



CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

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HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE LECTURES



Penrith City Library will be hosting a series of Higher School Certificate (HSC) lectures during the second week of June, to support local students in the lead up to their examinations. The subjects on offer will be English, Mathematics 2 Unit and Modern History. All of our guest speakers are senior qualified teachers and HSC markers in their area of study. More detailed information will be available after the April school holidays. Please check the library's [Facebook](#) page regularly for updates, and look out for posters in the library for further information.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

SCIENCE CLUB - Term 2, 2016

Have you ever wanted to create weird and crazy science experiments? Well now you can at our Crazy Science Club with 'The Crazy Scientist' each week at Penrith City Library! Our Science Club experiences enable maximum learning and fun, with creative activities designed and explained by a qualified and experienced teacher. The activities are tried and tested to engage at many levels, using a mix of everyday materials and specialised science equipment. Science Club now also includes robotics!

WHO: For 6 - 12 year olds

TIME: 4:15 - 5:15pm

DATE: Thursday 28 April - Thursday 30 June

COST: \$200 for the term.



Look inside for all of our great school holiday activities!

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FAMILY SHOWS

VAUDEVILLE SPECTACULAR

with Benny O, Wednesday 13 April

International artist Benny O entertains the children in this action packed show featuring circus, dance, magic, clowning, comedy and plenty of audience participation. Benny O blends his experience as a street mime artist, performer at the Commonwealth Games, award winner for balloon sculpting, show producer and director, and circus performer with his dynamic energy to enthral the children with this fantastic show that is not to be missed!

WHO: For the whole family

TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am

TICKETS: \$5 per person (children under 2 free).



CIRCULAR CIRCUS

with Ring Mistress Heidi Hoops, Wednesday 20 April

Roll up, roll up for the Circular Circus! Ring Mistress Heidi will present an outstanding array of fabulous things you can do with a hula hoop. Watch as she spins them around her finger tips, top hat, knee caps and tippy toes. See how many she can spin at once, but be prepared to give her a helping hand because she can't do it all on her own. Come along and enjoy the comedy, magic rope tricks, illusion, juggling, lasso, hula hoops, LED hoops, fabulous costumes and audience participation.

WHO: For the whole family

TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am

TICKETS: \$5 per person (children under 2 free).

WORKSHOPS

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

with Del White and friends,
Tuesday 12 April

Gain lifelong skills as you learn the basics of handmade needlecraft from the wonderful talents of Del and her friends. In this workshop you will have fun and improve your craft skills as you create covers for your MP3 player or mobile phone. It might just make a great present for Mother's Day!

WHO: For 7 - 13 year olds

TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm

TICKETS: \$10 per child



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 21 MARCH

All events are held at Penrith Library unless stated otherwise. Bookings are essential! Tickets sell quickly so be quick to avoid disappointment. There will be no refunds or exchanges for tickets purchased. Family shows are \$5 per person and every adult and child attending must have a ticket. Workshops are supervised by professional performers and library staff. All accompanying adults can attend our workshops for free. Your feedback helps us plan future events - email the Library's Children's team at bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

