

Newsletter

TERM 4 WEEK 2, 18th October, 2017



Public Speaking Competition



Kayla, Mikayla, Isabelle and Indy competed in the Wollondilly Network Public Speaking Competition at Bowral Public School on Wednesday 11 October. They all did a fantastic job with Indy being awarded Stage 3 Winner. Indy is now progressing to State level. We are very proud of their efforts. Well done. Mrs Bywater



5 Teal—Logan, Oliver, Jade, Chloe, Eve, Zoe, Charlotte & Natalie with their point of view writing. Well done!



Cillian, Harry, Andie, Sophia, Alexa, Lorelei and Mikayla from 3 Copper with their information report on kangaroos. Great Job!



3 Silver having fun with Harold



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Term 4

Week 2

Thursday 19 October

- PSSA State Athletics

Saturday 21 October

- P & C Plant Sale Fundraiser
9am—2pm School Carpark

Week 3

Monday 23 October

- P & C Plant Sale Fundraiser
(before and after school leftover plants)

- 2nd Batch of P & C Christmas
Raffle Ticket and Hamper dona-
tion note sent home

- **Student Leaders for 2018
speeches @ 9.30**

Tuesday 24 October

- Kinder Orientation—Final Pro-
gram 9.30am to 11.30am

- SCU @ RDA

- P & C Meeting @ 7.30pm—Last
one for the year

Wednesday 25 October

- **School Leaders for 2018
speeches @ 9.30am**

- BAND

Thursday 26 October

- **School Leaders for 2018
speeches @ 9.30am**

- Milo T20 SSW Regional Final @
Bankstown

Friday 27 October

- **School Leaders for 2018
speeches @ 9.30am**

- **School Leaders Election for**

Week 4

Wednesday 1 November

- Band

Thursday 2 November

- Music Count Us in Assembly
Whole School

Friday 3 November

- Year 6 Fun Day Fundraiser

Week 5

Monday 6 November

- Student Leadership Day @ Wil-
ton Public School

Tuesday 7 November

- SCU @ RDA

Wednesday 8 November

- Stewart House to be returned
- BAND

Term 3 Week 10 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Isabella, Kayla
Kinder Yellow	Jake, Phoenix
1 Pink	Laura, Mason
1 Violet	Leoni, Cruz
2 Green	Tylan, Alexis
2 Indigo	Jessica, Jessica
K/1 Lime	Chloe



Term 4 Week 1 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Sophie, Noah
Kinder Yellow	Lachlan, Hunter
1 Pink	Finlay, Cruz
1 Violet	Gino, Lilly, Max
2 Green	Angus, Lola
2 Indigo	Will, Bethany
Sport	Harrison, Cameron, Kayla, Indi

Term 4 Week 1 2017

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Lillian, Eden, Nathan, Jade, Georgia, jade
3 Copper	Mya, Logan, Andie, Connor, Teleah, Katie
3/4 Jade	Jye, Ruben, Jaxon, Zara, Noah, Ellie, Liam, Isla, Mikayla, Noah, Aiden, Ella
4 Bronze	Alex, Jacqueline, Daniel, Georgia, Andres, Alexis
5 Opal	Eliza, Ella, Jack, Jake, Riley, Lalita
5 Teal	Oliver, Chloe, Eve, Paige, Jade, Alexis
6 Sapphire	Tristan, Joel, Jake, David, Abby, James
6 Turquoise	Zac, Kelsey, Scott, Lilian, Rose, Calvin
2/6 Cream	Bodie, Bailey

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

9.00–10.00am

If you are unable to attend during the opening hours, please leave your form in the office to be filled on the next opening day.

Volunteers are needed for the uniform shop if you can please help could you contact the school office or Melissa Whishaw.



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Principal's Pen

Welcome to Term 4. We have had a wonderful start to the term. The students have settled in beautifully and are working hard.

Year 6 have been to Canberra, all reports indicate they had a great time and our students were once again beautifully behaved and respectful. A big thank you to our wonderful Year 6 teachers; Mrs Wilson, Mrs Smith and Mr Williams, for giving up their personal time to experience the Canberra overnight excursion with their students.

Next week our Year 5 aspiring student leaders will deliver their speeches. I would like to congratulate all the students that are taking part and wish them well.

