A Community with Expectations of Achievement and Success

Important Dates to Remember

Monday 6 October
Tuesday 7 October
Wednesday 8 October
Wed – Friday 8, 9 & 10 October
Friday 10 October

Public Holiday
School resumes for Term 4
In2cricket - K – 2
Stage Three Camp
World of Maths

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STATE DANCE FESTIVAL
Last night our Junior Dance group performed at the State Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre. As usual the dance group performed magnificently and it was a pleasure to accompany this group of talented dancers to the highest level of dance performance we can do in NSW. Well done, Junior Dance group, we are all extremely proud of you!

STAFF CHANGES
For the first two weeks of Term 4, Mrs Karen McSpeerin will be taking Long Service Leave and Mrs Donna Smith will be relieving as Principal during this time. Additionally, commencing from Week 3 in Term 4, Mrs McSpeerin will be working for the Department of Education supporting other schools and principals for 2 days a week for the remainder of the year. Mrs Smith will continue to relieve as the two day per week relieving Principal for this time. During this time Mrs McSpeerin will remain the substantive Principal of St Marys North and will be at school three days per week from Week 4 to Week 11.
At all times when Mrs Smith is relieving for Mrs McSpeerin, Mrs DuRoss-Smith will be the class teacher of 1S. Mrs DuRoss-Smith has worked closely with this class all year and has an extensive knowledge of the children. Both Mrs Smith and Mrs DuRoss-Smith will equally share the teaching responsibility for 1S.
STAFF CHANGES
As you are also aware Mrs LeBreton is in the later stage of pregnancy and due to commence maternity leave at the end of the week. From the commencement of Term 4 the class will be taught by Mrs Rymills and be known as 1R. We wish Mrs LeBreton well as she waits the imminent birth of her first child.
Finally, Mrs Bent will be returning to North’s one day per week after the birth of her daughter last year. Mrs Bent will be teaching Science RFF to Years 4, 5 and 6 on Mondays and Wednesday Science RFF for Years 3 and 4 will be taught by Mrs Kylie Carsons.

HOLIDAYS
We wish all members of our school community a happy, safe and relaxing school holiday. Please enjoy some fun filled family activities and good morning sleep-ins! Just a reminder, if you see anything or anyone acting suspiciously around our school during the break, could you please contact School Security on 1300 880 021. They will attend immediately. Together we can ensure our school remains a safe place for all.

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW
World of Maths Roadshow is visiting our school. This is an opportunity for students to see how Maths is applied in some real life situations. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and various Maths concepts. Session will be highly engaging, showing children that Maths can be fun!

We have limited places available in each session week one term 4,
Friday 10 October, in the school hall:
   Years 2-3
   Years 4-6 [who are not attending stage 3 camp]
Cost: $5:00 Places will be filled on a first come, first served basis. When places are filled we will take a reserve list. Parents are able to attend, especially with years 2-3, at no cost.

CANTEEN AND BREAKFAST CLUB
The school canteen will reopen for Term 4 on Tuesday 14 October (Week 2). Children will need to bring their lunch from home for the first week of Term 4 as well as the Monday before it opens. Breakfast Club will reopen for Term 4 on Tuesday 14 October (Week 2)

P & C NEWS
The P&C would like to thank Dan & Johns Mechanical Repairs and all other families, for the gifts provided for Father’s Day Prizes. Thank you to all the families who supported us and brought raffle tickets and gifts. All prizes were collected and we sold all our gifts.
As well, thank you to everyone who ordered and helped to support our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 22 October, 2014 at 1.00pm for a 1.15pm start. The position of Treasurer on the P&C is open. If anyone is interested in standing for the position please come to our meeting.
Family Portrait Day will be held on Sunday 19 October in the school hall. The cost will be $20.00. If you would like to book please send Lynda McKune, P&C President (0448 260 681) a message with all your details and your preferred time between 9.00-1.00pm or 2.00-4.00pm and a confirmation message will be sent back. This must be paid for on 7 October or 8 October in order to hold your booking.

