

Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 4, 9th August, 2017



Celebrating Public Education at Picton Public for Education Week



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Term 3

Week 4

Friday 11 August

- Milo T20 Cup Yr 3-6 @
Tahmoor Sportsground

Week 5

Monday 14 August

- 9.20 Assembly: AFL Mascot &
Talk

Tuesday 15 August

- ICAS Mathematics
- SCU @ RDA

Wednesday 16 August

- Stage 3 PHS Musical All Day
- 12.10 Combined Assembly
- Southern Stars Rehearsal @
Berkeley
- AFL Clinic @ 3.45pm on School
Oval

Thursday 17 August

- Picton High School Science Fair

Friday 18 August

- Southern Stars Rehearsal @
Berkeley

Week 6

Tuesday 22 August

- Kindergarten Orientation 2nd
Visit 12.30pm—1.30pm, meet in
the hall

Wednesday 23 August

- Southern Stars Technical
Rehearsal @ WIN Entertainment
Centre
- No Band
- AFL Clinic @ 3.45 on School
Oval—School Oval

Thursday 24 August

- Book Character Parade 12.00
to 1.30pm
- Southern Stars Dress Rehearsal
@ WIN Entertainment Centre
- Zone Athletics @ C'town
Athletics

Friday 25 August

- Southern Stars Rehearsal
Matinee and Evening
Performances @ Win
Entertainment Centre
- Zone Athletics @ C'town
Athletics Centre



Term 3 Week 2 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Zakary, Jonas
Kinder Yellow	Hayden, Siena
1 Pink	Charlie, Kloe
1 Violet	Mikayla, Lachlan
2 Green	Cameron, Lilly
2 Indigo	Lujaine, Shanina
Sport	Lavinia, Chloe



Term 3 Week 3 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Evelyn, Grace
Kinder Yellow	Toby, Indi
1 Pink	Jay-Ella, Lauren
1 Violet	Lola, Harry
2 Green	Lola, Scott
2 Indigo	Dayna, Leon
Sport	Zac, Lilly, Riley, Lawson, Evie, Clancy, Zane, Meagan, Lola



Term 3 Week 3 2017

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Lillian, Jordan, Harrison, Bailey, Molly, Scarlett, Oliver
3 Copper	Connor, Natalie, Jack, Jake, Katie, Teleah
3/4 Jade	Aaron, Zoe, Nadim, Holly, Ash, Ellie
4 Bronze	Jacqueline, Isaac, Shylah, Cody, Tamsyn, Alex
5 Opal	Tyle-May, Mia, Ella, Ruby-Lee, Liam, Jack
5 Teal	Evie, Natalie, Indy, Amethyst, Zoe, Logan
6 Sapphire	James, Luke, Brydie, Sarah, Abbie, Joel
6 Turquoise	Georgia, Lilian, Sardonyx, Shelby, Hannah, Scott
1/4 Brass	Kane
2/6 Cream	Lilly, Bodie



UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

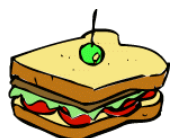
9.00–10.00am

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.

Canteen News

I am excited to let you know that Fresh Start canteen is running with a promotion with the Sydney Markets and Healthy Kids Association starting from next Monday. It simply is a promotion of healthy eating. Children who purchase a piece of fruit or vegetables will receive a card with a fruit sticker, once they have two they hand their card in with their details on it for a draw with the Sydney markets. Prizes are displayed on posters around the canteen. They will also receive a little prize straight away, this year it's a fruit key ring (they are so cute). The promotion runs to the end of term.



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Principal's Pen



Farewell

Mr Peter McCarthy

As mentioned in my earlier communication this week it has been a sad week for staff, students and our community with the passing of Mr McCarthy.

Peter was a dear friend, colleague and a very valued and dedicated teacher at Picton Public School who will be greatly missed. He always had a love of his students and went the extra mile for students and their families. He loved his school and he missed being with us this year. Peter's positive influence on young people's lives has been outstanding. Our thoughts are with his wife Dianne and their children and extended family.

I would like to thank our community for your thoughts and your support at this time for both our students and staff. Your cards, emails, phone calls have been very kind and greatly appreciated.

If you would like to send cards or letters, flowers to the family I will ensure that these are passed onto his wife Dianne. Please just bring to the office.

I can now provide our community with further details. The family is organising a Memorial Service for Peter at Tahmoor Uniting Church at 11.00am on Friday 18th August.

