

# Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 6, 23rd August, 2017



## REMINDER: TOMORROW: BOOK PARADE

**12.00 to 1.30**

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Equestrian Competition on the weekend.

On Saturday 19th August, Indy Jackson, Harry Baker and Brodie Swan-O'Toole took their horses and competed at the Annual Arndell InterSchools Equestrian Carnival at Hawkesberry Showground. They had lots of fun and won lots of 1sts, 2nds and 3rds. It was very windy and cold but it was still a very enjoyable day. We look forward to our next equestrian carnival at Camden in November.

Indy Jackson



## NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TEST

This is a practice test only and is intended to help schools assess their technical readiness for NAPLAN online as well as learn how to use the online assessment.

Picton Public School has been registered for the NAPLAN online readiness test, starting Monday 28th August to 9th September, with the following week available also if needed. This is in order for NAPLAN to be fully implemented as an online test environment in 2018.

The current group of students for 2017, i.e. : our students who have sat this year, are involved in these readiness preparations.

In Week 7 the following processes will implemented at our school:

- Years 5, 7 and 9 will sit the online writing test (a 1 hour session)
- Year 3 **will not be participating in the online writing test.**
- All years (3, 5, 7 and 9) will sit the 'Omnibus' test (a 1 hour session that includes Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy)
- Students do not need to access the test at the same time.

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Christine Beard, NAPLAN Coordinator.



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### Term 3

#### Week 6

**Thursday 24 August**

- Book Character Parade 12.00 to 1.30pm

- Southern Stars Dress Rehearsal

@ WIN Entertainment Centre

- Zone Athletics @ C'town

**Friday 25 August**

- Southern Stars Rehearsal

Matinee and Evening

Performances @ Win

Entertainment Centre

- Zone Athletics @ C'town

#### Week 7

**Monday 28th August**

- NAPLAN School Readiness

Testing this week

- P & C Fathers Day raffle tickets returned

**Tuesday 29th August**

- SCU @ RDA

- P & C Meeting @ 7.30

**Friday 1st September**

- Parent Workshops

#### Week 8

**Tuesday 5 September**

- Razorback Boys Cricket Trials

- Life Education

**Wednesday 6 September**

- Life Education

- BAND

- AFL Clinic @ 3.45pm

School Oval

#### Week 9

**Monday 11 September**

- Year 5 Berry Camp leaving @6.30am

- Life Education

**Tuesday 12 September**

- Year 5 Berry Camp

- Life Education

- SCU @ RDA

- Kinder Belgenny Excursion

**Wednesday 13 September**

- Year 5 Berry Camp returns @6.30pm

- Life Education

- SSW Athletics @Campbelltown

- Combined Assembly @ 12.10pm

- BAND

**Thursday 14 September**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

-Life Education

## Term 3 Week 4 2017

### Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Tyler, Molly
Kinder Yellow	Hamish, Addison
1 Pink	Clancy, Mirabella
1 Violet	Jamie, Evie
2 Green	Taylor, Samuel
2 Indigo	Isabelle, Harry
K/1 Lime	Mitchell, Chloe
1/4 Brass	Sebastian, Charli, Lucas



## Term 3 Week 5 2017

### Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red
Kinder Yellow
1 Pink
1 Violet
2 Green
2 Indigo
Sport



## Term 3 Week 5 2017

### Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Oliver, Henry, Sarah-Louise, Bridey, Kellie, Mikayla
3 Copper	Sophia, Abigail, Andie, Sebastian, Rhogan, Luke
3/4 Jade	Mia, Charlotte, Mikyala, Anastasia, Pisey, Joel
4 Bronze	Sharnaye, Andres, Cassie, Will, Jemima, Seb
5 Opal	Jake, Ryan, Clare, Lalita, Schacobii, Caitlyn
5 Teal	Dane, Charlotte, Eve, Jayden, Chloe, Ryan
6 Sapphire	Will, Bella, Harrison, Alicia, Luke, Noah
6 Turquoise	Charlotte, Jake, Oisin, Robbie, Shelby, Hannah
1/4 Brass	Patrick, Aiden
2/6 Cream	Bodhi, Reece



## 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.*

# Newsletter

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## Principal's Pen

### Book Week Parade

We have certainly had a busy few weeks already this term. Tomorrow we have the Book Character Parade and we are looking forward to our parents and community joining us at 12pm in our main quadrangle. We are looking forward to all of our students participating in this event as this is a really enjoyable time. Come along and enjoy this opportunity. This year the theme for Book Week is ***Escape to Everywhere***.

### Kindergarten Orientation

We had our second visit yesterday. The students are very settled and very engaged and we have been so impressed with our new Kindys already. Congratulations to parents on the way that you have prepared your child for school and it has been excellent to catch up with new and old families as well. We hope that you have been enjoying the days and our last orientation day will be next term.

### Southern Stars

Congratulations to Mrs Ellis and her Southern Stars team that have been working very hard with their rehearsals and I am looking forward to attending on Friday evening. It is very exciting to be performing at the Entertainment Centre at Wollongong and I wish all of our students and Mrs Ellis all the very best for their performances throughout the evening. Congratulations to Mrs Ellis for her excellent leadership.

