Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Term 4 Week 8 25 November 2015

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Important Information for Parents

We have some exciting news from our library! Our new library system Oliver is up and running. Oliver is a web based interactive learning, teaching, information and library management tool for students and staff with vastly improved search capability. Oliver also delivers content such as eBooks and websites which students can also access from home. Oliver allows students and staff to search the school library, Google and other educational information sources at the same time. Thank you to Mrs Young and Mrs Edwards for all their work in implementing the new Oliver system.

The school Executive Team and I have been involved in the new School Plan External Validation Pilot process this term. This involves putting together an extensive school submission based on our School Plan with annotated evidence against the new School Excellence Framework, an Executive Summary and participation in a two hour external validation team meeting. I would like to thank Mrs Jeff, Mrs Clarke and Ms Napper for all their work in preparing for this validation in a very short time frame.
**Principal’s Gold Morning Tea**

Congratulations to all the students who have reached gold level and will be joining me for the Principal’s Gold Morning Tea. The morning tea will be held on Wednesday 9 December. Morning tea will consist of sausage rolls, cupcakes, watermelon, cordial and vegetarian quiche for those students who do not eat meat. The last day for the gold awards is Friday 4 December.

**2016 Orientation Sessions**

Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Ms Napper for organising and welcoming our new Early Stage 1 and Opportunity Class students, parents and carers to our school. Thank you also to our P&C Executive Committee and parents for organising morning tea for each session.

**Students Not Returning in 2016**

We are currently working on our class organisation for next year. Please inform the school in writing if your child/children are not returning to our school (except for Year 6) as soon as possible. Please also inform us in writing if your child/children will be starting late next year including the date they will be starting in 2016.

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) 2016**

If your child is due to commence Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) in 2016 and is not enrolled, please do so at the office immediately.

**Absence Notification Through Skoolbag App**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who are promptly advising their children’s absences through the Skoolbag App. We are having some issues with the “Away Start Date” and the “Away Finish Date” notifications.

If your child is away for one day the “Away Start Date” and the “Away Finish Date” will be the same date. Some notifications are putting the finish date as the following date which means your child is recorded as being away on consecutive days. Please make sure the correct dates are entered for absence notifications.

**New NSW K-10 Syllabuses**

Since 2014 all NSW schools have been part of the staged implementation of the new NSW K-10 syllabuses. These syllabuses are based on the new Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

In NSW the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) has further developed the NSW syllabuses to include Australian curriculum content and more detail that clarifies learning. As a result, Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K-10 English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K-6) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6 where essential foundation skills are developed.

The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

In addition to subject based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. These include Australian curriculum cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas.
At Kingswood Public School all teachers are teaching the new NSW English, Mathematics and Science and Technology syllabuses. This year the teachers are also working with new History syllabus for full implementation next year. The new Geography syllabus will follow after the implementation of the History syllabus.

The Department of Education is currently reviewing the way we report to parents. Reports will change to reflect the requirement of the policy standards for NSW schools. You will notice changes to our Semester 2 report. Please note that these changes are ongoing and will fully reflect the reporting requirements once this has been decided by the Department of Education. Further information for parents can be found on the parent page on the BOSTES website http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents

Starting School Group
Our Starting School Group is in the Old Hall commencing at 9:15 till 11:00 and continuing every Wednesday morning in Terms 3 and 4. This playgroup is for children starting school in 2016 and is FREE to attend. Parents stay with their child during the playgroup and younger siblings are also welcome. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

New Attendance Policy
The Department of Education and Communities has released a new Attendance Policy. This policy highlights the importance of students attending each school day. Students who are frequently absent or are late for school miss vital learning experiences that may affect their educational, social and emotional wellbeing.

All parents have a responsibility to ensure that children attend school each day and to notify the school as soon as possible if their child is away. If your child is absent parents are required to provide the school with an absence note explaining why they were away. If your child is absent for 2 days or more (without notification from parents) the school will contact you to find out why they are absent and why the school was not notified. If your child is absent due to illness the school can request a medical certificate from the doctor. Please ensure that a written letter or notification through the Skoolbag app is provided upon your child’s return to school.

Schools have a legal requirement to record student attendance. A significant change to the policy is the expectation that students who travel within Australia or overseas for a holiday do so during school holidays.

If students are going on holidays during school time an Application for Extended Leave – Travel must be completed by parents before travelling with copies of the itinerary attached. This absence will now be counted towards a student’s total absence and be recorded on your child’s Semester reports. Please consider the impact on your child’s learning before taking leave during school time. The Application for Extended Leave – Travel is available from the office. A Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel will be issued if the leave is approved. Please note that parents are responsible for supervision of children whilst on extended leave.

