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Principal's Report

STUDENT LEADER SPEECHES 2019

A huge congratulations to our wonderful Year 5 students who presented such wonderful speeches explaining why they would like to be considered to be one of our school leaders in 2019. How fortunate we are to have so many worthy and capable students. We are very proud as a school and know how proud you are as parents and our community must be. Good luck to all the students who had the courage to put themselves up for these positions. A big thank you to the Mums, Dads, Teachers, brothers and sisters who supported our students in the preparation of their speeches. Well done!

ABORIGINAL CELEBRATION

What a fantastic afternoon we spent together celebrating our partnerships with our Aboriginal families around their children's Personalised learning Pathways. Our students were so excited to share with their parents their progress and achievement of the goals that they had set together at the commencement of the year. Well done to all our students for their fantastic work, our teachers for their great efforts to make this happen and to our Aboriginal parents for their strong connections with our classrooms. A big shout out and thanks to our Aboriginal Education Committee of Ms Bates, Mrs Sayle, Mrs Dyball and Mrs Nelson for all the work that they did to make this afternoon such a wonderful success!

P&C MFFTING

What a fantastic final P&C meeting for 2019. I would like to start by congratulating and thanking our wonderful 2018 P&C Executive for the happy, committed and tireless work on behalf of our school community. They have done an exceptional job this year! A big shout out to Sam Ivimey, Belinda Adams, Kelly Wilkinson, Natalie Kitchin and Jo Auld for their leadership and drive! At the November meeting, we were very excited to have a demonstration of the Airus fan solution for our hall.

It looks amazing! A big congratulation to our 2019 executive committee.

President:Natalie
KitchinVice
Presidents:Sam Ivimey &
Michelle PearceTreasurer:KellySecretary:Belinda Adams

Wilkinson

We look forward to another great year!

CHRISTMAS PICNIC

We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather on Thursday but the forecast isn't good. We will keep you posted on Thursday via email and FACEBOOK if the weather changes our intentions. Otherwise I look forward to seeing you all come along for a lovely end of year Christmas Picnic to celebrate being a school community together.

REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home on Friday December 14. If you have questions or concerns in regards to your child's report or progress, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher before the end of the year.

PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLY

Congratulations and well done to the students who will be receiving their Blue, Maroon or Principal's Awards this Friday. Please remember that our Award Booklets carry over to next year so keep them safe and ready for the first Class award in 2019.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBY

We look forward to celebrating our student and school achievements on Monday December 17 at 9.30am. We look forward to sharing our successes with everyone!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

The celebrations continue with our beautiful Year 6 Farewell at the Penrith Paceway on Tuesday night. We look forward to

sharing this very special night with our Year 6 students and their families. Following this on the next morning, our assembly will be celebrating the journey that our Year 6 students have had at our school. All Year 6 parents are invited to a morning tea following this assembly.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Our students' final day of school for 2018 is Wednesday December 19.

2019

Just a reminder that students in Year 1-6 commence school in 2019 on Wednesday January 30. Our Kindergarten students will commence classes on Tuesday February 5.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY

What a fantastic year we have all shared together. A huge thankyou to our wonderful staff for their commitment, hard work and joy at working for our students. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support of our school programs and initiatives and for working with us to achieve your child's goals and our school priorities.

Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy some quality time with your fantastic children.

We look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Adam Wynn Principal

Christmas Food Drive



Wow! A big thankyou to everyone who donated, what a caring and giving community. We have received so many donations for our Christmas Food Drive for *Mama Lana's Community Foundation*. A massive thankyou to our wonderful SRC and Miss Vella for all their help.

Thank you for caring

Mrs Wendy Wright Coordinator

Have You Met? Program

We had so much fun learning different things that different teachers like, it was awesome knowing that we weren't the only ones who hated olives and mosquitos. It's sad knowing it's our last year here but we enjoyed typing, and seeing all the teachers differences and connecting with those differences. It was frustrating that some of the computers had no collaboration, and wouldn't work but it was all worth it in the end. A special thanks to Mrs Hetherington who chose us to do this job, and thank you to Ms Harding who helped us along the way.

From Daniela Hrnjacki and Tayah Harrington.



Lost property

Our lost property basket is overflowing with items of clothing, jumpers, lunch boxes, library bags and other bits and pieces. Please head over before the end of term and have a look if there are any items that might belong to you child. It is situated outside the kindergarten block near Tessellate, Mrs Thompson's classroom. Any un-named items will be disposed of at the end of next week.



Library News

Thank you to everyone who searched for and located their overdue library books. If you believe you have returned your book and keep getting an overdue notice will you let me know so I can check the shelves for the missing resource.

