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Term 4 Week 6

Friday 16th November 2012

Celebrations At Penrose School



The Students celebrating Miss Fredericks' last day (she will be missed) with us and May's birthday.

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Diary Dates For Next 5 Weeks

Week 7	19-Nov	20-Nov Music Baby Clinic Gardening	21-Nov Kindergarten Orientation	22-Nov	23-Nov Library Tennis	24/25 Nov
Week 8	26-Nov	27-Nov Music Baby Clinic Gardening	28-Nov Kindergarten Orientation	29-Nov	30-Nov Library Tennis	1/2 Dec
Week 9	3-Dec Music P&C Meeting	4-Dec Music	5-Dec High School Orientation	6-Dec	7-Dec	8/9 Dec
Week 10	10-Dec	11-Dec Music Baby Clinic Gardening	12-Dec Kindergarten Orientation	13-Dec	14-Dec Library End of Year Concert	15/16 Dec
Week 11	17-Dec	18-Dec No Music End of Pool Party	19-Dec	20-Dec Staff Development No School	21-Dec Staff Development No School	22/23 Dec

School Swimming Scheme Week 9 (3rd - 7th December)

Every year our Students participate in the Department of Education and Communities Swimming Scheme which is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over 5 days. Each day includes 2 lessons of 45 minutes duration each.

Please note that this can put a dent in some families budgets at a cost of approximately \$30 - \$40 each child. If your family requires a financial assistance it is important you speak to Gillian as no child needs to miss out on this opportunity. Like Reading and Writing, swimming is an asset for life; whether it be for fun, fitness or survival.

A Bugs Life

Children this week have been painting a variety of different insects, guided by the many illustrated resources we have in our library and those belonging to Mrs McMenomy. Our students really look forward to their Thursday afternoon art class as they explore the many different mediums and genres available to our students under the direction of local artist Mrs McMenomy.

Remember Sun Protection

Parents are asked to remind their children to bring their water bottles to school and wear their school hats when outside the classroom. Studies have shown that children who are better hydrated at school perform better than those who don't. For this reason we allow our students to have a water bottle on their desk.

The school provides sunscreen for our students during the day. We recommend parents encourage them to apply sunscreen as part of their morning routine before they come to school.



Thomas painting an insect, using illustrated drawings to guide him.

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Mrs Irvine made a delicious sponge cake for Miss Fredericks who finished her practical experience with us last Friday.



May blowing out her 8 candles for her birthday



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It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.

- Edmund Hillary

Thank You, Farewells and Birthdays

Our school has had many celebrations of recent. Miss Fredericks finished her "Prac" with us last week and we were very sad to see her go. We thought we would farewell her with one of Mrs Irvine's delicious sponge cakes. We wish her all the best with her teaching career and during Swim School Week Miss Fredericks agreed to come back and join us.

This is also the time of year where we have a lot of birthdays in the class. May turned eight last Friday. All the children were happy to celebrate with her.

May's mum made the most divine cupcakes for May to share with us. On the following Monday, William turned 12 with a chocolate and caramel ice cream cake made by his mum. David also had his birthday a couple of weeks ago.



Above: William turned 11 and celebrated with an ice cream cake. Bottom left: David had his 7th birthday not long ago and he had a happy face cake.

Christmas Raffle

The P&C will be again collecting for items to go into our Christmas hamper which will be raffled off at the school concert. If you are able to help, there will be baskets placed at the school and the Café for your contributions. Please note that Raffle tickets will be on sale from the first week of December.

The New NSW K-10 Syllabuses

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K-10 English, Mathematics, Science (both Science and Technology) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6, where essential foundation skills are developed.

The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students. To find out more information on this visit the Parents page on the Board of Studies website:
<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents>

Bella Musica @ Lauren's cafe

Sunday November 25 at 3pm.
\$15/person or \$30 family afternoon tea included.
Bookings essential.
Music from renaissance to modern by string trio Bella Musica.

Days Off School

As the year end approaches there is a tendency to let children have the occasional day off. Stay strong, especially after the weekend. Monday morning is hard for most of us and our children are no different. Getting a good night's sleep on Sunday is important. Some parents find it easier to do a bit of preparation on Sunday to give extra time Monday morning. This could be in the form of getting uniforms ready, finding shoes and socks, packing bags, bathing or showering at night instead of the morning and packing lunches. Schools are constantly monitoring patterns of poor attendance in order to rectify any problems quickly. Keeping in mind that one day a week off equals one year off school by Year 6.

The following reasons are considered by the DEC unjustified reasons:

- Going shopping
- Going to the movies
- Visiting a Friend
- Too tired or Slept in
- Missed the bus
- Car Broke down
- Hair appointment
- Homework not finished
- Minding younger brothers and sisters

Working Together With Our School Community

School Holiday Workshops

Wollongong City Gallery provides workshops and activities for children during school holidays. Artist-run activities include experimentation and investigation of various media in a casual and fun environment. Our next holiday workshops will be in January 2013. Participants must bring their recess and lunch for full day workshops. These workshops change regularly and sell out quickly so book early. Check the gallery's website for further details closer to the date or call 02 4228 7500.

Fantastic New Early Childhood Music Programme

Held At Penrose Public School 10.00 to 11.00am
Every Thursday.

To enroll please contact:
The Goulburn Conservatorium Inc.
Telephone: (02) 4821 8833
Email: catherine.rhodes@thegrc.com.au

Bundanoon Swimming Club

– commences Wednesday 21 November. Registrations will take place at the COLA, Bundanoon Public School at 3pm on 15 & 19 November and at the Bundanoon Pool on Saturday 17 November between 2-4pm when The Vitarose Swim School will be taking registrations for swimming lessons and squad as well. Looking forward to another great swimming season!

Marulan Christmas Family Fun Day

When: The 15th December 2012 commences at 3pm

What:

Loads of entertainment
Carnival Food
Rides
Face Painting
Show bags
Carols
Market Stalls
Santa Photos

Fireworks

Where: Marulan Soccer Fields

For: All proceeds go to the Goulburn Warrigal Care Dementia Unit!

Bring your family along for a fun filled afternoon. Have your picture

Taken with Santa and sing along to the carols before watching an amazing firework display.

Contact Tegan Denniss for more information 0429 960 005 or 4841 1862



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