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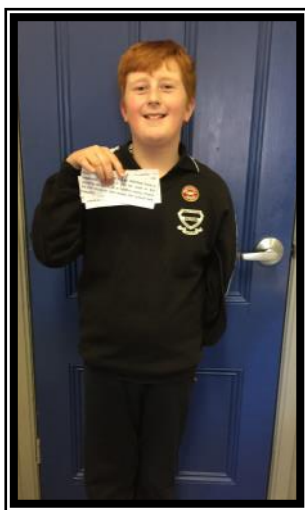
TERM 3 WEEK 10, 20th September, 2017



Artist Ken Tucker

Ken Tucker our artist from our Open Day and who worked with our students has very generously donated artwork to our school for fundraising purposes. We are very grateful to Ken for his wonderful support of our school and community. Thank you Ken! The art work will be raffled so keep your eye out for this fantastic opportunity.

Ken's latest painting is of a Geisha and represents a beautiful Japanese theme. It was painted at the Cowra Japanese Gardens when Ken was working there. It is interesting to gain insight into the work of artists, Ken's background is very diverse!



Ryan 2/6 Cream recited his speech to Ms Fraser. Great job Ryan!



Excellent writing and reading from Kinder Red: Noah, Lavinia and Ashton.

Ms Fraser



The Stage 3 Paws n Tails students Kelsey, James, Scott, Natalie and Matthew enjoying our school program with Mischka! Stage 2 Paws n Tails students started this week and into next term.

Al Thomson
Coordinator



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Term 4

Week 1

Thursday 12 October

- 2018 Student Leadership Nominations due

Friday 13 October

- Kindergarten Rangers on the run Incursion 9.30 to 11.30
- PHS Year Advisor visiting Year 6

Week 2

Monday 16 October

- Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion

Tuesday 17 October

- Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion

Wednesday 18 October

- Normanhurst West Band @ 9.30am visiting our school, parents welcome

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 donation note sent home
- **Student Leaders for 2018 speeches @ 9.30**

Tuesday 24 October

- Kinder Orientation—Final Program 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**

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 2018**

School Band Payment

A reminder to parents to please pay all overdue band fees immediately as we need to pay the tutor. New notes are coming home. Thank you.

Regards

Bronwynne Maher
School Band Coordinator

Term 3 Week 8 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Jonas, Jasmine
Kinder Yellow	Peter, Max
1 Pink	Sybelle, Mirabella
1 Violet	Mikayla, Abigail
2 Green	Levi, Naomi
2 Indigo	Ryley, Mia
K/1 Lime	Alex



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Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Yellow	Mia, Amelia
Kinder Red	Josaia, Peter
1 Pink	Cruz, Jorja
1 Violet	Amelia, Talon
2 Green	Erin, Sam
2 Indigo	Meagan, Victoria
Sport	Dayna, Charlie, Taylor, Angus

Term 3 Week 10 2017

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Jude, Susanna, Benjamin, Ruby, Annika, Ashton
3 Copper	Mia, Lorelei, Mya, Cillian, William, Seth
4 Bronze	Max, Abbie, Sean, Elizabeth, Logan, Elaina
5 Opal	Ella, Paige, Kate, Harry, Rhys, Caelan
6 Sapphire	Shayla, Brydie, Brodie, Thomas, Luke, Grace
6 Turquoise	Kelsey, Shelby, Brock, Anessa, Brody, Kiera
2/6 Cream	Lilly, Rhys, Ryan

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.

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 Catherine Wilsson – 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

Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 10, 20 September, 2017

Principal's Pen

Principal Leave

Mrs Beard will be Relieving Principal at the beginning of next term for a period of three weeks from Monday 9th October through to 27th October inclusively. I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Beard for relieving for me and taking on this leadership role within our school. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Beard in this role.

P & C Fundraising

Congratulations to our P & C for a wonderful term. They are so involved in our school in so many different ways. I congratulate them on all of their organisation throughout the term and their wonderful steps with fundraising through the year. They have worked very, very hard and are extremely organised. I would like to congratulate the executive team particularly under the leadership of Lauren Manning as P & C President and Brenda Cunningham as Vice President. Thank you also to the immediate team that helps them also in so many ways including key organisers of events not only for this term but throughout the year that support the executive team directly and obviously our broader community because this couldn't happen without you as well. I know that in classrooms the support that you have given teachers and students with our new readers throughout the school is fantastic. Staff have commented to me on how wonderful it is to have these resources to support their teaching in the classroom. Thank you very much to our P & C for their continued support of our school and the direct support of students from Kindergarten through to Year 6, right across our school.

Plant Sale

This is a major fundraiser for our community so please get behind the P & C in any way you can, whether it is time on the day or donations or some of the organisation behind the scenes. No matter what you can do for the school and our P & C every little bit contributes whether it is half an hour or a few hours everything that you do helps our school. I know our students love it when their parents and family members are involved within our school. Thank you in anticipation. I know it is going to be a wonderful day not only as a fundraiser for our school but as an excellent community event as well.

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 or other concerns. It is the responsibility of teachers, the executive 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 well being.

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.

Parent Survey: School Planning

As mentioned previously we are commencing a new cycle of school planning with the Department of Education.

I have included once again the Parent Survey in our newsletter for you and have sent home a paper copy previously to all parents.

We would love your feedback, please return via email or in the Magpie Box. Thank you in anticipation!

