

NEWSLETTER

TERM THREE WEEK FOUR 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

Thursday 13th August

Wednesday 19th August

Thursday 20th August until Wednesday 26th August

Gymnastic Starts

Book Character Parade

Book Fair (purchase before school and at lunchtime)

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we celebrated Education Week a little differently to how we ordinarily would. The theme for this year's Education Week was 'Learning Together', which truly reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response. While we were unable to hold our open classrooms like we usually would, we embraced the theme 'Learning Together' with a special day of student-led peer support sessions, where students engaged in interactive lessons in mixed grade groups, designed and delivered by our Year 6 students. It was wonderful to see all our students working together, with students who they may not have had the opportunity to work with before. It was a great opportunity to build new friendships and we look forward to designing other ways our students can continue learning together.



Book Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Book Week at Picton Public School. On Wednesday August 19, we will be holding our annual Book Character Parade. This is one of our favourite activities of the year and we are pleased we are still able to go ahead with this event. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have parents and families join us for this celebration, however, we will take many photos and will aim to create another short movie to share with families. We are looking forward to seeing all the students' creative costumes next Wednesday. Also as part of Book Week, we will be holding our Book Fair, where students can purchase a wide range of books. The Book Fair will run from Thursday August 20 until Wednesday August 26. While parents and families will be unable to visit the Book Fair with their children, we will ensure we provide multiple opportunities and avenues for purchase. More information regarding how you can purchase books will be provided. As part of Book Week, I will be making a return for Storytime Online with Mr Neilson, where I will be reading a number of the CBCA 2020 Book Week Short List books. Students will be able to watch these online reading sessions in class, and you will also be able to share them with your children at home via our school Facebook page.

Debating

This week saw the return of our debating competition, as our Year 6 debaters took on The Oaks Public School in their first debate of the year. Our team, consisting of Sophia, Jordan, Jade and Ben, were the negative team while debating the topic "Should a panel of students choose the punishment for misbehaving children at school?". Our debaters presented exceptionally well, however, were defeated just slightly by The Oaks. While they did not come away with the win on this occasion, we were very proud of their efforts, particularly being their first debate of the year. Thank you to Alex for MCing the debate and Henry for acting as timekeeper. I would also like to thank Mrs Bywater and Ms Lang for their coordination. We look forward to our next debate.

Virtual Assembly

Next week, we are hoping to hold our first virtual assembly to present students with major awards. As you are aware, we have not been able to hold our regular combined assembly and have been holding off on presenting these awards until we could give the recipients the acknowledgement they have earned. While we remain in our current situation with current restrictions in place, we would like to be able to congratulate and present these students with these awards. We are

aiming to film a virtual assembly, where students receive their awards and which can be watched in classrooms and from home. We are still finalising the technical aspects of this event, and will let you know exactly when this will be taking place and when it can be viewed.

Stage 3 Camps

Due to current restrictions and booking limitations, we have had to cancel our Year 6 Canberra camp, and Year 5 Bathurst camp this year. This decision was out of our hands, as the camp providers are unable to offer camps in the current climate. We are, however, working tirelessly to organise an alternate camp for both Year 5 and Year 6 this year. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. While we know this is disappointing, we appreciate your understanding and assure you that we are doing everything we possibly can to ensure our Stage 3 students are able to experience a camp this year.

Adult Visitors onto School Grounds

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that current restrictions regarding adult visitors onto school grounds remains in place. This means, that no parents or carers should be entering onto our school grounds without consent. We understand there are special circumstances that require parents to enter school grounds, and we are always happy to discuss these, however, we ask that as a regular routine, parents drop their children off at our school gate and collect them from one of three gates in the afternoon at 3:15pm. These restrictions are not a school-based decision, and have been put into place by the Department of Education. I appreciate you all working with us, in the interest of everyone's health and safety.

SRL Token Winners

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

Week 3 - Izzy and Ellyce



Week 4 - Maddison and Jett



Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson - Proud Principal



Term 3 Week 2 2020

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Awards

KM

Aiden, Benjamin, Matthew

KC

Leroy, Heath, Ayla

1/2H

Darcy, Amelia, Jett

1/2C

Patrick, Kahlan, Beau,

1/2M

Ari, Violet Brae

1/4H

Brook

RETURN OF SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2020



STUDENT BANKING HAS RETURNED

PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHILDS BANK BOOK IN THE MAGPIE BOX BY

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

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



the School Locker

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



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

Thank you



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.