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Term 1 Week 6

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## The term so far.....

It has been a very busy start to the year and it's hard to believe we are already half way through the term!

On February 18, we attended the Bong Bong Small Schools swimming carnival at Mittagong Pool. The weather was great for swimming. We were proud of all students for their effort and behaviour on the day. Congratulations to Lola for her first and second places and the relay team (Lola, Ned, Isaiah and Jacob) who went on to represent our school and Bong Bong at the Wingecarribee District Carnival which was held on 20 February. A huge thank you to the P&C and parents who made and brought a variety of yummy fruits and treats to sell on the day.

As a result of their swim at District, the relay team is off to the Regional Carnival next week! Thank you to Prue who will be joining the team for this event. We wish them all well and know they will give it their best.



## Swimming Lessons

Every Wednesday afternoon we have been going to swimming lessons at Vitarose Swim School in Bowral. These lessons have been beneficial to not only our beginning swimmers but also for those who are now working on stroke correction.



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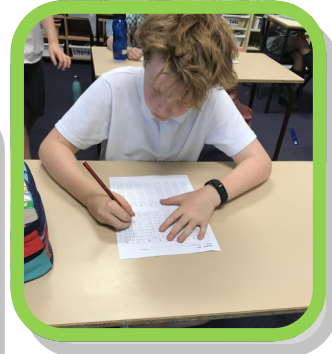
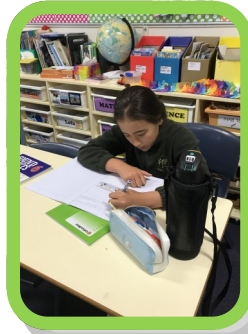


## The Garden.

Students are enjoying all of the fruit that is growing in the school garden at the moment, including raspberries, blackberries, peaches, strawberries and apples. They definitely don't last long before they are taken and eaten!



## Work and Play.



## The chickens have arrived!

This week our chickens arrived and the students have been so excited (so have the staff to be honest!). Thank you to the Thomas Hughes family for donating them. It has been a longer than anticipated process, but a valuable one for the students to see a project from the beginning design process, through to the culmination. We will be selling the eggs for \$5 a dozen.





In 2019, Penrose Public School will again be participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Challenge dates: 4 March 2019—30 August 2019.

You must read a certain number of books to complete the challenge.

K-2 students can read the books on their own, read with someone, or someone can read to them.  
3-6 students must read the books on their own.

To have a look at book choices and to learn more about the PRC, go to:  
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

## Creative Kids Voucher

The NSW Government is supporting kids to get creative with the NEW Creative Kids program. Similar to the Active Kids program, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a \$100 voucher per year



to use for creative and cultural learning activities outside of the school curriculum. These activities could include music lessons, drama and theatre, language classes, visual arts, coding and design.

Every NSW school student will be eligible for a \$100 Creative Kids voucher, as well as a \$100 Active Kids voucher per year.

For more information visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>



## Writing

This week, some of the students have been learning how to add more detail to their descriptions of settings. This included using five senses, similes and metaphors (comparing objects), personification (giving objects human characteristics) and onomatopoeia (words associated with the sound it makes eg BANG!). Here are some examples of their great work.

The snowy landscape is covered in a carpet of white. There are no birds to sing, no lions to roar, only the howling wind to be heard. The only smell is the cold air, no perfume of flowers. The harsh frozen air, the stingy cold wind and the melting ice is overwhelming to any being who darts across their frozen doom. The frozen river and iced rocks lie beneath the pink-tipped clouds and next to white covered mountains that are at monsterring heights. The snow eats the landscape away until the mountains are no more.

By Prue.

I trekked past a dazzling, beautiful waterfall surrounded by lush vegetation, full of colour. I heard the water splashing in the pool at the bottom of the waterfall. The trees, tall as skyscrapers, were creaking in the wind, causing quite a racket. Trip! Splash! Plop! I fell into the sweet, fresh-smelling waterfall! I swam through it to the edge and dragged myself onto the rug of grass and passed out. When I came to my senses, I first noticed the faint aroma of wild foods. The second thing I noticed was that I was lying on wet living stone. My eyes shot open and I sat up. A figure stepped through some bushes.

By Jasper

The waves crash onto the soft sand, seagulls cry and fly away into the blue and orange sky. The sweet, tropical scent filled the air. The sun's reflection glimmers in the rippling water. The salty waves dance across the shore. My toes dig into the gentle sand. The clouds glide gracefully across the pastel sky.

By Luca.

The big, dark waves SMASH against the shore like old enemies. The sun reflects off the water looking at you. The deep yellow sand warms your feet while you walk through the green, beautiful palm trees. The smell of the intense salt blends with the sweet tropical fruit. You feel the water on your feet when a small breeze blows by. You get out of the water as the waves are like thunder.

By Ned.

The forest around me is alive with the sounds of the birds and the animals. There is a soft dripping on the water. The tall reaching trees provide a blanket over the damp undergrowth. But suddenly, I hear another sound. It isn't the water or the birds or the small creatures. It is a jaguar. Dun DUN DUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Isaiah.

## Coming up:

**13 March** Regional Swimming Carnival

**29 March** Cross Country

**Every Wednesday:** Swimming lessons (final lesson on 3 April).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## TWILIGHT TENNIS

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 4PM**

**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE MOST WELCOME**

For further information please contact Caroline Hartley on  
0410 652 268



Information from the Penrose RFS Captain:

### **Fire Information for around Penrose or areas you're travelling to**

From <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/emergency-information>

Check out the RFS' [Fires Near Me](#) page for current incidents, also available as a free Android or Apple app.

- Listen to local media, ABC local radio goes to Emergency broadcasting in high danger periods
- Check social media such as [NSW RFS Facebook](#) and [NSW RFS Twitter](#)
- Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 679 737
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service
  - TTY users phone 1800 555 677 then ask for 1800 679 737
  - Speak and Listen users phone 1800 555 727 then ask for 1800 679 737
  - Internet relay users connect to the NRS then ask for 1800 679 737

**To report a fire or emergency** (TTY users only), access TTY 106.

### **Neighbourhood Safer Place**

Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency. Penrose's is the **RFS Station** at 281 Kareela Rd opposite the Mill. **REMEMBER** it is better to have implemented your **Bushfire Survival Plan** and have left early.

Information on the conditions at the Station and what you should bring is on the link below  
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places>