Letters are being issued to students who have been arriving early to school. Please note that supervision of students does not commence before 8:30am in the morning. Out of hours care is now available in our New Hall. If you require this service please contact Cubbyhouse on 1300 553 583.

Keeping Our Students Safe – Road Safety
Flashing lights have been installed at the front of the school to remind drivers to slow down to 40km in the school zone during school days. We are also very fortunate to have two Crossing ladies who assist in getting our students across the road safely.

Please take extra care when dropping off and picking up your child/children at the start and end of the day. It only takes a split second for a tragedy to occur. Please obey the traffic rules when parking and use the crossing.
Please also teach your child/children the importance of using the crossing and not walking through the staff car park which is out of bounds to all students at all times. We need to lead by example and work together to keep our students safe.

**Skoolbag App**
The app is free and is available to iPhone, iPad and Android users. Some of the key features of the Skoolbag app include push notifications, email, newsletters and GPS Directional Mapping. As the newsletter is now available on the app, we will no longer be sending hard copies home. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the office and the newsletter can also be accessed on the schools website.

There has been a recent software upgrade so please check if you have the latest version of Skoolbag App.

**Cubbyhouse Out of School Hours Care Service**
Cubbyhouse offers an out of hours school care service in the New Hall each school day. Please contact Cubbyhouse directly for more information and to enrol your child/children on 1300 553 583.

**Communicating with Staff**
If you have any issues or concerns in regards to your child’s schooling and wish to speak to your child’s class teacher or the Assistant Principals supervising the Stage or myself, please contact the office to make an appointment time. Please speak to the class teacher before speaking to the Assistant Principal or myself as we will refer you to the class teacher if you have not already spoken to them.

Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy during the school day and may be attending meetings before or after school. It is really difficult to get a class settled in the morning if there are parents trying to speak to the teacher.

**Excursion Notes**
Please note we do not accept hand written notes or verbal permission for excursion or other school events. A school permission note for each child must be completed for every excursion and or special event.

**Early Arrivals**
Please be aware the morning duty begins at 8:30am. Students are not supervised before this time. Please do not send your children to school before this time. If children need to be dropped off early, please organise before school care. Cubbyhouse OSHC can be contacted on 1300 553 583.

**Running Late?**
Please pick up your children promptly at 3pm if you collect them from school. If you are running late or have been delayed, please notify the school as soon as possible. Many children become distressed when parents are not there to pick them up at the end of the day. Children can be picked up from the office.

**Are Your Contact Details Current?**
Please let the office know in person or in writing if your contact details have changed including emergency contact details. If your child is sick or we need to contact you for any reason, it can be really difficult if the numbers are not current.

**Out of Hours After School Care Services off the School Site**
If your child attends an After Care Service off the school site please contact the Centre directly if your child is not attending on the day.
Some parents decide to pick their children up or vary their after school arrangements without
notifying the After School Care Centre or our office. Executive staff are then required to spend a
lot of time trying to find these ‘missing’ students. Your support in this matter would be greatly
appreciated.

Lost Property/Clothing Pool
Each term we have lots of lost property. Please label your child’s hats, bags, jumpers, lunch
boxes and drink bottles. Lost property is located in the brick building closest to the entrance and
exit gate. Due to hygiene issues, lost lunch boxes and drink bottles without names will be
disposed of.

The P&C operates the Clothing Pool each Tuesday from 8:45am until just after 9:00am in the
brick building located nearest to the front entrance of the school. Items can be purchased for a
gold coin donation.

Medical Conditions
If your child/children have any medical conditions that the school should be made aware of such
as Anaphylaxis or Asthma please contact the school office immediately and provide them with
their health care plan if you have not already done so.

Anaphylaxis
An increasing number of our students are being diagnosed with Anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the
most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a
medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system
(eg. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal, cardio vascular). A severe allergic reaction usually
occurs within 20 minutes of exposure to the trigger and can rapidly become life threatening.

Common triggers include food such as peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, fish, crustaceans
and soy are the most common food triggers, which cause 90% of allergic reactions. It is
important to understand that even trace amounts of foods can cause a life-threatening reaction.
Other triggers include insect stings, medication or such things as latex.

We ask for your support and request that all students do not bring to school any nut
products or foods that contain traces of nuts. This includes birthday cakes, cupcakes,
doughnuts and lollies.

If you would like more information about Anaphylaxis or have a child who has this condition and
you have not notified the school, please contact the office immediately.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Students – Change of Clothes
If your child is in Early Stage 1 or Stage 1 could you please ensure that you have a change of
underpants and track pants/shorts in your child’s bag in case of a toileting accident or wet
weather. We have a very limited supply available at school and we would appreciate your
support in this matter.

