

Newsletter

TERM 2 • WEEK 2, 9th May, 2018



Mitchell, Alexandra, Cooper, Lilly, Britney and Chloe of 2/5 Magenta showing Ms Fraser their goals they achieved in Term 1!

Wonderful
Learning
At Picton Public!



Finlay, Cruz, Sybelle, Mikayla and Gemma from 2 Green with their writing on the part of their body they like!



Max, Harley and Gemma from 2 Green writing about Anzac Day.

Urgent Reminder: Applications for opportunity class placement 2019

Important information for Parents

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2019 has begun.

The attached letter was sent to parents of Year 4 students on the 11/4/18 last term and placed in the newsletter. Parents responses are important and need to be returned to the school as we need to provide school documentation for student applications.

Important dates in the application process are as follows:

- Tuesday 1 May 2018: Online applications open
- Friday 18 May 2018: Online applications close **(Late applications will not be accepted)**

Lyn Fraser
Principal



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Term 2

Week 2

Thursday 10 May
- **Mothers Day Stall**
- NAPLAN 2018 Equating Study—
5 Crimson & 3 Silver

Week 3

Tuesday 15 May
- NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 16 May
- NAPLAN Reading Years 3 & 5
Thursday 17 May
- NAPLAN Numeracy Years 3 & 5
Friday 18 May
- NAPLAN Catch up
- **Opportunity Class Year 5 2019 closes today**
- - Stewart House Collection

Week 4

Tuesday 22 May
- Sports in Schools
Wednesday 23 May
- BAND
Thursday 24 May
- Stage 2 Excursion to Botany Bay

Week 5

Tuesday 29 May
- ICAS Science
- Sports In Schools
Wednesday 30 May
- 12.10 Combined Assembly
Thursday 31 May
- Together Arts Exhibition
Friday 1 June
- Together Arts Exhibition
- Razorback Cross Country

Week 6

Tuesday 5 June
- Sports in Schools
- RDA
Wednesday 6 June
- BAND
Friday 8 June
- Soccer/Netball/AFL Gala Day

Term 1 Week 10 2018

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Brenden, Carlos
Kinder Yellow	Oliver, Patrick
1 Pink	Jake, Phoenix
1 Violet	Thomas, Molly
2 Green	Kloe, Levi
2 Indigo	Cruz, Jay-Ella
1/2 Aqua	Logan, Lucas
2/5 Magenta	Chloe, Mitchell

Term 1 Week 11

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Charlie, Xavier
Kinder Yellow	Kaiden, Sienna
1 Pink	Ella, Hayden
1 Violet	Sophie, Ashton, Grace
2 Green	Clancy, Natasha
2 Indigo	Harry, Evie

Term 2 Week 1 2018

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red	Daniel, William
Kinder Yellow	Masen, Lucy
1 Pink	Amelia, Bonny
1 Violet	Harrison, Kayla
2 Green	Mirabella, Jamie
2 Indigo	Charlie, Lachlan
1/2 Aqua	Chloe, Alex
Sport	Destiney, Harley, Logan, Capri, Mila, Noah, Lachlan

Term 1 Week 10 2018

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

3 Silver	Ryley, Levi, Alexis, Eden, Kaylee, Will
3 Copper	Cruz, Chloe, Lillian, Lola, Sam, Shanina
4 Bronze	Jude, Sapphire, Phoenix, Alyssa, Mikayla, Natalie
4 Emerald	Eva, Ruben, Henry, Nathan
4/5 Platinum	Tamsyn, Jake, Aiden, Jasmine, Harrison, Elaina
5 Crimson	Cassie, Pisey, Charlotte, Austin, Isla, Isaac
6 Sapphire	Tyle-May, Loren, Ava, Charlie
6 Turquoise	Oliver, Ella, Harry, Hayley, Matthew, Katherine
5/6 Cobalt	Reece, Bodie

Principal Retirement

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely break with your children. We had an excellent school development day with staff and our students have started the term once again very settled and focused on their learning.

I am also writing to inform you that I have made a decision to retire at the end of the term. I will be taking leave until the end of the year then officially retiring. I have loved my time as Principal of Picton Public and I will miss our wonderful students, staff and community. It has really been such a privilege to work here. However, it is time for me to retire and to welcome a new principal to the school for the new year. Obviously this has been discussed with Margaret Turner, my Director of Schools. Margaret has also taken up a new Director Role in Wollongong this term.

