

Newsletter

TERM 1 WEEK 6, 7th March, 2018



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Term 1

Week 6

Friday 9 March

- Razorback Boys & Girls Hockey Trials

Week 7

Tuesday 13 March

- RDA
- SSW Swimming Carnival @ Campbelltown

- P & C Meeting

Friday 16 March

- Footsteps Disco (mufti)

Week 8

Tuesday 20 March

- Responsible Pet program in the Hall Kinder 9.45 –10.25, Year 1 10.35-11.15, Year 2 12.05-12.45

Friday 23 March

- P & C Easer Raffle Egg Collection (mufti)

Week 9

Monday 26 March

- P & C Easter raffle tickets due back

- Parent Teacher Interviews 3.40pm—7pm

Tuesday 27 March

- RDA
- Parent Teacher Interviews 3.40pm—5pm

Thursday 29 March

- Hat & Mask Parade 12pm
- P & C Easter Raffle drawn

Friday 30 March

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Good Friday)

Week 10

Monday 2 April

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Easter Monday)

Wednesday 4 April

- 12.10pm Combined Assembly

Thursday 5 April

- Razorback Boys & Girls Touch trials

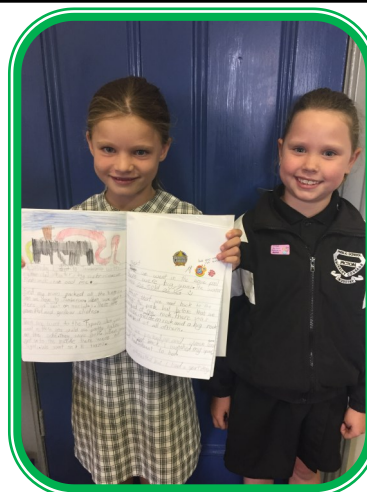
Week 11

Tuesday 10 April

- RDA
- Razorback Rugby Union trials
- Celebrating Grand Friends and Harmony Day: Open Day and visiting performer

Thursday 12 April

- 10.45 School ANAC Day Ceremony



Gemma and Lilly of 2 Green with their writing using similes!

Excellent learning at Picton Public School—we are proud of you!
Ms Fraser



Grace, Jessica, Noah, Carys and Toby of 1 Violet read fluently and with expression!

HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I meet fortnightly with Mrs Beard (LST Coordinator) to look at attendance in the school. Together we look at partial, justified and unjustified absences. My role is to support students and families by ensuring schools meet the needs of students. We want students happy and engaged in the classroom. Regular school attendance is vital in order for students to obtain the greatest educational opportunities.

Kristen Kable
Home School Liaison Officer

Term 1 Week 4 2018

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Mila, Kahlan
Kinder Yellow	Marlow, Ohana
1 Pink	Mia Kayla
1 Violet	Noah, Isabella
2 Green	Sybelle, Clancy
2 Indigo	Charli, Harry
1/2 Aqua	Alex
2/5 Magenta	Chloe
SPORT	Kayla, Sam, Mirabella, Lucy, Xavier

Term 1 Week 5 2018

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Capri, Daniel
Kinder Yellow	Sapphire, Ryan
1 Pink	Walker, Briella
2 Green	Sybelle, Cruz
2 Indigo	Maddison, Lauren
SPORT	Miles, Aiden, Cameron, Maddison, Masen, Jed, Kahlan

Term 1 Week 4 2018

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Jenna, Zac, Scott, Lujaine, Victoria, Monet
3 Copper	Dayna, Tylan, Lola, Angus, Emma, Lilly
4 Bronze	Ella, Rhiannon, Ashton, Max, Rhogan, Sebastian
4 Emerald	Annika, Cooper, Logan, Luke, Sophia, Seth
4/5 Platinum	Kelly, Joel, Jemima, Abbie, Lillian, Kalea
5 Crimson	Aaron, Jacqueline, Isla, Will, Zara, Max
6 Sapphire	Eve, Alexis, Ava, Natalie, Amethyst, Lalita
6 Turquoise	Caitlyn, Harry, Schacobii, Khye, Charlotte, Jayden
5/6 Cobalt	Bodhi, Kane

Term 1 Week 5 2018

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Bethany, Jess, Luca
3 Copper	Ariah, Billie, Ewan
4 Bronze	Bailey, Sarah-Louise, Ben
4 Emerald	Alex, Zoe, Bridey
4/5 Platinum	Ashley, Sebastian, Jemima
5 Crimson	Anastasia, Alex, Sean
6 Sapphire	Riley, Eliza, Aiden
5/6 Cobalt	Rhys, Ryan

Principal's Pen

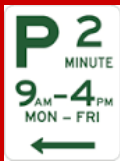
UNIFORM SHOP

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 Katherine Whittaker.



