From the Principal
Thank you to the many families who have attended our recent school events. This term has been a great term for our students. The final term event will be our students performances at the Bidwill Festival this Saturday. We look forward to seeing you at the festival.

This week we have had the team from One Sight testing student's vision, with parent permission. Many students have been issued with an OPSM voucher for use at Mount Druitt OPSM. These vouchers are to provide further testing and complimentary glasses where required. If your child is issued a voucher you need to attend Mount Druitt OPSM to take up the offer of complimentary glasses to meet your child's vision needs. A big thank you to Mrs Cox for arranging this service for our school.

Our students are expected to both behave and speak respectfully, in line with our school rules. We often receive compliments for the manners our students display towards visitors to our school and when they are representing our school on excursions or at sporting events. I ask that parents and community members behave in the same manner when on our school grounds or attending school events outside of our school. In the interest of our students safety and well being, abusive and aggressive behaviour of adults will not be tolerated.

This Friday is the last day for Term 3, all students return to school on Tuesday October 6. There is not a pupil free day at the beginning of Term 4. The term ahead is a very busy one and an exciting one for our preschoolers as they prepare for their transition to Kindergarten and for our Year 6 students as they prepare for the transition to high school.

Have a safe and relaxing two weeks holiday from school.

Toni Thomas

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**Dates to Remember**

**September**

- Friday 18th Last day of Term 3

**October**

- Tuesday 6th First day of Term 4

- Wednesday 7th - Chase your Dreams
- Thursday 8th - World of Maths
- Wednesday 14th - Chase your Dreams
- Thursday 15th - Water & Sun Safety Talk
- M 19th - F 30th
  - Wednesday 21st - Swimming Scheme
  - Tuesday 20th - Stage 3 Camp
  - Wednesday 28th - Chase your Dreams
Bunya Awards

Congratulations for being Safe, Respectful Learners

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**Spelling Bee**

On Tuesday 8th September Lillian (5M) Phoenix (4B) and Judith (3/4Y) represented our school at the district spelling bee. The girls had very tricky words to spell and represented our school with pride.

**Swimming Program**

Years 3 and 4 students have now been given the opportunity to participate in the Swimming Scheme program. To secure a position please return money and notes ASAP as there are only 60 positions available and we are unable to accept more. The cost of the program will be $30.00 (non-refundable).

Program will be running from Monday 19th of October, 2015 and run for ten consecutive school days until Friday 30th October, 2015.

Money and notes including medical note are due by Friday 16th October, 2015.

Miss Creasey

**Public Speaking**

This week representatives from years 3-6 have been competing in the school’s public speaking competition. Good job and congratulations to Bailey (6C), Brooke (6P), Jyi (6P), Hayley (5G), Nicola (5G), Hasret (5M), Machilah (5M), Hannah (4F), Phoenix (4B), Terechia (4B), Jackson (3/4Y), Ella (3/4Y), Judith (3/4Y) and Norman (3/4Y)

Miss Yard

Our students from the Young and Deadlies and Pacific Islands dance groups, and our Bidwill Beats Drummers will perform at the Bidwill Community Festival this Saturday 19th September. We look forward to these students representing our school and playing for members of our local community. Students in these groups will need to meet at 10am at the Uniting church to change and prepare for our performance. The students will perform on the stage in Bidwill Square from 10.50 - 11.05am. Please come along to watch our students perform.

Mrs Julie Lewis

NSW GOVERNMENT

Education & Communities

Be SAFE
Be RESPECTFUL
Be a LEARNER
On Friday 11/9/15 year 5 and 6 went to the Police and Justice Museum. I, Tyleeka, of 6H attended it. We left school at about 9.00am.

We went on a tour of the museum, and we went to a room that had mug shots of people who were criminals, it also had guns that were used by bushrangers. We watched a video of one of the most famous bushrangers, Captain Thunderbolt. There were terrible special effects in the video and there were actual actors starring in it.

We watched a short role play being acted out by other classes that came on the Police and Justice Museum excursion. It continued with lunch at the opera house and a walk through the Botanic gardens. There we saw a lady tanning in the sun, and we also found some maps of the garden, which was huge.

We had a little play when we stopped to have a rest and something to eat, because mostly all the children were hungry from the big walk. We then walked past the harbour back to the front of the museum and caught the bus back to school. Mostly everyone went to sleep on the way back.