Voluntary Contribution
Each year families are asked to pay a voluntary contribution. The voluntary contribution is $40
per child or $70 per family. Thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution.
Your support is appreciated.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices
We discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school unless they are in the
Opportunity Classes and they are travelling from another area to the school.
Mobile phones must be handed in to the office each morning turned off and picked up at the end
of the day. If you need to get a message to your child/children please contact the office.
Electronic devices are not to be brought to school. Please note that the school takes no responsibility if a student brings an electronic device to school and if an electronic device is lost or stolen.

**Bikes and Scooters**
Students are able to ride their bikes and scooters to school. These must be chained to the bike rack during the school day. A helmet must be worn at all times that the student is riding his or her bike or scooter to and from school. The school takes no responsibility for bikes or scooters brought to school.

**Keeping Our Students Safe**
Help us to keep our students safe by not walking your children through the car park or driving into the car park. The **car park is for staff parking and deliveries only**. The car park is out of bounds to all students at all times.

Please be aware that Traffic Rangers will be patrolling outside the school both in the mornings and afternoons issuing infringement notices for traffic violations.

**Dogs in the School Grounds**
The *Companion Animals Act 1998 – Sect 14* states that dogs are prohibited from school grounds. Please do not bring your dogs into the school grounds as many students are frightened of dogs and we are trying to keep all students safe.

**School Website**
The school has a fabulous website that parents can access for further information about the school including permission notes and the school newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Hall and Mrs Proud who maintains the website. The website address is [http://www.kingswood-p_schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kingswood-p_schools.nsw.edu.au)

**P&C - Making a Vital Contribution to Our School**
The last P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held on **Tuesday 15 December 2015** at 2:00 in the staffroom. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Norma Petrocco
Principal

**Student Banking**
Tuesday 1 December will be the last day for student banking and to order prizes for the year for banking.

Mrs Cooper & Mrs Fahey
Voluntary Contributions 2015
Child’s Name/Names: ____________________________________________________

Class/es: ______

Enclosed (please tick):

☐ $40 per child (one child in family)

☐ $70 per family (2 or more children)

Signed: _________________________    Date: _____________
**Kingswood Public School Starting School Group**

**Starts July 22nd 2015**  
Every Wednesday Morning  
School Terms 3 and 4  
9.15am—11.00am  

**Stories & Games**  
Is your child starting school next year? Come along to a FREE playgroup that provides children and their families with a gradual introduction to school life.

**Group Activities**  
Bring a healthy snack, water and a hat!

**Art & music**  
Parents stay with their child during the playgroup, and younger siblings are welcome too.

**Visits to a classroom**  
Children not attending Preschool or Child Care have priority of access.

Call the school or Lisa Jackson on 0423 720 492 for more information.

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**Penrith Cinema in the Park**

**FRIDAY 4 & SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER**

**TIME: 6PM UNTIL LATE**  
Movie commences at dusk  
WHERE: REGATTA PARK  
River Road, Emu Plains  
**FEATURE FILM: FRIDAY 4 'UP'**  
SATURDAY 5 'DIRTY DANCING'  
**KIDS ACTIVITIES, FOOD FOR SALE**

For more information phone 0402 376 836

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**Penrith Christmas Lights**

**A Christmas lights experience for everyone!**  
Come and see the amazing lights with a special Aussie themed display and a great night for the whole family!  
This is a FREE event, with food available for purchase. Proceeds will go to local charity WestCare.

**OPEN FROM 7.30PM**  
LIGHTS ON FROM 8.30PM – 11.30PM

**Over two weekends**  
Friday Saturday & Sunday Nights  
**11-13 & 18-20 DECEMBER**

**At ImagineNations Church**  
Corner of the Northern Rd & the F4  
Inholm ph: 0416 3000

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**Penrith City Council**

[penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events]
# Canteen Menu 2015

## Sandwiches
- Egg or Egg & Lettuce (G, V, H) - $2.00
- Ham or Devon or Chicken Salad with 80c (G, H) - $2.70
- Tuna Salad with 80c (G, N) - $2.70
- Salad (G, H) - $2.80
- Vegemite or Jam or Honey or Cheese - $1.70

## Wraps
- Cheese Rokette - Melted Cheese (G) - $2.00
- Pizza Salad - Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Pizza Sauce (G) - $2.80
- Kids Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap (G, H) - $2.80
- Caesar Wrap with Lettuce & Mayo Add Chicken $1 (G) - $3.20
- Salad Wrap Add Chicken $1 (G, N) - $3.40
- Chicken Breast Schnitzel Wrap Lettuce & Mayo (G, H) - $4.00
- Hawaiian Wrap Chicken, Lett, Pineapple, Mayo (G, N) - $4.20
- Sweet Chilli Wrap Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (A, H) - $4.00

