**Term 1 Week 10 2019**

**School Term Dates 2019**

Term 1 Tuesday 29 January - Friday 12 April (Students return Wednesday 5 May)
Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July (Students return Tuesday 30 April)
Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September (Students return Tuesday 23 July)
Term 4 Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December (Students finish Wednesday 18 December)

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 1**
Friday 5th April - School Disco K-2: 11.20 and 3-6: 1.30
Wednesday 10th April - Hat & Mask Parade @12.20pm
Thursday 11th April - P & C Easter Raffle
Friday 12th April - LAST DAY OF TERM

**TERM 2**
Monday 29th April - School Development Day
Tuesday 30th April - Students Return

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**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the final newsletter for this term, and we are certainly finishing the term with a bang!

**AFL Paul Kelly Cup**

Last Thursday, fifteen Stage Three boys represented Picton Public School at the AFL Paul Kelly Cup at Kirkham Oval in Camden. Although the boys didn’t get the win, it was a great opportunity for them to be exposed to a different sporting code and learn some new skills. The boys are to be congratulated on representing our school with pride and playing well as a team. Thank you to Miss Edwards for coordinating this event and providing this opportunity for our students. I am sure the skills they learnt will be of value when we enter an AFL team for PSSA Gala Days in Term Two. Next week, we have a group of students entering the Mindmarsh/Noble 7's Rugby League Gala Day. We wish them the best of luck and trust they will also proudly represent our school.

Sydney Lawson, Logan Halse, Alex White, Ruben Toga, Jake Davis, Luke Rainbow, Henry Adam, Nathan Bzadough, Seth Diack, Harry Duffey, Euan Pullen, Harry Rogers, Max Bolwell, Jack Gogarty, Joel Davies

**New Teacher**

From Term Two, we welcome a new teacher to the Picton Public School family. Mrs Danielle McLoon has been permanently appointed to our school and will undertake an RFF and Learning and Support role for the remainder of 2019. It is anticipated that Mrs McLoon will commence as a class teacher in 2020. Mrs McLoon comes to us from Sarah Redfern Public School in Minto and is excited to start with us at Picton. I know you will join me in welcoming Mrs McLoon to our wonderful school community.
Grand Friends Day

Today, we opened up our school gates and celebrated our annual Grand Friends Day with our grandparents and friends. Our special visitors joined us for lunch, celebrated student achievement at our combined assembly and enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing our students engaging in learning activities. Grandparents are very special to us all, and we love the opportunity to showcase our school and share the joy of learning with them. Our theme for Grand Friends Day this year is Everyone Belongs. I would really like to reinforce this concept for our Grand Friends - you do belong here and although we set aside this special day for you, you are welcome and belong to our school community every day of the week, every week of the year.

I would like to sincerely thank all our Grand Friends for joining us and we hope you enjoyed the day. I would also like to thank Mrs Monds for coordinating the day, and Mrs Hindmarch and Mrs Ellis for coordinating the assembly. Thank you also to our ever supportive P&C, who coordinated tea and coffee for our special visitors and our Year Six students who ran a cake stall.

Stage One Excursion

Yesterday, our Year One and Two students attended their first excursion for 2019 with a trip to Rouse Hill House and Farm. This excursion was planned to complement the learning experiences in History which the students have been engaged in during the first term. Students and the opportunity to step back in time to see what life was like in the past, both at home in a farm and at school. I have a feeling they are all feeling a little grateful for schooling experience they have today! Our students had a wonderful day and are to be commended on their outstanding behaviour. They were an absolute credit to our school. I would like to thank Mrs Menz for coordinating this valuable learning experience for our students.

Debating Workshop

Last Thursday, eight of our Stage Three students attended Bowral Public School to participate in a debating workshop. Here, they learnt the skills and strategies to be a successful debating team, including the roles of all team members. I know this experience will prove useful as our debating teams prepare to enter formal debates later this year. Thank you to Ms Lang for coordinating this day, who will be leading the debating program at Picton this year.