Regards

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Open Day

Congratulations to students and staff on our outstanding open day. I would like to congratulate them all for their wonderful work in preparation for the open day and also on the day.

Congratulations with our classroom visits, it was great to have so many parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and family members involved with us on the day. It is always a wonderful day for us celebrating with our community and we love the way that parents enjoyed the performances throughout the day across our stages. Our students and staff did an amazing job. We had a very tight schedule on the day and it was helpful without the rain on the day even though we desperately need it at the moment. I would like to also commend our P & C on our wonderful art auction. The work produced by our students when working with Ken Tucker was absolutely outstanding. I know Ken was thrilled to be working with our community and made many positive comments about our students and staff. It was great to have Ken working throughout the day and it was amazing to think that at 9.00am his painting of the viaduct was a blank canvas. What a beautiful piece of art work he produced for our P & C fundraising. Thank you to our community also for your excellent support of our auction, it was great to see parents going home with our artwork. I know our students are always excited about that opportunity as well. Thank you for your great support within our school.

A big thank you to our P & C for their organisation throughout the day and also a big thank you to Brian Statham for being the auctioneer on the day, Brian always does an outstanding job for us. A big thank you to Di Monds for all her coordination of the day.

General Assistant

I would like to officially welcome Chris Sattler who will now be working here 3 days a week on a Tuesday, Wednesday and a Thursday in a casual capacity. It is great to have Chris with us and I thank him for working at our school for these days. Thank you to Victor Provino who we wish all the very best as Victor has gained permanent employment elsewhere. We congratulate Victor on his success and thank him also for all of the work he has done over the last few years at our school. We greatly appreciated his support.

Kind regards,

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Athletics Carnival

On Friday of Week 1 the Primary Athletics Carnival was held at Tahmoor Sports Ground. The day ran smoothly thanks to the wonderful efforts of all staff, Sports in Schools instructors, parents and students. We would like to thank our fantastic P & C who held a very successful canteen and cake stall on the day and cannot thank the parent helpers who assisted us with time keeping and measuring enough. Students who were given a place were awarded with their ribbons on Tuesday the 1st of August and Zone representatives were given their notes on this day. The Zone Carnival will be held at Campbelltown Sportsground Athletics Facility on the 24th and 25th of August and students that will be attending **MUST** have their permission notes and money into the Magpie Box no later than Monday the 14th of August.

Miss McQueen and Mr Boniface
Athletics Carnival Coordinators

Information about school entries for the Razorback Carnival:

Each school is entitled to send two entries per age race. One entry, for each field event and if their second placegetter makes the Zone qualifying distance or height they are entitled to attend the Zone Carnival. If the second placegetter does not achieve the qualifying distance they do not attend the carnival.



2017 Athletics Carnival

Below are the results from our school Athletics Carnival. The Raorback Zone Carnival will be held on Thursday and Friday of Week 6 this term. Qualifying students have received permission notes which need to be returned no later than Monday the 14th August.

If you any questions please contact Miss McQueen or Mr Boniface.

800m			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Emma Cotton	Dayna Odgers	Ellyce Ingram
9 YRS	Jacqueline Cardwell	Isla Terry	Sophia Tutt
10 YRS	Shylah Noonan	Molly Watson	Abbie Rogers
11 YRS	Caitlyn Halse	Sophia Whishaw	Ella Cranfield
12 YRS	Shaylah Sanderson	Anessa Rice	Hannah White
BOYS			
8 YRS	Harry Rogers	Harrison Luhr	Seth Diack
9 YRS	Corey Lawes	Nadim Hajje	Jude Hamilton
10 YRS	Daniel Tomlinson	Euan Pullen	Joel Davies
11 YRS	Riley Farrell	Jake Cotton	Thomas Gottaas
12 YRS	Shelby Somoracz	Joel Knapp	Jake Cardwell
100m			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Mia Pope	Emma Cotton	Dayna Odgers
9 YRS	Elaina Warren	Molly Gottaas	Jacqueline Cardwell
10 YRS	Sidney Schols	Cassie Williams	Shylah Noonan
11 YRS	Loren Adamson	Caitlyn Halse	Sophia Whishaw
12 YRS	Shayla Sanderson	Abbey Jarman	Anessa Rice
BOYS			
8 YRS	Alex Rottenbury	Jake Davies	Harry Rogers
9 YRS	Nadim Hajje	Liam Hawke	Jack Gogarty
10 YRS	Sean Lawlan	Caelan Mitchell	Daniel Tomlinson Jack Maher Jayden Muscat
11 YRS	Jake Cotton	Thomas Gottaas	Riley Farrell
12 YRS	Calem Brown	Calvin Carter	Shelby Somoracz
13 YRS	Hayden Stone	Sardonyx Pakoti	
200m			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Emma Cotton	Ariah Gilbert	Kaylee Jenkins
9 YRS	Molly Gottaas	Isla Terry	Jacqueline Cardwell
10 YRS	Sidney Schols	Shylah Noonan	Cassie Williams
11 YRS	Loren Adamson	Sophia Whishaw	Tyle-May Farmer
12 YRS	Abbey Jarman	Shayla Sanderson	Anessa Rice
BOYS			
8 YRS	Alex Rottenbury	Jake Davis	Harrison Bond
9 YRS	Nadim Hajje	Luke Rainbow	Liam Hawke
10 YRS	Sean Lawlan	Jack Maher	Danny Smith
11 YRS	Jake Cotton	Riley Farrell	Thomas Gottaas
12 YRS	Calem Brown	Luke Hawke	Shelby Somoracz
13 YRS	Hayden Stone	Sardonyx Pakoti	