In the interim, Mrs Beard will be leading the school as Relieving Principal during this transition period. Mrs Beard's strong educational leadership qualities will lead the school until the position is filled by our new Director, Belinda Wall and staffing. Belinda has started her new role this term also and I met with her on Monday in her new role. This first meeting was about getting to know her new schools and was most enjoyable.

We continue to work hard on our 2018 new school planning cycle with our ongoing focus on curriculum development and differentiated learning achievements for our students.

I look forward to another excellent term at Picton and working closely with you and our P & C.

Kindest Regards,

Lyn Fraser
Principal



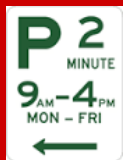
UNIFORM SHOP

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!

Book Coverers Wanted

Yes we have more fabulous resources and they need covering.

Please see Mrs Boyd at the officer for books and contact.

Thanks

Liz Boyd
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Leader



Principal's Pen

Grandfriends and Harmony Day

Congratulations to our community particularly our grandfriends on joining us and celebrating the end of the term with our Grandfriends and Harmony Day. We were absolutely overwhelmed with the turn out for the day and we thank you so much for joining in with the learning in classrooms and for our concert. We had so much wonderful feedback and the students were so excited to have you with us on the day and they were so proud of our school and our staff as well. Thank you so much for your attendance, it made the day a very special one for all of us. A big thank you to Dianne Monds for her leadership and coordination of the day.

School Anzac Day Ceremony

Congratulations to our student leaders for their outstanding leadership of our Anzac Day Ceremony and also congratulations to our students for the way that they participated and engaged in the day. Their behaviour and respectfulness was also outstanding and I was very proud of them. It was lovely to have some parents join us on the day so thank you for taking the time to come up and be part of our ceremony. A big thank you to Miss Simone Fait for her excellent coordination and leadership of the day and also for her coordination of the Anzac Day march held in the school holidays which was greatly appreciated. Thank you very much to all families and staff involved.

Gymnastics Program

Our gymnastics program started last week, thank you to our community for their support with this program. We know that our students really enjoy the opportunity to be involved in this with trained leaders on the day who specialise in gymnastics. We have had an excellent start to the program.

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be in Week 3: 15th May.

NAPLAN Equating Study

Two classes 5 Crimson and 3 Silver are involved in the NAPLAN Equating Study on 10th May.

NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

Just a reminder that NAPLAN commences in Week 3 and our Years 3 and 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing, Reading and Numeracy and the Friday of Week 3 is our back up day. It is really important that students come to school on time particularly in these years or if they are going to be away we need also to be notified of sickness as well.

School Development Day

All staff participated in a very effective School Development Day on the first day back. Staff have been involved in curriculum training, training in school management processes and had the opportunity to also meet with their team. These continue to be extremely productive and very valuable days for our staff.

Mothers Day Stall

Please support the great work that our P & C does with our P & C Mothers Day stall. Please see more information from our P & C President as well and also just a reminder it will be tomorrow the 10th May.

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Native Walkthrough (Landcare Grant)

Stephen from Tahmoor Garden Centre worked closely with us to establish our Native Walkthrough garden. Our students will be able to take part in Science and Art lessons in this beautiful outdoor area. We have attached photos of the works conducted. This garden is already attracting native wildlife. Along with our vegie garden this walkthrough allows our students to engage with the outdoors and be involved in an “outdoor classroom”.

Please ensure you visit our site. Our students will be given the opportunity to design a sign for the area.

Christine Beard

Learning and Support Coordinator



Traffic and Student Safety

Please be advised we have had several community members concerned about student safety in regards to after school pick ups.

We are also very concerned about parents double parking in View Street, placing children at risk when crossing to enter cars.

I have made a call to the Police Department raising our concerns. Please be aware there are substantial fines involved in illegal parking practices.

Christine Beard

Assistant Principal



HARMONY DAY

On the last day Tuesday of Term One Picton Public School held a fabulous Harmony/Grandfriends Day. We loved having all the visitors from our community in the school and showcasing our students many talents. During the afternoon sessions the students had the pleasure of watching the visiting storyteller Donna Jacobs-Fife. The children were entertained by her amusing stories from her childhood and world travels.

