

NEWSLETTER

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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

Tuesday 20 th April	Students Return Term 2
Wednesday 21 st April	School Banking Returns
Friday 23 April	Razorback Cross Country 10.45 Anzac Assembly
Thursday 6 May	Mothers Day Stall
Wednesday 9 June	SSW Cross Country



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final newsletter for what has been a very busy and successful first term of 2021. It has been wonderful to see our students achieving success in a range of areas, both inside and outside the classroom, and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the break ahead.

Collaboration Days

Last week all of our teachers took part in their Collaboration Days, which happen every term. These days give stage teams the opportunity to meet together, reflect on the term that has passed, review student learning data, engage in professional learning and design plans for the following term. This year, each Collaboration Day was enhanced with targeted and impact-focused student data analysis sessions, led by our Instructional Leader Mrs Davis. Each

team closely examined student assessment data in a range of areas to identify trends and to clearly determine where each student is at with their learning, in order to guide plans and directions for Term Two. These are valuable professional learning days and I thank you for your understanding while replacement teachers covered classes throughout the week.

Cross Country

Last Friday we held our much-anticipated Cross Country carnival. This event had already been rescheduled once due to the weather and although we couldn't hold our carnival at our usual venue, it did not stop us from having a fantastic day and from seeing students demonstrate grit, determination and talent while they conquered the very long track. I would like to congratulate all students who gave the race a go, whether they finished, received a top four place or simply gave it a go, they are all to be proud of their efforts. The top four from each age group will head off to Razorback Zone on Friday of Week One next term. Thank you to Miss Edwards, Mrs Friend, Miss Barnes and Mr B for coordinating a fantastic day!

Strategic Improvement Plan

As previously communicated, we have spent the last six months designing our new four-year Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP), based on a very thorough and robust self-assessment process. I am pleased to say that on Thursday last week, our new plan was formally endorsed by our Director, Belinda Wall. Our three new Strategic Directions which will guide our improvement journey for the next four years are:

- Student growth and attainment
- Collaborative design of dynamic learning
- Challenge, success and inclusion for all

These Strategic Directions have all been developed around our school vision:

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

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.

I thank our community for their input and feedback and look forward to leading our school for the next four years on this improvement journey. A copy of the final plan is on our school website.

State Swimming

Yesterday five of our students, Clancy, Addison, Harrison, Finlay and Walker headed off to compete in day one of the State Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. There were PBs all round for Clancy in his 50m Freestyle and IM, Addi in her 50m Breaststroke and our Junior Boys in their Relay event. What an extraordinary achievement to make it to this level, and then to perform so brilliantly on such a large stage! We are so proud of their efforts and achievements and look forward to hearing how Clancy goes in his 50m Butterfly event today! Great job, Team Picton!



Combined Assembly

Yesterday, we held our Week 10 Combined Assembly and presented students with Silver and Gold Awards and SRL Badges. At each Combined Assembly, we also award one student from each class with a Class Citizenship Award. Each class teacher selects one student from their class

who displays exemplary citizenship qualities to receive this award. Class teachers look for students who are safe, respectful learners, who come to school prepared to learn, who are positive role models, good friends and try their best. Congratulations to the following students who received a Class Citizenship Award this week:

KM: Malina Efira

K/1W: Emilija Lalic

1/2M: Brille Miller

3/4J: Nicholas Bzadough

3/4S: Harrison Crawhall

5/6L: Brooklyn Norris

5/6W: Sam Patterson

KC: Finley Andrews

1/2K: William Baldock

2/3M: Beau Garard

3/4W: Lachlan Dryburgh

5/6C: Lily Bzadough

5/6B: Alexis Pullen

SCU: Izabella Hay

We also awarded our grade poetry recital winners and heard them present their impressive poetry pieces. Congratulations to:

Kindergarten: Kayla Nemorin

Year One: Morgan Rigby

Year 2: Eve Hynes

Year 3: Ryan Cardwell

Year 4: Sienna Nemorin

Year 5: Talon Garard

Year 6: Emma Cotton

SCU: Hunter Lee

Uniforms

As we return to school next term and the weather cools, can I please take this opportunity to remind families that it is an expectation that all students wear a Picton Public School jumper/jacket. The uniform shop will be open on the first day of term in case your child has misplaced or grown out of theirs. Thank you for your support.

SRL Token Winners

Congratulations to the following students, who were our SRL Token winners this week.

Week 10: Clancy, Charlotte, Brielle and Alyssa

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter and holiday break. Students start back at school on Tuesday April 20, as the staff have a School Development Day on Monday April 19. See you in Term Two!

Mr Nathan Neilson

Proud Principal

From the Primary Mathematics Specialist Teacher

"Mathematics is a very broad and multidimensional subject that requires reasoning, creativity, connection making, and interpretation of methods; it is a set of ideas that helps illuminate the world; and it is constantly changing." - Jo Boaler

I'd like to share with you one of the first tasks I completed as the PMST. The students had to consider 'if mathematics was a food, what would it be and why?' Maybe you could take a moment and think how you would answer this question.

There were three main types of answers from the students.

- 1) They identified it as a food they loved as they loved mathematics
- 2) They identified it as a food that can be seen in two ways such as watermelon, where it's hard on the outside but once you're inside, it is sweet and enjoyable.
- 3) They identified it as a food they do not like as they don't particularly like mathematics.

Where did you identify yourself to be?

There has been lots of research into why people's dispositions to mathematics has been typically of third type. A lot of adults' conversations are rarely focused on their love of mathematics yet this isn't the same for literature.

One of the reasons for this is people view mathematics as a collection of rules and procedures to memorise. That as a child they were told how to do mathematics and that they didn't need to know the why. There was one way that the majority of us learnt, that being the algorithm. Words like 'add ten and carry the number' were spoken over and over. Some adults ask 'why don't we do algorithms? That's how I learnt it and I can do maths'. The answer to that is in the statement. Yes, you can do maths, but do you have a deep understanding and love for mathematics? (Referring back to the original task).

Like all things in life mathematics has changed in order for our students to be given deeper and new understandings and to also foster a love of mathematics. The shift for students is to build upon their thinking in order to strengthen their reasoning, accuracy, efficiency and flexibility. Over the course of the year I will be sharing with you how we are achieving this.

Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.

— **Albert Einstein, German theoretical physicist**

Julianne Smith

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





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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.



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

School Banking will be returning in Term 2 on Wednesdays!

