NEWSLETTER TERM ONE WEEK 4 2020

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School Term Dates 2020

Term 1 Tuesday 29 January - Thursday 9 April (Students return Wednesday 30 January) Term 2 Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July (Students return Tuesday 28 April) Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (Students return Tuesday 21 July) Term 4 Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December (Students finish Wednesday 16 December)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday 26th February Thursday 27th February Friday 28th February Monday 9th March Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday 17th March

Monday 30th March

12.10 Combined Assembly
Razorback Swimming Carnival
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Family Partnership Meeting
Sydney South West Swimming
7.00pm P & C Meeting: School Curriculum Programs
Anti Bullying Program K-6
School Photos



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

After an extremely wet couple of weeks, our grounds are looking fantastic. I don't think I have ever seen the back grass look so green (and so much of it). Although our grounds have been loving this rain, our thoughts are with the local businesses of Picton who were impacted by the recent flooding. We encourage all our families to support these local businesses and we hope normality is restored for them soon.

Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday, we held our annual Swimming Carnival at Picton Pools and what a fantastic day it was. This year, we opened up the Swimming Carnival to all students in Years 3-6, with the introduction of a non-competitive 25 metre swim and novelty events. We believe swimming is an essential life skill and is something we encourage all our students to learn.

Our students, teachers and parents braved the weather to swim and cheer the clouds away. Congratulations to all students who participated, whether it be competitively or for fun! My thanks also go to the parents and carers who volunteered their time to assist on the day. It was a great day of community spirit. My special thanks go to Miss Barnes for coordinating this event and providing an opportunity for all of our students to participate and thrive. The carnival was run with exceptional organisation and we appreciate the many hours that went into making it possible. Swimming ribbons will be presented Thursday's primary assembly. Students progressing to the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival will be participating in events over Thursday February 27 and Friday February 28. Successful students will be notified in the coming days. We wish these students the best of luck and know they will represent our school with pride.

New Playground

Our students have been having an amazing time exploring our new playground area, which was officially opened by our School Captains, Jack and Jade. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have added an extra duty to our playground roster and are limiting the number of students in there at any one time, to ensure students are able to use this space safely. It has been great listening to the laughter and fun as students climb and balance across the new equipment.



Seesaw & Class Dojo

This year, all class teachers are committing to using either Seesaw or Class Dojo as online platforms to share student learning with parents/carers. Apps for both of these programs can be downloaded to smart phones and iPads. All families should have received an invitation to join their child's class account. We encourage all families to download the relevant app and sign up to their child's class account. This platform is a great way to keep up with what is going on in your child's class and provides a positive avenue to have conversations with your child about their learning. If you have not received your invitation or require assistance, please see your child's teacher.

P&C Update

Last Tuesday night we held our P&C Annual General Meeting to elect the executive members for 2020. Congratulations to Lauren Manning who was re-elected as President. Congratulations and welcome to Caroline Dunnell, who was elected as our new Secretary. This leaves two executive positions to fill: Vice-President and Treasurer. We would like to invite all members of our school community to consider joining our wonderful P&C, or even nominating for one of these vacant positions. P&C membership and nomination forms can be collected from our front office. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday of Week 7, at 7:00pm. We hope to see many new faces there.

SRL Token Winners

Congratulations to our SRL Token winners for Weeks 3 and 4, who received a \$2.00 voucher to spend at our canteen.

Week 3: Audrey Kaya and Benjamin Longshaw-Brooks Week 4: Amelia Jenkins and Brielle Miller

Save the Date - Family Partnership Meetings

This year, we are changing the format of our traditional Parent/Teacher Interviews. Families will be offered two meetings throughout the year, one in Term One and one in Term Three. These meetings will also now run as three-way meetings, involving the *teacher*, *parents* and the *student*. Our first Family Partnership Meetings will take place in Week 7 (March 9). More information will be distributed within the next week.

Combined Assembly

Next week we will be holding our first Combined Assembly for 2020, where our House Captains will receive their badges. This assembly will take place at 12:00pm on Wednesday, as in previous years, however, from Week 10, we will be moving our combined assemblies to 2:15pm on Wednesdays Week 5 and 10 of each term. We hope the change in time will support working families to attend and join in celebrating student achievement.

Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson Proud Principal

Swimming Carnival Report

A huge congratulations to each of our primary students and Year 2 competitors who attended our school swimming carnival last Thursday at Wollondilly Leisure Centre. It was our first whole primary swimming carnival for many years and was fantastic to see such great participation, even with the challenging weather conditions. Whether it was the competitive races, 25m participation or novelty events, all students had smiling faces and were roaring their proudly. house chants There were amazing improvements form our competitive swimmers with many huge personal best times. It was great to see so many of our students participate in the 25m events. I hope their success inspires them to enter the 50m races next year. What a way to end the day with our house relays. Lots of excitement and some deafening cheering. As always, the behaviour and sportsmanship of our students was outstanding. A huge thank you to our House Captains for leading the cheering and to the Year 6 helpers for running the results during the day. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who helped with time keeping and marshalling, we could not have done it without you. A final thank you to all of the teachers who have helped to organise and run the carnival, it was a fantastic day. The results will posted on the Library window and we look forward to the ribbon presentation. Our Razorback team will be announced shortly and we wish them all the best for the District Carnival in Week 5

Congratulation to all of our swimmers for a marvelous day!

Miss Barnes

House Captains Report

Congratulations to everyone who attended the swimming carnival it was a successful day. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we encourage everyone who did the 25 metre race to try the 50 metre race next year! We would also like to thank all the parent and teacher helpers that were there on the day. Everyone enjoyed playing sharks and octopuses, golden child and had fun in the water with the noodles and kick boards at the novelty events. Good job to all the competitors who raced and good luck to everyone going to zone. So we can say it was a very successful day at this event.

Jude Hamilton, Ruby Santos and Sophia Tutt House Captains







Term 1 Week 2 2020

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KM KC 1/2H 1/2C 1/2L 1/2M Sport	Eoin, Brielle Hudson, Poppy Mary, Miles Nick, Robbie Clementine, Billy Lucy, Brae Lachlan, Morgan, Harrison, Indiana	KM Madison, Callum KC Amelia, Jed 1/2H Matilda, Aaron 1/2C Carlos, Isabelle 1/2L Evie, Ari 1/2M Ben, Maple, Estelle, Violet, Ali Habib, Brenden, Joel, Eve, Benjamin, Daniel, Brae, Audrey, Kaiden, Elie	

Ter	m 1 Week 2 2020	
Stage 2 3/4E	2 and Stage 3 Awards Luke, Annabelle, Tammara, Laura	
3/4S 3/4J 4/5D 5W	Noah, Anna, Simaar, Max Jade, Dean, Kloe Naomi, Lachlan, Stevie, Levi Isabelle, Angus, Taylor, Noah	
6B 1/4H	Isabelle, Hug Harrison, Ella, Alex, Samantha Aiden	



School photos will be held on Monday 30th March 2020. Envelopes to place orders for school photos have been sent home this week and can be ordered by cash (exact money only), cheque or online at www.advancedlife.com.au up until photo day. The envelopes contain the information you need to place photo orders. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office. School photos will be a full summer uniform event and a reminder note will be sent home closer to the day. Envelopes need to be returned to school on or before photo day.

Kind Regards,

Kylie Ellis



Information from Wollondilly Shire Council

A Plan for Flood Risk Management in Picton

Wollondilly Shire Council wants to be proactive about flooding in Picton and in partnership with the NSW State Government we are looking for ways to mitigate flood risks for the community.

We've also updated our Stonequarry Creek Flood Study with the latest information.

On public exhibition from February 18 until March 17:

- Updated Stonequarry Creek Flood Study
- Stonequarry Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study
- Stonequarry Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plan

Have a look and let us know what you think.

Plus, join us at a drop-in information session. Council representatives as well as our floodplain management consultants will be there to walk you through the plan and answer any questions.

- Thursday 5 March
- Wollondilly Shire Hall, Menangle Street, Picton
- 2:00 4:00pm or 6:00 8:00pm

For more information go to **www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au** or call Wollondilly Shire Council at 4677 1100.

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School Locker

School hats are now available at the uniform shop. Opening hours are Tuesdays from 8.45am to 11.00am.



The Uniform Shop it 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.

We are in need of winter uniforms if you have any please drop them into the box in the Admin Office please.

Magpie Box



Please ensure all money is placed into the **Magpie Box** which is on the wall outside the Admin Building.

SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2020



Please hand your bank books into the office by Wednesday as our volunteer Mrs Beverly Roams processes them on a Wednesday morning.

Beverly Roams



Dear Parents,

Please provide any speech, Occupational Therapy or paediatric reports your child may have to their classroom teacher. These reports help build a learning profile of your children and help our school to further provide support for them.

Alison Thomson,
 Learning Support Coordinator



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

Thank you