### School Development Evenings

On Monday the 7th and Monday the 14th of August we have had staff working once again on our school planning. This includes working on our School Excellence Framework as well as our curriculum development. On both of these evenings we looked at developing curriculum within our school and our school plan for the next 3 years. These days are in lieu of the last 2 days of the year which are Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th of December. Students aren't attending on these days but I am required to inform parents that you are aware that the school will be closed on these two days as we have worked in lieu. It's a great opportunity as a school that we can utilise these two days earlier in the year for professional learning. The last evening on the 14th of August involved excellent discussion with the staff with a focus on assessment and reporting, effective teaching practice and curriculum and planning for 2018 and beyond.

### Professional Learning Days

During the first half of this term teachers and their team leaders have been involved in very focussed professional learning days once again looking at professional development goals, our school plan throughout the year with a specific focus on literacy and numeracy. This means that teachers are released from class and work throughout the day with their specific team leader on specific team and school goals. These have been very successful days, busy and inspirational for teachers and allows teachers to be involved in ongoing professional conversation reflecting on their own individual professional development goals and planning. What we are really looking at is the best outcome for our students in curriculum and doing the best we can for students Years K-6.

### Community of Schools Meeting

On the 17th August we hosted the Picton Community of Schools meeting within our school. I would like to thank Liz Boyd, Chris Beard and Maria Howard for their attendance at the meeting. This involves Principals and the Director looking at education across our community of schools programs. We are also involved in professional development at principal level at these meetings. It was enjoyable to host this and Margaret Turner our Director was also in attendance as well, and is always involved in these meetings. It was a very productive afternoon and thank you to my team because we were sharing programs from our school such as the Curriculum Connector role and the role that Mrs Boyd now has working with the High School.

### Parent Workshops

We have our parent workshop next Friday 1st September, we hope that you can join us. We are offering a number of areas across the curriculum and we are releasing teachers to be involved in this day. We are hoping that we may be able to offer a second day and I do apologise that we had to defer the first day. We look forward to and encourage parents to send back your acceptance form to indicate which workshops you would like to attend. This helps with final organisation for the day. I hope to see you there!

***Congratulations also to our Equestrian, Science and Sporting participants for their excellent achievements-we are proud of you!***

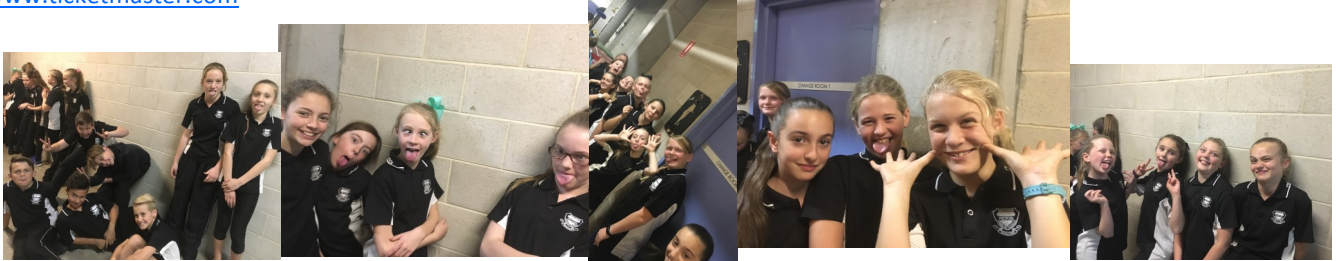
Kind regards,

Lyn Fraser  
Principal

# Southern Stars

Southern Stars performers ready for their rehearsal at WIN Entertainment Centre today with Mrs Ellis. You can buy tickets to see them perform on 25th & 26th August. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, there are still some available through Ticketmaster, but be quick! Tickets are Adult \$49, Pensioner and student over 12 \$39, Student/Child under 12 \$29.

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)



## Show Week for Southern Stars 2017 - Postcards

After almost a year of preparation and many months of rehearsals, Southern Stars 2017 **Postcards** is in the final week – show week!

From Monday this week the WIN Entertainment Centre will become a hive of activity as the staging and lighting goes in and on Wednesday students will arrive to take part in two huge days of rehearsals in preparation for the four performances on Friday and Saturday August 25th and 26th.

Over 3000 public school students from around Southern NSW will perform in Southern Stars **Postcards**, displaying their many and varied talents in music, dance, drama and even circus.

**Postcards** has something for everyone, whether you have a child in the show or not, it is worth taking your family to see one of the best arena variety entertainment shows in the country. The matinee show on Saturday is ideal for families!

If you do have children in the show make sure you check in to our Facebook site **Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular** for the latest photos backstage, for video of students in final rehearsals, and for stories from our media sponsors WIN News Illawarra and the Illawarra Mercury. Please like us and share our posts with your friends and family.

Kylie Ellis, Co-ordinator.

## Milo Cricket

On Friday 11th August, 60 students participated in the Southern Razorback Milo T20 Blast Cup. There were two Year 4 teams, two Year 5 teams and two Year 6 teams.

