

Newsletter

TERM 4 WEEK 6, 15 November, 2017



Supervision of Students Reminder: Before School Attendance (8.50am)

Just a reminder to parents **that students should not be at school before 8.50am**. There is no teacher supervision before this time also and the bell goes at 8.50am and teacher duties commence at 8.50am. I was very concerned on Monday to see the very large number of students at school. Please make alternative arrangements for your child and please note we have information for you about before and after school care in this week's newsletter also which may assist you. Give the staff a call, they are very willing to assist and also have information about possible rebates for you. Thank you for following this very important school procedure to ensure the safety of your child and others.

Lyn Fraser
Principal



2 Indigo Crocodile—Cruz, Mason, Mia, Emma, Ewan and Will. Well Done! Great learning about Egypt!

Congratulations to our very hard working students. Ms Fraser



Working hard with Mrs Thomson. Great Reading! - Lara, Lachlan and Alleah



Eve, Alexis, Indy, Liam, Charlie & Harry from 5 Teal showing Ms Fraser their fantastic projects.



Crichelle Ryan of 1 Pink, terrific reading!



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Term 4

Week 7

Monday 20 November

- 9.30am Cyber Safety talk for Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 21 November

- SCU @ RDA

Wednesday 22 November

- No Beginner band

Week 8

Monday 27 November

- Extravaganza @ Picton High

Tuesday 28 November

- **Presentation Day**
9.30am: Learning Certificates in classrooms

10.00am Presentation Ceremony in hall

Wednesday 29 November

- University of Wollongong Science Fair—Stage 3
- **Year 6 Farewell @ Bargo Sports Club @ 6.30pm**

Friday 1 December

- 12.10 K-2 Concert in hall
- Reports to go home

Week 9

Tuesday 5 December

- RDA Christmas Party @ 12.00pm

Thursday 7 December

- Combined Scripture Service in Hall

Week 10

Friday 15 December

- Last Day of term for students and staff.



PRESENTATION DAY
Tuesday 28 November 2017
9.30AM LEARNING CERTIFICATES IN CLASSROOMS
10AM AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY
ALL WELCOME

Great Achievements of Picton Public School Students



Assembly achievements for ICAS, Public Speaking and Athletics Age Champions!

Camden Interschools' Equestrian Event

On Saturday the 4th November four of our students competed in the Camden Interschools Equestrian Competition. They were Claire Moss, Indy Jackson, Brodie Swan - Otoole and Harry Bond. All students received many ribbons for their classes, far too many to mention individually. Special achievements went to Indy Jackson for Reserve Champion Rider and third in all ages Showjumping, Harry Bond received Reserve Champion Rider. Claire Moss first in her Rider Class and Brodie Swan - O'Toole competed in the open ring which is the highest level of competition, receiving third place in Pairs. We were exceptionally proud to watch our students cheer each other on and be excited about each others achievements. The rain kindly held off for the students. A wonderful day had by all. Thankyou to Mrs Michelle Jackson for all her wonderful organisation for the day.

Alison Thomson
Camden Interschools' Equestrian Competition Teacher Support



Thank you also to Mrs Jackson for all her excellent organisation as Team Manager and Mrs Thomson as Team Supervisor. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and what excellent results! Congratulations!

Ms Fraser

Vegetable Garden

This term we got four more vegetable garden beds. We had to assemble them because they came in flat boxes. First we slid the sides together and placed caps on top of the edges. Vegetable garden soil was delivered. The students of 3 Silver, 3 Copper and 4 Bronze filled their new gardens beds with the fresh soil. 2/6 Cream and 3/4 Jade turned their soil over and planted strawberries. 3 Silver, 3 Copper and 4 Bronze planted a variety of lettuces, tomatoes, capsicum, cucumber and corn. The vegetable gardens are watered daily by the classes looking after them. We need to watch for weeds and make sure they don't dry out as the weather gets hotter.