School Car Park Gate

It has come to my attention that some students and families are using our staff car park for pedestrian access in and out of the school. Please be reminded that this car park is for staff only. For no reason, should students and families be walking through the car park or in and out of the gate. The safety of our students and families is paramount. You may remember a couple of years ago a very unfortunate event that occurred in a school car park in South-West Sydney which resulted in tragedy. We have cars coming in and out of this car park at all hours of the day, and need to ensure we work together in the interests of our students. I thank you for your support with this matter.

Although we are nearing the end of the term, we still have a number of exciting events to look forward to, including our disco, Stage Two walking excursion, Easter Hat and Mask Parade and Easter Raffle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for an outstanding term. I have loved getting to know everyone so far and look forward to an exciting and productive Term Two. I wish all families a happy and restful holiday break. Please be reminded that Monday April 29 is a Staff Development Day, and that students return to school on Tuesday April 30. Happy holidays!!!

Mr Nathan Neilson
Proud Principal
On Thursday the 28th of March, a group of Year 5 and 6 boys attended the AFL Paul Kelly Cup in Camden. Some of the boys had never played AFL before but they all got out there and had a go, competing against teams that had some skilled players. Despite the heat they all tried their best but missed out on the semis. The team represented Picton Public School exceptionally well, showing great sportsmanship and encouragement. Well done boys!
A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who helped with transportation and came to cheer Picton on!
- Miss Edwards

Swimming Scheme

Thank you to everyone who returned an expression of interest for the School Swimming and Water Safety program. We received 73 names and have registered for our school to participate in the program in Term 3. More information will be issued later in the year once dates are finalised. Please see Mrs Gower if you have any questions.

SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

Commencing Week 1 next term, all students will be participating in an athletics and gymnastics program run by Sport in Schools Australia. The program’s total cost for families is:

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Please ensure payment is finalised by the end of this term.
Amy Gower

Kindergarten and Year 6 “Rap-stars” enjoyed performing the song ‘EveryoneBelongs’ at our Grandfriends Assembly. Kinder Yellow created a colourful sign to display on the library window.
Mrs Monds
2019 has started with a ‘buzz’ in the library. The students and all the staff absolutely love the newly renovated library of shelving, seating and soft furnishings. A huge thank you to Amanda Di Nicola for the donation of her time and materials to create cushions to brighten up our learning space.

We love seeing students getting excited about borrowing books from the library. Each week new books are displayed and we encourage students to express their interests to us in regards to books they would like to be purchased for the library.

Students will be borrowing books during Week 11 to keep over the holidays. Overdue notes will be sent home next week. If you could ask your children to have a look on their bookshelves at home during the holidays that would be most appreciate

Mrs Farrell & Mrs Friend
Library

### Student Achievements

**Term 1 Week 8 2019**

**Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards**

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**Term 1 Week 9 2019**

**Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards**

3/4 Jade

- Jay-Ella
- Cruz
- Destiny
- Cruz
- Ava
- Leon

3/4 Pearl

- Zac
- Jamie
- Alice
- Lola
- Maddison
- Lachlan

3/4 Sage

- Tylan
- Uly
- Andy
- Ariah
- Jorja
- Natasha

4/5 Platinum

- Torah
- Logan
- Phoenix
- Rhianne
- Isabelle
- Natalie

5 Opal

- Jack
- Seth
- Jude
- Connor
- Bridey
- Fatima

5/6 Amethyst

- Sebastian
- Kalea
- Zoey
- Jaxon
- Andres
- Jenima

6 Turquoise

- Annika
- Will
- Molly
- Euan
- Ethan
- Jake

2/4 Amber

- Sebastian
- Kane
- Aiden

5/6 Cobalt

- Aiden

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Disco – Friday 5th April

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the disco on Friday, if you’re able to help please contact Georgie on 0424 463 619.

