

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM ONE WEEK EIGHT 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

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

School Photos  
LAST DAY OF TERM

#### TERM 2

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 12 May

Students Return  
Cross Country @ Victoria Oval  
7.00pm P & C Meeting



### Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are certainly facing interesting and challenging times at present, with day-to-day announcements being made as strategies are put in place across the state and country to cope with the spread of Novel Coronavirus. As a school, we are responding to directives and requests, which are coming through from the Department daily. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our wonderful staff at Picton Public School, who have shown extraordinary flexibility, understanding, resilience and calm during these uncertain and unpredictable times. Throughout the multiple and fast-paced changes that are occurring within schools, our staff have modelled stability and calm for our students, while ensuring that things stay as normal as possible throughout the school day. I would also like to thank our community for your understanding, as we make

changes to the way we would normally operate, to ensure the health and safety of your children. I would like to update you on a range of information we currently have, and outline the adjustments we are currently making at school, in response to directions from the Department.

#### Attendance

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. Any students who are unwell or showing signs of illness should remain at home. Students and staff who have chronic illness or compromised health should also remain at home. As previously communicated, any students who have returned home from overseas travel must self-isolate for 14 days following their return. As expected, we have experienced a significant rise in absences as families adhere to these directions. As you can also understand and appreciate, these directions also apply to staff and

so we may experience larger than normal staff absences. Although we make every effort to replace absent staff with casual teachers, this has also proven to be difficult. I thank you sincerely for your understanding with this.

### **Health and Hygiene**

As previously mentioned, teachers are doing their best to ensure students maintain positive and proactive health and hygiene routines while at school. The message regarding the best way to maintain health and hygiene remains

1. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.
2. Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. Stay home if you are unwell.

I am in continuous communication with the Department to ensure we have adequate supplies of hand soap for student and staff use.

### **School Activities and Events**

At the direction of the Department, the following school activities and events have been impacted:

- All assemblies have been cancelled until further notice. This includes Monday assembly, K-2 and 3-6 assemblies and our Week 10 Combined Assembly. Students will still receive SRL awards in class and we will hold Bronze, Silver, Gold and Citizenship Awards until the next combined assembly.
- Scripture has been cancelled.
- RDA has been cancelled.
- All Razorback, SSW and NSWPSSA sport events have temporarily ceased.
- Easter Hat Parade has been cancelled.
- Term One School Disco has been cancelled.
- Picton ANZAC Day march has been cancelled.

We will soon make a decision regarding school photos, cross country and gymnastics. We will communicate with you if there is a change to these activities.

While we are sad that these activities cannot proceed, we are taking every step to ensure the health and safety of our school community. I thank you for your understanding.

It is hard to turn on the television or radio, or even visit the shops without exposing children to the hysteria and panic surrounding this current issue. In times like these, children look to the adults in their lives to match their reactions. While we are, and we encourage everyone, to take the recommended steps to protect yourselves and your children from illness, it is also a timely reminder to think about the feelings and

emotions of our children. We must remember that our children are watching us. We need to be their rock and model stability as best we can. Once again, I thank our staff and our whole school community for your continued understanding and cooperation at this time. We will keep you informed of any updates as they come to hand.

### **P&C Update**

As you know from our previous newsletter, at our P&C AGM we filled two of the four executive positions. At our meeting last week, the remaining two positions were elected. Congratulations to Manal Yen who was elected as our Vice-President and to Kath Whittaker who was re-elected into the role of Treasurer. I know both these ladies will add value to the P&C team. Congratulations!

### **Playground Clubs**

At Picton PS, we ensure that all students have an opportunity to thrive and enjoy their day. We recognise that some students prefer quieter, more structured activities during the play breaks. Many of our teachers give up their lunch breaks, on top of their regular playground duties, to run alternate lunch clubs for students. We often use these clubs as strategies to support students who experience difficulty in the playground. This year, all our student leaders are also running playground clubs to support their peers. Included later in the newsletter is a timetable of our current playground clubs so you can see what activities are on offer each day. I encourage you to talk with your children about these clubs and consider if they could be of benefit to them. I thank our teachers for providing this support for our students and our student leaders for stepping up and showing initiative.

