

NEWSLETTER

TERM THREE WEEK TWO 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 3rd August

Tuesday 4th August

Wednesday 5th August

Thursday 13th August

Monday 17th August

Junior Koori Excursion

Education Week - Learning Together Peer Support

School Photos - Summer Uniform

Gymnastic Starts

Book Week

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Three! We have had a very successful start to the term at Picton Public School, and have welcomed a number of new students and families to the Picton PS community. I would like to thank the families who have continued to adhere to health advice since the commencement of this term, keeping their children at home if they are unwell or have been instructed to isolate. We all play a role in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment at school and must continue to take all advice seriously.

Playground Work

In the last newsletter of Term Two, I mentioned that we were having some work completed to our playground. Over the break, we had playground markings completed including updates to our netball court, basketball court and handball courts. The most

impactful updates have been our wonderful and colourful handball courts. The new courts certainly brighten up the asphalt area and are spaced out enough to ensure students are able to play safely, without interfering in others' games. I am sure you will agree that they are a fantastic addition to our playground.



Family Partnership Meetings

Next week, we will be holding our second round of Family Partnership Meetings. As you will recall, we held this new format of parent teacher interviews for the first time in Term One, where learning goals were set for students during a three-way conversation between class teachers, parents/carers and students. While current restrictions around adult visitors onto school grounds presents some limitations, it is vital that we continue to work together

to support your child's learning. For this reason, Family Partnership Meetings will be conducted over the phone, during a 10-minute phone call. A note was distributed on Monday and was also posted to our Skoolbag and Facebook page. I urge all families to book in a time to speak with your child's class teacher using the online booking system, School Interviews.

Picton Prep

We held a wonderful first session of Picton Prep for 2020 yesterday and it was great to meet all our incoming Kindergarten students. We were extremely impressed with how brave, settled and grown up our little learners were, and how quickly they settled into the session. This program is a great opportunity for students to build friendships and develop vital school readiness skills, in preparation for next year. It is also a great way for our staff to get to know the students well before they start Kindergarten. I would like to thank all families for being so understanding in transitioning students at the front gate, as we work within departmental health and safety guidelines. We are looking forward to working with our 'Preppers' every Tuesday morning this term.



Senior Koori Cub Excursion

On Monday, our Senior Koori Group attended an excursion at Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre. Our students had a fantastic time engaging in many practical, hands-on activities centered around Aboriginal culture and connection to country. This included bush walking, learning about bush tucker, boomerang making and boomerang throwing. We thank the staff at Wooglemai EEC for the opportunity and valuable learning experiences. Our Junior Koori Group will attend next week.

Book Week 2020

Book Week will still be going ahead this year, however, due to restrictions, we will be unable to invite parents/carers to be part of these celebrations. We will still be holding a Book Character parade, where students

will be able to dress up as their favourite book character, and we will still be running our Book Fair, where students can purchase books. Book Week will be happening in Week 5 (commencing Monday August 17). A note will be distributed within the next week outlining specific arrangements for this week. We look forward to seeing everyone's wonderful and creative outfits!

Premier's Sporting Challenge

The Premier's Sporting Challenge has commenced at Picton PS. This initiative aims to get students active and healthy by tracking and logging the amount of physical activity they complete each day. Congratulations to the following students who were selected as our PSC Ambassadors and will be responsible for collecting physical activity data from our classes; Mia, Sophia, Mikyla, Ruby, Cooper, Ruben, Luke, Jude and Alex.



School Chaplain

We have recently been successful in obtaining funding to employ a School Chaplain to support student wellbeing initiatives at our school. Our School Chaplain will work two days a week, for a twelve month period, and will work alongside our Learning and Support Team to provide support and interventions for targeted students. Candidates are being interviewed for this position on Friday and I will communicate the outcome to everyone in our next newsletter.

SRL Token Winners

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

Week 1 - Gordon and Dean

Week 2 - Chloe and Robbie



Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson - Proud Principal



Term 2 Week 10 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

- KM** Teejay, Lachlan, Jordan
- KC** Harrison, Jack, Heath
- 1/2H** Jagger, Elise, Miles
- 1/2C** Ethan, Mia, Beau, Patrick
- 1/2L** Billy, William, Isabelle
- 1/2M** Audrey, Kaiden, Chase

Term 3 Week 1 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

- KC** Violet, Morgan, Tyson
- KM** Madison, Jacob, Poppy
- 1/2H** Dean, Alexis
- 1/2C** Estelle, Ethan, Hayden
- 1/2L** Brock, Noah, Clementine
- 1/2M** Calum, Ohana, Masen
- 1/4H** Lachlan
- SPORT** Jett, Brock, Evie, Masen,
Rohan, Nate, Cooper,
Mary, Brooke, Ryan,
Carlos, Ohana, Nicholas



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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 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