**Reminder 2 Minute Drop off
Zones around our school!**



CommonwealthBank

School Banking has started. Please have your banking at the School Office by Tuesday of each week. *Thank you to Beverly Roams our wonderful School Banking Volunteer. Beverly does a great job! 😊*

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting is next Tuesday 13th March in the staffroom and we will be looking at a number of agenda items, such as the YMCA, the Curriculum Connector Role in our school and a number of other items. Just a reminder that the agenda items need to be sent through to the secretary before the meeting and this ensures that we keep a focus on our agenda and we keep to our time frame.

We will also be looking at school funding for 2018 and the way that we are linking it to our school plan. The P & C will be discussing our school needs for 2018 and beyond. It is an important meeting and we would like you to be part of the discussion so we can plan effectively for our resources for this year.

Liz Boyd will also be attending and Liz will be talking about the continuation of her curriculum role within the school for 2018 including her specific focus on literacy and numeracy and also the purchasing of resources with P & C funding. We once again thank the P & C for their generosity and our very supportive school community. We are really excited about adding to our reading resources right across our school from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Parent Teacher Interviews 26th and 27th March

Parent teacher interviews are very important to our school community in terms of communication and ensuring the success of your child and also for us to receive your feedback. Last week you

should have received a note about the parent teacher interviews and the process for this year. We continue with our electronic interview format. If you are unable to book online please make contact with your child's teacher or if you have any difficulties as well.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our zone swimmers who represented our school last week. Congratulations to our students on their excellent behaviour and representation of our school, we are very proud of them. We are also very proud of their achievements and I know that many students were able to achieve their personal best which they are to be congratulated on. Congratulations also to our four students who reached the next level at Regional. You are to be commended on your outstanding results! Congratulations to all of the students and staff involved and thank you very much for our ongoing parental support.

***Kindest Regards,
Lyn Fraser
Principal***

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our Picton PS swimmers who competed at the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival at Wollondilly Leisure Centre last week. It was a two day carnival with the districts best swimmers competing in across the four swimming strokes. Picton had 26 swimmers competing, all doing an amazing job. There were many great swims and personal best times.

A huge congratulations to the following swimmers who placed in the top 3, earning a spot in the Razorback PSSA Team which will compete at the Regional Championships in March:

Isla Terry – Junior 200m Individual Medley, 10 years 50m Freestyle, 10 years 50m Breaststroke, 10 years 50m Butterfly

Indy Jackson – Open 100m Freestyle, 12 years 100m Freestyle, 12/13 years 50m Breaststroke

Levi Hamilton – 8 years 50m Freestyle

Amethyst Pakoti – 13 years 50m Freestyle

A special thank you to Mrs Bywater and Mr Boniface for managing the Picton Team, as well as to all parents for your help and support over the two days.

Congratulations to all swimmers for your excellent behaviour, team spirit and great swimming!

Loren Adamson, Will Bolwell, Lily Bzabough, Emma Cotton, Jake Cotton, Mia Farrell, Angus French, Liam Gechevski, Jack Gogarty, Jude Hamilton, Levi Hamilton, Henry Jackson, Indy Jackson, Eve Jones, Jasmine Stone, Amethyst Pakoti, Harry Rainbow, Luke Rainbow, Abbie Rogers, Harry Rogers, Lilly Rogers, Lillian Sotek, Zara Statham, Isla Terry, Daniel Tomlinson, Cassie Williams.

Miss Barnes



Better Buddies

In Week 4 on the 22nd of February Year 6 finally received their kinder buddies. The 22nd was the Better Buddies Launch Day and we were so excited. Kinder and Year 6 all wore purple the colour of the Better Buddies mascot Buddy Bear. After we got paired up we completed activities with our kinder buddy. The activities were paper planes, bubbles and dominoes. During lunch we all had a picnic together and later in the afternoon we went to the hall for a movie and popcorn with our buddy. We had a great day and cant wait for our fortnightly activities to begin.

Year 6 & Kindergarten



ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is vital in order for students to obtain the greatest educational opportunities that the school can offer. When students have irregular attendance they lose continuity in their education that is necessary for them to succeed and achieve.

As the School's Learning and Support Team Coordinator I will be looking closely at our attendance. I meet on a fortnightly basis with our Home School Liaison Officer to monitor partial and unjustified attendances.

I have attached a letter from Kristen Kable (HSLO) addressing the importance of attendance.

Also attached is a 'Go Go Go for O!' chart which clearly outlines the impact of absences on a student's education.

