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July Wrap-Up

100 Days of Kindergarten

On Tuesday 29th of July we celebrated 100 days of kindergarten with children dressing up 100 years older! The students had a great time playing games and completing fun activities in the Kindergarten block with the fantastic teachers helping along the way. Special shout out to Mrs Rau, Mr Bale and Mrs Stoeckl for their amazing work with the youngest students in our school and to Ms Flanagan and Mrs Ivimey for their fantastic support.



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Staffing News

Class Relaxation- Mrs Julie Cheetham continues on leave until August 11. Ms Emma Szmytka will continue to work on Class Relaxation on Tuesdays. Mrs Ruth Rau will be absent for the next couple of days, so our Assistant Principal, Mr Beau Hunter will teach the class in her absence to retain continuity of learning. Both Mr Hunter and Ms Szmytka will be working with the class during Tuesday morning's Open Classroom.

Class Wellness- Mrs Laura Williams continues on leave until August 18. Mr Keiran McDonald will be absent this week. Miss Barbagallo will work on Class Wellness on Tuesday and Thursday. Our Assistant Principal, Mrs Rose Antonelli will teach the class in Mr McDonald's absence to retain the continuity of learning. Miss Barbagallo will be working with Class Wellness during Tuesday morning's Open Classroom.

Second Step Program

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and maths. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. This semester, our school will be using the Second Step program each Monday afternoon in our classrooms to teach these critical skills. This evidence-based program helps children develop their social-emotional competence and self-regulation skills.

The Second Step program teaches skills in the following four areas:

1. **Skills for Learning:** students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
2. **Empathy:** students learn to identify and understand their own and other people's feelings. Students also learn how to take another perspective and how to show compassion.
3. **Emotion Management:** students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
4. **Problem Solving:** students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

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This month, our school wide theme is our school as a welcoming place where every student feels like he or she belongs. In our school assemblies and daily interactions, we'll be reminding students to welcome others and act and speak in a way that reflects safe, respectful, proud, learner behaviours. The Second Step program includes lessons designed to support and reinforce these positive behaviours.

Support your child at home in welcoming others and acting and speaking in safe, respectful and proud ways. If you have any questions about the Second Step program, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Hetherington or Mrs Vella for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

Mrs Casey Hetherington and Mrs Alanna Vella

Celebrating 180 Years of the Penrith Show – A Weekend of Family Fun!

This year marks 180 years of the historic Penrith Show. Held at Penrith Paceway & Showground on August 30th and 31st, it is bound to be a weekend packed with excitement for the whole family! From thrilling FMX stunt shows and



2025 Penrith Show

30th & 31st August 2025

the wild Demolition Derby, to adorable animals, showbags, carnival rides, tasty food trucks, agriculture and art displays, stalls and more - there's something for everyone to enjoy.

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Teachers are keeping an eye out for fantastic student work to enter into this year's show. Whether it's a standout piece of art or an exceptional page of handwriting, students who go the extra mile might be chosen to represent Cambridge Gardens Public School at this exciting community event.

It's always a thrill to show what our talented students can do!

Mrs Sam Ivimey
School Learning Support Officer

Snail Trail Success!

What a wonderful day we had hosting our Snail Trail! It was fantastic to see every class working together and having fun. A special congratulations goes to class Relaxation and class Kalium for creating the longest trails! A big thank you to all our students and the wider community for showing such great support for Year 6. With your support we raised \$2522.00 which will go directly towards our Year 6 farewell later in the year.

Mr Tate

Engaging with External Providers

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to remind you about the expectations regarding external provider assessments for your children. When a teacher receives an assessment from an external provider, it is expected that this assessment is completed and returned to the relevant person within two weeks.

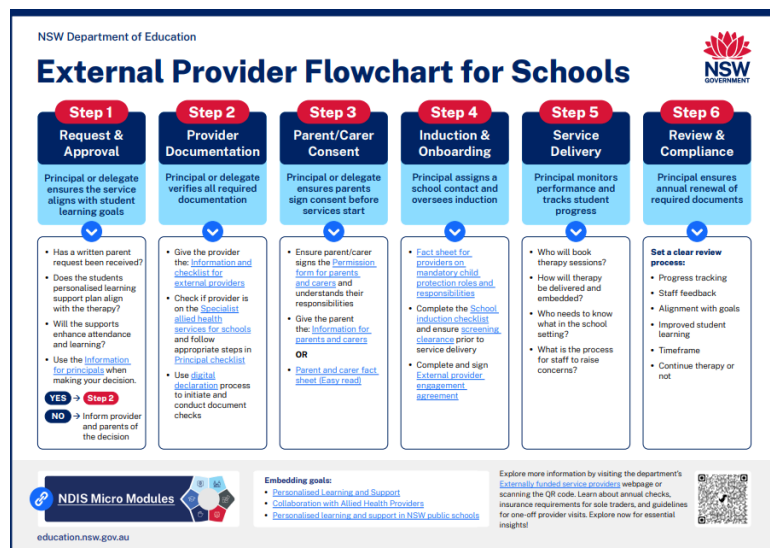
We encourage you to be aware of your child's assessment timeline and check in with the external provider regarding when they need this information. Planning accordingly will help ensure that all necessary documentation is submitted on time, supporting your child's health/learning journey.

Additionally, attached below is the process for parents wishing to have external providers engage with their child during school time. It is preferred that you engage with

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external providers off the school site. Where this is not possible, it is an option for parents and carers to meet with the external provider and child on the school site. It is important that you as the parent and/or carer is aware of the service being provided as well as providing needed supervision of the session.



Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Best regards,
Mrs Hetherington

Assistant Principal Student Support