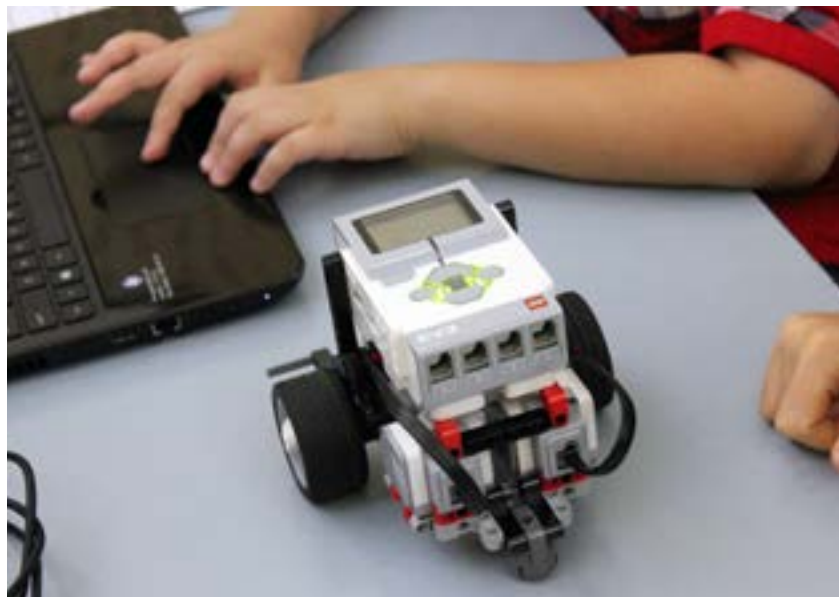
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ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

With Anthony Head,
Thursday 14 April

Build a robot and learn how to program it using LEGO Mindstorms EV3. Working in pairs, you will learn to control motors and use different types of sensors and connect them to a computer to program and control them.

WHO: For 9 - 14 year olds
TIME: 10am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: \$45 per child



CLAY WORKSHOP

Na'ama Atzmon-Simon,
Monday 18 April

Using colourful plasticine and inspired by the vibrant work of gifted animator Rony Oren, you will begin by making a friendly pet. You will then use clay to create a dwelling for your new friend, using coil technique.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
TICKETS: \$15 per child



REPTILE WORKSHOP

with Walkabout Reptiles,
Tuesday 19 April

This quality educational and entertaining workshop features lizards, frogs, snakes and fascinating props. Children will learn about our environment and the importance of protecting the health of our planet.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$12 per child.

@ ST CLAIR LIBRARY

St Clair Shopping Centre
Bennett Road

WOMBAT'S WILD WEEKEND

with Em's Entertainment, Thursday 21 April

Wombat's Wild Weekend is a fun way to familiarise kids with our beloved Australian native animals. Wombat from the big smoke goes on an Aussie outback adventure, only to run into a sneaky Bower Bird who seems intent on ruining his weekend getaway by stealing all his socks! Join Wombat and his new friends, including: Kerry Koala, Dingo, Kookaburra and Joey the Kangaroo while they band together to stop the pesky Bower Bird. Fast paced, and full of catchy songs, Wombat's Wild Weekend has proven to be a hit with kids Australia wide.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:15am
TICKETS: Free. Please collect from St Clair



SUMMER READING CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following people who were winners of the Summer Reading Club. Each of these fantastic readers was the lucky recipient of a \$20 book voucher.

Iman Dhillon

Chloe Edgecombe

Lachlan Hall

Jayden Howarth

Cody Luczak

Emily Mwando

Pola Romanowska

Hayden Snell

Rebecca Trewin

Reuben Trudgett



2016 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The PRC is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The Challenge opens on 7 March and closes on 26 August 2016.

Penrith City Library has a great collection of books that are included on the PRC booklists. Titles can be located at all of our branches. Members can also access hundreds of PRC titles on the Overdrive website. Overdrive is available 24/7 to all members of Penrith City Library at 'penrith.lib.overdrive.com'. Please speak to our friendly staff if you would like any advice about starting to use Overdrive.

STORY TIME WITH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN



As part of Penrith City Library's celebrations for the NSW Seniors Festival, join your grandchildren at Story Time. Enjoy singing, stories and craft with your precious little one.

St Marys Tuesday 5 April 10:30 - 11:30am
Penrith Wednesday 6 April 10:30 - 11:30am
St Clair Thursday 7 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Look out for our flyer for more information about all of the great events that are being held at Penrith City Library branches as part of the 'Re-Imagine Ageing Seniors Festival'. Events include free talks, a technology workshop and a screening of the movie 'Gigi'. Bookings are essential for all events (excluding Story Time).