Field Events

Discus			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Ellyce Ingrah	Ariah Gilbert	Eden Taylor
9 YRS	Jade Dabrowski	Molly Gottaas & Zara Statham	
10 YRS	Evie Diack	Jasmine Stone	Sidney Schols
11 YRS	Caitlyn Halse	Loren Adamson	Eve Jones
12 YRS	Anessa rice	Shayla Sanderson	
BOYS			
8 YRS	Jake Davis	Sebastian Jones	Seth Diack
9 YRS	Ruben Toga	Nadim Hajje	Sydney Lawson
10 YRS	Euan Pullen	Sean Lawlan	Andres Carrasco
11 YRS	Oisin Chretien	Owen Hanthorn	Riley Farrell
12 YRS	Brock Statham	Noah Sathiah	Amethyst Pakoti
Shot Put			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Mia Pope	Ariah Gilbert	Eden Taylor
9 YRS	Molly Gottaas	Zara Statham	Susannah Cameron
10 YRS	Sidney Schols	Alexis McMillan	Ava Jacobs
11 YRS	Caitlyn Halse	Inah'Maria Dabrowski	Loren Adamson
12 YRS	Anessa Rice	Taylor Rice	Hannah White
BOYS			
8 YRS	Seth Diack	Sebastian Jones	Harrison Bond
9 YRS	Ruben Toga	Nadim Hajje	Sydney Lawson
10 YRS	Sean Lawlan	Danny Smith	Elijah Hood
11 YRS	Oisin Chretien	Khye Hughes	Thomas Gottaas
12 YRS	Robbie Sawczuk	Sardonyx Pakoti	Calvin Carter
Long Jump			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Dayna Odgers	Ariah Gilbert	Emma Cotton
9 YRS	Elaina Warren	Jacqueline Cardwell	Ella Davies
10 YRS	Cassie Williams	Elizabeth Hamilton	Jasmine Stone & Molly Watson
11 YRS	Loren Adamson	Caitlyn Halse	Sophia Whishaw
12 YRS	Anessa Rice	Brodie Swan-O'Toole	Tia Doyle
BOYS			
8 YRS	Harry Rogers	Harrison Luhr	Alex Rottenbury
9 YRS	Nadim Hajje	Jack Gogarty	Jye Beale
10 YRS	Sean Lawlan	Euan Pullen	Lucas Wassall
11 YRS	Thomas Gottaas	Jake Cotton	Owen Hanthorn
12 YRS	Robbie Sawczuk	Hayden Stone	Luke Hawke
High Jump			
GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8 YRS	Liz De Nil	Mia Pope	
9 YRS	Chalcedony Pakoti	Alexa Beard	Savannah Diack
10 YRS	Paige Ward	Latiya Shankaran-Raju	Sidney Schols
11 YRS	Rose North	Caitlyn Halse	Sophia Whishaw
12 YRS	Shayla Sanderson	Grace Aceski	Ebony Godfrey
BOYS			
8 YRS	Jake Davis	Connor Lewis	
9 YRS	Nadim Hajje	Jack Gogarty	Alexander White
10 YRS	Sean Lawlan	Harry Haeusler	Elijah Hood
11 YRS	Liam Gechevski	Jake Cotton	Owen Hanthorn Harry Rainbow Will Scettro
12 YRS	Jake Tomlinson	Robbie Sawczuk	Will Lewis



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

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