In 2018 we will be looking closely at students partial attendance. Please ensure that students arrive at school on time and do not leave school early, unless in urgent circumstances.

Chris Beard

Learning & Support Team Coordinator

ENTRY TO THE CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL 2019

APPLICATION TO AUDITION

APPLICATIONS TO CLOSE 2nd June 2018

Auditions will be held week beginning 20th August 2018

Workshop Saturday 24th August 2018

Email enquiries to Music Manager—Julie Simonds. julie.simonds@det.nsw.edu.au

Click on the link below to view more information

<https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au>

Conservatorium High School

Ms Julie Simonds Manager Music Program

2018 School Contribution

2018 School Contribution Please return to the Magpie Box (on admin verandah)

Student Name _____ Class _____

Annual School Contribution \$43.00 – 1 student at school \$65.00 – family

VISA / MASTERCARD (Please circle)

Name on card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Number on card: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ CCV: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

THANK YOU!~☺

Compulsory School Attendance in NSW Schools

Under the Education Act (1990) all children from six years to seventeen years of age are legally required to attend school every day. Recent changes to attendance requirements place obligations on schools to more closely monitor attendance and to take appropriate action if students are either not attending or are absent for reasons not justified by the school.

At Picton Public School, we value good attendance from all students. Regular attendance is important because it helps your child:

- Maximise their learning opportunities
- Develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- To learn the importance of punctuality
- Maintain healthy social relationships with their friends
- Develop a good working relationship with their teachers

Unfortunately habits of non-attendance tend to develop quickly and it is concerning, that if a child misses just 8 days a term, they would miss more than one year of schooling by the end of primary school which then presents problems as they begin high school.

The law requires that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school as soon as possible and provide a legitimate reason for your child's absence. This can be done by

- Sending a note on your child's return to school
- Contacting through email, phone or fax
- Visiting the school

Parents / Caregivers should note that schools are required to record absences that are unexplained or unjustified and may also be required to report these to various welfare agencies, who may choose to follow this up with parents.

Your child's education is important. Please contact the school if there are problems in getting your children to school or if there are concerns you have about them at school. A positive partnership between home and school in this area is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child's education

Kristen Kable
Home School Liaison Officer
Picton Public School

GO GO GO for 0!

0 days away

TERM 1 - 2010

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MISSED SCHOOL = MISSED LEARNING

Miss 1 day each week = 1 Term each year

= 1 ½ years by the end of Yr 6

= 2 ¾ years by the end of Yr 12

It's not OK to be away!

PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

Creating Opportunities Achieving Success

Year 7 - 2019 Information Night

Information Night for Future Students in Year 7 2019

TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2018

The evening will commence at 6:00pm in the school hall where information about the school and the application process will be presented.

This will be followed by a showcase of the school.

Enrolment packages will be available on the night.



Picton High School

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Meet Greet & Eat!



Come and meet the YMCA team at Picton.

Bring the whole family down; we have toys, games, music and some delicious refreshments for you to enjoy.

Talk to our wonderful team here at Picton YMCA and find out more about our service.

We provide Before and After school care as well as vacation care.

Come along and go in the draw to win our awesome hamper give away.

Where: Picton Public School, 27 Lumsdaine St, Picton. In the school hall

When: Monday 26th March 6:30pm-7:30pm

Who: Friends, family, Community and the Y team

What: Toys, games, music, delicious refreshments and information night

Contact: Picton YMCA 0437 357 289 oshc.picton@ymcansw.org.au

Dear families,

Picton YMCA offers a great before and after school care.

Picton YMCA currently has vacancies available in before and after school care. Come on over to the school hall and meet our team. We are here from 6:30am-8:50am and 2:30pm-6:30pm Monday-Friday; alternatively you can call us on 0437 357 289.



We also run an amazing vacation care service during the school holidays. We are open from 6:30am-6:30pm Monday-Friday during the school holidays. Hop on our website for more information at

<https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-picton-oshc/>

Testimonials

"My daughter is always so happy to come and play here in the mornings and afternoons. She loves the meals provided and the variety of things to do. Also, Jennifer and Sarah are very caring and welcoming to her every day".

- Jasmine

"I'm very happy with the service at YMCA Picton. Jennifer and Sarah are very welcoming, enthusiastic and friendly. I appreciate the flexibility for working parents with the ability to come fortnightly. My children loved the colouring competition".

- Alison



Check out what Picton YMCA will be up to towards the end of the term.