K-2 ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are held on Tuesdays in the hall, starting at 12:40pm.
Term 4 Week 2-KB
WHAT A DAY!

On Monday the 8th of September Year 3 went on an excursion. We travelled by bus. We went to go learn about the olden days compared to now. We went to The Sydney Rocks.

First we had our recess. I had Burger Rings. Birds were trying to steal my recess. An ibis came up to steal Katelyn’s food and snatched a chip out of her hand. The birds were Ibises, pigeons and seagulls.

Next we travelled to Cadman’s Cottage to do some games James played when he was alive. Our first game was with Chelsea. It was a ring toss game. I got 0 points but altogether my team’s score was 95 points. The next game was marbles. I hit the big marble out of the circle. The games after that were skipping and horse shoe throwing.

After all that, we went to the middle of The Rocks to play another game. It was a bag throwing game. My team won!

After that we went on a treasure hunt all around The Rocks. We were walking through alley ways, houses and shops. My buddy was Samantha and we won. We had to find chimney pots, window things and a well.

I had a fun day.

By Cody Feil 3R
On Monday, Year 3 went on an excursion to The Rocks to learn more about the history of Australia.
Year 3
REALLY
enjoyed themselves!
Key points to remember around schools

7 Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor’s hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children’s crossing when ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children’s crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

8 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2014 and 2015 are listed below. These can be found at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

### Dragon’s teeth road markings

To increase motorists’ awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

For information about fines and demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au

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Key points to remember around schools

6 Driving and parking safely near the school

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Slow down near the school crossing.
At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
Always park and turn legally around the school.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL CAMP
School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it’s also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.
Find out more:  http://bit.ly/Zsl9Wg

PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 10
Show Respect

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KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 10
Friendliness and Inclusion

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Principal’s Awards
Lucy Doole-Dunham
Bradley Fuller
Cordelia Henshaw
Brooklyn Ritchie
Peta-Lea Heppenstall
Tegan Basiuk
Lau Siafolau
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
@ Penrith City Library

Tuesday 23 Sept  Wildlife Show with Featherdale
Wednesday 24 Sept  Magic Shows with Joel Howlett
Thursday 25 Sept  Cartoon Workshop for Young Cartoonists & Teens
Tuesday 30 Sept  Embroidery Workshop with Del White
Wednesday 1 October  Floating on a Sea of Stories with Bronwyn Vaughan
Friday 3 October  Planetarium Workshops with Skyworks

Activity at St Clair Library
Saturday 27 September  The Dinosaur who lost his roar, Puppet Show

For further details and ticket purchase, contact Penrith Library – 4732 7891

CHILDREN’S WEEK ACTIVITIES
Monday 20 October  Mark Leece Fields St Clair 9.30 – 11.30am
Tuesday 21 October  Grass area between lake and sales centre, Jordan Springs
Wednesday 22 October  Grass area in front of Penrith Library 10.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday 23 October  North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 24 October  Claremont Meadows Community Centre 9.30 – 11.30am

Free activities at the above venues to celebrate Children’s Week including:
Animal farm, roaming clowns, balloon artist, Rooby Roo ball pit etc

PENRITH REGIONAL GALLERY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 30 Sept  Alien Bugs – 5-8 yrs, 10am to 12 noon  $18
Wednesday 1 Oct  Bugs & Birds Mask Making – 5-8yrs, 10am to 12noon  $18
                TOTS in the Gallery - 3-6yrs, 10am – 12 noon  $12
Thursday 2 Oct  Marine Garland – 5-8yrs, 10am to 11.00am  $18
                Flying High Wall Kites – 5-8yrs, 10am to 12 noon  $18
Friday 3 Oct  Future Landscapes – 5-8yrs, 10am to 12 noon  $18

For further information contact the gallery on 4735 1100
Penrith Regional Gallery, 86 River Road, Emu Plains