PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Individualised Learning Plans
During term one, we write Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) for students who are Aboriginal. These Pathway meetings are held with the class teacher, the student and a family member. The PLP is designed to help students focus on some learning goals for the year and helps families know what their children are working towards. At Penrith South we want the achievement of our Aboriginal students to match or better the outcomes of all students and having a personalised plan helps with that.

Students who are in Out of Home Care and students with learning difficulties also have individualised plans. Teachers will also be updating these plans during the first term, in consultation with families and support workers.

Parking
As you know our school is on a main road which makes parking limited. Please be mindful of where you park and remember to be safe and careful around the children and others on the roads.

Teacher Training
At our school teachers spend a lot of time training to be better all the time. This means that, at times they will come off class to do some training or to train other staff members.

We are very lucky here to have a number of experienced casual teachers who have been a part of the school for a long time and know how our school runs which means when teachers are off class the usual class program continues.

This means that on days that teachers are at training, or off class for another purpose, the learning is not interrupted and our teachers can have the latest in research and training keeping them highly trained for your children.

School Banking
I am very pleased to announce School Banking will be launched on Friday 27th February. Students will hear about school banking and how it works and then an information pack will be sent home for families. Gail from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school in the mornings and afternoons for a few days to answer any questions.
**Air Conditioning for the Hall**

More great news for our school...our air conditioners are underway! The air conditioning has been a joint initiative between the P&C and the school, involving a full year of fund raising. The air conditioners have now been ordered and we are hoping for installation very soon. Thank you to all our families who contributed to fund raising events throughout 2014 and to the P&C for their outstanding organisation and dedication.

**Interrelate**

On the evening of Wednesday 4\(^{th}\) March our school is offering the Interrelate Program. This is a high quality program that teaches children about sexuality and relationships. We are holding two sessions. One for Year 3 and 4 students that starts at 6pm called *Where did I come from?* The second session is for Years 5 and 6 students, starting at 7.15pm called *Getting Ready for Puberty*. One session costs $20 and if you would like to attend both sessions the cost is $25 per family.

**Canteen**

Our canteen will be starting online ordering within the next few weeks. We are hoping to have it up and running by 23/2/15 all going well! Parents will receive information soon about how to set up online accounts and how to place orders. We hope this online service will make the lives of busy parents (and ones who don’t have change) a bit easier.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday 1\(^{st}\) March. To support the day we are holding a *Clean up our School Day* on Friday March 27\(^{th}\). Classes will each have an area of the school to tidy up, they may be weeding gardens, picking up rubbish that has blown into garden beds or collecting rubbish around the grounds. They may also be cleaning up the verandas and class rooms. Students are asked to bring along some gloves on the day and enjoy learning about looking after our environment. *The gates will be opened at 2.45pm on clean-up day* rather than the usual 2.30pm.

Kerrie Davis
Principal

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### Jamison High School

**YEAR 7 2016 INFORMATION EVENING**

Monday 23 February 2015
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

For more information call 4731 6150

Mr Gregory Lill
Principal

### Kingswood High School

**Year 7 2016 INFORMATION EVENING**

Wednesday 25th February

Starting at 6.00pm.

For more information contact 4736 1201

Mr Andrew Pearn
Year 7 advisor 2016
When kids ask “the” questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2015**

- **February 16**: Twilight Swimming Carnival 7pm – 9pm, P&C Meeting and Clothing Pool, Room 24
- **February 17**: Newsletter
- **February 18**: 19 February
- **February 19**: 20 February
- **February 20**: 21 February
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- **February 22**: Newsletter
- **February 23**: 24 February
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- **February 25**: 26 February
- **February 26**: 27 February
- **February 27**: K-2 Assembly 10.30am – 11.00am in the hall
- **February 28**: LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT OF MATHLETICS AND READING EGGS
- **March 1**: School Banking Launch
- **March 2**: Newsletter
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**District Swimming Carnival**

**Interrelate 6-9pm**

**School Photo Day**

**Yrs 3-6 Cross Country**

**Mufti for Easter**

**K-2 Assembly 10.30am to 11am in the hall**

**Clean up day at school**

**Good Friday**
YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Parent of Year 6 students

Urgent!
When filling out enrolment applications for High School for 2016 into Year 7 for your child, PLEASE check that Penrith South Public School has your correct address as this will impact on your child’s High School application.

Greg Waddell
Stage 3 AP

P&C NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who attended our P&C meeting on Monday February 16, 2015. If you cannot attend a meeting at any time but would like a copy of the minutes, please email to: mishysadler@gmail.com

Our fundraising goal for 2015 was discussed at Monday’s meeting and it was decided to put money towards fixed playground equipment. The school is currently working on quotes and installation costs.

We have scheduled a BBQ/cake stall on Election Day March 28, 2015. We would greatly appreciate anyone who can spare an hour or two on the day to help with this. Also donations of cakes, slices or any biscuits or homemade cooking would be greatly received.

The next P&C meeting is March 9, 2015 at 7pm in the school staffroom.

Thank you
P&C Committee

AFL AUSKICK

Penrith South Public School AFL Auskick Centre
Venue: 172-190 Jamison Road, South Penrith (School Oval)
Each Wednesday starting FEBRUARY 18, 2015 until MARCH 11, 2015 from 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-9 for only $39. To register visit www.AFLAUSKICK.com.au and enter your postcode then click on “Penrith South PS AFL Auskick Centre – After School”.

For more information contact: Sophie McKibben on 8867 7400, Email: sophie.mckibben@aflnswact.com.au

WANTED
ICE CREAM CONTAINERS
WITH LIDS

If any parents have any clean ice cream containers with lids at home, our teachers in the support unit can put them to good use.

Please send them to Ms Isichei in Room 23 before or after school time. Thank you for your help.

D. Isichei
Assistant Principal/Support
IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder to parents and carers.
Can you please use the NEW 2015 Canteen price list when making orders at the canteen.

There are always some spare price lists located in the front office of the school and there was a 2015 flyer sent home to all families late last year.

Thank you
Miss Lyn
Canteen Manager

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:
Dear Families,
This year at OSHClub has been amazing so far, we are really excited to have so many people attending both before and after school care. We are also pleased to announce that there will be a trial Holiday Program this April here at Penrith South! There will be more information regarding our program for the holidays and bookings very soon.

In the past few weeks the children have really been enjoying playing with our new kinetic sand and creating many sand sculptures. We have also been playing outside a lot and enjoying the warmer weather, children have been playing cricket a lot this term and working really well in their teams.

We have many new sensory activities planned this week, we are also focusing on nature this term at OSHClub and have been on nature walks and doing flower illustrations. As we have in previous terms we are also using recycled materials and focusing on sustainability. The children have also decided that this term we will be making an OSHClub movie.

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.

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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.
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.

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

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