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**PLEASE NOTE**

**Canteen News**

Canteen will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday 9th October 2013.
It will reopen on Friday 11th October 2013.
Remember to place orders by 9.00 am.
Thank you

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**Calendar**

**8 Oct**
P&C Meeting @ 7 pm
Halloween Carnival

**8 Oct**
Students return for Term 4

**17 Oct**
Science Day at TEP

**17 Oct**
Kindergarten Transition Parent Information Night @ 6.30 pm

**17 Oct**
Assembly @ 2.15—2/3Z

**22 Oct**
P&C Meeting @ 7 pm

**30 Oct**
Kindergarten Transition

**31 Oct**
Assembly @ 2.15—4/5H

**Saturday**

**2 Nov**
Halloween Carnival

**6 Nov**
Captain Nominations

**6 Nov**
Kindergarten Transition

**13 Nov**
Kindergarten Transition

**14 Nov**
Assembly @ 2.15—1M

**20 Nov**
Kindergarten Transition

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**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

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you are able to help with delivering Flyers around the local streets, hand your contact details in to the office and someone will get back to you.

Please consider prepaid ride tickets and save $5.00 per ticket. See your teacher and find out what stall the class is running and put your name down to help.

**When is it right to be "DOBBING"?**

No one likes the idea of "dobbing" but sometimes students might need to ask adults or another teacher for assistance to help solve a problem that they have with another person.

- Feel free to ask me for help if you've tried to solve the problem with no success.
- Let me know pretty quickly if it is a serious problem; i.e. if there is real danger to person or property.
- "Include me out" if you just want to get someone into trouble, or if you just want me to notice you, or if you're being "helpless". This is Dobbing, not asking for help.
- When you come to me, here is what teachers might say:
  - "Is this a serious problem?"
  - "Is this your problem?"
  - What have you tried already to solve it?"
  - "Do you want a solution, revenge or attention?"

If I think you’ve tried to solve the problem and if your motives are good or it’s a dangerous situation, I’ll help you to find a solution.

**Writers Corner**

'When I grow up....' by 2R

When I grow up I would like to be a mechanic because you can fix all kinds of cars like Toyotas, Ferraris, Fords and Lamborghinis. I want to work at Penrith Mazda because my dad works there. Sometimes mechanics have to work in the workshop. I find mechanics fascinating and amazing.

By Connor

When I grow up I would like to be a zookeeper because I want to feed all the animals and take care of them. If any animals are in danger I will help them.

By Anastasia

When I grow up I would like to be a teacher. I will work at a school. I will teach children and teenagers. I want to teach Kindergarten because teachers get to do fun things with the children. Teachers are never mean to children.

By Kapri

When I grow up I would love to be a Police Officer. I want to be a Police Officer because they go on dangerous missions and they work in our community. They stop crime by solving crimes and catching the people. These are my reasons why I would like to be a Police Officer.

By Arjin

When I grow up I would like to be a policeman because you get to chase people and drive a car with police lights on it. Also you get to wear a uniform and you can also hold a gun. You get to help people. I want to drive a blue police car.

By Jordan

When I grow up I would like to be a garbage truck driver because I want to help the cats and dogs. I would find the cats and dogs in rubbish bins and give them proper food.

By Julian