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Term 1, Week 6

Coming up:

Regional Swimming Carnival: Wednesday 9 March

Bong Bong Cross Country: Thursday 24 March

Welcome back!

A huge welcome to returning and new students and their families, for what will be another year of fun, friendships and learning.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Kelly and Ms Whitfeld for all of their hard work last year at our school and wish them all the best. They are currently working at Avoca Public, which is a part of our Bong Bong small schools network. Ms Whitfeld is also at Wingello Public. No doubt we will be able to stay in contact and meet up at events, which will be great.

Welcome to Miss Paige Kennedy who is our new School Administrative Manager (SAM). She will be working on Thursdays and Fridays and every second Wednesday.

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your notes about homework. If you haven't yet, can you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Return and Earn:

We're collecting eligible containers to redeem for a 10c refund each under the NSW's Return and Earn scheme. It's a great way for students to get involved in recycling, help reduce litter and raise money for the school.

You can help by bringing eligible containers and drop them off in the office or in the designated bin.



Penrose Public School - encouraging confidence, responsibility, awareness and adventure.

Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. **Justified** reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as **unjustified**.

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

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Reminders:

Supervision before school does not start until **8:30am** so please do not drop off your children before this time. There may not be two staff on site before 8:30, so students can not be on site while there is only one adult.

Students need to arrive at school in time for the start of the school day which is **9am**.

Remember to bring in a labelled drink bottle, hat and jumper every day.

Swimming Carnival:

Congratulations to Gia and Olive who represented our school at the Bong Bong Small School swimming carnival on 3 February. Gia was the Junior Girls Champion. They both swam exceptionally well and we are very proud of them.

Both girls went on to represent Bong Bong and our school at the District Carnival on 23 February. Gia competed in 8 events and Olive competed in one. Gia will be continuing on to represent us at the Regional Carnival which will be held on 9 March and we wish her well.