Di Monds
Co-ordinator



Woolworths Rewards

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to collect the Woolworths Rewards points in Term 4 last year. We have been able to purchase lots of great science equipment for all grades, with a focus on magnetism and electricity kits. Our Kindergarten students were the first group to explore the magnets, having a great time showing the concepts they had learnt about magnetism last term. Thank you also to the P&C for organising such a great fundraiser. We look forward to using the equipment in our science lessons.

Miss Barnes
Coordinator



School Anzac Ceremony



On Thursday 12th April Picton Public School held an ANZAC Day assembly to remember the soldiers who fought and died at Gallipoli. Ryan Graban, Loren Adamson, Charlotte Jenks, Indy Jackson, Ted Roworth and Lilly Kaya led the assembly. Our student leaders shared readings to inform fellow students about the war and what happened to those brave ANZACs. Following on from this, during the holidays on the 25th April, students and teachers met in Picton for the early morning ANZAC Day march. Students from kindergarten to Year 6 braved the cold and marched proudly through the streets of Picton in remembrance of our ANZAC heroes. The students were solemn and thoughtful during the march and service that followed. All of them are to be commended on the respect and pride they showed during both of these important ceremonies.

Simone Fait
Coordinator





Sports In Schools Australia Gymnastics



This term has seen the start of the SISA Gymnastics program. The students have been very enthusiastic and in the first week were taught skills on the 30cm beam, air board, rings, parallel bars, a variety of wedges and other equipment, by skilled instructors. These activities and skills will change and develop each week as the students grow in skill.

Please, if you haven't already done so please pay online or place your payment in the magpie box. Gymnastics is part of our Physical Education curriculum and as a result all students are encouraged to participate.

We are very lucky to have this fantastic
Program at Picton Public School

SISA Coordinator
Catherine Wilson



Cross Country

Last Friday 4th May our annual Cross Country Carnival was held at Victoria Oval in Picton. As always, the day *ran* smoothly and was a huge success.

We have some talented athletes at our school and some very determined runners who pushed themselves to their limits and did not give up. We are extremely proud of each and every student who participated.

Students from **Hume**, **Mitchell**, **Oxley** & **Sturt** were brilliant spectators, displaying wonderful sportsmanship and encouraging their peers. Senior students did a great job helping to hand out ribbons at the end of each race.

We would like to thank the P & C for a fabulous cake stall/canteen & the parents and carers who were able to come along to the carnival and support the kids and Picton Public School.

Carnivals and days like the Cross Country are not possible without the support from **all** staff members. A big thank you to Mrs Jackson for her help before and on the day, including all important First Aide. An extra thanks to Miss Barnes and Mr Boniface for their assistance behind the scenes too.

Results from our school carnival are attached to this report. Congratulations to all runners!

Simone Radmore, Michelle Friend & Julianne Smith
Cross Country Coordinators



Cross- Country Carnival 2018

8 years Boys 2km

1 st	Talon Garad
2 nd	Zane Watson
3 rd	Cruz Salisbury
4 th	Levi Hamilton
5 th	Cameron Denford
6 th	Levi Schwartz
7 th	Andy DiNicola
8th	Luke Lahodiak
9th	Mason Smith
10th	Lachlan McGuiness

8 years Girls 2km

1 st	Lily Bzadough
2 nd	Lilly Rogers
3 rd	Gemma Read
4 th	Sybelle Jones
5 th	Jorja Halse
6 th	Kloe Harrison
7 th	Alice Woods
8th	Amelia Reed
9th	Ava Lutton
10th	Alexis Pullen

9 years Boys 2km

1 st	Harry Rogers
2 nd	Angus French
3 rd	Sam Merchant
4 th	Luca Adamson
5 th	Tylan Stone
6 th	Leon Ward
7 th	Harrison Luhr
8th	Alex Rottenbury
9th	Jake Davis
10th	Lachlan Crawhall

9 years Girls 2km

1 st	Emma Cotton
2 nd	Dayna Odgers
3 rd	Naomi Ingram
4 th	Taylor Feeney
5 th	Ellyce Ingram
6 th	Eden McLean
7 th	Lilly Aceski
8th	Lillian Moore
9th	Money Manning
10th	Jenna Shearshields

10 years Boys 2km

1 st	Jude Hamilton
2 nd	Jack Gogarty
3 rd	Luke Rainbow
4 th	Ben Cohen
5 th	Jye Beale
6 th	Max Bolwell
7 th	Corey Lawes
8th	Liam Hawke
9th	Benjamin White
10th	Henry Jackson