Easter Raffle

Do you have any old baskets (good condition) you no longer need/want..? Do you have any small boxes you’re looking to dispose of..? WE NEED THEM!!

We are still looking for baskets/small baskets, ribbons and Easter decorations to make up our Easter raffle prizes. If you have any you’d like to donate, please drop them to the office before Tuesday 9th April.

DATE CHANGE – WE WILL NOW BE WRAPPING THE EASTER RAFFLE PRIZES ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL. WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME HELP! IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT LAUREN ON 0410 618 705. ALL AND ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED!!

Mother’s Day Stall

Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on FRIDAY 10th MAY. Each class is brought to the stall individually at a rostered time throughout the day. We have a wonderful array of gifts this year ranging in price from $1 to $8. There is plenty of opportunity for children to choose their gifts and the class teacher and parent volunteers will be there to help as needed.

This year we are excited to introduce our Picton Public School tokens for use at the stall. Many thanks to our amazing Mums, Alecia and Anna, for the fantastic design! This means that we will not be accepting cash on the day of the stall. Instead, we ask that parents and carers send in money for their children in separate ziploc bags clearly marked with their child’s name, class and amount. This will be exchanged dollar for dollar for our Picton Public School tokens which will be given to the children to purchase gifts at the stall. Please note, change will not be given, however there are plenty of gifts for the children to choose from.

Please send in money to the Magpie Box by Friday 3rd May.

We are still in need of helpers for the stall on the day. If you would like to assist, please contact Katherine on 0408 051 340 or Belinda on 0409 054 100. Any time that you could spare would be appreciated!

Mother’s Day Raffle

Our Mother’s Day raffle is coming up very soon! Thank you to our parent volunteers Kristy and Georgie for organising the fantastic prizes!! A note will be sent home next week with more details!

We will be collecting donated Easter eggs at the school gates on Friday morning (5th April). We appreciate your generosity and support in ensuring our Easter raffle is an egg-citing day for the students with many prizes on offer!
School hats are now available at the uniform shop. Opening hours are Tuesdays from 8.45am to 11.00am.

The Uniform Shop is still accepting donations of second hand uniforms. Second hand uniforms will be available to purchase for $2 on Tuesdays from 9am to 10am next to the uniform shop.

If you are paying any fees by EFTPOS in the office, payments need to be made by 3pm.

Thank you

School banking will commence from Monday 11th February. Please hand your bank books into the office by Wednesday as our volunteer Mrs Beverly Roams processes them on a Wednesday morning.
Picton ANZAC Day Committee

ANZAC DAY
6.30 am March

7.00 am Service
Picton Memorial Park

LEST WE FORGET
Comedy for a Cause

In support of:
PICTON HIGH SCHOOL P&C

Al De Bene
- Comedian of the Year - L.A. Comedy Awards
- Comics Unleashed, NESN Comedy All-Stars, Jon Lovitz Presents
- Opening act for Bill Burr and Dane Cook
- Regular at the world famous Laugh Factory in L.A.

"Genius of Stand-Up" - The Daily Mail

Seamus McAlary
- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Writer - ‘Good News Week’ and ‘You’re Skitting Me’
- One of Sydney's most sort after Emcees

"An astute and insightful writer... His material is superb" - The Daily Telegraph

Christina Van Look
- Gotham Comedy Club, New York
- Comedy Cellar, New York
- The Darren Sanders Show, Foxtel Aurora
- The B-Team with Peter Berner, Sky News

“One of the funniest women in comedy” - Mikey Robbins

Peter Meisel
- Australian Comedy Legend
- Opening act for Robin Williams to Arj Barker and Will Anderson
- ‘Midday Show’, ‘Good News Week"

“I’ve seen Peter Meisel….quite simply soar” - Revolver

Friday 5 APRIL 2019
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm
Picton Bowling Club
10 Cliffe St, Picton

Tickets: $35 at comedyforacause.net/PICTON
(18+ Only)

BOOK NOW!