Students of 2/6 Cream



Term 4 Week 4 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Jessica, Zakary
Kinder Yellow	Carys, Toby
1 Pink	Andy, Sybelle
1 Violet	Charli, Talon
2 Green	Lillian, Zac
2 Indigo	Jennaveve, Mason
K/1 Lime	Alex
1/4 Brass	Lucas, Charli, Sebastian
Sport	Harry, Amelia, Mitchell, Cruz, Claire, Cruz



Term 4 Week 5 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Lavinia, Zakary
Kinder Yellow	Phoenix, Mia
1 Pink	Lily, Charlie
1 Violet	Mikayla, Harry
2 Green	Claire, Sam
2 Indigo	Shanina, Lujaine
Sport	Angus, Chloe, Naomi, Sam

Term 4 Week 5 2017

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Sydney, Bailey, Annika, Scarlett, Susannah, Bridey
3 Copper	Jack, Mikyla, Luke, Seth, Chalcedony, Sophia
3/4 Jade	Alexander, Henry, Holly, Jaxon, Anastasia, Ella
4 Bronze	Molly, Patrick, Tamsyn, Jayden, Elijah, Lucas
5 Teal	Charlie, Harry, Zoe, Charlotte, Beau, Natalie
5 Opal	Caelan, Samantha, Clare, Liam, tyle-May, Caitlyn
6 Sapphire	Alia, will, Truman, Will, Tristan, Joel
6 Turquoise	Olivia, Sardonyx, Brody, Georgia, Brock, Anessa
2/6 Cream	Andre, Bodhi

Principal's Pen

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.

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. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Student Learning: Keep up the great work!

Our students at Picton are so focused on their learning. You will see in the newsletter students sent by their teachers to share their learning. They were all able to explicitly speak about what they have learned and how they are learning. Congratulations girls and boys!

In addition when I have visited all classrooms across the school I love the way our students are focused on their learning, commitment and enthusiasm about their learning and love to share the work in their classroom and are proud of it. Congratulations to all Students, Teachers and Support Learning Officers, you are doing a wonderful job. We are continuing Term 4 in a very positive manner with excellent achievements.

Student Educational Needs

I would just like to extend a thank you to parents who have either made contact via email or sent a letter in about the educational needs of their children next year. We do appreciate you making contact now. If you are still thinking about this could I urge you that this really needs to be done by this week as I am currently looking at development of classes and structures for 2018. Please ensure that those requests are sent in immediately. As I have mentioned before we don't make guarantees but we certainly try and meet the needs of students as best as we can.

Behaviour Code for Students and Parents

It's always a timely reminder in Term 4 about behaviour. It's a very busy term for everyone. I have included information directly from the Department of Education. Please remind your children about our expectations. Thank you for your support. I would also like to also remind parents generally that disrespectful behaviour towards my staff will also not be tolerated. All people on site at Picton Public School need to display considerate and respectful behaviour at all times.

I will remind parents that schools are not public places and as such the Principal can designate who can be on the school site.

Please be reminded that parents are not to approach other students if dealing with a concern. This can be very distressing for students and it is the class teachers, playground teachers, executive teachers who you should approach not the student. Unfortunately we have had some parents demonstrating disrespectful behaviour to staff, students and parents. Please show self discipline, self control and take responsibility for your behaviour in a positive way.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who make our

school a positive experience on a daily basis, we value you immensely. We appreciate any concerns being solved in a positive manner for the benefit of all.

Picton Public School YMCA News

Please find the Term 4 newsletter from YMCA for parents to peruse and also information about vacation program these are booked up very quickly.

We hope to have more information soon from YMCA. Thank you to Jennifer Swadling YMCA Picton OSHC Coordinator for sharing with us.

Presentation Day—28th November 2017

Just a reminder that the Learning Certificates are presented in classrooms at 9.30am followed by our official Presentation Day Ceremony for our whole school in the hall. This is a very exciting day for all of our students and a highlight of our calendar. It is a very busy day and we look forward to catching up with all of our parents and extended family members.