When we were travelling on the bus we played lots of games like corners, I spy, ducking under bridges and talked. We mostly talked about super heroes and games. When the bus got there, we had to rush across the road. The first thing we did was watch a video about bushrangers then the guide asked us what happens to bush rangers?

We went through the museum learnt stuff and came back in to the court people were picked for a play. I got picked to be the bush ranger. His name was John Vane his crimes were robbing a person and trying to kill an officer I had 2 lines and they were “No, your honour!” and “Yes, your honour.” When I was getting dressed the person said that I was the first John Vane to have an afro.

We had lunch at the Opera house. I ate all my lunch so I could get a free vegemite sandwich next lunch. The trip was nice and relaxing.

On Friday 11th September, Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Justice and Police Museum and we also walked around Circular Quay and the Royal Botanic Gardens. When we first got there we walked around the city and had lunch at the Opera House. The weather was beautiful.

After that we walked through the Royal Botanic Gardens and looked at the fish that were swimming in the harbour. I spotted two puffer fish. We took some photos in front of the Harbour Bridge and had something to eat under a tree in the gardens.

Next we walked to the Justice and Police Museum where we learnt about bushrangers and what happened in Sydney many years ago. We saw old jail cells and learnt about criminals and weapons. After that we were all part of a pretend trial where Bailey was a judge and Machilah was a criminal bushranger who was sentenced. It was a great day.
On Wednesday 9th September, 2015 students and staff in Stage One and the Support Unit attended an excursion to the Australian Museum in Sydney. The trip was full of fun, excitement and amazement. Our students had a fabulous day and they were the first school to experience the opening of a new exhibit in the museum. They even appeared on a channel of the evening news!

Our walk commenced with exploring the world of dinosaurs including skeletons, life-size models, skulls, teeth, claws and hundreds of other fossils. Students enjoyed the drama of a dinosaur stampede that occurred 95 million years ago in Queensland.

Strolling around exhibits displaying extinct animals, birds and insects, students had the opportunity to investigate the structural features, diet, habitat and behaviour of birds that live in Australia. They observed and explored invertebrates and investigated, how birds grow, live together and adapt to their habitat. Exhibits displaying Australia’s extinct creatures, helped students in creating links through time that relate the animals of the past with those of today.

Moving through the cultural and mineral exhibits students had the opportunity to explore over 20,000 ethnographic objects and precious minerals and stones. The ceremonial costumes and dance masks from the Torres Strait left a profound impression about spirituality and culture on our students. Students’ astonishment was evident through their exciting conversations related to fishing spears, canoes, sculptures and jewellery as they moved through in Garrigarrang - a sea country exhibition displaying Indigenous Australians’ deep connections with the sea.

The excursion provided a brilliant learning experience for our students and staff along with a memory to cherish for life.

Kush Mahajan
Excursion Organiser & Year 1 Class Teacher
Wednesday 9th September
Our visit with Kindy Red

Today we had our third visit to kindy red. Today we had some extra special visitors in the room, there were some special hunnies in the room for us to hold and touch. We loved all having a hold and feeling their soft fur. The Kindergartens then answered some of our questions that we wrote for them earlier in the day. We discovered that in kindergarten we do play outside and its lots of fun, we also learnt that you have to line up in primary school when you hear the bell ring and you don’t always have to hold your partners hand.

After they answered our questions we then learnt about patterns. We went into pairs and worked together on making a coloured pattern with our kindy buddy. We had lots of fun cutting out a snake first then cluing our coloured pattern onto the snake. We made lots of different patterns. Thank you so much Kindy red for answering all our questions and for helping us with our patterns. We can’t wait for our next visit and see what you do for sports.

Outcome 1.2 - Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency
2.1 - Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation
3.1 - Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing

Pedagogical practice:
PP3: Learning through play
PP7: continuity of learning

Where to next?
Continue with weekly transition visit with our kindy red class.
Learning Story From Preschool Kookaburras

Spring

An interest in seasons has emerged in our room, especially discussions about spring and what happens in spring. One of the observations the Kookaburra children made was that we had lots of flowers growing. As a provocation Miss Raheela brought in some flowers for the writing centre for the children to draw. Today this activity was very popular with Chelsea, Sophia, Emmerie and Hossanah. We had some beautiful discussions about flowers, including the colours and types of flowers.