### **SRL Token Winners**

Congratulations to the following students who were our SRL Token winners for Weeks 7 and 8.

Week 7 - Bridie from 6W and Chloe from 3-6LW

Week 8 - Birella from 3/4E and Jordan from 6B

Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead and again, thank you for your support and understanding.

Mr Nathan Neilson  
Proud Principal

# TERM 1 PLAYGROUND CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	<p><b>Lego Club</b> Library Mrs Farrell</p> 	<p><b>Tech Club</b> with Ben, Henry and Alex in the Library</p> 	<p><b>Basketball</b> On <b>BB Court</b> Mrs Wilson</p> 	<p><b>Veggie Garden</b> Mrs Smith</p> 	<p><b>Gardening Club</b> with Mr Neilson meet at <b>Stage 3</b> <b>Outdoor Learning</b></p> 
Afternoon Tea	<p><b>Art Club</b> with Jade, Lillian and Alexa in <b>6W</b></p> 		<p><b>Mystery Challenge Club</b> with Jack and Harry on the front grass area</p> 		<p><b>Soccer Drills</b> with Henry and Max <b>Soccer Field</b></p> 



**Term 1 Week 6 2020**

**Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards**

KM	Aiden, Hailey
KC	Luke, Leroy
1/2H	Reegan, Jed
1/2C	Naomi, Billy
1/2L	Abby, Daniel
1/2M	Leonidas, Heidi
Sport	Ayla, Heath, Evie, Amelia

**Term 1 Week 7 2020**

**Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards**

KC	Jacob, Ellie
1/2H	Jett, Cooper
1/2C	Hayden, Mia
1/2L	Louis, Billy
1/2M	Amelia, Pearson
1/4H	Brook
Sport	Sienna, Abbey, Charlie, Amelia, Mary, Madison, Brooke, Katie, Siena

**Term 1 Week 7 2020**

**Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards**

3/4E	Sophie, Destiney, Montana, Tyler, Ethan, Levi, Peter, Harper
3/4S	Hayden, Lily, Thomas, Peter, Ella Josaia, Lola, Mirabella
3/4J	Jessica, Charli, Sam, Indi, Mason, Harrison, Sophie, Evie
4/5D	Bethany, Amelie, Claire, Naomi, Finlay, Meagan, Lilly, Denzel
5W	Scott, Levi, Taylor, Cameron, Billie, Emma, Samuel, Ellyce
6B	Eden, Teleah, Jordan, Mya, Luke, Jade, Harry, Alex
6W	Nathan, Sophia, Ruby, Seth, Max, Oliver, Harrison, Natalie
3/6L	Jack, Charli



## SSW Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Clancy Maitz, Levi Hamilton, Jack Gogarty, Luke Rainbow, Jude Hamilton and Harry Rogers who competed at the Sydney South West Regional Swimming Championships at Bradbury Pool on Tuesday. All swimmers swam incredibly well and represented Picton and Razorback with pride.

A huge congratulations to Clancy, Jack and Luke who placed in the top three in their events and will be representing Picton PS and the SSW Region at the NSW PSSA State Championships in week 11.

Clancy Maitz – 9 years 50m Freestyle – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jack Gogarty – Senior 50m Butterfly – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Luke Rainbow – Senior 50m Breaststroke – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Well done to all swimmers and all the best to Clancy, Jack and Luke for the State Championships, swim well!

Miss Barnes

**advancedlife**  
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## Picton Public School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Monday 30 March 2020**

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code  
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.



# When is it OK to stay home?



**Serious illness or infectious disease**

**Unavoidable medical or dental appointments**  
(we encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time...)

**Religious holiday**

**Urgent family situation**  
(funeral...)



**Shopping**

**Sleeping in**

**Minding siblings/ older relatives**

**Birthdays**

**Weather: Too Rainy/Windy/ Hot**

**Frequent transport problems**

**Visiting relatives**

**Other member of the family is sick**

**Hospital Visits to relatives or friends**

**Head Lice**



the  
**School Locker**

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.

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 be made by 3pm.

Thank you