WHAT’S HAPPENING

WEEK 4
13th February, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
16th February, 2012
School Swimming Carnival.
17th February, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

WEEK 5
20th February, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
22nd February, 2012
Scripture begins.
24th February, 2012
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.

WEEK 6
27th February, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
2nd March, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

WEEK 7
5th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
8th March, 2012
Parent Course 123 Magic begins.
9th March, 2012
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.

WEEK 8
12th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.

16th March, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

WEEK 9
19th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35.
22nd March, 2012
23rd March, 2012
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.

WEEK 10
26th March, 2012
School Assembly at 12:35pm.
27th March, 2012
School photos.
30th March, 2012
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

WEEK 11
5th April, 2012
Last day for term 1.

Term 2
Week 1
24th April, 2012
Students return to school.

FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS
Money will not be accepted after these dates.
2012 School Swimming Carnival, $5 due by Friday 10th February, Please note that only children able to swim 50 meters or more are able to attend.

Security Services: Please report all incidents of Trespass and other Suspicious Activity on school Grounds to the Police – 000 (they will respond the quickest if needed); St Marys Police 9677-7499, or Crimestoppers – 1800 333 000, School Security – 1300 880 021 and Bez Corp Security 9835 6627
Welcome back everyone. My name is Matthew Plummer and I have been appointed as your new principal.

I have been principal for the last four years at St Marys PS. Before that I was acting principal at Noumea PS and I have worked at Crawford PS, Lethbridge Park PS, Dawson PS and Penrith South PS.

It is a great honour to be your new principal and I look forward to meeting all of you and working with your children. Please come up to me when you see me and say hello.

I would like to welcome back Ms Julie Gray, Mrs Julie Casey and Mrs Leonie Pirrotta who is returning from Maternity Leave. We have two new teachers starting at our school as well. A big welcome to Mrs Carmen Thornton (Assistant Principal) and Ms Hazel Palmer.

Matthew Plummer
Principal

CANCER COUNCIL AND SUN PROTECTION

In line with the school’s Uniform policy, the Cancer Council’s strongest advice and our goal to Be Safe (in the sun) the school is promoting the wearing of the school hat at all times when outside. This includes coming to and from school, going to the playground, going to sport and on excursions. This is the blue, wide-brimmed hat available from uniform shop. Many students K-3 would have this hat in their cupboards etc. A good number wear it to school on many days. We seek your assistance to remind your child to bring their school.

The school’s practice and policy is “no hat – play in the shade” / under the COLA. Teachers are enforcing this policy every day. Wearing the school’s blue wide-brimmed hat is to be encouraged.

REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

When looking at the attendance rolls it is wonderful to see so many students attend school punctually and regularly. These students are preparing themselves with the support of their family to have the best start for their learning. Students who start their school day in the classroom at the beginning of the day and are there right to the end are building strong foundations to build upon until their formal school life is completed. Congratulations to all these students.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child(ren) and their learning, please contact the school through the office and someone will follow up. Please remember the best person to speak to first is your child’s teacher.

Ms Doyle

REQUIREMENTS FOR 2012

Thank you for the continued support and assistance that you have given Bennett Road Public School throughout the year.
At the beginning of each school year children are asked to bring a number of items to school. Often parents find it useful to know the items so that they can be a part of the Christmas stocking or purchases during the January sales.

Some of the items brought in by students will be shared within the class. The items that the children of Bennett Road Public School will need to start with in the year are as follows:

### Kindergarten
- scrapbook (for homework), large box of tissues, solid glue stick (per term), library & homework bag (2 bags)

### Years 1 & 2
- Library bag, large box of tissues, exercise book for homework (138 pages), solid glue stick (per term), small pencil case with coloured pencils (Year 2 only) and a lead pencil for writing

### Years 3 - 6
- Large box of tissues, solid glue stick (per term), 2 lead pencils, coloured pencils, soft rubber, exercise book for homework - A4 book preference for Years 3&4, scissors, 30cm wooden ruler (cm/mm), library bag, a basic geometry set (Year 5 & 6 only), 1 red pen (Year 5 & 6 only), 2 blue or black pens (Year 5 & 6 only) and textas (optional)

**NO LIQUID PAPER**

Coloured book covers can be purchased for $2.00.

It is strongly suggested that Stage 3 students have a personal dictionary.

Classroom teachers would appreciate a **liquid soap** for their classroom use throughout the year.

All items including clothing should be clearly labelled with your child’s name and class.

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**NEPEAN CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.**

Nepean High School is a selective school for the creative and performing arts.

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Vocal, Visual Arts, Digital Media and Photography, are encouraged to apply. Local (in area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts Program must also audition or present a portfolio of work.

To be part of the **2013 Year 7** cohort of creative and performing arts students, or for more information contact the school on 4728 7200 or website [nepean-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nepean-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) for an application package.

**Closing date for applications is 28th March, 2012.**

A Baldacchino, Principal
Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School.

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GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The department’s parent resource School A to Z has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year.

The ‘Getting off to a great start webcast’ has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships.

The expert panel features advice from a child psychologist, an experienced family doctor and the department’s deputy director-general (schools) Greg Prior.


WE’VE GOT SCHOOL COVERED

Practical help for parents is available online at the School A to Z site. Created by the Department of Education and Communities, this is a thriving online community with comprehensive homework and school life support for parents that is easy to use, relevant and engaging. There are free apps to download, informative podcasts, videos and articles by experts in the field. Check it out and save it to your favourites: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

PENRITH R.S.L.HOCKEY CLUB

Do you and your family want to have more fun and meet new people? Then the Penrith R.S.L. Hockey Club is right for you.

We’re seeking boys and girls of all ages for our growing junior ranks. We’re a fun, family-oriented club. New players and parents all welcome, no experience necessary. Some parents have even become senior players themselves!

When:
• Juniors: Train Tuesdays at 5.30pm, play Friday evenings from 6.30pm
• Seniors: Train Thursdays from 7.30pm, play weekends from 8.00am

Training times to be confirmed by Nepean Hockey Association (NHA)

Where: Kingswood Hockey Centre, UWS Campus

Registrations: Sat 18-2 (10am-2pm), Wed 22-2 (6pm-8pm), Sun 26-2 (11am-3pm)

@Penrith RSL Club, 8 Tindale St, Penrith.

Please bring child’s proof of age.

Parents must join the RSL Club.

Enquiries:
Roy Cladingboel – 0410 533 635
penrithrslhockey@bigpond.com

FOUND:
We have 4 pairs of children’s glasses in the office, if your child has lost his/her glasses can you please call in at the office to check if they belong to your child.
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