Miss Raheela asked “What do flowers need to grow”?
Sophia responded “dirt and water”.
Hossanah added “sun and rain”.
Miss Raheela asked “Why do they need the sun”?
Chelsea responded quickly “to grow Miss Raheela”.
Miss Raheela then said “I wonder what would happen if flowers did not get any sunlight”.
Emmerie responded “it would close”
Sophia added “they would die”.

We also had great sharing and the girls used their words to resolve problems. They used strategies we had practised in class!
Learning Outcomes:

1.4 - Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect
2.4 - Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
4.2 - Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating
4.3 - Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another
5.1 - Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes

Pedagogical Practices:

PP1: Holistic approach
PP7: Continuity of learning

What next? Growing seeds/plants
Learning Story From Preschool Possums

Today we extended our interest in learning our names and cutting by creating our own name puzzles. Miss Louise had us find our name and then we used our scissors to cut the letters into pieces. Maddison noticed that Miguel, Michael and Mahalia all started with the same letter, Kayla and Jordan mixed their letters up on the table and carefully pieced them back together to create their name, Samuel cut delicately around each letter and glued it carefully onto the card. Sophie was very confident and repeated the experience a number of times. Holly was excited to find her name. Sometimes we found that we needed to use our memories, as a bit of a hint to remember the order that the letters needed to go in. Holly noticed her ‘y’ had to go up the other way. Kayla helped Sophie to piece her name back together and glue them onto the card. When we lost a letter Miss Louise encouraged us to use a marker to write it on a piece of paper and glue it in the correct place. Andrew and Yvette joined in the fun and created their name puzzle too.

Learning Outcomes 1.3 - Children develop knowledgeable and confident self identities 3.2 - Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing 5.2 - Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts PP3 Learning Through Play PP4 Intentional Teaching

I was very impressed with the cutting skills that you displayed in this experience. You carefully cut between the letters and then placed them on the table. I watched as you mixed them up and then tried your best to remember which order they needed to go in. You were very clever to spot the big letter comes first. In this experience you demonstrated your ability to recognise your name and use it to develop your fine motor and cutting skills. You were so proud of your achievement! NEXT I think we will continue exploring our names through other creative experiences.
World of Maths is a presentation of fun and educational, hands-on, problem solving activities which are highly engaging and will show children that Math’s can be fun!

Details of the Visit:

YEAR LEVEL(S): Stage 1 & 2 (years 1, 2, 3 & 4)
DATE: Thursday 8th October, 2015.
COST: $5.50
LOCATION: School Hall

Bidwill Public School will have a table set up at Bidwill Festival.

If you have any enquiries please come along for a chat and view some slideshows of our wonderful school.

Present this voucher to receive a free popcorn! (One per customer)

Prices:

Trampolines $15 for 1 hour
Skating $15 for 2 hours
Inflatables $15 for 2 hours (Under 10’s only)
Combo of all 3 $30 for 3 hours
All Day Pass $40
Giant Slide $5

Come on in for an out of this world experience!
Hockey Australia

FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR BEGINNERS

FOR: 5-14 year old boys and girls (no experience necessary)
WHERE: UWS Kingswood Campus, O’Connell St Kingswood
TIME: 9.30am – 11.30am
COST: $45.00 (price includes stick, ball, shin pads, mouth guard, shirt and tuition)
REGISTRATION: http://hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au/Find-a-Club

Free School Holiday Fun

Keep the kids entertained this school holidays!

Week 1: Drop and Shop - creative fun for the kids
Kids can enjoy up to one hour of free fun while you shop.
Drop your kids at the Stay ‘n’ Play Children’s Creativity Centre and they can enjoy up to an hour of craft, draw, paint and fun, while you take time to shop.
See the registration desk for details.

Week 2: Build, Create and Play in the LEGO® Brick Zone!
Come and see the giant LEGO® BRICK ZONE display and make your own LEGO brick creations in this fantastic free workshop.

Woolworths | Big W

Entry is $2 per person. That gives you one complementary sausage sandwich and the opportunity to win some great prizes.

