

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM ONE WEEK 2 2021

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### School Term Dates 2021

Term 1 Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 1 April (Students return Friday 29 January)  
Term 2 Monday 19 April - Friday 25 July (Students return Tuesday 20 April)  
Term 3 Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September (Students return Tuesday 13 July)  
Term 4 Tuesday 5 October - Friday 17 December (Students finish Thursday 16 December)

### SCHOOL CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 8th February	Meet the Teacher 3.45 to 4.30 K-2 4.30 to 5.15 3-6
Tuesday 10th February	7.00 P&C AGM and P&C Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 11th February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 25th February	Razorback Swimming Carnival
Friday 26th February	Razorback Swimming Carnival



### Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2021 school year! What a fantastic start we have had at Picton Public School. It has been wonderful seeing our students in Years 1-6 return to school with smiles on their faces, sharing holiday adventures and ready for a productive, and hopefully more predictable, year of learning. A BIG welcome to our new Kindergarten students and families. Our Kindergarten students started today, and while there were some nerves (both students and parents), we are very impressed with how well Kindergarten have settled on their first day! It has been great to see the impact of our Picton Prep program on our 2021 Kindergarten students. I also warmly welcome a number of new families to the Picton Public School community.

This year, we have formed 16 classes in total, comprising of thirteen mainstream and three support

classes. A detailed list of classes and teachers is included later in the newsletter. Your child's class teacher is the person who knows your child best. If you have a question or concern, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. If you require further support, please make an appointment with the relevant stage Assistant Principal. Should you require further support, please contact the office to arrange an appointment to speak with me.



## Staffing News

I would again like to welcome three new staff members to the Picton Public School community. Welcome to Miss Cherie Khalil, who is teaching 1/2K, Mrs Courtney Williams, who is teaching 5/6C and to Miss Madison Cox, who has joined our Learning and Support Team as an intensive intervention teacher. I know you will join me in welcoming them to our amazing school. This year, we have formed a number of new roles across the school, in line with our new four-year Strategic Improvement Plan. Mrs Davis will be undertaking the important role of Deputy Principal Instructional Leader. Mrs Davis has provided some more information regarding her role later in the newsletter. She will also be providing regular updates in our newsletter in regards to curriculum focus areas of the school over the year. Mrs Julianne Smith is fulfilling the role of Primary Mathematics Specialist Teacher, alongside her class teaching role. More information will follow in our Week 4 newsletter regarding this exciting role and opportunity. Finally, Mrs Jenny Cummins will be undertaking the role of Aboriginal Education Specialist Teacher, supporting our class teachers to authentically integrate Aboriginal perspectives into teaching and learning, and leading a number of exciting initiatives for our Aboriginal students. We look forward to seeing the exciting contributions these staff members make to our school. A detailed list of staff and roles is included later in the newsletter.

## 2021 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2021 Student Leaders who have started in their leadership roles by setting a great example for the rest of our student body. I am sure the school will continue to thrive under their leadership.



**Captains:** Lachlan Crawhall & Emma Cotton

**Vice Captains:** Lily Aceski & Chloe Carroll

**Students Leaders:** Mia Carrol, Angus French, Ewan Garside, Scott Gould, Ellyce Ingram, Naomi Ingram & Sam Merchant

## House Captains

Yesterday our 2021 House Captains were elected. Congratulations to the following students who will undertake their first leadership job at next week's swimming carnival! We will post a photo of these students in our next newsletter in their sports uniform!

**Sturt** - Billie Wilson and Cameron Denford

**Oxley** - Ariah Gilbert and Levi Hamilton

**Mitchell** - Dayna Odgers and Meagan Mulley

**Hume** - Alexis Pullen and Luca Adamson

## Meet the Teacher Afternoon

This year, we will again be providing families with the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher and find out about some of the routines and organisational structures of their new class. Following feedback from last year's session, we have decided to again run these as class-based sessions in classrooms.

When: Monday February 8, 2021

Where: Classrooms

Time: K-2 classes (including K/1H) will run information sessions from 3:45 - 4:30pm.

