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December
8th: EMHS Elements Tour 2-3pm in hall
11th: Presentation Day
   Yrs 3-6  9.25am
   Yrs K-2  11.45am
12th: Christmas Carols 6.00pm (school grounds)
14th: Year 6 Formal 6-10pm
16th: Last day of Term 4 for Students
17-18th: Staff Development Day
January 2016
27th: Staff Development Day
28th: Term 1 2016 Students Yrs 1-6 return
February 2016
1st: Kindergarten students commence
16th: Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6

Merry Christmas from the school Captains and Vice Captains
Our lost property bin is located in the school hall. There are quite a few items of clothing in the bin so if your child has misplaced something, please check there.

Please ensure your child’s name is on all items of clothing so that if it does go missing it is easy to identify the owner.

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2015-2016**

The uniform shop will be **closed** during the last week of term on **Tuesday, 15th December**.

**Term 1, 2016 — Opening Days and Hours:**

- **Wednesday, 27 January** 9:30am—2:30pm
- **Thursday, 28th January** 9am—2pm
- **Friday, 29th January** 9am—10am

From Week 2 the Uniform Shop will open
- **Tuesday** 9am—10:30am
- **Friday** 9am—10am

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**Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.**

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Further information and application forms are available from Mrs Bush.

Closing date for application forms is the **26th February, 2016.**

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SUPER CLINIC
COME AND MEET THE SYDNEY THUNDER PLAYERS

Sydney Thunder invites all children between the age of 5 and 15 to a FREE cricket clinic with the whole Sydney Thunder squad!

Wednesday 30 December 2015
9.30am - 11am Onslow Park, Camden • Ages 5 to 15
To register your child, go to www.sydneythunder.com.au/camdenclinic

GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE T20 ACTION

SUPER FUN, SOCIAL, SAFE & ACTIVE
IT’S CRICKET & IT’S A BLAST!

Campbelltown Holiday Camps – T20 Blast
Visit www.playcricket.com.au and register now under Campbelltown Junior Holiday Camps
Each day will contain around 2 hours of skills and 2 hours of games

When: Thursday 21st of Jan & Friday 22nd of Jan
Times: 8:30am – 1:00pm
cost: $99 All kids receive a bonus player pack!
Aged: 8-12 Girls and Boys
Location: Ruby Sports Complex, Ruby
Contact: Herman Jesty, herman.jesty@cricketnsw.com.au
Mobile: 0418 363 835

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/T20BLAST to find out more
P&C Christmas Raffle

First Prize: $1000
Second Prize: $500
Third Prize: Hamper valued at $150
Drawn 16th December at 12pm

Please return any sold or unsold tickets to the school canteen by Wednesday 9th December. Thank you for your support.

P&C Committee

PENRITH OBSERVATORY
School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics

ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday 12 December – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm
SPACE JUNK - Our planet isn't the only place we are leaving trash. Orbital debris, the collection of old or unused man-made objects in orbit about the Earth is a real problem to satellites, the ISS and rockets when they launch. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

Cost: Astronomy Nights: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory. What’s On
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: r.mecourt@westernsydney.edu.au
www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatory
www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory
www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory

Christmas Carols and Fireworks Spectacular

When? Saturday 12th December, from 6:00pm
Where? School grounds (or in the hall if wet weather)
What? BBQ, Icecreams, glo-ware, coffee cart, jumping castles, obstacle course, performances, carols concert, puppet show, fireworks!
(Alcohol and open flames are not permitted)
www.harringtonparkanglican.org.au  4648 1822

Proud Sponsor of our Care, Believe, Succeed Assembly
2A have been ‘bugging’ Mrs Murgatroyd this term while learning about mini beasts in our school backyard. We have been engaging in outdoor learning while exploring and researching information on bugs.

Did you know that snails have 4 tentacles, 2 for seeing and 2 for smelling! We have been sharing information and researching further to expand our learning.

This term we have also been looking at celebrations around the world. We have been doing lots of group work and finding out about local celebrations such as the Fisher’s Ghost Festival.

Did you know that the mysterious disappearance of Fred Fisher has created one of the longest running community events in Australian, dating back to 1956.

We had a wonderful ‘Grandparents’ day where we did some singing and dancing. The grandparents enjoyed joining in with the Emus and Kangaroo dance.

We have been planting sunflowers and enjoying some Cosmic yoga and relaxation.

We love using the XO’s and Ipads for research and reading and have been presenting projects on sun safely and celebrations.

During mathematics we like to use real life items to help us to learn. We have been exploring capacity and volume by measuring various containers. 2A have been problem solving using counters and blocks to make groups and share.

2A have had some wonderful parents and teachers helping in our room during reading groups and Mrs Murgatroyd is so proud of our improvements.

We are looking forward to presenting our Readers Theatre plays to the class. We love learning!
Student Banking
Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning before class and will be returned to the classroom the following day.