Enter location Penrith, then click on Nepean Hockey Association, registration, then follow prompts.
FAMILY SHOWS
ARCHIBALD THE AWESOME CIRCUS MUSICAL
With Ms Emma Harris, Wednesday 23 September
There’s more than just entertainment in this visual and musical feast where children learn about their own INNER AWESOMENESS.
With fantastic costumes and sets, and larger than life characters, this fully interactive show is just good, old fashioned fun.
WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $5 per person (children under 2 free).

MIME & MAGIC SHOW
With Leo Bonne, Wednesday 30 September
The amazingly funny mime and entertainer Leo Bonne is coming back to Penrith City Library by popular demand. Leo will dazzle and amaze the whole family with uncanny, mime, comedy and magic! With audience interaction, clown gags and deadpan, you won’t be able to get the smile off your face.
WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $5 per person (children under 2 free).

WORKSHOPS
HENNA WORKSHOP
With Asmita
Tuesday 22 September
Learn techniques to apply henna and how to make henna paste. Asmita will apply a henna tattoo on you, or apply a tattoo on yourself or your friends. Take home a henna recipe.
WHO: For 10 - 15 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $12 per child

STAGE CRAZY DRAMA WORKSHOP
With Miss Em
Wednesday 23 September
Come on a journey of selfness and self-discovery, proving that even the shyest of children can shine on stage. Miss Em will share all her theatrical wisdom from voice warm-ups, physical workouts, theatre-sports games and simple scripts. Have fun and be silly while improving listening skills and self-esteem.
WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 1 - 2:30pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

HELP CHILDREN LEARN AND LOVE TO READ
Penrith City Library has a great range of resources to help our young members learn to read and develop a lifelong love of reading. Here are a few examples:

PRE-SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS
We offer a collection of beginner and trick books including alphabet and counting books.

PRE-SCHOOL TO GRAGE FOUR:
We have a great range of graded readers to help children learn to read, and gain confidence and interest in reading as well as other subjects. Many of the series in this collection are those used by NSW schools for literacy support.

FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS:
Suitable for children who have moved beyond easy readers but is not yet ready for full-length chapter books. Also suitable for reluctant readers in middle and upper primary through to lower secondary.

MIDWEEK EXTRAVAGANZA
TERM 4: CHESS CLUB
Chess club will continue during term 4. We hope to see our regulars and some new faces too!
For more information contact Barbinder on 4732 7890 or email blue@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

WORKSHOP CARTOONING WORKSHOPS
With cartoon Dave Hackett, Thursday 24 September

CARTOON ANIMALS
Learn to draw cartoon animals in this fully interactive cartooning workshop. Students of all abilities can discover how to easily access and implement their own creativity.
WHO: For 6 - 10 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 11:30am
TICKETS: $15 per child

MAKING UP MANGA
If you love anime you will love Cartoon Dave’s no-nonsense approach to cartooning. Be involved right from the start in this hands-on workshop. Improve your cartooning skills within a relaxed, fun environment.
WHO: For 11 - 14 year olds
TIME: 12 - 1pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

JUNIOR ROBOTS
With Anthony Head, Tuesday 29 September
Welcome to the world of robots with LEGO® Mr Dino. Robotics will be in pairs building models with motors and sensors and connect them to a computer to program and control them. Build the hungry crocodile, dancing birds, drumming monkey or airplane rescue.
WHO: For 5 - 10 year olds
TIME: 10:00am - 12:00pm
TICKETS: $30 per child

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP
With Del White & friends, Thursday 1 October
Develop your sewing skills as you learn the basics of handmade needlework from the wonderful talents of Del and her friends. In this workshop you will have fun and improve your craft skills as you create beautiful Christmas decorations to celebrate the upcoming festive season.
WHO: For 7 - 13 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $10 per child

ART WORKSHOP
With Naama Atzmon-Simon, Saturday 26 September
In this art workshop you will use foliage, tearing, collage and other drawing techniques to create a forest with hidden animals, following the art works of German artist Max Ernst.
WHO: For 6 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
TICKETS: Free. Please collect from St Clair Library.

@ ST CLAIR LIBRARY
St Clair Shopping Centre
Bennett Road
Penrith City Council
Classes start at 11am on the following dates:

Week 1: 21 - 25 September, and
Week 2: 28 September - 2 October 2015.

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