

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM ONE WEEK 8 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

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	State Swimming Combined Assembly
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	State Swimming Grip Student Leadership Conference LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Students Return Term 2



### Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks at Picton Public School and things aren't showing any sign of slowing down as the term draws to an end. There are still a number of exciting events and activities happening over the next couple of weeks so please make sure you update your calendars and keep an eye on Skoolbag so you don't miss any information.

#### Razorback Zone Representatives

Throughout this term, we have had many students attend trials for Razorback zone representative sporting teams. There are often many, many students from schools across our region trying out for places in these teams, with only a very limited number of places. A number of our students have been successful in securing a place in a representative team, and should be proud of this achievement.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Razorback zone representative team:

- Angus French - Basketball
- Levi Hamilton - Basketball
- Ava Lutton - Hockey
- Zane Watson - Rugby League
- Noah Noonan - Rugby League
- Sam Merchant - Tennis (Sydney South West Representative Team)

We wish these students all the best and look forward to hearing how they go when their competitions start!

#### Cross Country

Tomorrow we are holding our annual Cross Country carnival. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold this event last year due to Covid restrictions and so we are very happy to be able to provide this opportunity for our students in 2021. Covid restrictions have also been eased just in time for parents to attend as spectators. The primary carnival is being held at Victoria Oval. Students

are to come to school first and then they will walk to the oval with their class. The P&C will be running a small canteen at the carnival and would love for any donations of baked goods to be dropped to school in the morning. Parents who are attending the carnival can take their children home from the carnival, but students must be signed out on a class list before leaving. Our K-2 students will be participating in a non-competitive cross country at school. The P&C will be selling ice blocks for \$1.00 for our K-2 students. While we can run cross country in the rain, if conditions become too severe, we will cancel the carnival and reschedule it for next Friday.

### **P&C Update**

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we entered our second P&C meeting for 2021 with the important position of President still vacant. I am pleased to announce that last week, Lauren Manning accepted a nomination to again fulfill the role of President, which she has accepted. Congratulations to Lauren who will once again lead our fantastic P&C. With Lauren stepping into the President role, this left the role of Treasurer vacant. I am also pleased to announce that Jane Lewis has accepted the role of Treasurer - congratulations, Jane. All executive positions of the P&C have now been filled and I know they have some exciting plans in place for the year. I encourage all parents and carers to consider attending P&C meetings. They are held on Tuesday evenings in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term.

At last week's P&C meeting, I was very happy to accept \$5000 from the P&C to go towards updating our school reading resources. As a school we are currently engaging in a very robust process of evaluating our practices around teaching reading, and part of this is completing a stock take of our current resources. We are looking at replenishing our PM Readers for our K-2 students, and extending our Home Reading collection, purchasing new decodable readers for Kindergarten and exploring new and engaging reading material for our 3-6 students. We will keep you updated as to how this money is spent and I again thank the P&C for supporting our school plan through their fundraising efforts.

### **Year 6 Fundraising**

Our Year 6 students have kicked off their fundraising efforts this term by coordinating two events. On Thursday next week, Year 6 are coordinating a Crazy Hair and Funky Sock Mufti Day! All students are encouraged to get crazy and come to school with unique, interesting and fun hairstyles and match this with some funky socks. Students are also invited to wear mufti on this day. In order to participate, students will need to bring a gold coin donation, which will be collected at our school gates. All money raised will go towards a Year 6 gift for the school.

The second Year 6 Fundraiser I am not looking forward to quite so much. Year 6 have designed a range of Principal Dares, one of which I will be required to complete next week! The dares which are being voted on are:

- Mow the lawn in a princess outfit and live stream it on our school Facebook Page.
- Have my face painted by the students and wear it all day.
- Bucket challenge - ice, slime and other nasties tipped over my head by the students.
- Principal Sundae - Ice cream, sprinkles and topping layered on my head.
- Duct tape me to a wall and throw water bombs at me.

Students can cast their vote by placing coins in a tin. The dare with the most money by the end of the week will be the winning dare. I suddenly feel a cold coming on and think I may be "sick" next week. Wish me luck!

### **School Photos**

A reminder that our school photos are being taken on Monday 29 March. At present, only 24% of our families have ordered their photos online. While parents can still order on the day using the envelopes provided, it is preferred that orders be placed online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9-digit Advancedorder code - RH6 EV6 ZV8. Avoid missing out by ordering your photos online as soon as possible!