Plant Sale

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P & C for their organisation of the Plant Sale. A lot of planning and effort has been needed to co-ordinate such a wonderful event. I'm looking forward to Saturday 21st to touch base with our community. Please feel free to approach me and say G'Day!

Sandpit

Thank you to Mr Sattler and P & C helpers for the planning, building and accessories for the sandpit. Also a big thank you to Jason Manning and Calum Bennett for spreading the new sand in our fantastic new sandpit.

It looks wonderful and I know the students are very appreciative of its upgrade.

Parent Behaviour on School Grounds

I would like to remind parents of the importance that you are not to approach other students or parents with behavioural issue or other concerns. It is the responsibility of teachers, the executive staff or myself to deal with issues such as this in the school setting. Please make contact with any teacher in the first instance if an issue in the playground arises or contact your child's teacher or stage leader. This is to ensure everyone's wellbeing.

Change of Family Circumstances/Leaving Families for 2018?

If you have a change in your family circumstances please notify the school because this also impacts on our staffing for 2018 i.e. if you are leaving our school or know of any new families that may be moving to Picton.

Kind Regards

Mrs Christine Beard
Relieving Principal

Student Educational Needs for 2018

If your child has any specific educational needs for next year's placement that we need to be aware of could you please make contact to discuss. I would appreciate parents doing this immediately because as you are aware, Term 4 is a very busy period which is devoted to development of classes and structures for 2018.

If you have any specific educational concerns for your child for 2018 placement could you please contact your child's class teacher, the Assistant Principals' Early Stage 1 Di Monds, Stage 1 Liz Boyd, Stage 2 Chris Beard, Stage 3 Jim Harvey – or myself as Principal. With so many students to consider, **any requests need to be in writing as soon as possible to the principal**. Please do not leave your concern to the end of the year or next year. We appreciate your support with this in developing our classes and school structure for 2018 to have the best transition possible for the new year. We strive to do the best possible with educational but please note that no guarantees can be given.

Thank you to parents who have sent in your educational request immediately, we appreciate your promptness.

Lyn Fraser and the Executive Team

Children Enjoying Our New Sandpit



2017 Athletics Carnival – Age Champions

Age Champions				
AGE	GIRL	HOUSE	BOY	HOUSE
8 YRS	Emma Cotton	Hume	Jake Davis	Mitchell
9 YRS	Molly Gottaas	Mitchell	Nadim Hajje	Mitchell
10 YRS	Sidney Schols	Sturt	Sean Lawlan	Oxley
11 YRS	Caitlyn Halse	Mitchell	Jake Cotton	Hume
12 YRS	Shayla Sanderson	Sturt	Robbie Sawczuk	Hume

The winning house is Sturt!

Those students placed first (4 points), second (3 points) and third (2 points) all receive appropriate points for their sporting houses. House points were also collected during the turbo javelins and ball games activities and at both the K-2 and Primary Carnival.

Hume: 1451

Oxley: 1318

Sturt: 1462

Mitchell: 1446

Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support sport in our school. We really appreciate the time and effort you put into these events and value your ongoing assistance.

Congratulations to Miss McQueen who was involved in the organisation and running of the Razorback Zone Carnival and was one of the team managers for the Razorback team on Wednesday.

Mrs Friend, Mr Boniface & Miss McQueen



Sean Lawlan & Calem Brown at the SSW Regional Carnival

Normanhurst West Band & Picton Public School Performance

Normanhurst West Public School band gave a wonderful performance this morning. Picton Public was their first stop on their tour program. Our own band joined them for one song, which they had been practising for the last few weeks.

Bronwynne Maher
Band Coordinator



Year 6 Canberra Camp

Year 6 attended a 2 day excursion to Canberra on Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th October to visit sights such as Parliament House, the Electoral Education Office, Australian Institute of Sport, War Memorial and Questacon. They enjoyed a friendly yet competitive game of bowling as well. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for their hard work to allow the excursion to go ahead.

