



*"Learn Wisely, Live Proudly"*

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## ***From the Principal - Mrs Maraga***

**30 March 2016**

### **K-2 Easter Hat Parade was a festival of colour, feathers, bunnies and chocolate!**

Our Easter Hat Parade provided an opportunity for our younger students to show off their creations as they paraded in front of our enthusiastic visitors who delighted in cheering them on. We were entertained with the singing of Easter songs to bring on the festive mood.

The P&C have continued to support our very exciting Easter celebration with the annual Easter raffle. This year the combined efforts have raised just over \$4000. Thank you to all of our families that participated in this fundraising activity.

### **Regentville PS Welcomes Pre-service teachers from Western Sydney University and Australian Catholic University**

Our school continues to support the Great Teaching, Inspired Learning Blueprint for teacher quality in NSW by providing opportunities for pre-service teachers to receive high quality professional experience as part of their teacher education programs. Currently the school is hosting eight pre-service teachers. We welcome our teachers who will be working with KL, KS, KJ, 1A, 2F, 3A, 4H and 4G throughout the coming weeks.

### **Gold and Silver Awards Presentation Assembly**

This Friday will be the very special presentation assembly where we congratulate our recipients of Silver and Gold Awards. To reach the goal of achieving either of these awards is testament to each child's ongoing commitment and persistence in their education.

### **School Photos to be taken on Thursday 7 April**

Next Thursday is the day to ensure shoes are shined, uniforms are pressed and hair is primed and preened. It is school photo day, an exciting time to capture a moment in your child's school life. Children are required to wear their summer uniform for the photos.

### **School Disco is a fun celebration for the end of term**

The first disco for the year is scheduled for Thursday 7 April. This is a really exciting event for the children who get to dance along with their friends and teachers!

### **Reading goal for each and every child in the holidays!**

I would encourage each and every child to read every day during the holiday. Parents can support this by setting aside a special 'reading time' each day. It is not necessary to always listen to children read, but rather give them a space to sit and enjoy the delights of reading! Visiting the local library to borrow books can be a lovely family activity to do in the holidays and it is free!

### **What makes a good book for young kids?**

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

Dates for the Calendar	
<b>31 Mar</b>	School Cross Country
<b>1 Apr</b>	Gold and Silver Assembly
<b>5 Apr</b>	Anzac Service at Penrith Paceway for SRC students Yrs 2 - 6
<b>7 Apr</b>	School Photos (see item)
<b>7 Apr</b>	Disco (See item)
<b>8 Apr</b>	School Anzac Service - 10.15am
<b>8 Apr</b>	Term 1 ends
<b>27 Apr</b>	Students return Term 2
<b>3 May</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>4 May</b>	Mothers Day Stall
<b>6 May</b>	District Cross Country

Payments Due	
8 Apr	General School Contribution \$45 per student or \$90 per family (Instalments can be paid at any time)
29 Apr	Fairfield City Museum Year 1 & 2 \$25

### School Photos—Summer Uniforms to be worn

Photo envelopes were sent home today for school photos which are being taken on Thursday 7 April. Please return the envelope ON THE DAY of photos as they are given directly to the photographers.

If you would like to have a Siblings Photo, envelopes can be picked up from the front office and also returned on the day.

**Please note that every student needs to return their photo envelope even if the money is in a siblings' envelope.**

If you require further information about photo day please contact the front office.

### Star Performers

- Well done to the students who represented us at the Royce Simmons Shield Rugby League last week. The A team finished third and the B team were runners up.
- Congratulations to all of the swimmers who competed at the Sydney West Swimming last week. Tegan, Loghan, Isabella and Jaidah are going to the State Carnival for the Junior Girls Relay, Chloe is going for 11yrs Backstroke and Tegan is going for 200IM, 50 Freestyle, 50 Butterfly, 50 Backstroke as well as the relay.
- Well done to all of the milliners who produced some fabulous hats for the Easter Hat Parade last week. It was a great sight.
- Thanks to the P&C helpers who created 205 prizes from the eggs brought in for the Easter Raffle. They raised just over \$4000.