Year 6 Farewell—29th November 2017

The Year 6 Farewell is being held in the evening at Bargo Sports Club at 6.30pm. We look forward to a very enjoyable evening with our Year 6 families.

Student Leadership Roles for 2018

Once again we have had a very busy commencement to the term. In Week 3 Student Leadership speeches were completed. Our students did an excellent job in presenting their speeches to the whole school assembly. This is not an easy task and they did it with courage, pride, humour and in an absolutely wonderful manner. We are proud of all of our nominees! Congratulations to all our leaders.

Official Student Leaders for 2018

Congratulations to the following students for your selection as our 2018 School Leaders:

Loren Adamson, Mia Farrell, Liam Gechevski, Ryan Graban, Caitlyn Halse, Owen Hanthorn, Zoe Howard, Charlotte Jenks, Indy Jackson, Eve Jones, Lily Kaya, Ted Roworth, Liam Ryan and Ryan Stockheim.

We are looking forward to seeing you perform your new and exciting duties in 2018. I look forward to working with you, Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on Presentation Day.

Kind Regards

Lyn Fraser
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. This process has commenced and is a very important process which takes considerable time.

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 needs 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 and that you have formalised in writing also.

Lyn Fraser and the Executive Team

Year 6 Fun Day

On Friday the 3rd of November Year 6 ran the fun day. There were so many activities such as Sponge Toss, Sea Creature Race and many more. Thank you so much for everyone's participation on the day, we raised so much money and Year 6 students will now enter their Farewell for free.

Hannah White
6 Turquoise





Stage 1 European Holiday

Hi Mums and Dads and Carers,

On Monday 9th October we boarded PICTON AIR Flight 1 to Australia. We went through customs presenting our passports and receiving our boarding passes. We spent a lovely week travelling around and learning all about our wonderful country.

From Australia we flew to Egypt and explored the pyramids and learned about how they lived in ancient times.

In Greece we learned about interesting buildings, the beautiful beaches and yummy food.

In Italy we learned a little bit of the lingo and about famous people.

In France the Eiffel Tower was amazing and we learned about the money which is EUROS.

In Germany we learned how to count and all about the beautiful landscape.

We fly to England this Friday and hopefully we might get a glimpse of the Queen or Prince George!

We will be tired but come see us at the Concert because we will be flying back into Australia.

Greetings from all the Year 1 and Year 2 tired but happy student travellers.



Camden Tiger Tag

Last Wednesday seventy one students from years 4,5 and 6 participated in the NRL Tiger Tag Competition, held at Camden.

The students played in mixed teams of eight, with four girls needing to be on the field at all times.

On the day over 700 students from independent, catholic and public schools competed against each other.

It was an enjoyable day and thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and managing a team.

Mr Hartley
Miss Edwards
Mrs Friends
Mr Boniface



Remembrance Day 11 November



On Saturday 11th November at 11.00, Picton Public School Leaders attended the Remembrance Service at Picton.

Abbie Tyszkiewicz, Rose North, Oisin Chretien laid a wreath at the Memorial in Picton RSL Park.

Well done on their community spirit.

Mr Boniface and Miss Mc Queen

Coordinators.



Brittney, Reece, Lilly, Charlotte, Bodie, Andre, Alexander and Rhys of 2/6 Cream showing Ms Fraser their Antarctica and reading. Well Done!



PICTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
2017 SPECIAL INVITATION TO PARENTS

Annual Award Presentation Assembly



**We hope you can join us
for this very special ceremony.**

**Individual Learning Certificates are presented
to students in their classrooms at 9.30am.**



Education &
Communities

Public Schools NSW

BEHAVIOUR CODE FOR STUDENTS

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- ☐ Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- ☐ Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- ☐ Strive for the highest standards in learning
- ☐ Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- ☐ Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- ☐ Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- ☐ Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- ☐ Respect all property
- ☐ Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- ☐ Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- ☐ Treat one another with dignity
- ☐ Speak and behave courteously
- ☐ Cooperate with others
- ☐ Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- ☐ Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- ☐ Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- ☐ Take care with property

Safety

- ☐ Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- ☐ Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- ☐ Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- ☐ Care for self and others
- ☐ Avoid dangerous behavior and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- ☐ Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- ☐ Arrive at school and class on time
- ☐ Be prepared for every lesson
- ☐ Actively participate in learning
- ☐ Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Communities will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

PICTON YMCA OSHC

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND VACATION CARE



Jennifer Swadling -
Centre Coordinator
(left)

Sarah Gibbons -
Assistant Educator
(right)



YMCA Picton Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is part of YMCA NSW's extensive network of outside school hours care centres. We provide safe and enjoyable experiences for the children we care for.

