



UPDATE

No. 2 Date: 22/06/2018 Week 8 Term 2

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at this week's School Assembly. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



Ethan Baddock	Makayla Crouch	Jeremy Harris	Sunnee Murtikos
Harley Baker	Finn Cullinane	Benjamin Harrison	Bailey Nugent
Gemma Boersma	Evelyn Dacey	Jack Hoppe	William O'Neill
Lily Boersma	Ashton Danks	Joseph Kitching	Will Peake
Skye Boyden	Patrick Dawson	Lachlan Konwerski	Annabelle Priest
Harrison Brown	Charlotte DeBono	Peter Koulouris	Owen Riddell
Emilia Buhs	Anna Edwards	Maisie Lamont	Lachlan Roberts
Lara Buhs	Sienna Evans	William Lister	Adele Wade-Ferrell
Luca Burchall	Joseph Fitzpatrick	Maxwell Lovric	Lola Whitsun-Jones
Max Carroll	Aidan Francis	Summer Mamo	Hayden Willingham
Alannah Collins	Emily Hall	Kevin Momoh	Daniel Woods
William Crighton	Mathew Hall	Elizabeth Mulhall	Zachary Zalan-Pipe

Family Learning Conferences (FLC's)

In the final weeks of Term 2 and the start of Term 3 the school will be hosting focused meetings (FLC's) between parents, teachers and students to discuss student learning for Semester 1. Notes have been sent home to selected classes with instructions to book online for the FLC appointment. **Classes 1C, 1S and 6H** will host FLC's in **Week 9** and **Grades K & 2-6** (excluding 4CH and 6F) will have their FLC's in **Week 10**. **4CH and 6F** will have their FLC's in **Week 1 of Term 3**. Details will be sent home to these classes shortly. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss areas where students have shown progress and development and to set goals for the next semester and broadly plan how these can be achieved over the next half of the year. Student Reports will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 3.

FINANCE

Term 2 School Fees

Thank you to all the families who have finalised the Term 2 School Fees or who are currently on track to paying off the school fees in instalments. If you are not up to date with your fees, please pay them as soon as possible to avoid further reminders or risking escalation to the School Fees Management Unit in Parramatta. If you are having difficulties paying the school fees, please contact the school to organise a formal payment arrangement plan or to discuss the options available.

Finance - Notice Period

If a student is to be removed from the school, a term's notice (10 school weeks) must be given to the Principal in writing or a full term's fees will be payable. This ruling forms part of the School Fee Management Policy and is available on the CEDP website <http://parra.catholic.edu.au/school-fees>. When signing the enrolment form all families agreed to these conditions. Sometimes certain circumstances are unavoidable, and these cases can be put forward in writing to the Principal to forward onto the School Fees Manager at CEDP, who then makes the final decision on all cases.

Cheree Brown, School Finance Secretary

School Opal Card Reminder

Parents are asked to please remind your child/ren to tap on/off when travelling by bus to/from school. Transport NSW rely on tallies from this process to accurately account for the number of students travelling on each bus so that the correct number of buses for each bus route are booked for our school. Incorrect readings often result in overcrowding on buses where an extra bus is required, or a bus route may be taken off our school booking altogether. Thank you for your consideration of the impact this has on our students' safety and comfort for school travel.



Kids with Cancer & Bring a Teddy to School Muffi Day Friday 6 July (last day of Term 2)



We will be holding a muffi day on the last day of term to raise funds in support of the work of the **Kids with Cancer Foundation**. Children are invited to **dress in warm comfortable clothes** (with appropriate footwear), to **bring a gold coin donation and a teddy bear**. Thanks for your support of this worthwhile organisation.

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2018 School Sports Carnival – 29 June at Glenbrook Oval

Permission notes and details of our upcoming Sports Carnival were sent home on 7 June to all students K-6. Please complete your child's Permission Note, Parent Volunteer response (if applicable) and student BBQ Order (if applicable & with correct money) **and return as soon as possible. All BBQ pre-orders are due back NO LATER THAN Tuesday 26 June.** A separate form for each child is required. If preferred, students may purchase food on the day. The BBQ is open to parents and students. In the event of wet weather, the back-up date for the carnival is Thursday 5 July (Week 10).