## Salads
- Coleslaw or Garden or Greek Salad Add Chicken $1 (G, V) - $3.50
- Salad Bowl Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese (G, V) - $4.50

## Burgers
- Fish Fillet Burger Lettuce, Tomato (G, H) - $3.60
- Chicken Burger 100% Beef, Lettuce, Mayo (A, N) - $3.60
- Hamburger Gourmet Beef, Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (G, H) - $3.60
- Veggie Burger (G, V, H) - $3.80
- Kids Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A) - $2.00
- Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A, H) - $3.80

## Hot Favourites
- Garlic Bread Large Roll (G, V) - $2.00
- Fish Finger (G, H) - $0.70
- Corn Cob (G, H, V) - $1.00
- Cup of Noodles Chicken or Beef (G, H) - $2.60
- Hot Dog with Sauce (G, H) - $2.60
- Chicken Nuggets Premium Bread (A, H) - $0.70
- Popcorn Chicken Premium Bread (A, H) - $3.00
- Hash Brown (A, H, V) - $1.00
- Potato Wedges With Sauce (A, H, V) - $2.00
- Cheese & Bacon Roll (A) - $2.00
- Mini Spring Rolls Vegetarian (A, H, V) - $0.70
- Nachos Beef Sauce & Cheese (A, H, V) - $3.50
- Hot Cakes w/ Maple Syrup (A, H, V) - $3.00

## Pizza & Pasta
- Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian) (G, H) - $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognese (G, H) - $3.50
- Macaroni & Cheese (G, V) - $3.80
- Butter Chicken & Rice (G, H, V) - $3.50
- Fried Rice (G, H, V) - $3.50
- Pizza Hawaiian OR Bacon & Cheese (A) - $2.60
- Pizza Slin Margherita (A) - $3.80

## Fresh Fruits
- Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon (G, V) - $0.00
- Fruit Salad Cup (G, V) - $1.50
- Grapes in a Cup (G, V) - $1.60
- Fruit Salad Bowl Large (G, V) - $3.80

## Snacks
- Fruit Nuggets 66% Fruit Gluten Free (V) - $0.60
- Jelly Cup Acid Fruit 50c (G, H) - $1.00
- Popcorn Fresh & Hot (G, H) - $1.00
- Yoghurt Vanilla (G, H) - $2.00
- Bread Sticks Pizza Flavour (A) - $0.20
- Yoghurt Filled Strawberry Bars (A) - $0.30
- Jj's Chicken Crackers (A) - $1.00
- Brownie (A, H) - $1.00
- Mamee Noodles (A, H) - $1.00
- Jumps (A, H) - $1.20
- Red Rock Chips Honey Soy (A, H) - $1.50

## Milk Drinks
- 300ml Choc / Strawbery / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) - $2.20
- 600ml Choc / Strawbery / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) - $3.50
- Up & Go Choc / Strawbery / Vanilla Breakfast Drink (G, H) - $2.50
- Hot Chocolate (A, H) - $1.50

## Cold Drinks
- Fanta 300ml (G, H) - $1.50
- Water 350ml (G, H) - $1.20
- Water 600ml (G, H) - $1.60
- Orchy 350ml Fanta - Apple or Orange (G, H) - $2.20
- Apple & Pineapple 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99% (G, H) - $2.20
- Diet Lemonade No Artificial Colours or Flavours 300ml (A, H) - $1.50
- Quench Flavoured Mineral Water 350ml (A, H) - $2.20
- Slushie 200ml (A, H) - $1.50
- Slushie 250ml (A, H) - $2.20
- Glee 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling Juice (A) - $2.20

## Ice Blocks
- Frozen Fruit Yoghurt (G, H) - $2.50
- Jelly Sticks (A) - $0.20
- Fruitee Ice (A) - $0.50
- Zeopper Dinger (A, H) - $0.80
- Sour Snap Apart (A) - $1.00
- Ice Money (A) - $1.20
- Paddle Pops (A, H) - $1.60

## Extra Combos
- 20c Cheese Tomato Beetroot Cucumber Carrot 40c Pineapple

## Monday
- Steamed dumplings (Prawn) (4 per serve) - $4.00

## Tuesday
- Sushi Rolls (Tuna or Chicken or Veg) - $3 Regular / $5 Large

## Wednesday
- Hokkien Noodles Chicken & Carrot - $3.80

**Notes:**
- (G) Green
- (A) Amber
- (V) Vegetarian
- (H) Halal