### **SRL Token Winners**

Congratulations to the following students, who have been our SRL Token Winners for the past fortnight.

*Week 7: Levi and Alice*

*Week 8: Tanish and Phoenix*



Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson  
Proud Principal

# Sydney South West Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Clancy Maitz, Addison Barnes, Amelia Rottenbury, Levi Hamilton, Finlay Terry, Walker Thomson and Harrison Crawhall for fantastic racing at the Sydney South West Swimming Championships at Bradbury pool last Tuesday. All students swam amazingly well against the best swimmers in our region.

A huge congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three in their events and have qualified for the NSWPSA State Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park in Week 10.

Clancy Maitz                3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Medley  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Butterfly

Addison Barnes        2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Medley  
                                  1<sup>st</sup> 50m Breaststroke

Boys Junior Relay – Finlay Terry, Walker Thomson, Harrison Crawhall, Clancy Maitz  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Boys Relay

Well done to all swimmers and all the best to Clancy, Addison, Finlay, Walker and Harrison. Swim well!

Miss Barnes



## *Parents and Citizens' Association*

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It's almost here, our egg-citing Easter Egg raffle is only a few weeks away!! This is such an exciting event for students, parents and teachers! As usual, our Easter Egg raffle prizes will be made up of your generous donations, we appreciate your support!

### TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be sent home this week. One booklet is given to each family with extra booklets available from the school office. Tickets are \$1 each or booklets are \$10. Please remember to write your child's name and class (in the space provided) on the front page of the raffle booklets when returning them. Tickets can be returned in an envelope to the Magpie box with correct money.

**TICKETS DUE MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**EGG DONATIONS**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – **MUFTI DAY**

**TICKETS DUE BACK**

MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED (WRAPPING)**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**RAFFLE DRAW Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

### EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Easter eggs can be donated on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 8.50am-9.30am**. Our volunteers will be collecting these donations at each school gate. We appreciate any and all donations as this exciting raffle would not be possible without our school community's generosity. **Remember, this will be a MUFTI day for students.**



### HELP NEEDED!

If you're available to assist in collecting eggs or wrapping prizes on the dates listed, please call/text Manal on 0403 138 455 / Lauren on 0410 618 705 **OR** if you have any extra baskets or Easter decoration/wrapping you would like to donate, please leave them at the office. Thank you for your support!!

## Second Hand Uniform Shop Update

### Opening hours

**Every Tuesday morning 9am - 9.45am.**

Thank you to those who have generously donated their pre loved uniforms to the office over the past year. So much has been sold over the past month and as a result we are kindly asking for some more donations. I have had lots of requests for polo shirts & winter uniform items in particular. Can you please check that all donations are clean, undamaged and are school uniform items only and drop them to the office at anytime. Thank you.

### Updated price list - Cash sales only.

**Polos, sports shirts, skorts, shorts, hats \$2.50 each.**

**Jackets, jumpers, summer & winter tunics, pants, skirts \$5 each.**

**We have quality hair accessories for sale also for \$6 each.**

**Knitted scrunchies in red, yellow, green, blue, black & white \$3 each.**



Thank you,

Kristy

Second hand uniform shop coordinator.

# 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

Quech 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





# School online ordering

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- Register at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)
- **SIGN UP** and complete the registration form
- Receive a link via email to **ACTIVATE** your account before logging in
- **ADD STUDENT**, add your child's details, select their school and save to your account
- **ADD CREDIT** to your online wallet before ordering or pay as you go using credit or debit card
- Select **MEAL ORDER** and you're good to go

Orders can be placed up to 28 days in advance. You can view your completed orders via the **Active Orders** or **Transaction History** tabs in your account.

## Want to know the best thing about QuickCliq?

- ✓ One family, one account - you will have one unique and secure login to manage all your children's orders, even if they attend different schools. QuickCliq saves you time and gives you complete visibility over your family's needs.
- ✓ Tired of looking for change every morning before your kids run off to school? With QuickCliq, lunch money is a thing of the past.
- ✓ We're giving control back to you over your children's diets. By ordering their lunch ahead of time, you can ensure they are eating healthy and balanced meals.
- ✓ QuickCliq was designed with mobile access in mind. Simply login to add credit and order, all from the convenience of your smartphone or tablet.
- ✓ To top up your account you have three options: Direct Debit / Credit Card / PayPal
  - 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.





## 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