DIARY DATES

2018 TERM 2 Week 9	Monday 25 June	12.30pm Assembly – No item 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	26	Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day – selected students 3.30 – 8.00pm Family Learning Conferences for 1C, 1S & 6H
	27	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Kindergarten attending 3.30 – 6.30pm Family Learning Conferences for 1C, 1S & 6H
	28	8.30am Staff Prayer 9.00am – 1.00pm School Band
	29	SPORTS CARNIVAL AT GLENBROOK (K-6)
Week 10	Monday 2 July	12.30pm Assembly – 2E presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	3	3.30 – 8.00pm Family Learning Conferences for K & Years 2-6 (excluding 4CH & 6F)
	4	8.30am Staff Briefing No Parish Mass 11.05am Principal's Morning Tea – selected students 3.30 – 6.30pm Family Learning Conferences for K & Years 2-6 (excluding 4CH & 6F)
	5	8.30am Staff Prayer Back up Date for Sports Carnival 9.00am – 1.00pm School Band 3.30 – 4.30pm Spirit in Action – Parent & Student Celebration
	6	Mufti Day for Kids with Cancer TERM 2 CONCLUDES
School Holidays		
TERM 3 Week 1	Monday 23 July	TERM 3 COMMENCES 12.30pm Assembly 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	24	3.30 – 8.00pm Family Learning Conferences for 4CH & 6F
	25	8.30am Staff Briefing 3.30 – 8.00pm Family Learning Conferences for 4CH & 6F

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Penrith City Children's Choir - 2nd Project for 2018: Penrith City Children's Choir (PCCC) is open to all children 7-13 years of age. PCCC operates on a project basis with each project consisting of two to three Sunday afternoon workshops ending with a performance. There are no auditions – all you need is a love of singing. Boys and girls aged 7-13 years are invited to join PCCC's **2nd project for 2018 - The Elements, directed by Lucy McAlary.** **Workshop Sundays** will be held on **1 July (Part 1), 29 July and 5 August (Part 2).** Children may participate in Part 1 or Part 2 or both. No auditions! Just come along if you love to sing, act and wear costumes! For further information **contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser, on 0418 202 849** or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

Skills for Kids Playground Skills Camp: The camp is designed for children in Kindergarten to Year 3 who have difficulty knowing how to play in the playground, how to make friends, how to keep friends. Children learn about greetings; joining in; having a go; following rules of a game; starting and continuing conversations; understanding and communicating feelings (e.g. anxiety, anger); persevering with games and friends; winning and losing in competitive games/sport; problem solving; developing resilience; recognising and responding to feelings; dealing with conflict; co-operating; unstructured play and being confident. **When: 9-13 July 2018, 8-12 October 2018 and 21-25 January 2019, 9am to 12pm each day. Where: At a local school in your area. Cost: Option 1 - \$495:** Portfolio of visual supports to use at home, to share with your child's teacher at school, Group parent feedback. **Option 2 - \$585:** Option 1 plus verbal report via phone after camp discussing your child's participation. **Option 3 - \$675:** Option 1 plus written report documenting progress, describing main strategies, providing recommendations. **Option 4 - \$875:** 1:1 targeted support enabling learning for children with higher support needs. Prices subject to change. For enquiries or further information contact **Skills for Kids on 02 4739 0267** or email contact@skillsforkids.com.au or visit the website at www.skillsforkids.com.au.

Naidoc Week at Our House - 10 July 2018: As part of Naidoc Week NSW Parliament is hosting a fun day filled with activities for the whole family on **Tuesday 10 July, 2018 from 10am – 2pm.** Activities include: Didge & Dance, Aboriginal Art & Crafts, Wiradjuri Language Workshops and Storytelling. Join us for the whole event of just drop in for a little while. Sausage sizzle on the day (\$3 per sausage sandwich). Bookings not essential. For more information **phone 02 9230 2047**, email: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au, website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au. This event is organised by the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc (AECG) in association with Parliamentary Education.

Sent Home Recently

- Year 5 Canberra Excursion Payment Details Note (*salmon*)
- Family Learning Conferences Note – all classes except 4CH & 6F
- Design and Make Note to Year 1 (*mauve*)
- World Youth Day 2019 Raffle Note and Tickets (*blue*) – selected students
- Diocesan Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day Permission Note – selected students
- Captivate Showcase Ticket Order Form – selected students
- Year 5 Gold Day Note
- Kindy and Year 1 Pizza Day Note (*green*)
- Staff Leave Announcement for 6F (*illac*)
- Staff Leave Announcement for 4CH (*lemon*)