# Term 1 Disco

**Thursday 7 April**

**K-2 5.30pm to 7pm**

**Tickets at the door**

**3-6 7.15pm to 8.45pm**

***Doors will close 15 minutes after the start time and not open again until after the disco, for safety reasons.***

## **Price List**

**Tickets \$3.50**

**Drinks/water \$1.50**

**Chips \$1**

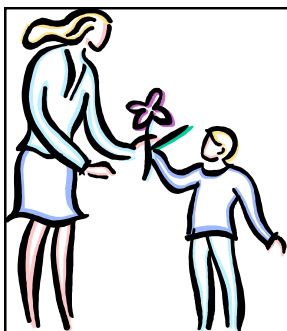
**Wicked Fizz 50c**

**Geckos 50c**

**Glowsticks 50c each or 3 for \$1**



- To help move everyone into the hall as quickly as possible, we would appreciate the correct money for entry into the disco.
- We have large numbers of students attending the disco and we ask parents and toddlers to stay outside the hall to maximise the space for the students.
- Volunteer helpers at the disco will be easily identified by coloured badges.
- Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their children at the hall as it will be dark and there have been students left unattended waiting for their parents at the gate.



## MOTHERS DAY STALL

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**ALL GIFTS \$5.00 EACH.**

Please send in the correct money with your child on the day. Students are only able to purchase **ONE** gift during their shopping time with their class.

The Hall will be open at recess for students who wish to purchase a second or third gift.

### WANTED: PERSONAL SHOPPERS.

Regentville P & C have openings for a number of "Personal Shopper" volunteer positions for our Mother's Day Stall. These positions require dealing with the most discerning of customers - our children!!

No experience required - just 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours of your time.  
To be held on WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY - meet 8.45am at the Hall.

If you are interested, please leave your name and a contact number with Sally Simmons in the canteen. Our success depends on volunteer help, so please help by getting involved.

Julie Baltazar (Fundraising Coordinator)







## Nepean Creative & Performing Arts High School

Audition Applications are now open for Year 7 2017 in:  
Circus | Dance | Drama | Music – Instrumental | Music Vocal | Creative Arts

Closing date | 3pm Thursday 31 March 2016

Auditions will be held from May 23 to June 3 2016

Applications can be downloaded from the school website enrolment tab.

[www.nepean-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.nepean-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)



# CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

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## HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE LECTURES



Penrith City Library will be hosting a series of Higher School Certificate (HSC) lectures during the second week of June, to support local students in the lead up to their examinations. The subjects on offer will be English, Mathematics 2 Unit and Modern History. All of our guest speakers are senior qualified teachers and HSC markers in their area of study. More detailed information will be available after the April school holidays. Please check the library's [Facebook](#) page regularly for updates, and look out for posters in the library for further information.

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## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

### SCIENCE CLUB - Term 2, 2016

Have you ever wanted to create weird and crazy science experiments? Well now you can at our Crazy Science Club with 'The Crazy Scientist' each week at Penrith City Library! Our Science Club experiences enable maximum learning and fun, with creative activities designed and explained by a qualified and experienced teacher. The activities are tried and tested to engage at many levels, using a mix of everyday materials and specialised science equipment. Science Club now also includes robotics!

**WHO:** For 6 - 12 year olds

**TIME:** 4:15 - 5:15pm

**DATE:** Thursday 28 April - Thursday 30 June

**COST:** \$200 for the term.

Look inside for all our great school holiday activities!

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 21 MARCH

All events are held at Penrith Library unless stated otherwise. Bookings are essential! Tickets sell fast so be quick to avoid disappointment. There will be no refunds or exchanges for tickets purchased. Family shows are \$5 per person and every adult and child attending must have a ticket. Workshops are supervised by professional performers and library staff. All accompanying adults can attend our workshops for free. Your feedback is appreciated. To provide feedback about our family shows or workshops please email the Library's Children's team at [bkaun@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bkaun@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au)

## FAMILY SHOWS

### VAUDEVILLE SPECTACULAR

with Benny O, Wednesday 13 April

International artist Benny O entertains the children in this action packed show featuring circus, dance, magic, clowning, comedy and plenty of audience participation. Benny O blends his experience as a street mime artist, performer at the Commonwealth Games, award winner for balloon sculpting, show producer and director, and circus performer with his dynamic energy to enthrall the children with this fantastic show that is not to be missed!

**WHO:** For the whole family

**TIME:** 10:30 - 11:30am

**TICKETS:** \$5 per person (children under 2 free).

### CIRCULAR CIRCUS

with Ring Mistress Heidi Hoops, Wednesday 20 April

Roll up, roll up for the Circular Circus! Ring Mistress Heidi will present an outstanding array of fabulous things you can do with a hula hoop. Watch as she spins them around her finger tips, top hat, knee caps and tippy toes. See how many she can spin at once, but be prepared to give her a helping hand because she can't do it all on her own. Come along and enjoy the comedy, magic rope tricks, illusion, juggling, lasso, hula hoops, LED hoops, fabulous costumes and audience participation.