10 years Girls 2km

1 st	Isla Terry
2 nd	Sophia Tutt
3 rd	Zoe Farrell
4 th	Jacqueline Cardwell
5 th	Mikyla Ryan
6 th	Eva Heffernan
7 th	Lillian Sotek
8th	Elaina Warren
9th	Jordan Denford
10th	Erin Little

11 years Boys 3km

1 st	Will Bolwell
2 nd	Daniel Tomlinson
3 rd	Harry Haeusler
4 th	Aiden Briggs
5 th	Joel Davies
6 th	Liam Ryan
7 th	Euan Pullen
8th	Elijah Hood
9th	Jack Maher
9th	Danny Smith

11 years Girls 3km

1 st	Shylah Noonan
2 nd	Abbie Rogers
3 rd	Cassie Williams
4 th	Molly Watson
5 th	Elizabeth Hamilton
6 th	Jemima Blake
7 th	Mia Farrell
8th	Lilly Stewart
9th	Jasmine Stone
9th	Eliza Lewis

12/13 years Boys 3km

1 st	Riley Farrell
2 nd	Liam Gechevski
3 rd	Owen Hanthorn
4 th	Harry Rainbow
5 th	Jayden Parker
6 th	Dane Thomas
7 th	Ted Roworth
8th	Rhys Dawkins
9th	-
10th	-

12/13 years Girls 3km

1 st	Cailtyn Halse
2 nd	Eve Jones
3 rd	Loren Adamson
4 th	Indiana Jackson
5 th	Clare Moss
6 th	Charlotte Younie
7 th	Madeline McGuire
8th	Hayley Sanderson
9th	Chloe Whyte
10th	Ella Cranfield

1 st	STURT	215
2 nd	OXLEY	207
3 rd	MITCHELL	179
4 th	HUME	175



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11/4/2018

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019

Dear Parent

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 1 August 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from Tuesday 1 May 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on Tuesday 1 May 2018 and closes on Friday 18 May 2018. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 1 May 2018.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: The tear-off strip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.
TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2019 Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, either:

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access and will use a public library to complete the application ☐

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

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TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

PSSA State Swimming Championships

During the last week of Term 2, Isla Terry spent two days competing in the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush. The meet brings together the best swimmers throughout all of NSW, including Public, Private and Catholic schools. The competition was fierce and Isla swam brilliantly with two of her swims faster than her entry times. Her results were:

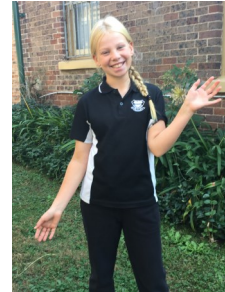
10 years 50m Freestyle: 32nd

Junior 50m Breaststroke: 26th

Junior 50m Butterfly: 27th

Congratulations Isla for great swimming from the school carnival through to the State Championships. A fantastic effort!

Miss Barnes



School Banking

School banking can give your child some of the most important lessons they will ever learn in school—how to manage their own money and save for the future.

From a School's perspective, the School Banking Programme can be an important fundraising opportunity as schools receive a commission for deposits made for the students, they receive standard deposit interest and if one deposit is made each month and no withdrawals, a bonus interest is paid, so everyone is a winner.

Just call into **Commonwealth Bank Picton** to open an account. Place your wallet and cash into the **Magpie Box** at school by Wednesday morning and the deposit will be processed and the wallet returned to the child that day.