Two Year 4 teams played in a non-competitive series of games. Years 5 & 6 played in a competitive series of games, with three teams reaching the final.



The Year 6 Boys team were victorious and now will compete at Bankstown in the Sydney South West Tournament.

Well done to the students on a successful day.

Mr Boniface

## Wollondilly Community of Schools Science Fair

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students who presented their science projects at the Wollondilly Community of Schools Science Fair at Buxton Public School last Thursday. The girls have been busy researching and conducting experiments based on the National Science Week topic of *Future Earth*. The WCOS Science Fair gave them the opportunity to present their projects to judges and receive feedback on how to improve their projects for the University of Wollongong Science Fair in term 4. This year there was fierce competition from other local primary schools. I would like to congratulate Sophia and Rose who came third overall in the Stage 3 competition. Well done girls!

Indy and Charlotte: Does grooming affect the heart rate of a horse?

Kate and Samantha: Which chocolate melts quicker?

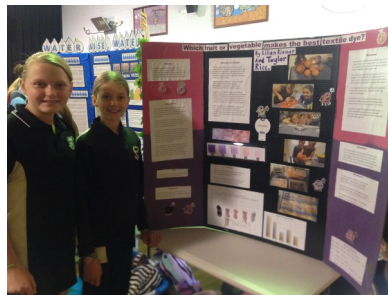
Loren, Eve and Ella: How does light affect how quickly a balloon deflates?

Hannah and Anessa: What's the best liquid to speed up growing oats?

Taylor and Lillian: Which fruit or vegetable makes the best textile dye?

Grace, Abbie and Brydie: What type of water is absorbed in a celery stick in seven days?

Sophia and Rose: Can we minimise the amount of water to grow crops?



# Picton High School

## Grease The Musical

On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> August, students in years 5 and 6 experienced Picton High School's first matinee performance of the musical Grease. The show included singing, dancing, live music and a 'Grease Lightning' car onstage. The senior students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and are looking forward to what they will experience in their coming high school years.



## Vegetable Garden



**3/4 Jade** are taking care of a vegetable garden at Picton Public School. We have been watering the plants every day during lunch and in the morning. We have managed to grow lettuce, cabbage, spring onion and parsley. The vegetables are about 12 centimetres long and 20 centimetres wide. 3/4 Jade is going to harvest the vegetables and make a fresh salad to eat. Yum!

By Isla Terry



### 2/6 Cream Vegetable Garden

At the end of last term we planted different types of lettuces, parsley and chives. The vegetable garden has needed to be watered regularly as we haven't had much rain. The vegetables have grown quite quickly. We have begun using them in our cooking. Last week we made homemade hamburgers using the lettuce from our garden. We are looking forward to planting more vegetables.

Mrs Julianne Smith

Vegie Garden Co-ordinator

# Parent Workshop at Picton Public School



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September-11.30-1.30pm**

## Meet in the LIBRARY

Dear Parents,

As part of supporting and working with our community we are delighted to offer the following workshops to support you and your children. We hope you can join us for an informative, action packed time.

### WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE:

- 1) **Do fractions frazzle and frighten you? Do decimals fill you with dread?**

*Catherine Wilson will unpack and demystify these for you*

- 2) **Are there rumbles at reading time?**

*Jennie Lang will outline strategies to help at home*

- 3) **Do maths problems perplex and plague you?**

*Chris Beard will explain strategies and the "how to" of problem solving*

- 4) **Is Comprehension confusing or confronting?**

*Liz Boyd will outline the Super Six Strategies of comprehension*

**There will be 3 x 30 minute workshops.**

Please **choose three workshops** by writing **your name** in the box (on page 2) and return to school by **Monday 27th August**.

Session times will be approx:-

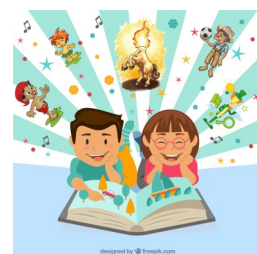
- 11.35-12.05
- 12.10-12.45
- 12.45-1.15
- 1.15-1.30 is evaluation session



# Book Week 2017

Book Parade Thursday 24/8/2017

Theme: "Escape to Everywhere"



14<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*Dear Parents,*

*As part of Book week 2017 the following activity will take place at Picton Public School.*

## **BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

*Please join us to watch the children participate in the Book Character Parade on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 12.00 – 1.30pm outside the library on the asphalt. The theme this year is "Escape to Everywhere". All students from Kinder to Year 6 are participating and are encouraged to dress up as a book character.*

*Please support our students and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you on the day.*

*Cameron Williams, Moira Menz & Liz Boyd  
Organising Teachers*





*Parent & Community Helper*

*Morning Tea Invitation*

*Picton Public School Staff*

*would like to invite*

*All Parent & Community Helpers*

*to a Special Morning Tea on*

*Wednesday 20th September 2017*

*at 11.15 am*

*in the school staffroom*

*to show our gratitude and  
appreciation of your valued  
contribution to our school  
and students.*

*Please RSVP by 15/9/17*

*on 4677 1497*

*Moira Menz Coordinator*



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