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You'll find us at Picton Primary School located in the school hall.

Opening hours for:

Contact number: 0437 357 289

Before School Care (BSC) – 6:30am-8:50am

After School Care (ASC) – 2:35pm-6:30pm

Vacation Care (VAC) – 6:30am-6:30pm

We offer breakfast from 6:30am-8:30am every morning for BSC & VAC.

We provide a nutritious afternoon tea snack every afternoon for ASC & VAC.

The employees at Picton YMCA are fully qualified to care for your children, including all staff having their First Aid, Asthma & Anaphylaxis.

Find out more about Picton YMCA at <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-picton-oshc/>



Dear family,

We have made it!
It's the last term of the year.
We say goodbye to 2018 with a
great term filled with laughter and
joy here at Picton YMCA.

This term the children had a ball
playing their most favourite game
of all "Monopoly Deal", everyday
there was always a game of this
being played, EVEN the parents
got competitive playing in on a
few games with the staff and their
children.

The term was well spent playing
games from monopoly deal,
cheese touch, speak out to
outdoor basketball, soccer,
volleyball and fun craft.

The children at Picton enjoyed
playing our group games each
morning and our meditating
sessions most afternoons.

The children have made some life
time friends here at YMCA and we
say goodbye to some of our year
6 children going on to highschool
next year. We hope you have an
amazing new experience.



Origami Cicadas made by Elijah after
finding a Cicada at YMCA that shed
itself and left it's shell..

We would love your feedback.
Fill out our feedback form attached to this
newsletter and hand it back in to Jennifer or
Sarah. Thank you.



*Picton had a massive hail storm
this term and the children LOVED
playing in the "Snow"*



*The children had a blast having
hacky sack races and competing
against their friends.*

Picton YMCA's website..
You will find our 2018 enrolment
forms here....
<https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-picton-oshc/>

Picton YMCA's email address
oshc.picton@ymcansw.org.au

2018 is coming and you can
help!

We will be helping animal
shelters next year by donating
baskets of (new) toys, blankets,
treats and more. YMCA Picton
will have a basket out each term
for families and children to
donate items for the animal
shelter, any items of the above
would be greatly appreciated.

Important Reminders:



- Last day of school
Term 4: Friday 15th
December
- Summer Vacation care:
Monday 18th December
- 22nd December and 8th
January - Monday 29th
January
- First day of school
Term 1: Tuesday 30th
January
- Don't forget to bring
your vacation care
booking form in as soon
as you can, spots are
limited
- Don't forget to bring
your hat, bottle and
lunch for vacation care
- Drink lots of water

Upcoming Events:



December Program: 18th-
Splashtastic, 19th- Creative
Christmas Cooking, 20th-
Dumaresq Street Cinemas,
21st- Christmas Craft, 22nd-
Jumping Castle Fun

January Program: 8th-
Soap & Candle Making,
9th- Movies & Pizza Day,
10th- M.A.L.C Pools &
Picnic, 11th- Harry Potter
Witch Craft & Wizardry,
12th- Teddy Bear Making,
15th- Cartooning, 16th- Spa
Relaxation Day, 17th- Rock
Climbing, 18th- Messy Day,
19th- Mr. Bamboozle, 22nd-
Inflatable Jump & Splash,
23rd- G'day Mate, 24th-
Toronga Zoo, 25th-
Survivor Team Challenge,
26th- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**,
29th- Disco Day





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