

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM THREE WEEK SIX 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

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Kindergarten Belgenny Farm Excursion**



### Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we held our very first Virtual Assembly at Picton Public School, to celebrate and reward students who achieved a Silver or Gold Award, or an SRL Badge or Banner. We have not held a combined assembly since Week 5 of Term One, and had been holding off on presenting these awards until we could recommence our Combined Assemblies. Unfortunately, we are still unable to hold these special events, however, we did not want to wait any longer to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students. There were a large number of students receiving awards, and we are so pleased we have been able to creatively share this with families by holding a virtual assembly. If you have not had the opportunity to view our assembly, head over to our school Facebook page and take a look. Congratulations to all our award winners, who have worked incredibly hard throughout 2020 to achieve

these awards. My thanks go to Mrs Brooke Wilson for coordinating the assembly, Mrs Hawker for filming the assembly and our school captains Jack and Jade for doing a great job hosting our first ever virtual assembly. While we are unsure what the future holds in terms of assemblies, we know that we are able to complete another virtual assembly if we need to.



## Book Week

It was wonderful to see so many of our students get into the spirit of Book Week last week and come dressed as their favourite Book Character. While we were unable to hold our annual parade, our students (and teachers) enjoyed showing off their costumes to their friends and classmates throughout the day. Thank you to our parents for organising costumes for your children to ensure they could still embrace the magic of Book Week. Also, as part of Book Week, we held our Book Fair, which again was an exciting and very successful event. Every dollar spent by our students earned us Scholastic points, which we can use to purchase books for our library. Thank you to our parents and community for supporting our Book Fair and adjusting to the change in the way purchases were made. Thank you also to Mrs Farrell and Mrs Friend, our wonderful librarians, who coordinated our Book Fair.

## SASS Recognition Week

Our SAS (School Administration and Support) staff play a vital role in the organisation of our school and in supporting the needs of our students. Day in and day out, our amazing SAS staff go above and beyond to ensure our students have access to quality learning environments and experiences. This week, we honoured our SAS staff and showed our thanks for the tremendous work they do in support of our school. This year more than ever, they have demonstrated how flexible, resilient and valuable they truly are. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank our incredible SAS staff for their hard work and dedication - our school would cease to exist without you!

### Office Administration

Chris O'Grady	Kerry New
Su Jenks	Michelle Jackson

### SLSOs

Di Green	Julie Eckler
Ros Plater	Kathryn Smart
Leanne Purnell	Kylie Deas
Keanu Hau	Jennifer Swadling

### GA

Graham Foster

## Arndell Interschools Equestrian Carnival

On Saturday 15th August, Harry Bond represented Picton Public School at the Arndell Interschools Equestrian Carnival. He and his partner Andy had a great day competing and making new friends.

### Ring Results:

*Best Presented Mount - 2nd*

*Handler - 3rd*

*Intermediate Rider - 3rd*

*Active Rider - 2nd*

*Show Hunter - 4th*

### Sporting:

*Bounce Pony - 4th*

*Keyhole - 1<sup>st</sup>*



Congratulations to Harry and well done on representing Picton Public School with pride!

## Updated Covid Guidelines

As stated in correspondence distributed last week, the NSW Department of Education recently announced new measures which schools must implement to manage Covid-19. As part of these measures, any student who is absent from school presenting with flu-like symptoms should be tested for Covid-19. A negative covid test must be sighted before the student is permitted to return to school. Thank you to the parents who have adhered to these measures and have been forwarding their child's negative covid test to our school before they return. While I understand that this is inconvenient for many families, it is essential we all work together in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Please also be reminded that for the remainder of the term, our bubblers will be out of action. Please ensure your child brings to school with them a refillable bottle. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## SRL Token Winners

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

*Week 5 - Evelyn and Imogen*

*Week 6 - Luke and Brock*



Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson

Proud Principal



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.



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

Thank you

### Magpie Box



Please ensure all money is placed into the **Magpie Box** which is on the wall outside the Admin Building.

## RETURN OF SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2020



**STUDENT BANKING HAS RETURNED**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHILD'S 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.