- **WEEK 5 – CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**
 - Youth liaison/community officer attending YMCA on Thursday 1st March to talk with the children about child protection and stranger danger at 3:30pm. Book your child in for the afternoon here at YMCA or simply bring the family down to the school hall to join in (children not signed into YMCA must be accompanied by an adult).
- **WEEK 6 – CRAFT WEEK**
 - Have fun all week with craft week! Create some amazing masterpieces here at YMCA for you to take home.
- **WEEK 7 – WORLD WEEK**
 - This week will be all about the world. We will discover things we never knew about. We also have a delicious afternoon tea menu to reflect some countries around the world, this menu includes; China (Fried rice or boiled rice), UK (Buttered popcorn), Australia (Sausage Sandwiches), Italy (Mini pizzas) and Mexico (Tacos).
- **WEEK 8 – SAFETY/EMERGENCY WEEK**
 - Fire fighters will be bringing their awesome fire truck down to YMCA on Tuesday 20th March 4:00pm to have a talk about safety and what to do in an emergency with the children. They will also be showing off their really cool truck and all the tools they use when they attend any sort of emergency situation. Book your child in for the afternoon here at YMCA or bring the family down to the school hall to join in (children not signed into YMCA must be accompanied by an adult).
- **WEEK 9 – BOARD GAMES WEEK**
 - We hope you are ready for this competitive yet challenging week of fun with board games. Verse your friends in some whacky cool board games or even bring in your own.
- **WEEK 10 – EASTER WEEK**
 - This week will be filled with all sorts of Easter activities. Be prepared for the massive Picton YMCA Easter egg hunt.
- **WEEK 11 – ANIMAL WEEK**
 - This week we will be learning all about animals. We will be doing animal activities, animal craft and looking after our brand new hermit crabs.

For more information on enrolling your child/ren at YMCA. Please visit our website at <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-picton-oshc/>, alternatively you can pop in to see the centre Coordinator Jennifer or phone 0437 357 289





CAMPBELLTOWN PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Beverley Road

Campbelltown

NSW 2560

Phone: (02) 4625 1403

Fax: (02) 4625 5986

Principal: Stacey Quince

Entry of Students Year 7, 2019

Music, Drama, Dance and Circus Expression of Interest

Students currently in Year 6 in 2018 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance in 2019 in Dance, Drama, Music or Circus at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, must submit an Expression of Interest and participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates: 3 April 2018 – 6 April 2018

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Closing date for registration is **16 March 2018**

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School provides specialist education to students having substantial potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Music, Drama, Dance or Circus. Students can audition in one or two of the four performing arts disciplines. Preferences must be made clear on their Expression of Interest. Audition costs may vary.

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner's decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Feedback on an individual student's performance in their audition will not be provided. The purpose of the audition is for the school to select the most capable students as assessed by the panel. These are the conditions under which students, parents and carers must agree when applying to audition.

Offers and Waiting List

Offers of a place are posted to families within 4 weeks. If you have not received a letter after 4 weeks please call Cathy Sanders in Performing Arts on 4625 1403 to establish the status of your application. Positions on the waiting list are determined by the student's ranking in their successful discipline. No information regarding student ranking or position on the waiting list will be provided. The school will contact you if a position arises.

Thank you for your interest in our performing arts programs. We look forward to supporting your child through the audition process



Volunteer Ethics Teachers Required for Picton Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes have been available at Picton Public School for the last three years as an option for children who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE/scripture).

Ethics classes support children in developing skills in ethical reasoning, critical thinking, collaborative enquiry and how to support their arguments with evidence. The lesson materials have been approved by the Department of Education.

Unfortunately, I can no longer teach Primary Ethics due to work commitments. I really find it hard to express just how much I have loved doing Primary Ethics. It truly was the highlight of my week, every week. To witness the amazing minds of our young Picton Public School students was an absolute privilege.

We are hoping to have a new Primary Ethics teacher starting next term, which is excellent news! However, Picton Public School needs more teachers to meet the demand for classes in 2018. The more children and stages we have requests for, the more teachers are needed.

Volunteering is a great way to engage with the school. Volunteer ethics teachers do not need a background in teaching or ethics, just a willingness to learn how to deliver classes.

You don't have to be a parent of Picton Public School to be a volunteer. Primary Ethics welcomes all members of the community. To be a volunteer you must complete a two day workshop and other online training and accreditation requirements. This training is not hard or confrontational and a great way to meet some amazing people.

The approved lesson materials are provided for you, so your role is to facilitate a community of enquiry amongst the students.

I would love to talk to you about my experiences with Primary Ethics and to answer any questions you may have. Information is also available on the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au where you can complete an on-line application.

I hope to hear from you soon. It would be fantastic if we could provide Primary Ethics classes to all stages in 2018. Let's do it!

Cheers

Damaris Terry
Primary Ethics Coordinator
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