

NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO WEEK TEN 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)



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of what has been the most unusual terms of teaching and learning in memory. The majority of our students commenced the term engaged in remote learning from home. In Week 3, our students commenced face-to-face learning for one day per week, and this arrangement was in place for two weeks. In Week 5, we finally welcomed all of our students back to regular face-to-face learning and we have been enjoying the small increases to normality for the last five weeks. I have said this time and time again, but I would like to take this opportunity to again thank our school community for your support during these challenging times. The immense pride I feel as the Principal of such a supportive and collaborative school community cannot be underestimated. Amongst all the challenges, I whole heartedly believe that we have all come out the other side stronger, more compassionate and more thankful than ever before. I know both our

students and staff have developed new skillsets, which have made them better students and educators. The time has come for everyone to take a breath, take time to relax and recharge the batteries. Thank you to staff, students and the community for a wonderful term of learning.

Semester One Reports

As communicated in previous correspondence, Semester One reports will be a modified version of our regular reports. While these reports will not be as detailed as our regular reports, they will give you an indication of how your child's learning is progressing and what they have achieved in the first semester. We anticipate moving back to our usual, detailed reports for Semester Two. Semester One reports will be distributed to families tomorrow. For parents whom the student usually lives with, reports will come home with your child. If you are in a split parent family and are a parent whom the student does not usually live with, you can request a copy of your child's report by phoning our school office. We can post you a copy of your child's report.

We hope to hold our second round of Family Partnership Meetings early in Term 3, and will provide you with more information regarding this after the holidays.

Farewell Mrs Menz

Sadly, at the end of this term we will be bidding farewell to Mrs Moira Menz, who, after a number of decades dedicating herself to public education, is moving into retirement. Mrs Menz has touched the lives and futures of thousands of students across both New South Wales and Queensland in a decorated career spanning well over thirty years. She has been an immensely valued member of the Picton Public School family for 12 years, during which time she has supported our students as a Reading Recovery Teacher, Early Intervention Learning and Support Teacher and RFF Teacher. Mrs Menz has brought a wealth of knowledge and skills to the team of Picton Public School, with countless number of students benefiting from her expertise and passion, particularly in early literacy learning. While the staff and students will be sad to see Mrs Menz leave, we celebrate an illustrious career and thank her for the years of dedication and commitment to the Picton Public School community. The staff will farewell Mrs Menz early next term at a staff function and although the students will not have the opportunity to farewell Mrs Menz in person, we will ensure we capture the sentiments and wishes of our students to pass over. If any families would also like the school to pass over any wishes and thanks on your behalf, we would be more than happy to do so. I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Menz all the best for her retirement. Stepping into Mrs Menz's Learning and Support role will be Mrs Cummins. This means that Mrs Martin will take over as the full-time class teacher of 1/2CM. I thank the parents of 1/2CM for your understanding.

Playground Work

Over the holidays, we are anticipating having some further work completed to our playgrounds. We have accepted a quote to have our playground markings upgraded, including remarking our basketball and netball courts, as well as our handball courts over the asphalt. We have seen a recent boom in the popularity of handball, and so we are redesigning our current courts to ensure more students are able to play at once, and that they can play together safely. Hopefully when the students return, these new markings will be complete. We will let you know if this work is delayed for any reason.

Dismissal Times

For at least the first week back next term, we will

continue with our current dismissal arrangement. That is:

- **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.

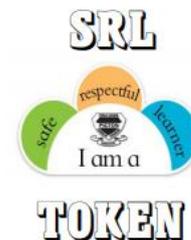
We will let you know if and when changes to this routine are made. Thank you for your support.

SRL Token Winners

Congratulations to the following students, who have been our SRL Token winners for the past fortnight:

Week 9 - Noah and Mikayla

Week 10 - Izabella and Clancy



School resumes for students on Tuesday July 21. The staff will be starting back at school on Monday July 20, and will be engaging in deep learning around our Science and Technology syllabus, and will be exploring the use of robotics in teaching and learning programs. We are looking forward to seeing all students back for a more 'regular' term of learning on Tuesday.

Wishing all our students, families and staff a wonderful school holiday. I hope everyone is able to take this opportunity to rest and recharge the batteries for Term 3.

Kind regards,

Mr Nathan Neilson

Proud Principal



Term 2 Week 8 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

- KM Alyssa, Eoin, Aiden
- KC Luke, Ellie, Callum
- 1/2H Alaya, Oliver, Jasmyne
- 1/2C Naomi, Estelle, Hayden
- 1/2L Ari, Carlos, Madeline
- 1/2M Marlow, Lando, Pearson

Term 2 Week 9 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

- KC Kaiden, Leroy, Jacob
- 1/2C Brenden, Mila, Thomas
- 1/2L Daniel, Abby, Hunter
- 1/2M Evie, Ryan, Rohan

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Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards

- 3/4E Jamie, Ethan, Peter, Mikayla
- 3/4J Max, Walker, Jessica, Lachlan
- 3/6L Alexandra
- 4/5D Shanina, Amelia, Mason, Mia
- 5W Zac, Scott, Kaylee, Tylan, Will, Regean, Eden, Billie
- 6W Lillian, Kellie, Alex, Seth

**Thank
YOU**

A big thank you to everyone for supporting Crazy Hair and Socks Day, which was our first fundraiser for the Year Six farewell.

An impressive \$464.70 was raised.

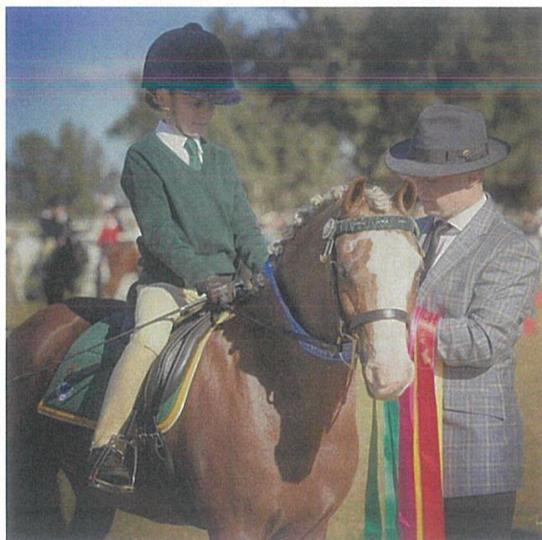
Year Six thanks you for your generous support.



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**27th Annual Arndell Anglican College
Interschool Equestrian Carnival
15th August 2020
Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon**



Program

Garlands for all Supremes

Rider Entry Fee | \$45.00
Entries Close | Friday, 7th of August 2020
Entries / Information | www.nominate.com.au
Gates Open | 7.00 am
Ring Start | 8:30am Vicki Clayton Award
9:00 am All Rings Commence



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



STUDENT BANKING WILL BEGIN

TERM 3 29 JULY

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

Beverly Roams



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

Thank you