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Term 1 Week 4

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2017 Swimming Carnival!



The Relay Team

By Euphrates Webb

The swimming relay team for this year is....**Ami! David! Heather! Lilly!**

The four champions are in the relay team again!

Well Done!

Penrose P.S Wins the Handycap Award!

By Euphrates Webb

Penrose Public School won the handycap award this year! We haven't received the trophy yet because another school still has it from last year, but we will hopefully get it soon.

Turn over to the next page for more information about the Swimming Carnival!

Swimming Carnival

By Heather, David and Lilly

On the 15th of February 2017 Penrose public school competed at the Bong Bong Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Here is what the students thought of the day.

Eternity: I enjoyed the swimming carnival because I got to eat lots of lollies from the canteen.

Lola: I enjoyed the swimming carnival because I got to swim in the cool water.

Mischa: I enjoyed the swimming carnival because I got to swim in the water and I enjoyed when my friends were cheering me on.

Luca: I enjoyed the swimming carnival because the school got the handy-cap award and lots of students got to district carnival. I also liked cheering for everyone.

Prue: I didn't like anything about the swimming, I only liked the food.

Ned: I liked the swimming carnival because I got to cheer for the other competitors.

Amelie: The first race I went in was 50 metres freestyle, but I was really nervous because I wanted to get into the swimming relay.

Illy: I liked the swimming carnival because everyone went so fast and the food was very yummy.

Mei: I liked cheering for everyone, it was fun.

Euphrates: I swam in the 50 metres freestyle and 50 metres backstroke. I was really nervous before the races but when I started racing I felt better. I liked cheering and it was fun.

Lilly: I liked the swimming carnival because I went in all the races except for butterfly and I got into the swimming relay. I was really nervous before the races but I felt better when I was swimming. I also enjoyed cheering everyone on and seeing what they came.

David: I really enjoyed the swimming carnival because I was able to go in every single race. I was very happy with my results except in my breast stroke when I came second Last. I also really liked cheering for everyone and they all did really well.

Oscar: It was boring, I sat in the sun waiting and looking at people swim in the water all day long.

Heather: I liked the swimming carnival because I was in every race and it was really fun. I am so happy that I got into the swimming relay and I was so nervous.

Here are the results:

David came 1st in 50 meters freestyle, 2nd in 100m freestyle 2nd in 50 meters butterfly. He came 1st in backstroke and got into the relay team. Heather came 3rd in 100 meters freestyle, 2nd in butterfly and got into the relay team. Mischa came 2nd in freestyle. Lilly got into relay team, Amelie got into relay team and the school got the handicap trophy. Over all it was a really good day.

Confirmed Diary Dates For This Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekends
Week 5	20th Feb Choir Music lessons	21st Robotics	22nd Scripture	23rd Art	24th Japanese Swimming Bundanoon 1:30	25th&26th
Week 6	27th Feb Choir Music lessons	28th Robotics	1st Mar Scripture	2nd Art	3rd Japanese Swimming for sport Moss Vale	4th&5th
Week 7	6th Mar Choir Music lessons	7th Robotics	8th Regional Swimming Dapto Scripture	9th Art	10th Japanese Swimming for sport Moss Vale	11th&12th

Australia and Japan's school difference

By Iroha Goto

My name is Iroha! I'm from Yamanashi in Japan. I will be at Penrose for 1 month.

Some of the differences between Penrose School and school in Japan is that here you can eat while you are working. Also you have to bring lunch, in Japan we are not allowed to bring any food to school. In Japan you don't have to wear uniform but you're not allowed to wear earrings.

Math is very long and difficult. In Japan we use two text books and a notebook. My school in Japan has about 320 people but Penrose only has 15 people.

At Penrose the students like to play handball but at my school friends like to talk together inside the classroom during free time.

In Japan each student has their own desk, but here everybody sits around a big desk.

Here we can use mechanical pencils and learn guitar.

Facts by Oscar

Did you know?

- A Puffin's bill changes colour during the year
- Fruit Flies were the first living creatures sent into space
- Sea horses do not have stomachs
- Flamingos can only eat with their heads down
- Sunset on mars appears blue
- Farting reduces high blood pressure and is healthy



Iroha Goto



Art by Amelie

In art the last few weeks, we have been doing abstract self-portraits with Edicol dyes. It was really fun because it doesn't have to look like you. The portraits are really bright and colourful.

Maths in the Next Few Weeks

By Euphrates Webb

The table below shows what each year is doing for the next several weeks. This will be in the newsletter that will come out every few weeks to let parents know what their children are learning in maths each week.



Week	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 6
5	Representing, Analysing and Writing Two-Digit Numbers	Working with Hundreds, Tens and Ones	Introducing 1000, Representing and Recording Four-Digit Numbers	Solving Problems Involving Money	Investigating and Analysing 2D shapes.
6	Using Take-Away Situations to Relate Addition and Subtraction	Using Near-Doubles Facts to Subtract	Using and Extending Twos and Fives Multiplication strategies	Working with Multiplication and Division	Investigating Mental Computation Strategies for Multiplication
7	Using Place Value to Record Two-Digit Numbers	Extending the Doubles and Near-Doubles Addition Strategies	Using and Extending Mental Subtraction strategies	Using and extending Mental Subtraction Strategies	Investing Geometric and Number Patterns

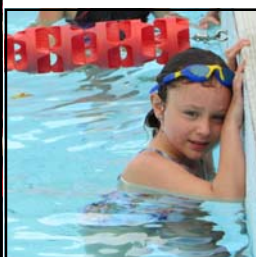
Swimming Carnival Photos



Penrose cheer leaders ready to cheer for the next race.



David getting his award for back-stroke.



Mischa exhausted after her race.



Heather and Lilly getting ready for their race.

Principals Report

Welcome to 2017! Working alongside me with the students this year will be Mrs Ellsmore each Tuesday and Thursday. Andrew Lawrence is supporting in the classroom Mondays and Wednesday and also leading Robotics each Tuesday afternoon. Alex will continue with Japanese language lessons and lunches each Friday. Peter Gillis has kindly agreed to continue as our versatile General Assistant until the position has been permanently filled. In our office each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday you will find the cheerful Mrs Nobbs. We all look forward to working with our wonderful supportive community this year!

Jenelle Lawrence

ICAS Test dates

Digital Technologies	Tuesday 23 May
Science	Tuesday 30 May
Writing	Monday 12 – Friday 16 June
Spelling	Wednesday 14 June
English	Tuesday 1 August
Mathematics	Tuesday 15 August

If your child wishes to take part in the ICAS testing this year please inform the school as soon as possible so that we can enrol your child into their chosen subjects.

Is your child interested in contemporary dance?

Sydney Dance Company's Youth Program for 2017 are holding holiday workshops from 10-21 April as well as contemporary youth classes on Sundays for Ages 8-11 from 2.30-3.45 pm. Their location is Pier 4, 15 Hickson Road, Dawes Point, NSW. To book you can enrol online at sydneydancecompany.com

Homework

This year we are trying a new personalised approach to homework in order to make it meaningful to each student.

In addition to Spelling words Mrs Ellsmore or I will add to each students book work that they need to revise or practice. This may mean that apart from spelling and nightly reading your child will not have any homework some weeks!

Book club

The next Book club will be in week 9. Please see the information sheet about how to order books on-line using the the Book Clubs LOOP system. There is no need to return the paper order forms to school with payments as it will all be done through LOOP.

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