3-6 classes (including 2/3M, 2-5H and 4-6LW) will run information sessions from 4:30 - 5:15pm.

Tea and coffee will be served for parents and carers throughout the afternoon.

We are looking forward to seeing all families attend our Meet the Teacher Afternoon and look forward to the start of a positive and productive partnership in 2021.

## Swimming Carnival

Next Thursday February 11, we will be holding our annual swimming carnival. This year, all students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend, with the inclusion of a 25m non-competitive race and novelty activities. Year 2 students who are turning eight this year and can confidently swim 50m are also invited to attend to compete. A permission note was sent home this week and we encourage all students to return these as soon as possible. As stated on this note, due to school and venue restrictions there can be **no parent spectators** on the day. We will be having a small number of parent volunteers and I thank the parents who have already contacted the school offering support on the day. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day, encouraging and promoting swimming as life skill.

## Covid Guidelines

As mentioned in the letter that came home last week, some restrictions have been eased at school. At present, parents/carers of students in K-2 can enter the school to drop off and pick up their children. Parents/carers who only have children in Years 3-6 are asked to continue dropping off and picking up their children from outside our school grounds at one of the three gates. Thank you to the parents who have already been supporting us with this measure. I would also like to remind parents that it is a requirement that **all adult visitors** onto school grounds check in using the NSW Health QR Code system located at all our entries. This includes parents who are dropping their children off, attending the canteen or uniform shop or dropping into our front office. This is essential and it is expected that **all parents** uphold this requirement. The last thing we want is to be forced into another situation where no parents can come on site, and so your cooperation with this is appreciated. Please continue to ensure that if your child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they remain at home. Many school activities can now resume, such as assemblies, band, school sport and carnivals. While we are very excited that these regular and valued activities can recommence, many of them will still come with restrictions in regards to parent involvement. We will let you know for each activity whether or not parents are able to attend. As previously mentioned, we were so appreciative of your support throughout 2020 and we thank you in advance for your continued understanding and support throughout 2021.

## P&C AGM

Next Tuesday evening, our first P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom at 7:00pm. This will be the P&C AGM, where the executive members of the P&C will be elected. Executive roles include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone for an executive role, nomination forms can be collected from the front office. You can bring these nominations with you on the night, or drop them into the office to be taken to the meeting on your behalf. Please be reminded that in order to vote, you must be a financial member of the P&C, so please bring your 50c along with you on the night. I am looking forward to our first P&C meeting for the year and encourage any new families to consider attending.

## Strategic Improvement Plan

This year, we start the implementation of our new four-year Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). While this plan does not need to be finalised until the end of this term, many key initiatives and directions have already been planned. We have collaboratively designed this plan on the back of an extremely thorough school evaluation which really highlighted what we were doing well, and areas in which we could improve. I thank the parents and community members who have provided us with feedback through our school Facebook page. As part of the SIP, all schools create three Strategic Directions which will drive improvement initiatives over the next four years. Our three new Strategic Directions are:

- Student Growth and Attainment
- Collaborative Design of Dynamic Learning
- Challenge, Success and Inclusion for all

Another key feature of our SIP is a vision statement, which succinctly articulates the high level aspirations of the school while on this four-year journey. Our vision statement is:

*At Picton Public School, we believe all students can and will be successful.*

*Our vision is that every student is challenged to grow in all aspects of learning and wellbeing. All teachers are committed to collaboratively designing and implementing consistent, evidence-based teaching practices in inclusive, authentic, culturally-connected and engaging learning environments.*

If you would like to provide any feedback on our three Strategic Directions or our vision statement, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you once again for all of your support at the beginning of this year. It is my absolute pleasure and privilege to lead this school in 2021 and into the future. I wish everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Mr Nathan Neilson  
Proud Principal