Have a wonderful break with your children and enjoy the spring weather!

With Best Wishes,

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Year 5 Berry Camp

On the 11th of September Year 5 went on a bus to Berry for camp. When we got there we put our stuff on the veranda and made our 8 people groups and we had lunch. For lunch it was chicken wraps and if you wanted any toppings you could put some on. For the activities there was 2 groups one was the Echidnas and the other was the Crows. First the Crows did kayaking which to go straight you had to paddle on one side and the other person on the other side. You should have seen Mrs Bywater she tipped over her kayak! The Echidnas did rock climbing in rock climbing you had to put a harness on first you put your waist strap through to your leg strap. When you climbed you had your team clipped onto a rope and when you got to where you were confident you put your foot and push. Then we had dinner it was nachos with mince then we had showers to go to the night activities and we had at the night activities one night it was the Olympics and the other is was just made up games. When we got up in the morning we had breakfast and the Crows were doing breakfast. There were three groups. The servers, the clean up crew and the cleaners. The first activity of the day was the giant swing. You could go as high as your comfort zone is and then you would let go of this rope and then you would swing. Then we had fruit and we could have an apple or an orange. Then we did archery and you had to get the technique right or it would miss completely.

Liam Ryan

5 Teal



Kindergarten Belgenny Farm Excursion

Last Tuesday Kindergarten students visited Belgenny Farm in Camden. With much excitement and anticipation we climbed aboard our coach after the bell went and we had a great trip over Razorback. We learnt a lot about the many jobs farmers do and we helped round up the sheep, feed the babies (lambs, calves and kid goats) and brushed a pony. All the students loved the tractor ride even though it was very dusty. We heard about the many different types of farms and we watched hundreds of sheep being loaded onto a transport truck with the help of the clever working dogs. All the children were exhausted by the time we got back on the bus to go back to school. (A few even had a little sleep!)

We all had a fantastic time.

Mrs Monds, Ms O'Hara, Mrs Howard and Mrs Plater

Early Stage One



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:





SYDNEY SOUTH WEST REGIONAL

PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The regional carnival was held on Wednesday 13th September at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. Three students from Picton Public School participated in the carnival, representing our school and our Razorback zone. They were faced with tough competition competing against the best athletes from the many schools in the Sydney South West region. The boys did their absolute best and pushed themselves to achieve excellent personal results. They all had a great day and had lots of fun! Congratulations boys, what amazing achievements.

2017 Razorback Regional Team (competed at SSW Regional Carnival)

Results:

Calem Brown : 5th 12 Yr Boys 100m

Sean Lawlan: 12th Junior Boys 200m & 6th Junior Boys Long Jump

Ruben Toga: 8th Junior Boys Discus

Caitlyn Halse: qualified for 11 Yr Shot Put but was attending Year 5 Camp



2017 PPS Zone Team (competed at Razorback Zone Carnival)

Corey Lawes, Sean Lawlan, Nadim Hajje, Ruben Toga, Danny Smith, Oisin Chretien, Jake Cotton, Riley Farrell, Joel Knapp, Shelby Somoracz, Brock Statham, Noah Sathiah, Liam Gechevski, Jake Tomlinson, Luke Hawke, Latiya Shankaran-Raju, Jade Dabrowski, Jacqueline Cardwell, Sidney Schols, Shylah Noonan, Cassie Williams, Loren Adamson, Caitlyn Halse, Inah Maria Dabrowski, Alex Rottenbury, Liam Hawke, Anessa Rice, Rose North, Shaylah Sanderson, Ella Cranfield, Calem Brown, Thomas Gottaas, Calvin Carter, Mia Pope, Emma Cotton, Molly Gottaas,

Michelle Friend

Sports Coordinator



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.

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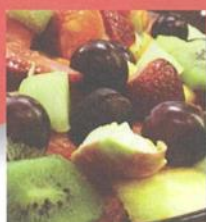
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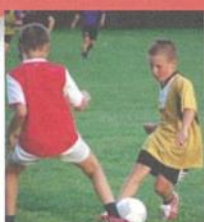
module

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

'All Systems Go' focuses on the human body. In this fun and interactive session, the students explored and discovered how magnificent the body is and what is needed to keep healthy such as:



healthy food choices



benefits of
physical activity



strategies to keep
safe from second
hand smoking



exploring ways to
manage peer pressure

WHY IS THIS MODULE SO IMPORTANT?

Being healthy is the key to leading an active and productive life. So, it's really important to give our children the awareness, knowledge, skills and strategies they need to make informed, positive decisions when it comes to their bodies.

SO WHAT NEXT?

Your child's teacher has 'All Systems Go' resources to use in the classroom, and you can continue the learning at home.



To do:

A great way you can encourage and support your child to adopt healthy lifestyle choices is to participate in the All Systems Go Challenge. To find out more go to

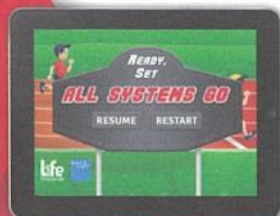
www.bupafamilychallenge.com.au.

To ask:

Talk to your child about what they have learned. Here are some ideas to start a conversation with them about it.

Have you ever felt pressured to do something by people at school?
How did it feel?
What did you do?

What advice would you give me about keeping my body healthy?



Download our app called 'Ready, Set, All Systems Go' and get the whole family together to learn about parts of key systems of the human body.



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