If you are in Year 6 it is very important to get the books back before you head off to high school or a replacement fee would be appreciated.

I would sincerely like to thank all the parents who participated in the book covering mornings and to all the helpers who took numerous amounts of books home to cover. If you still have any covered books at home could you please return them by the end of the week.

Have a very Merry Christmas and may 2019 be a positive and happy year for you all.

Mrs Rose Antonelli

Edinglassie Nursing Home Visits – School Leaders



Each fortnight four student leaders visit the Edinglassie Nursing home.

The students engage with the residents and play UNO. We have lots of fun and the residents enjoy our company and time.



These students along with the year 5 and 6 choir visited today for our annual Christmas

thank you. We sang Christmas carols and performed some songs from School Spectacular. The students baked cookies and slices and we gave them to the residents.

Thank you for always representing our school with respect and pride.

Ms Susan Harding





Kindergarten 2019

Is your child beginning school for the first time in 2019?

Please click on the link below for a guide about how to prepare your child prior to commencing Kindergarten.



https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/getting-ready-for-school.pdf

Transition to High School 2019

Is your child transitioning to High School in 2019?

View the link below to download a helpful checklist for parents.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/starting-high-school.pdf

Daniel Attard Assistant Principal

NDIS services provided at school

Students whose learning is impacted by disability may be receiving support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Our school works with providers of therapy services who are funded through a child's NDIS support plan in a number of ways to help ensure that therapy services meet the needs of children and young people and support their participation in learning. This may include contributing to therapy assessments and planning therapy interventions.

Sometimes, therapy services are delivered on school grounds after consideration by the Principal, having regard to the impact of the service on the student's participation in teaching and learning activities and the impact of the service on other students.

The NSW Department of Education and the National Disability Insurance Agency recommend that therapy services for children's disability needs funded through a child's NDIS support plan are best delivered outside of school time. This allows the school to focus on teaching your child and all other students and ensures your child does not miss out on important learning time.

If you wish your child to access an externally funded provider on school grounds, you will need to make a written request to Mr Wynn prior to any service delivery in 2019. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter. If you need further information, please contact Mrs Patrick or Mrs Harding.

Alison Patrick Assistant Principal Wellbeing

e Newsletter App!

Just a friendly reminder that our school newsletter can be accessed via the Schoolzine app called SZapp. So far we have 124 community members already utilising the app. Visit the link

below for instructions about how to download the app using Apple and Android devices. The SZapp also allows you to receive updates and alerts from school.

http://www.schoolzine.com/szapp-installation

Kind regards,

Daniel Attard
Assistant Principal

P & C News

As the end of the year is getting near I would like to let everyone know at our last meeting we held our AGM. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who attended and we have elected a new P&C Exec Committee. The Roles were filled by the following people.

President Natalie Kitchin 2 Vice Presidents Sam Ivimey and Michelle Pearce Secretary is Belinda Adams Treasurer is Kelly Wilkinson.

I would like to thank this year's Exec Committee for your hard efforts, you all worked hard with all our volunteers, supporting parents, caregivers and our wonderful community.

We also held our General Meeting last Tuesday where we had Luke from Airius Fans visit us. He demonstrated how this particular fan worked. These fans can reduce the ambient temperature by 7-8 degrees Celsius and will also work well to keep our kids warm in conjunction with our heaters to distribute the warm air within the hall. After looking at several options, we as a P&C decided that we would approve these fans as being the best value for money for our school hall and they will be installed sometime in the New Year.

This Thursday 13/12/18 is our Annual Christmas picnic. This year we will be moving in a new direction in regards to our food supply at our Christmas Picnic. As always, you are welcome to bring your own picnic. However this year we will be having food trucks as they are very popular at events at the moment and we have been sure to find something to suit everyone's taste buds. The food trucks attending on the night are selling Pizza, Gozleme, "Fusion-different types of food" and Ice Cream. So why not shout the family a night out, try something new and support these local businesses and in turn, most importantly, our awesome school. All trucks that are attending are commission based businesses, so a portion of what they take in on the night will be donated back to our P&C so we can purchase some wonderful resources for our great students.

The P&C will be selling our famous Christmas Guessing Competition tickets on the night. The prize pool is huge this year with 75 prizes up for grabs VALUED over \$5000 so make sure you get your tickets, if you haven't already, and remember you have to be in it for your chance to win. There will also be guess how many lollies are in the jar competition. Guesses will cost \$1 each and whoever guesses the correct number or closest to the correct number will be given the lolly jar as well as an extra special gift.