## 2021 STAFFING AND CLASSING

<b>Principal:</b> Mr Nathan Neilson	
<b>Deputy Principal Instructional Leader:</b> Mrs Vanessa Davis	
<b>Assistant Principal K-2:</b> Mrs Catherine Wilson	<b>Assistant Principal Stage 2:</b> Mrs Julianne Smith
<b>KM:</b> Mrs Di Monds <b>KC:</b> Miss Sara Clarke <b>K/1W:</b> Mrs Catherine Wilson <b>1/2K:</b> Miss Cherie Khalil <b>1/2M:</b> Mrs Sheena Martin	<b>2/3M:</b> Mrs Rachel Matthies <b>3/4S:</b> Mrs Julianne Smith & Mrs Melinda Byrne <b>3/4W:</b> Mrs Melissa Webster <b>3/4J:</b> Miss Jade Edwards
<b>Assistant Principals Stage 3:</b> Mrs Amy Gower and Mrs Brooke Wilson	<b>Assistant Principal SCU:</b> Mrs Maria Howard
<b>5/6C:</b> Mrs Courtney Williams <b>5/6L:</b> Ms Jennie Lang <b>5/6B:</b> Mrs Vicki Bywater <b>5/6W:</b> Mrs Brooke Wilson	<b>K/1H:</b> Mrs Maria Howard & Mrs Julie Eckler (SLSO) <b>2-5H:</b> Mrs Cherie Hines & Mrs Di Green/Mrs Kylie Deas (SLSOs) <b>4-6LW:</b> Mrs Coleen Lui, Mrs Karen White & Mrs Ros Plater (SLSO)
<b>Support and RFF</b>	<b>SAS Staff</b>
<b>Learning and Support Coordinator:</b> Mrs Alison Thomson <b>RFF/Learning and Support:</b> Mrs Amy Gower <b>Ab. Ed Specialist Teacher:</b> Mrs Jenny Cummins <b>Intervention:</b> Madison Cox <b>RFF:</b> Miss Anna Barnes <b>RFF:</b> Mr Geoff Boniface <b>Library/RFF:</b> Mrs Christie Farrell <b>Library/RFF:</b> Mrs Michelle Friend	<b>School Administration Manager:</b> Mrs Kerry New <b>School Administration Officer:</b> Mrs Michelle Jackson <b>School Administration Officer:</b> Mrs Kylie Deas <b>Mainstream SLSO:</b> Mrs Leanne Purnell <b>Mainstream SLSO:</b> Mrs Ashley Hamilton <b>School Counsellor:</b> Mrs Leanne Sathiah <b>School Chaplain:</b> Mr Stan Winn <b>General Assistant:</b> Mr Graeme Foster





## FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER

Welcome to the 2021 school year - it is great to see all the students again! We are all very excited for the year ahead and I am looking forward to all the fantastic programs and initiatives that we have planned for as part of our new School Plan.

As an Instructional Leader I am required to continuously improve the process of education so that every student is given and is able to benefit from a wide range of opportunities that 1) develop their skills, knowledge and understanding and 2) give them the confidence and motivation for continued learning success.

The Instructional Leader role is new to our school this year so I have outlined some information about the role below:

At Picton Public School the Instructional Leader is responsible for the school wide collection of data in numeracy and literacy as per NSW Department of Education school targets and the School Excellence Framework. Examples of data collected across the school are the PAT reading and numeracy assessment, our Soundwaves assessment and PM Benchmark and/or Lexile reading levels.

Instructional leaders analyse whole school data to identify priority areas in numeracy and literacy and then plan how to allocate resources, such as scheduling interventions for individual students and student cohorts. For example, at our school, based on the results from a phonics assessment, we have assigned a Learning and Support teacher to implement an intensive phonics program across a number of weeks through our Boost sessions.

It is also the job of Instructional Leaders to monitor the effectiveness of these interventions by analysing the data that has been collected during the implementation of a particular intervention. This enables the instructional leaders to understand the impact of resource allocation on student progress and plan for where to next. At Picton Public School we have introduced Data Talks this year, where every teacher will have the opportunity to sit and meet on a fortnightly basis to decipher the needs of their class and develop the next sequences of learning.

Another task for Instructional Leaders is to plan, scaffold and facilitate professional learning based around the priority areas in numeracy and literacy. This is about student need driving teacher development. At Picton Public School, our professional learning follows an evaluative and reflective approach with the introduction of a whole school, differentiated and targeted sessions for teachers.

