

NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO 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)



Friday 19th
June
Crazy Hair &
Sock Day



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weeks go by, it is wonderful to be able to, very slowly, start getting back into normal routines and reintroduce some of the programs and activities which we have missed over the last few months. Late last week, we received correspondence from the Department of Education, informing us of some activities that can resume now, and some that may start to resume from Term 3. Below are some of the most pertinent points:

From this week:

- School assemblies are permitted, but are limited to 15 minutes in length without the attendance of parents/visitors. For this reason, we have reintroduced our Monday morning assembly, but we are unable to resume our regular K-2, 3-6 or Combined assemblies.
- Band will recommence this week and I know the students are very much looking forward to getting back into it.

- Incursions can resume and as such, Ms Howard has organised an incursion for our Senior Koori Group on Thursday with staff members from Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre.

From Term 3:

- Regular school sport can resume, including sport run by external providers.
- While sport can resume, we are unable to run large community events, and as such, we will be unable to hold our annual Athletics Carnival.
- Inter-school student events such as debating can recommence.
- Scripture will resume for students who attend.

There are still a number of items under consideration for Term 3, including school camps, excursions and parent attendance at assemblies. While we are excited to be able to slowly begin introducing certain activities and events, there is still a long way to go before schools are completely back to the way they were before Covid-19. As you know, for the past few weeks we have been operating a staggered dismissal time. From next week, we will be scaling this back. There will now be only two

dismissal times:

- **3:15pm:** All students being collected by a parent/carer
- **3:25pm:** All students catching the bus, attending after school care or walking home alone.

A separate note will be distributed this week with further details regarding this arrangement.

Staffing News

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that Mrs Ellis will finish her time at Picton Public School at the end of this term. Mrs Ellis has been successful in obtaining a permanent classroom teaching position at Bargo Public School, commencing from the beginning of Term Three. This is a wonderful career opportunity for Mrs Ellis, who after a number of years passionately supporting the Picton PS community, is about to embark on the newest chapter in her career. While I know all students and families will be sad to farewell Mrs Ellis at the end of this term, I am confident you will all join me in congratulating her on this exciting news. I can announce that Mrs Melissa Webster will take over as classroom teacher of 3/4E from Term Three, for the remainder of the year. Mrs Webster has worked frequently at our school in a casual capacity throughout this year, and worked closely alongside Mrs Wilson in her internship last year. I would like to whole-heartedly thank Mrs Ellis for her tireless contributions to the school over a number of years and wish her every success in the future.

Collaboration Days

Next week, all class teaches will come off class for one day to participate in their Stage Collaboration Day. These days allow our teachers to collaboratively participate in professional learning, reflect on and interrogate student data from Term 2, and develop plans for the following term. These Collaboration Days happen every term and are a valuable planning and professional learning opportunity for our teachers. On each teachers' day off class, one of our RFF/LST teachers, or a casual teacher, will cover classes. We thank you for your support and understanding.

Picton Prep

We are very pleased to announce that Picton Prep will be back this year after its very successful launch in 2019. Picton Prep is a Pre-Kindergarten program for students who are starting Kindergarten at Picton Public School in 2021. Students attend Picton Prep for two hours every week and develop a range of school readiness skills. We have also found that Picton Prep is a fantastic way for our incoming students to develop friendships with their peers and familiarity with school staff and the school

environment. If you have or know of a child starting Kindergarten next year, pop into the school office to obtain further information and an enrolment form. Picton Prep will operate every Tuesday 9:30 - 11:20am, commencing Tuesday July 28, 2020.

SRL Token Winners

This week, we were able to resume our Monday morning assembly and draw out our first SRL Tokens for the term. Congratulations to Leo in 1/2M and Jack in 3/6LW who were our lucky winners. These boys received their tokens for being Safe, Respectful Learners at school. Congratulations, boys! We will continue drawing out winners every Monday morning.



Police Youth Liaison Officer

Today, our local Police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Mark Scambary, visited our school to talk to students in Years 5 and 6. He spoke with them about a range of things such as appropriate online activity and how the law comes into this, and about appropriate social behaviour both at school and outside of school. It was a great opportunity for all students to hear a consistent message and to develop an understanding that many of the rules that we have in place here at school, are rules which are mirrored in law, in the community. If you have a child in Years 5 or 6, I encourage you to talk with them about what they learned throughout this discussion.

Crazy Hair/Sock Day

A reminder that this Friday, our student leaders are running their first fundraiser for the year. Students are encouraged to get crazy with their hairstyles and socks for the day, and are also welcome to wear mufti on the day. We ask that all participating students bring in a gold coin donation. This will be collected by our student leaders at each of our gates in the morning. We are looking forward to seeing the students' (and teachers') wacky and crazy creations!

Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson
Proud Principal



Term 2 Week 6 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

- KM Hudson, Imogen, Benjamin
- KC Poppy, Inidana, Hudson
- 1/2H Jasmyrn, Jett, Katie
- 1/2C Ali Habib, Kahlán, Patrick
- 1/2L Eve, Joel, Oliver
- 1/2M Heidi, Brae, Amelia

Term 2 Week 7 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

- KM Morgan, Sam, Teejay
- KC Chase, Ayla, Maddison
- 1/2H Jed, Katie, Mary
- 1/2C Robert, Aaron, Ethan
- 1/2L Lucy, Maddison, Abby
- 1/2M Violet, Ari, Caitlin
- 1/4H Brook
- Sport Jasmyne, Jett

Term 2 Week 6 2020

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

- 3/4E Tyler, Destiney, Harper, Annabelle
- 3/4S Zane, Alleyah, Jasmine, Thomas
- 3/4J Lara, Siena, Sophie, Bonny
- 4/5D Bethany, Stevie, Meagan, Denzel
- 6W Alexa, Harrison, Jack, Ben

Term 2 Week 7 2020

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

- 3/4E Noah, Toby, Simaar, Lilly
- 3/4S Carys, Levi, Zak, Brooklyn
- 3/4J Siena, Mason, Amelia, Talon
- 6W Kate, Max, Mikyla, Bridey
- 6B Mya, Molly, Henry, Samantha



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4 CLOSES

MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2020



Uniform Shop Update

The Picton Public School Locker Campus Store is open for normal trade on Tuesday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00. EFTPOS payments are preferred however cash will be accepted. We ask that you adhere to social distancing requirements and that only one customer/family is inside the shop at a time.

If you are unable or prefer not to come into the shop, uniforms may be ordered online at:

www.theschoollocker.com.au (Search by school for Picton)

Online orders will be filled on Tuesday mornings. If you wish to have your order delivered to you child's class teacher please choose 'store pick up' as shipping method (no delivery charge) or you may choose to have your order sent by post to your home (delivery fee applicable).

Long Sleeve Polos now available!

The School Locker is now offering long sleeve polos. The design is the same as for the short sleeve polos but with cuffed long sleeves. Long sleeve polos are priced at \$25 and are available now in store and will be available to order online in the next few days. All other winter uniform items are also available.





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.



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