**WHO:** For the whole family

**TIME:** 10:30 - 11:30am

**TICKETS:** \$5 per person (children under 2 free).

## WORKSHOPS

### EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

with Del White and friends, Tuesday 12 April

Gain lifelong skills as you learn the basics of handmade needlecraft from the wonderful talents of Del and her friends. In this workshop you will have fun and improve your craft skills as you create covers for your MP3 player or mobile phone. It might just make a great present for Mother's Day!

**WHO:** For 7 - 13 year olds

**TIME:** 10:30am - 12:30pm

**TICKETS:** \$10 per child



# WORKSHOPS

## ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

with Anthony Head,  
Thursday 14 April

Build a robot and learn how to program it using LEGO Mindstorms EV3. Working in pairs, you will learn to control motors and use different types of sensors and connect them to a computer to program and control them.

**WHO:** For 9 - 14 year olds

**TIME:** 10am - 12:30pm

**TICKETS:** \$45 per child



## CLAY WORKSHOP

Na'ama Atzmon-Simon,  
Monday 18 April

Using colourful plasticine and inspired by the vibrant work of gifted animator Rony Oren, you will begin by making a friendly pet. You will then use clay to create a dwelling for your new friend, using coil technique.

**WHO:** For 5 - 12 year olds

**TIME:** 10:30am - 12pm

**TICKETS:** \$15 per child.



## REPTILE WORKSHOP

with Walkabout Reptiles,  
Tuesday 19 April

This quality educational and entertaining workshop features lizards, frogs, snakes and fascinating props. Children will learn about our environment and the importance of protecting the health of our planet.

**WHO:** For 5 - 12 year olds

**TIME:** 10:30 - 11:30am

**TICKETS:** \$12 per child.

## @ ST CLAIR LIBRARY

St Clair Shopping Centre  
Bennett Road

## WOMBAT'S WILD WEEKEND

with Em's Entertainment, Thursday 21 April

Wombat's Wild Weekend is a fun way to familiarise kids with our beloved Australian native animals. Wombat from the big smoke goes on an Aussie outback adventure, only to run into a sneaky Bower Bird who seems intent on ruining his weekend getaway by stealing all his socks! Join Wombat and his new friends, including: Kerry Koala, Dingo, Kookaburra and Joey the Kangaroo while they band together to stop the pesky Bower Bird. Fast paced, and full of catchy songs, Wombat's Wild Weekend has proven to be a hit with kids Australia wide.

**WHO:** For the whole family

**TIME:** 10:30 - 11:15am

**TICKETS:** Free. Please collect from St Clair Library





## SUMMER READING CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following people who were winners of the Summer Reading Club. Each of these fantastic readers was the lucky recipient of a \$20 book voucher.

**Iman Dhillon**  
**Chloe Edgecombe**  
**Lachlan Hall**  
**Jayden Howarth**  
**Cody Luczak**

**Emily Mwando**  
**Pola Romanowska**  
**Hayden Snell**  
**Rebecca Trewin**  
**Reuben Trudgett**



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## 2016 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 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. The PRC is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The Challenge opens on 7 March and closes on 26 August 2016.

Penrith City Library has a great collection of books that are included on the PRC booklists. Titles can be located at all of our branches. Members can also access hundreds of PRC titles on the Overdrive website. Overdrive is available 24/7 to all members of Penrith City Library at '[penrith.lib.overdrive.com](http://penrith.lib.overdrive.com)'. Please speak to our friendly staff if you would like any advice about starting to use Overdrive.

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## STORY TIME WITH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN



As part of Penrith City Library's celebrations for the NSW Seniors Festival, join your grandchildren at Story Time. Enjoy singing, stories and craft with your precious little one.

<b>St Marys</b>	Tuesday 5 April 10:30 - 11:30am
<b>Penrith</b>	Wednesday 6 April 10:30 - 11:30am
<b>St Clair</b>	Thursday 7 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Look out for our flyer for more information about all of the great events that are being held at Penrith City Library branches as part of the 'Re-Imagine Ageing Seniors Festival'. Events include free talks, a technology workshop and a screening of the movie 'Gigi'. Bookings are essential for all events (excluding Story Time).