At Picton Public School our aims of Instructional Leadership are about sustaining and growing a culture of high expectations that result in measurable growth for every student, and an overall whole school improvement. It involves the rigorous collection and analysis of data so as to identify and respond to priority areas and to hold all teachers accountable for the impact of their teaching on student outcomes.

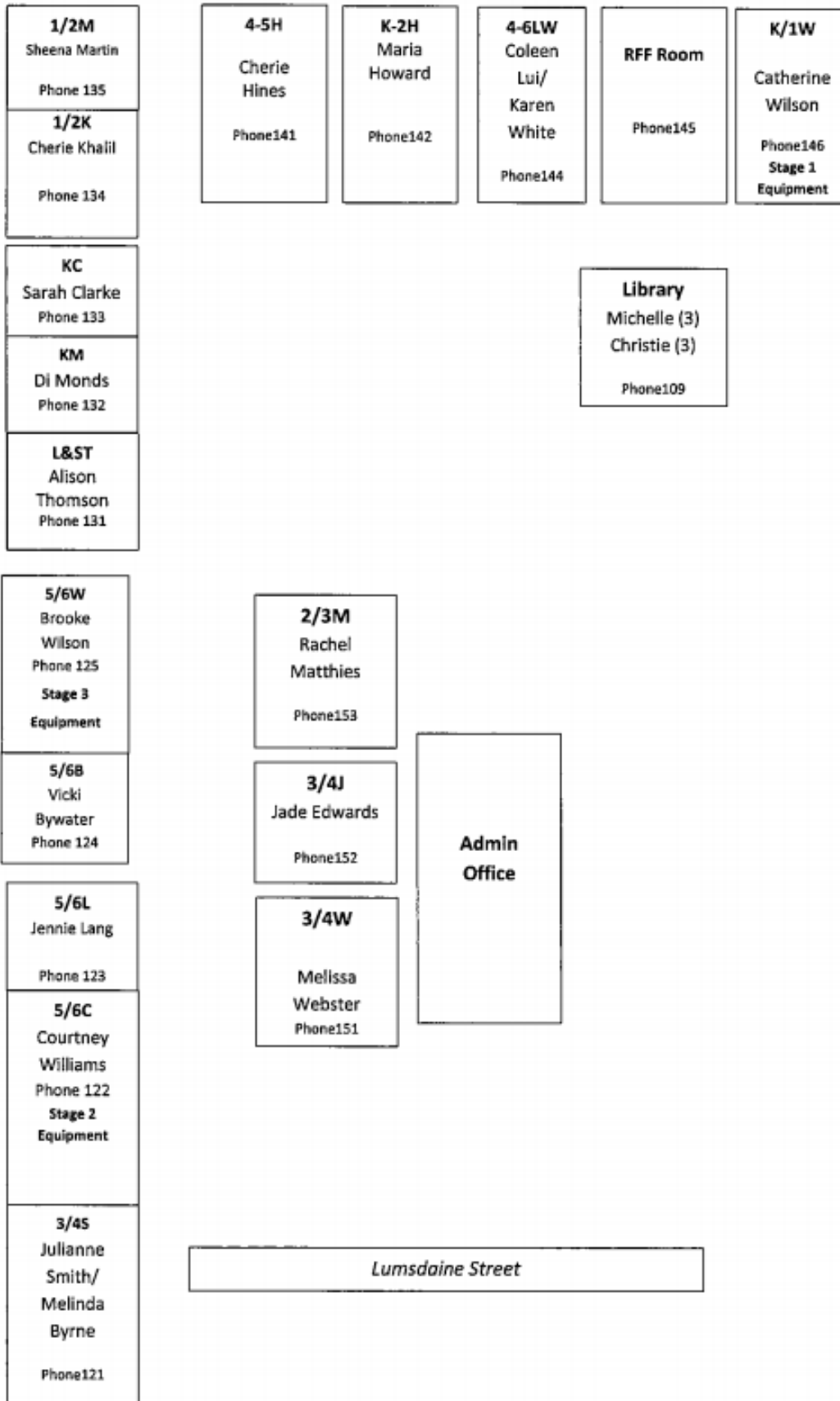
I look forward to keeping you updated throughout the year of our progress and outcomes.

