

Meegan Parsons
Assistant Principal

CAKE STALL

When: Thursday 11th September

The Support Unit will be holding a cake stall in week 9 to continue to raise funds to assist with transport costs for students to attend Swim Scheme in Term 4. Support staff and the Parents and Carers of support students will be supplying the goodies for the cake stall.

The cake stall will be held at recess on Thursday 11th September for students in Years 3 – 6. If you are in grades 3 to 6 please bring along some money to buy something yummy from a variety of cupcakes, biscuits and slices that will be on sale. Items will be priced from 50c to $2.00. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Support Unit staff

Thank you to all the students and staff that participated in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. You all did a great job at trying your best to be active each day. All class participation results have now been entered. NRL’s One Community and NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge have one more challenge for you! If you would like to be in the running to win four gold NRL grand final tickets as well as two signed premiership jerseys simply convince us why Rugby League is the greatest game of all.

To enter please see your class teacher for an entry form. Entries are due to Mrs Bruce no later than Monday 8th September 2014.

Good luck!
Deborah Bruce
SOCCER IN SCHOOLS CLINIC

Penrith South Public School are very lucky to be offered a free Soccer in Schools Clinic by the Wanderers on Monday 15th September. It will take place during school hours for students in years 5 and 6. Please send your child to school in their sports uniform on this day.

Thank you.

Miss Semeniuk
Organising teacher

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ABORIGINAL FOSTER CARER?

Community Services is looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below:

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For more information on becoming a foster carer please don’t hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400 or you can email to james.conaty@facs.nsw.gov.au

SUMMER PSSA

This is just a reminder that Summer PSSA resumes this Friday. Cricketers will walk to Jamison Park, T-Ballers will walk to Southlands Ovals and the Softballers will catch the bus to Glenmore Park Softball complex. All softballers will need to resume paying their $5 bus fare every week to Mrs Brett.

SCHOOL BANKING

Penrith South Public School is wanting to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

There is an expression of interest flyer accompanying this newsletter. Please fill out the form, tear off the section at the bottom and place in a specially marked box in the front office of the school.
Date: Wednesday 17th September 2014
Time: 10:30am
Venue: Mt Druitt Office (The Gallery), Hindemith Avenue Emerton NSW 2770

You are invited to join the Aboriginal Education Team & Mt Druitt TAFE at Mt Druitt Office to Yarn Up about a FREE Aboriginal Cert III course in Community Services. Placements are limited for the 1 day a week course. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to experience a ‘Brighter Future’.

20 positions are available for Aboriginal community members. This Certificate III course can lead to a number of pathways to the workforce.

For more information, please call or email the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers.
Kimberley Mamo: 8808-4938
Email: kimberley.matthews4@det.nsw.edu.au
Taela Sanders: 8808-4925
Email: taela.sanders@det.nsw.edu.au

Be Deadly, Be Quick, vacancies for the certificate III course are limited.
Dear Families,

This week at OSHClub we are celebrating Father’s Day with the children by doing all sorts of craft as gifts for our Dads and special people in our lives. We are also playing lots of fun and exciting games both inside and outside and have some cooking experiences planned as well.

In the last fortnight we have had so much fun making lots of different craft things and playing with our new dress ups!

We have been so grateful for all of the parent donations of milk containers and dress ups in the past fortnight, we are still collecting both milk bottles and dress ups, and any recycled materials are used here at OSHClub.

If you do have any queries please feel free to come over to Room 24 and have a chat to one of our staff members. The best times to find our staff is before 9:00AM and between 2:30PM – 3:00PM. If for some reason you can’t get over to see us at those times you can always call or send an email with your query.

Come over and meet our friendly team! We look forward to meeting you and your children.

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0407 683 342. Email: oshclub.penrithsouth@gmail.com
Coordinator: Danielle
Assistants: Lauren
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
## SUPERVISORS AWARDS

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## P&C NEWS

Our Father’s Day stall is to held on **Thursday September 4, 2014**. Gifts will range in price from $1.00 to $5.00.

The teachers will bring children from their classes to the hall during the morning to purchase their gifts with the option of coming back during recess to purchase a second gift if desired.

If any parents are able to help the P&C on Thursday morning with the children’s purchases, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday September 15, 2014 at 9.15am in room 24. The clothing pool will also be held in room 24 on this day at 8.45am to 9.15am.

The P&C would like to give all those helpers who wrapped Father’s Day gifts a big thank you and it was a fun day.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year,
P&C Committee and Members
## TERM 3, 2014 CALENDER

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Dance Festival | 2 September  
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Evening performance | 3 September  
Year 2 excursion to Wannabees Play Town | 4 September  
P&C Father’s Day Stall  
K-6 Assembly  
2pm in school hall | 5 September  
Summer PSSA begins  
Year 1 excursion  
Wannabees Play Town |
|      | 8 September  
Regional spelling bee | 9 September  
CARES Excursion  
Years 5-6 | 10 September  
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Sydney West Athletics | 11 September  
Support class cake stall for Years 3-6 during recess | 12 September  
Summer PSSA Ends  
K-2 Assembly  
10.30am-11.00am in school hall |
| 9    | 15 September  
P&C Meeting 9.15am in room 24  
Clothing Pool 8.45am - 9.15am in room 24  
Soccer clinic Years 5-6 | 16 September | 17 September | 18 September  
K-2 Athletics Carnival  
Yrs 3-6 Assembly  
2.00pm – school hall | 19 September  
End of Term 3 |
| 10   | 17 September  
K-2 Assembly  
2.00pm – school hall | 18 September | 19 September | 20 September | 21 September |

### LOST PROPERTY

**REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL BELONGINGS LABELLED**

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.

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School Security  
1300 880 021
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.
- Repeat after three days and again three days later (3 times altogether).

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.
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

Kids’ Camps from $45 per day


Phone: 13 13 02
Change of Contact Details

Student’s Name: __________________________________________  Class: ____________________________
Home address: ____________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________

PARENT/CAREGIVER 1
Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Home phone no: __________________________ Work no: __________________________
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: _________________________________________________________________
Home phone no: __________________________ Work no: __________________________
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Signature of Parent/Caregiver                      Date

Office Use Only:
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