WELCOME

Congratulations to all the participants in the school swimming carnival. What a fabulous day! Thank you especially to everyone, children, staff and parents, who helped make it such a wonderful event. A special thank you goes to Miss Harris for her great organisation.

HEALTH NOTIFICATION

This week I need to notify you that there has been a case of Norovirus in our school community. NSW Department of Health directs you to go to their website and access the fact sheet on this virus. Essentially it is an infection that causes gastroenteritis. If you are sick please go to the doctor to seek medical advice. At school we will be reminding children of the importance of washing their hands before eating and after going to the toilet as we usually do.

The website is www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets. If you have any questions regarding the virus the Public Health Unit number is listed on this site.

Thank you for the support you are providing around the change in our playground due to the taped off areas. We are waiting for an arborist to assess our trees and determine further action if required. In the meantime the gates in the bottom playground will remain locked. The children have been asked to use the front gates when arriving at and leaving school.

Mrs H Palmer (Relieving Principal)

Calendar –Term 1, 2014

Week 5

Wednesday 26th February School Photos
Thursday 27th February Scripture Starts
Friday 28th February Schools Clean Up Day
Book Fair Starts
K-2 Assembly at 12.15 pm
3-6 Assembly at 2.00 pm
SRC Induction Assembly

Week 6

Tuesday 4th March Star of the Month Morning
Tea 11.00am
Wednesday 5th March Book Fair Finishes

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to our students
KG Levi Holten – Excellent effort in all activities
KNC Ashton Wright – Being an attentive, respectful learner
KM Bryce Oldfield – Outstanding classroom effort
KS Madisen-Kaye Black – Excellent effort with her school work
1B Madison Arnott – Always setting an excellent example in class
1F Gary Budd – Being safe, respectful and responsible
1W Madison Fierro – A kind and helpful student
2C Faith Mulhall – For being a kind and considerate person in all areas of school life
2GL Blake Ritchie – Being a respectful, responsible class member
2P Ellie Williamson – Being a mature and sensible student
3K Brodee Peacock – A terrific attitude towards learning
3H Deklyn Kyle – Fantastic attitude towards learning
3/4OL Jamie Young-Stein – Excellent effort in all areas
4CW Gem Kret-Neland – Outstanding effort in writing about ‘The Man from Snowy River’
5W Danyka Chamman – 5W’s ‘Beep Test’ champion
5J Clay Tanti – Performing in all aspects of PDHPE
6T Tyler Dekleva – Quietly helping others while completing his work
6J Emma Yallop – Being a responsible classroom member

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to our students
1st Gold – 5 merit awards: Toby Wright 4G
2nd Gold – 10 merit awards: Toby Wright 4G
4th Gold – 20 merit awards: Liam Dowding 1W, Jack Affleck 1W, Tegan Iping 1W
6th Gold – 30 merit awards: Kayleigh Hayes 2GL
8th Gold – 40 merit awards: Amy Rostron 1B
9th Gold – 45 merit awards: Emily Iddles 3/4OL, Gianna Fontanot 3H
10th Gold – 50 merit awards: 2nd BANNER!! Emily Iddles 3/4OL
WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
It is time to put your order forms in for winter jackets and pinafores. We do not require payment but need to have your order in as this will be the only order for winter uniform. The deadline for ordering is Friday 28th February, 2014. This will enable the orders to be back before Term 2.

Also, if parents could be aware that winter tunics are to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. They are to be worn with a white blouse and skinny and navy stockings or white socks.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
An email was received from the NSW Department of Office of the Children’s Guardian notifying the school that parents and
close relatives are EXEMPT from having to apply for a working with children check. For any further information, please see the office. We apologise for any inconvenience and endeavour to pass on any updated information as we receive it.

HOMEWORK HELP
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

HOMEWORK AND MULTI-TASKING
Somewhere along the line we seemed to have absorbed the idea that teenagers can multi-task perfectly because they're digital natives. Can kids really do their homework and multi-task?
Find out more:

Primary school

WHEN LUNCH COMES HOME AGAIN – UNEATEN
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:

HELP WITH ENGLISH
Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.
Find out more:

MATHS
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.
Find out more:

DYSLEXIA NSW
Can't Read, Won't Read!
A practical workshop to re-start the reading process. This workshop focuses on how to get children reading. It looks at how to re-start the reading process through fun, hands on activities that will engage even the reluctant reader!

Suitable for parents and those working with struggling readers

Wednesday 26th March, 6.30pm – 8pm
Emu Plains Community Centre, $10 voluntary contribution
Booking essential – 4735 3962
www.dyslexia-nsw.com.au
SAMUEL TERRY BASKETBALL

WINTER 2014 JUNIOR COMPETITION

Looking for an indoor Action-Packed sport for Winter? We are looking for Boys and Girls in the following age-groups:

- Under-8s Mixed (Born 2007/08)
- Under-10s Boys & Girls (Born 2006/05)
- Under-12s Boys & Girls (Born 2004/03)
- Under-14s Boys & Girls (Born 2002/01)

COMPETITION DETAILS:

Commences Saturday 3rd May. Played at the same Venue, every Saturday, played throughout the day.

If you are interested or would like more details:

Please contact Jarrod on 4731-3252 or email: participation_penrithbasketball@people.net.au

Basketball is FUN for anyone of any age & skill level