*Vanessa Davis*

*Deputy Principal, Instructional Leader K-6*

## Class Locations for 2021

Argyle Street



# Fresh Start Canteens Menu

## Fresh Salads

### Garden Salad

(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber)  
Regular \$3.50 w/ Meat \$5  
Large \$5 w/Meat \$7

### Caesar Salad

(Lettuce, Ham, Croutons, Cheese and Dressing)

### Baby Spinach Salad

(Baby Spinach, Tomato, Olives, Cucumber, Cheese)

### Vegetarian Salad

(Mixed Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cucumber, Corn, Drizzle of Vinaigrette)

### Pasta Salad

(Pasta, Tomato, Cheese, Corn, Onion in a Creamy Mayonnaise base)

Regular \$4.50 w/ Meat \$6  
Large \$6 w/ Meat \$8

Add a Water for \$1  
Free Dressing Choice of Italian, French or Caesar

## Fresh Subs

### **Meats Available:**

Chicken Schnitzel  
Chicken Breast  
Ham  
Tuna  
Italian Meatballs  
Roast Beef

### **Condiments Available:**

Carrot  
Cheese  
Onion  
Tomato  
Lettuce  
Cucumber  
Olives  
Beetroot

### **Dressings Available:**

Caesar  
Garlic Aioli  
Ranch  
Sweet Chilli  
Tomato  
BBQ  
Mayo  
Mustard

Build your own sub. Includes: 1 choice of meat and any condiments or dressings!  
**\$6.50**

Extra Meat is \$2 per serve  
Add a Water for \$1

## Fresh Sandwiches and Wraps

Cheese **OR** Jam \$2  
Ham \$2.50  
Ham and Cheese \$3  
Roast Beef \$3  
Tuna, Lettuce and Mayo \$3.50  
Salad \$4  
Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo \$4  
Ham, Cheese and Tomato \$4  
Ham and Salad \$4.50  
Roast Beef and Salad \$4.50  
Tuna and Salad \$4.50  
Chicken and Salad \$5

Prices above are for a sandwich.  
Upgrade to a Wrap for an extra \$1.50

## Hot Meal Options

Homemade Sausage Roll \$3.50  
Wedges \$3.50  
Noodle Cup (Chicken **OR** Beef) \$3.50  
Hot Dog \$3.50  
Nuggets 6 for \$4  
Spaghetti Bolognese \$4.50  
Lean Meat Pie \$4.50  
Vegetarian Rice \$4.50  
Lasagne \$5  
Meatball Pasta \$5  
Curried Chicken Pasta \$5  
Loaded Beef Burger w/Cheese \$5  
Chicken Fillet Burger \$5  
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap \$5  
Loaded Beef Burger w/Salad \$6

### Pizza THURSDAY ONLY

Cheese \$3.50  
Zaatar \$3.50  
Ham and Cheese \$4

### Sushi WEDNESDAY ONLY

Tuna **OR** Chicken \$5.50 (including a Water)  
Sauce portions are 30c each.



*“Choose Green  
in the Canteen”*

# 🍏 Fresh Start Canteens Menu 🍏

## Snacks and Drinks

Homemade Fresh Muffins \$1.50  
Large Homemade Fresh Muffins \$3  
Popcorn \$1  
Noodles **OR** Rice Crackers \$1.50  
Red Rock Deli Chips \$2.50

Quelch Stick \$1  
Juice Cup \$1.50  
Snap Stix \$1.50  
Ice Mony \$1.50  
Juicee Tube \$2  
Juicee Ice block \$2.50  
Paddle Pop **OR** Moosie \$2.50

Juice Poppers \$2  
Water 350ml \$1.50  
Water 600ml \$2  
Oak Flavoured Milk \$3  
Chill J \$3  
Large Fresh Juice 100% \$4

