Congratulations to our newest leaders

Congratulations are extended to our School Sports House Captains and Vice Captains. These students were selected by their peers to lead their house teams throughout the year. The School Sports House Captains and Vice Captains were presented with their badges at the Primary Assembly last Friday. We wish them every success in their important leadership roles.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thank you to the many parents who visited our school on Tuesday evening for our ‘Meet the Teacher’ Evening. It is hoped that this evening provided an opportunity for parents to gain an insight into what is happening at our school and how parents can support their child’s learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As a result of school evaluations and feedback from parents and teachers we have decided to adopt a method of reporting to parents each term. This year we will be holding interviews in Term 1. We value communication with parents and look forward to welcoming parents during the week beginning 18 March. More information will be forthcoming.

Speech Pathologist Parent Forum

Throughout the year we will be holding a number of Parent Forums. These forums will provide an opportunity for parents to come along and learn about different aspects of what is happening at our school as well as learning how they can support their children’s learning at home. Our first Parent Forum will be held on Tuesday 5 March at 2 pm in our Library. Simon Astley, Speech Pathologist will be talking to parents about language development and how parents can assist their child’s learning. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.

P&C Annual General Meeting Tuesday 5 March

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 5 March at 7pm in our Library. This meeting will be followed by the General Meeting of the P&C. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Friendships to boost your child’s learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.
Well done to all of the students who are wearing their school uniform including the school hat. It was a great sight to see 661 students in the Regentville PS uniform at our Tuesday assembly.

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**Lost Property**

From time to time, students belongings go missing. Most end up in the lost property box in the sick bay. Some of those are recovered or returned to their owners because they are clearly labelled with the students’ name. The rest are left for a short period of time before being recycled through the school clothing pool. Clear labelling on students’ clothes and belongings is always the best way to ensure your child’s things are returned.

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**Payments for Excursions**

All notes that involve a payment include a payment due date. Payments can be made by placing the correct money in an envelope with appropriate details clearly marked on the front. The payment chute is located in the front office area. As the administration involved in processing payments is quite lengthy and involved, we appreciate your support with payments by the due date.

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**School Sports House Captains 2013**

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**Correction - P&C Fundraising Dates**

Mothers Day Stall is Monday 6 May

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**Star Performers**

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Easter Raffle
The P & C will be running their annual Easter Raffle and are asking parents to donate an Easter Egg (per Family) to go towards the prizes. The collection date for the Easter Eggs is MONDAY 25th March. VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR WRAPPING OF BASKETS ON MONDAY 25th March – please leave your name and contact details at the canteen. We are also requesting any unwanted cane baskets or Easter bags that can be used in the raffle. These can be taken to the canteen at any time. Raffle tickets will be sent home on FRIDAY 8th MARCH and tickets are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00 (1 book per family). Please include the person’s name and contact number as well as the student’s name and class (for delivery purposes) on every ticket. The money will be due back to teachers by FRIDAY 15th MARCH. The raffle will be drawn on TUESDAY 26th March.

2013 Term Dates
Term 1  Wednesday 30 January to Friday 12 April
(Easter - Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April)
Term 2  Wednesday 1 May to Friday 28 June
Term 3  Tuesday 16 July to Friday 20 September
Term 4  Tuesday 8 October to Wednesday 18 December

Voluntary General School Contribution
Last night, the P&C set the voluntary school contributions for 2013 at $40 per student or $80 per family. This money goes towards funding a variety of resources to support ongoing educational programs at our school.

Digital Newsletter
As many of you are aware, the newsletter has always been available from the school website. Due to the increasing cost of producing almost 500 newsletters, from the beginning of next term we will not be sending home a paper version of the newsletter. There will be a limited number of paper versions available from the notes display case in the front office. If you are not able to access the internet at home to view the online version of the school newsletter, please return the attached slip to Mr Bamford so that a paper copy can be arranged. If you would like to discuss this matter further please feel free to contact Mrs Maraga or Mr Bamford.

I am unable to access the internet to view the school newsletter online. Please send me a paper copy with my child ______________________________ of class ______________.

Parent Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Blue Awards and Silver/Gold Trading System

Blue Awards are one of the many ways that teachers can acknowledge student achievements in the classroom. These awards are presented at Friday assemblies to students and records are kept of all students who receive an award.

Once a student has collected 4 Blue Awards they can bring them to school and give them to Mrs Garland (Kindergarten to Year 2 students) or Mrs Macleod-Jones (Year 3 to Year 6 students) to be traded in for a Silver Award. This can be done anytime up to the Friday two weeks before the Gold and Silver Assembly for each term. No awards can be accepted after this date as time is needed for staff discussions about students eligibility, printing of awards and sending home invitations to parents.

A Silver Award will be awarded to a student who has earned and submitted 4 Blue Awards and has also satisfied the criteria on the award,

“Very Good Behaviour, Consistent Effort, Positive Attitude, School Citizenship”

It is important to note that Silver Awards may be withheld from a student if they do not satisfy the criteria stated on the award. This is an important part of the process that protects the integrity of the award. Silver and Gold Awards are presented each term in the second last week at a special assembly and parents receive an invitation to attend the assembly to see their child receive their award.

A Gold Award will be awarded to a student who has earned and submitted 3 Silver Awards and has also satisfied the criteria on the award,

“Excellent Behaviour, Consistently High Effort, Enthusiastic Attitude, Outstanding Citizenship”

In addition to receiving Blue Awards from their class teacher, students can collect 4 smaller awards from Library lessons (with Mrs Healey), Computer lessons (with Mrs Farran McKee) and RFF lessons (with Mrs Scott) that can be traded for a Blue Award.

While this process may seem complicated the purpose is to acknowledge individual students on a regular basis and encourage the qualities outlined on the Silver and Gold Awards in all students.

If you require clarification about any part of this process, please contact Mr Bamford at school.

4 x Small Library Awards = Blue Award
4 x Small Computer Awards = Blue Award
4 x Small Music or RFF Awards = Blue Award

4 x Blue Awards = Silver Award*
3 x Silver Awards = Gold Award*
2 x Gold Awards = Honour Board*

* NB. These awards may be withheld if the stated criteria are not met.
‘Zero Tolerance’ to protect your child

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. If you’ve heard the expression “It’s only a matter of time until someone gets hurt” then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

**When an offence is detected - you will be fined and 2 demerit points will apply**

Illegal parking around schools endangers children’s lives

**FACT**
When a child is hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr they have a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr, that child’s chance of survival is less than 7%.*

*Source: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

**FACT**
Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

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**No Stopping**
What does this mean?
You cannot stop in this area for any reason.
Why is it there?
To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children & other pedestrians to avoid crashes.

**Bus Zone**
What does this mean?
You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.
Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers.

**School Zone**
What does this mean?
You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
Why is it there?
To provide safe places for children to be picked up - usually associated with Kiss & Ride zones.

40 km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.

NOTE - Parking on footpaths/nature strips is an offence - fines can be issued including the loss of 2 demerit points.

A message from Penrith City Council Rangers
Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years are invited to the

**Singing Day**

of the newly formed

**Penrith City Children’s Choir**

**Sunday 10 March 2013, 2pm–5pm**

at Penrith Public School

If you love to sing, please join us!

No auditions.

Find further information and apply online at www.penrithcitychoir.com.au or contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser, on 0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au