I would like to thank the following businesses that have donated to our Christmas Picnic Guessing Competition this year:

Throw Axe, Crowne Plaza Terrigal, Matt's Skip Bins, Holiday Inn St Marys, Priceline, Tony Ferguson's Terry White Chemmart High St Penrith, Look Good Feel Great Boot Camp, Ripples Penrith/St Marys, Wet N Wild Sydney, Dymocks Westfiled Penrith, Scenic World Blue Mountains, Dance Boulervarde North Penrith, Harvey Norman Lighting Penrith, Nepean Aquatic Centre, Penrith Whitewater, Officeworks Penrith, Discount Hair Centre Westfield Penrith, Eva Bory's Neapean Aquatic Centre, The Joan Sutherland Centre, Outback

Steakhouse Penrith, Innervate Massage Therapy, Tangled Hair Westfield Penrith, Blue Sox Baseball Game, K12 Academy Penrith, Cake Art Penrith, Cold Rock, The Creative Fringe Minchinbury, St Marys Leagues Club, Rashays Penrith, Westpac, Back To Basics Kingswood, Local Edge Marketing, Gifts from Wonderful Parents, The Warwick Warwick Farm, Burns Outdoor Obstacle Training, Trim Fruit & Veg Shop Westfield Penrith, Carly's Crafty Creations, Unreal Mini Golf, Penrith Slot Car & Hobby Centre, The Chicken Run, Roni's Home Depot Penrith, Steggles, Toad's Kitchin Cupboard, Sweet Health, Go Bananas, Museum of Fire Penrith, Memorable Wicks, Heritage Terrace Cafe', The Three Chocolatiers Westfield Penrith, Cambridge Gardens Physie, Louise Jade, Nadia's Cafe Westfiled Penrith, Messina Westfield Penrith, Entertainment Book, Bakers Delight Penrith and Aqua Golf Penrith.

A heads up for the new Kindergarten parents. After you drop your children off on their first day come by the P&C table for a cuppa and something to eat. If you need a shoulder to cry on we will have the Kleenex and a friendly ear ready to listen to you.

Our pre-loved uniform shop is up and running. Thank you to everyone who has purchased from us since we have reopened. The uniform shops last day will be Thursday 13/12/18. If you have out grown any uniforms that are still in good condition and you would like to donate please feel free to drop them into the office so we can help another child.

Student Banking

I would like to thank our lovely banking ladies. They have been inundated with students cashing there tokens in the last few weeks. They ask if everyone could be patient with them as they are trying to get everyone's rewards back to students before the end of school. The prizes are coming from Queensland and postage takes longer this time of year. Students that have cashed in there prize last week or and this week probably won't receive their prize until next year. Our apologies. The ladies sometimes run out of tokens so to solve this problem they keep a record on the computer as well. They would like to thank all the students for banking this year and they wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Finally I would like to thank everyone again for helping and supporting our P&C this year. We enjoy organising events for everyone and would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Natalie Kitchin President

Calender Events

2018

13.12.2018	Christmas Picnic
13.12.2018	Nursing home visit
14.12.2018	Principal's Assembly

14.12.2018	Talent Show
17.12.2018	Presentation Day
18.12.2018	Year 6 Farewell
19.12.2018	Last day of School for students
19.12.2018	Year 6 Farewell assembly
29.01.2019	Staff Development Day
30.01.2019	Year's 1 - 6 return to school
30.1.2019 - 4.2.2019	Kindergarten Best Start appointments
05.02.2019	Kindergarten's first day

Installing SZapp

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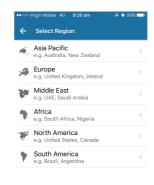
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- 2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
- 3. Download and install SZapp.

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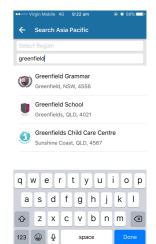
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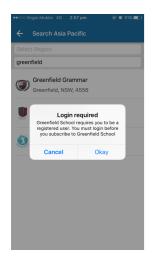
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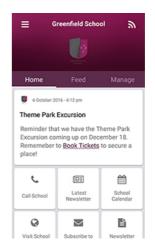
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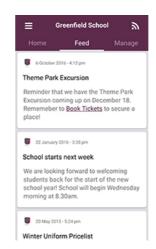
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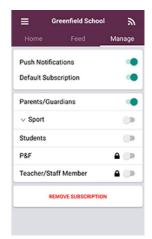
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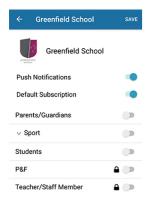
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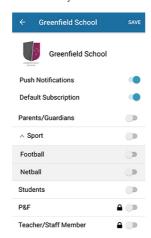


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