Cameron Williams
Year 6 Teacher



Plant Sale Opportunities

There will be a variety of items on sale—100 year plus Singer Sewing Machine, very old school tables—will be silent auctioned—various school tables and chairs, desks on offer for sale. We have included photos below:





TERM 4 CALENDAR 2017 - COMMUNITY

Wk	Mth	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	Oct	9 STUDENTS & STAFF RETURN Lyn Fraser LSL – Chris Beard Relieving Principal Jim Harvey LSL- Catherine Wilson Relieving A.P. Library replaced by Ziggy Auld 3.40 Staff Meeting : School Excellence Framework (SEF)	10 8.15 Exec Meeting Chris O'Gradey & Kerry New LMBR Training 8.30am to 12.30pm– Thai Tyquinn replacing SCU @ RDA Wollondilly Council Garden Competition Judging	11 8.30 Comm Meeting : School Awards to be nominated BAND	12 2018 Student Leadership Nominations Due	13 PHS Year Advisor Visit for Year 6 attending PHS Kindergarten Rangers on the Run Incursion 9.30am to 11.30	14/15
2	Oct	16 Jim Harvey returns from LSL Vicki Bywater LSL replaced by Ziggy Auld Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion 3.40 Staff Meeting: School Excellence Framework (SEF)	17 8.15 Exec Meeting Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion	18 8.30 Comm Meeting: Normanhurst West Band visiting our school @ 9.30 Newsletter BAND	19 PSSA State Athletics	20 Support Class Access Request Submissions Due	21/22 P&C Plant Sale Fundraiser 9am – 2pm School Car Park Entry
3	Oct	23 P&C Plant Sale Fundraiser (before and after school) 9.30 School Leaders for 2018 Speeches 2 nd Batch of P & C Christmas Raffle tickets and Hamper Donation note sent home 3:40 Staff Meeting : School Excellence Framework (SEF)	24 8.15 Exec Meeting Kinder Orientation: Final Program Parents in Hall, 9.30am to 11.30 followed by morning tea SCU @ RDA 7.30 P & C Meeting - N.B. Last for the year	25 8.30 Comm Meeting 9.30am School Leaders for 2018 Speeches BAND PDHPE Network Meeting – LIVE LIFE WELL @ School 4pm start activities in COLA	26 9.30 School Leaders for 2018 Speeches Milo T20 SSW Regional Final @ Bankstown	27 9.30 School Leaders for 2018 Speeches School Leaders Election for 2018 World Teachers Day	28/29
4	Oct/ Nov	30 Lyn Fraser returns from LSL Vicki Bywater returns from LSL Kylie Ellis K-2 Quality Teaching TPL Maria LSL replaced by Rachel Matthies Catherine Wilson relieving A.P.SCU 3.40 Staff Meeting: NAPLAN Analysis 2017 & School Focus 2018	31 8.15 Exec Meeting	1 8.30 Comm Meeting Combined Assembly 12:10 BAND Newsletter	2 Brooke O'Neill LSL replaced by Janeen Jackson	3 Year 6 Fun Day Fundraiser Camden Principal Collegial Meeting @ 1.30pm	4/5
5	Nov	6 Di Green LSL replaced by Renee Barrett Maria Returns from LSL Student Leadership Day @ Wilton Public School 3.40 Staff Meeting : NAPLAN Analysis 2017 & School Focus 2018	7 8.15 Exec Meeting SCU @ RDA	8 8.30 Comm Meeting BAND	9 ASR Writing Day Principal, AP & P&C President	10 Reports to Supervisors	11/12

