VISIT FROM ROOBY ROO AND PENRITH CITY MAYOR
The Mayor of Penrith City Council, Mr Ross Fowler visited us this week to read on the Rooby Roo Verandah. Many of our senior students spent time with him before he even started reading. When he did start, students of all ages and some preschoolers became very engaged in the story books he had brought with him from Penrith City Library. It was a lovely morning. The children really enjoyed the reading and were so excited to see Rooby Roo when she arrived. We would like to ‘thank’ Mr Fowler for his visit and especially the way in which, he was able to work in with Rooby Roo. She arrived while he was reading his books and of course, Rooby attracted a lot of attention.
At 9am, Mr Fowler then went to the Computer Lab where he spent time with the Yr 6 classes and allowed them to see the chains and robes that are worn in Council. Two very lucky students were even able to try the robes on. Many questions were answered and the students were given a real insight into the workings of the local council. A very memorable morning for all!

RUOK? CAKE STALL
Once again, the parents/carers of St Marys North students have overwhelmed us all by their generosity and talent when it comes to donating cakes, slices and biscuits to the special acknowledgement of RUOK? Day. The students had a really difficult time choosing from the amazing variety of goodies. The theme, RUOK?, was really obvious with the colours and symbols represented. It was really impressive!
Thank you to all, for supporting this opportunity so the school community could participate in conveying this very important message. We hope that everyone at Norths is ‘OK’ everyday
HOMEWORK CENTRE
Thursday 11 September was the last day for Homework Centre this term. Homework Centre will commence again Week 2, Term 4. Attendance notes for the commencement of the Term 4 Homework Centre will be available next week.

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.

K-2 ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are held on Tuesdays in the hall, starting at 12:40pm.
Term 3 Week 10-KH Term 4 Week 2-KB

CANTEEN AND BREAKFAST CLUB
The last day for the school canteen for Term 3 will be Tuesday, 16 September. It will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of next week therefore children will need to bring their lunch from home on these days. It will reopen on for Term 4 Tuesday 14 October (Week 2).
The last day for Breakfast Club for Term 3 will be Wednesday 17 September. It will reopen for Term 3 on Tuesday 14 October (Week 2)

COFFEE & CHAT – 17 SEPTEMBER
Next week, we are having another Coffee & Chat. For the past several meetings we have been focussed on ‘Numeracy in the Classroom’. Last time, we started our casual chat group again to meet other parents/ carers from our community who have common interests – children at Norths. It was a great group that came along and they were able to meet Leanne, our new ‘Rooby Roo’ support person from ‘Paint the Town REaD!’ who we have been seeing in the playground each Tuesday morning.
It is a great time to ask questions and there are always information sheets to collect. Plus, you can have a coffee or tea and a biscuit, chocolate or two! See you there!

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
WHEN LUNCH COMES HOME ... AGAIN
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7ioJD

CYBERBULLYING - PREVENTION TIPS FOR PARENTS
The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

MOBILE MATHS GAMES
Channel your child's interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey's Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You'll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

PENRITH REGIONAL GALLERY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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For further information contact the gallery on 4735 1100
Penrith Regional Gallery, 86 River Road, Emu Plains
ROOBY ROO & PENRITH MAYOR
VISIT ST MARYS NORTH
All classes from year 1 to year 6 have participated in the Start Smart Financial Literacy program. Students were actively engaged in lessons about 'Smart Money Choices'. Stage 1 learnt about needs and wants, and how to use their money wisely by racing to their needs and waiting for their wants. Stage 2 were encouraged to make savvy spending decisions and understand the factors that influence their spending. Stage 3 students learnt about opportunities to earn money now, and how to make their savings goals a reality.
After School Sport Term 3

Golf Excursion at Colonial Golf Course
Werrington

We had so much fun!

Thank you for the donation of some extra Golf Clubs for our kit!
After School Sport Term 3

Taekwondo with Nepean Wolves

We loved all the new skills we learned! Thank you!
Term 3 Class Swap
This week all classes swapped teachers for a lesson between 1st and 2nd break.

Students enjoyed all of the different lessons with a different teacher.
PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 9

Be ready on Assembly

KB  Shiyah Hohepa  2/3A  Harley Day
KH  Bailey Penfold  3P  Hannah Ames
KJ  Bilal Syed  3R  Charlie Gullo
KT  Timana Pine  3/4W  Kimani Tautolo
1C  Hamza Abdul Rehman  4D  AJ Anae
1L  Jeremy Archer  4/5A  Jenny Atua
1S  Grace Marchon  5P  Makara Price
2B  Jamie-Lee Coles  6B  Tyrone Cook
2V  Joshua Petridge  6R  Sebastian Pijov

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 9

Friendliness and Inclusion

KB  Tiahna Ritchie  2/3A  Gracie Hoekstra
KH  Tyler Bater  3P  Ethan Pijov
KJ  Blake Dick  3R  Pranav Angrish
KT  Jayda Parsons  3/4W  Connor Hegenstall
1C  Fua Pologa  4D  Rose-Lee Spiteri
1L  Laylah Gale Adriano  4/5A  Saira Nakov
1S  Wairua Muru Brown  5P  Tegan Basuik
2B  Simon Ankuma  6B  Emily Archer
2V  Talea Brown  6R  Alana White

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
@ Penrith City Library

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

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
Key points to remember around schools

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
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.

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