## Breaky and Healthy Snacks

Hash Brown \$1.50  
Hot Chocolate \$1.50  
Cheese **OR** Cheese and Bacon Roll \$2.50  
Pancakes \$2.50  
Cheese Toasted Sandwich \$2.50  
Assorted Seasonal Fruit from \$1.50  
Watermelon Cup \$2  
Fruit Salad Cup \$2.50  
Fruit Salad Bowl \$4.00  
Vanilla Yoghurt Cup \$2.50



## Lunch Pack Combos

- Pack 1:** Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Water \$7
- Pack 2:** Curry Chicken and Water **OR** Popper \$6.50
- Pack 3:** Salad Wrap, Water and Fruit **OR** Yoghurt \$7
- Pack 4:** Chicken Burger and Water \$6.50
- Pack 5:** Regular Garden Salad, Water and Seasonal Fruit **OR** Yoghurt \$6







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  - Direct Debit - 0.50c transaction fee
  - The surcharge to add credit is 1.5%
  - The surcharge for PayPal is 3.8%
  - When placing an order there is a small booking fee per transaction per student.





# SUSHI

ONLINE ONLY

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**WEDNESDAY ONLY— MUST BE PRE ORDERED ONLINE BY 1PM  
TUESDAY.**

Fresh Start Canteens would like to welcome you to our new exciting Sushi Range.

Sushi can be pre ordered from your online platform the day before by 1pm ensuring our staff adequate time to organize for the community.

We thank you for your support and hope that you will enjoy the new range we are offering. Orders will not be taken over the counter Wednesday so please make sure you get in early to secure your order!

\*Flexi schools have a unique drop-down box in menu especially for sushi to be ordered.

\*Quick Cliq users simply find in the menu for your convenience.

**PLEASE NOTE PIZZA DAY IS NOW THURSDAY ONLY.**

THANKYOU. **THE FRESH START CANTEENS TEAM.**



## Safe Respectful Learner Awards

Our award system is known as the SRL Award System.

The underlying purpose of the program is to reward Safe, Respectful Learners in an equitable way whilst promoting independence and goal setting. The onus is on students to collect their awards and take responsibility for handing them in to receive a certificate, badge or banner. All awards handed in are tallied by Mrs Brooke Wilson. They will be stamped on the back and returned.

### Awards My Child Can Earn:

- **SRL Tokens** do not feed directly into the trade up system of awards. Students can be given an SRL token at any time including in the classroom, playground or assembly. Students are responsible for writing their name and class on the tokens and placing them into the communal collection point. Two tokens are drawn each Monday morning at assembly for a canteen voucher.
- **The Safe Respectful Learner (SRL) Award** is received during weekly or fortnightly assemblies. When four SRL awards are received, put them in a ziplock plastic bag or envelope clearly labelled with the child's name and class to be placed in the Magpie Box.
- **Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards** are presented at either the weekly or fortnightly assemblies (Bronze) or at Combined Assemblies (Silver and Gold).
- **SRL Badges** are small badges that students can wear everyday celebrating their achievements as Safe, Respectful Learners.
- **SRL Banners** are banners that students strive to achieve at the end of their second cycle of awards.

When 4 SRL Awards (ie a total of 4 awards) have been received, they are handed in to receive a Special Award. Special Awards are received for:

Bronze Certificate received for four SRL Awards – presented at weekly/fortnightly assemblies

Silver Certificate received for eight SRL Awards – presented at Combined Assemblies

Gold Certificate received for twelve SRL Awards – presented at Combined Assemblies

SRL Badge or Banner received for sixteen SRL Awards – presented at Combined Assemblies

Any student who received an SRL Badge or Banner will take part in a Principal's Reward Day at the end of the year.

Please Note: *Only unstamped SRL Awards should be placed in the Magpie Box.*

This is a continuous system. Once a badge has been received the children continue to hand in awards, working through the system again to receive further certificates and a banner.

Yours sincerely,

Brooke Wilson  
Awards Coordinator

Nathan Neilson  
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.



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

## Magpie Box



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



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

Thank you