6	Nov	13 Hamper Donations for Christmas Raffle to be returned to Office Brooke O'Neill returns Di Green returns Ros Plater LSL replaced by Renee Barrett 3.40 Staff Meeting : 2018 School Plan & 2017 ASR	14 8.15 Exec Meeting	15 8.30 Comm Meeting BAND Newsletter	16	17	18/19
7	Nov	20 3.40 Staff Meeting: 2018 Planning & Organisation	21 8.15 Exec Meeting SCU @ RDA	22 8.30 Comm Meeting Tickets due back for P & C Christmas Raffle No Beginner Band lessons Final Band Band Tour Band Supper Concert 5.00pm	23 Wollondilly Principals Network Conference @ Mittagong RSL, Mittagong	24 Reports to Supervisors P & C Christmas Raffle drawn 1.30 Camden Principals Collegial Meeting	25/26
8	Nov/Dec	27 Extravandanza @ Picton High 3.40 Staff Meeting: Stage Team Focus	28 Presentation Day 9.30 : Learning Certificates in classrooms 10.00am Presentation Ceremony	29 8.30 Comm Meeting University of Wollongong Science Fair Anna – Stage 3 Newsletter Year 6 Farewell Bargo Sports Club Official Start : 6.30pm Footsteps Music	30 Campbelltown PPA Meeting Lyn attending Kylie Ellis K-2 Quality Literacy Teaching TPL	1 12.10: K-2 Concert in hall Reports to go home	2/3
9	Dec	4 3.40 Staff Meeting: Class & School Structures, Roles & Responsibilities, Stage Supervision 2018 School Development Day	5 8.15 Exec Meeting RDA Christmas Party @ 12pm Yr 6 Picton HS Orientation	6 8.30 Comm Meeting	7 Combined Scripture Service in Hall	8 Finalise Yr 6 SRC and send to HS	9/10
10	Dec	11 Ros Plater returns from LSL 3.40 Staff Meeting: Class & School Structures, Roles & Responsibilities, Stage Supervision 2018 School Development Day	12 8.15 Exec Meeting Moving Day	13 Newsletter	14	15 Last Day of Term for Students and Staff Happy Holidays!	16/17
11	Dec	18 School Development Day Last 2 days worked in lieu School Closed	19 School Development Day School Closed	20	21	22	23/24



Picton Public School:
2018 – 2020 School Planning

Parent Survey: What's Important About Our School?

6th September 2017



Dear Parents,

To assist us with our new Department of Education School Planning cycle for 2018-2020 we would like your feedback on our school and specific reasons you feel this way. We have 4 key questions for you below. Please return your survey as soon as possible or by **September 22nd** (via the Magpie Box or email picton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). We appreciate your time and your feedback and your responses will be considered with future planning.

Thank you,

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Christine Beard
School Planning Leader

NAME: _____

F O C U S Q U E S T I O N S

VALUE

What do you like about our school? What is happening now that you feel is positive and of value?
This could include programs on offer, school culture, school activities

PRIORITY

What is your number 1 school priority? What is most important to you? This could be academic, a particular school program, sport, cultural programs, etc.

IMPROVEMENT and SOLUTIONS

Is there an area that you feel we need to improve in? If so why? What solution can you offer our school to assist us in taking a possible new direction?

INITIATIVE

Dreams for the future? Where would you like to see our school in the next 3 years? Is there a new initiative you would like us to consider?



You might also like to comment on the following just as a suggestion only: teaching & learning, student behaviour, inclusion, communication, parent participation, parent support required, role of P & C.

28 September 2017

Dear Neighbour

Rail Safety Concerns – Picton

Recently we have experienced some incidents within the rail corridor which runs through the Picton community which has caused us some concerns and are hopeful for our neighbours' assistance with these.

Train drivers have reported some incidences of children playing within the rail corridor and more concerning, placing objects on the rail line itself.

As you may be aware, trains have no ability to swerve or stop quickly should they be faced with a situation where someone is on the tracks. It can take up to 2 kilometres for a freight train to stop and passenger trains can run through this section at up to 100km/hr.

Placing objects on the track also has the potential to cause serious damage to both train and tracks.

We would like to avoid a situation where someone is seriously hurt or killed as a result of entering the rail corridor – and are asking that if you see any unusual activity near the rail line or children trespassing into the rail corridor – to please report to ARTC as soon as possible by emailing us on enquiries@artc.com.au

Our concerns are also heightened at the moment given the current school holiday period. Even near miss events can be particularly traumatic for train drivers given many have been involved in incidents and fatalities previously.

We will also be writing to local schools in the area seeking interest in a rail safety visit, but we would greatly appreciate your awareness and feedback in the interim.

If you wish to find out more about rail safety – we are a foundation member of the rail safety organisation TrackSAFE who have some great rail safety materials for parents, teachers and kids available at: <http://www.tracksafeeducation.com.au/>. Alternatively we would be more than happy to discuss this matter personally.

Yours sincerely



Ross Barber
Mittagong Provisioning Centre
ARTC



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