Beverley Roams

School Banking Coordinator



Commonwealth Bank

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

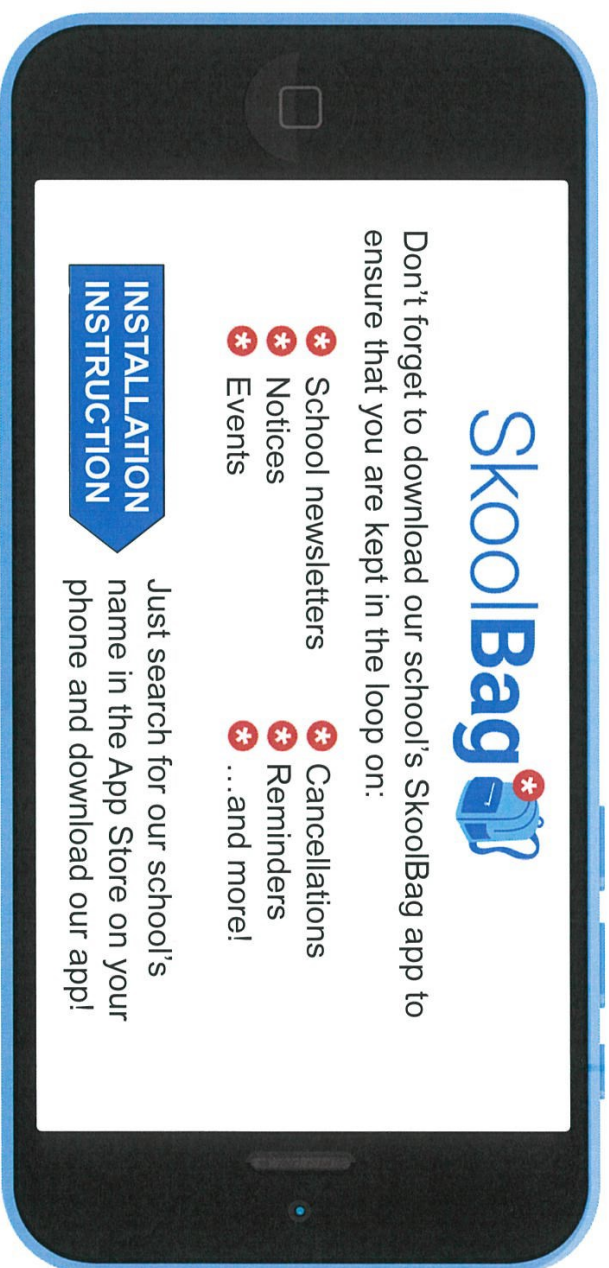
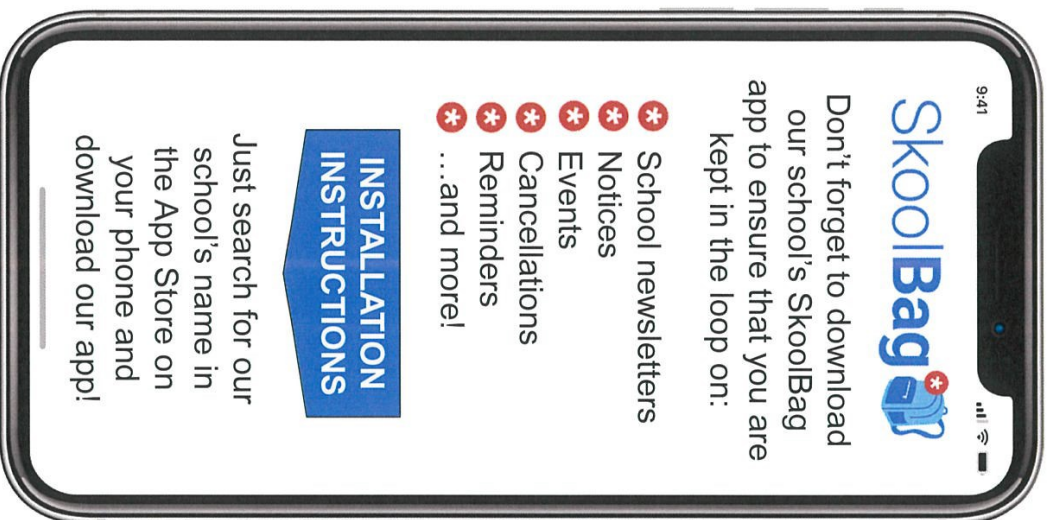
VISA / MASTERCARD (Please circle)

Name on card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Number on card: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ CCV: ____

Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

THANK YOU!~☺





MYSN PRESENTS THE PATHWAYS TO PARTNERSHIP FORUM

An opportunity for school staff, students and parents/carers to learn about services available to them and their families in the area.

This year the focus is on legal issues:

- Implications of certain behaviours for students
 - Reintegration to school
- Supports for schools through youth services
 - Teachers rights and students rights

Panel speakers include: Legal Aid, Police NSW, Macarthur Legal Centre and many more Macarthur Youth Service providers.

Date: Friday 8 June 2018

Time: 1pm-3.30pm

Place: Picton High School Hall, 480
Argyle Street, Picton

To RSVP or request more information please contact Ruth Smith
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