

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM TWO WEEK 2 2021



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Principal: Nathan Neilson

### 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 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Opening of Yarning Circle - Smoking Ceremony
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers Day Stall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Stage 2 Picton Excursion
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Gala Day
Wednesday 9 June	SSW Cross Country
Friday 11 June	South Side Gala Day



### Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope all families had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed spending time with loved ones. We have started back at school this term with a range of activities, events and achievements to be proud of.

#### Zone Cross Country

Last Friday, approximately 34 students represented Picton Public School at the Zone Cross Country carnival. Our students ran incredibly long distances, across various terrains and all put in a solid effort. Four of our students performed so well that they are progressing through to the Sydney South West Regional Championships. Congratulations to Evie French, Clancy Maitz, Emma Cotton and Angus French on fantastic results. We wish them the best of luck at the regional carnival later this term!

#### ANZAC Day

Picton Public School acknowledged ANZAC Day in various ways last week, including with a special school-based ceremony on Friday. We were again lucky enough to be joined by Mr Rex Marshall, Vice-President of the Bargo, Thirlmere, Picton RSL Sub-Branch, who shared stories of what ANZAC Day means to him. Our students laid wreaths at our flag poles and we stopped for a moment of silence to remember our ANZACs. Our school choir also performed a beautiful rendition of 'We are Australian'. I would like to thank Mrs Webster and Mrs Martin for coordinating this event. On Sunday morning, 55 of our students woke up extremely early and braved the very cold conditions to represent Picton Public School in the Picton ANZAC Day march. We were unable to participate in this event last year, and so were honoured to proudly march down Argyle St and attend the service. Our students carried themselves with pride and respect and are to be commended on representing our school so well. My Thanks go to Mrs Monds for coordinating the march and the many teachers who also attended in support of our school.



### Principal Dare

As you are aware, our Year 6 students held a fundraiser towards the end of Term One, daring me to carry out a number of things. The winning dare involved me being taped to a wall and having water bombs thrown at me. True to my word, I carried out this dare on Tuesday afternoon, and finished the day extremely cold and wet! This was made easier by hearing the sounds of absolute delight in the students as they soaked their principal! This fundraiser raised over \$600 for our Year 6 students and I (begrudgingly) thank Mrs Gower and Mrs Wilson for coordinating.



### Staffing News

Last week, we farewelled Mrs Gower as she finished work for the year to start her maternity leave. We are all excitedly waiting for the news of the newest Gower Girl's arrival and we will share the news with you all when the time comes. We wish the whole Gower family all the very best for the coming weeks. Mrs Gower is due to return in Term One 2021. Replacing Mrs Gower's RFF and Learning and Support teaching load is Miss Chelsea Argument. I welcome Miss Argument to the team at Picton Public School and know she will be a valued asset to the school. Miss Argument will provide release for classroom teachers and will also be implementing Learning Boosts for targeted students. Mrs Brooke Wilson will move into the Relieving Assistant Principal position five days a week for the remainder of the year, supervising Stage 3. If any parents of Stage 3 students require support after speaking with their child's class teacher, Mrs Wilson is the best person to contact.

### Opportunity Class Applications

Last week, all Year 4 students were given an expression of interest to apply for an Opportunity Class placement. Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6. Applications are made online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> and can be made up until Friday May 7. Applicants will be required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 21 July 2021. If your child misplaced their note and you are interested in applying, please contact the front office to get another note.

### NAPLAN

In Week 4, students in Years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN. On Tuesday, students will sit the Language Conventions and Writing assessments, on Wednesday the Reading assessment and on Thursday the Numeracy assessment. Friday will be used as a catch up day for any students who missed assessments throughout the week. Please ensure your child is at school on time on the days of these assessments, as students arriving late cannot join the assessment once it has started. We ask that you do not put any undue pressure on students in the lead up to NAPLAN. While they are a formalised assessment, they are just one of very many assessments that teachers use to monitor and evaluate student progress. A student's level of skill, knowledge, achievement or potential is not defined by a NAPLAN score.

### SRL Token Winners

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

*Week 2 - Scott and Connor*



Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight ahead!

Mr Nathan Neilson  
Proud Principal



## FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER

What a great start to Term 2!

Our teachers have been working very hard to use evidence and data to reflect on the needs of their students and make conscious decisions about how they can best support their class at every level. Our Staff Development Day involved us looking at key pieces of evidence to inform our practices in reading. These evidence and data sources included:

- NAPLAN - historical data of our results across Years 3 to 5 and student growth between these year levels.
- Student Interviews - Videos of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 being interviewed around what they like and don't like about reading and how their teacher provides feedback to them.
- Professional Judgements - Reflections on our reading programs at a Stage level.
- PAT Reading Data - External assessment data that our students are involved in from Years 1 - 6.
- PROBE2 - Individual comprehension assessments of students from Years 2 - 6.
- PM Benchmark levels - Reading levels across Stage 1.
- Lexile levels - From Years 3 - 6.
- Literacy Progressions - an online DoE assessment platform where students work along a progression of knowledge and skills in reading.
- Teacher surveys.

We broke into groups and were able to engage in reflective conversations and reach whole-school priorities based on what the data and evidence was telling us.



From here, we are going to be professionally developing our knowledge of how to explicitly teach reading based on current evidence-based research.

I look forward to sharing with you what we discover as we embark on this journey!

Vanessa Davis

Instructional Leader K-6

See below answers from our previous Instructional Leader's Report re: Soundwaves

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## Check-in Assessment for Years 4 and 6

Dear parents and carers,

Year 4 and 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year\* student learning following the period of learning from home.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 and 6 students during Term 2 Week 4.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Advice on headphones:

Students will be using our school set of headphones that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. You are more than welcome to provide your own child's headphones or earbuds for the assessment provided they have a computer connection of a jack or a USB.



*Parents and Citizens' Association*

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## **STALL**

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **THURSDAY 6th MAY (Week 3)**. Each class is brought to the stall individually at a rostered time throughout the day. We have a wonderful array of gifts this year ranging in price from \$1 to \$10. There is plenty of opportunity for children to choose their gifts and the class teacher and parent volunteers will be there to help as needed.

This year we will be using our Picton Public School tokens again for use at the stall.

This means that we will not be accepting cash on the day of the stall.

**We ask that parents and carers send in money for their children in separate ziplock bags (for EACH child) clearly marked with their child's name, class and amount.**

This will be exchanged dollar for dollar for our Picton Public School tokens, which will be given to the children as they enter the hall to purchase gifts at the stall. Please note, change will not be given, however there are plenty of gifts for the children to choose from.

**Please send in money to the Magpie Box by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

**If you would like to assist on the stall, please contact Georgie on 0424 463 619.**

**Any time you could spare would be appreciated!**

## **RAFFLE**

Our Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn on **THURSDAY 6th MAY** in the morning during the stall.

Tickets and money are due back to the office by **MONDAY 3rd MAY**.

**This year we have some lovely prizes;**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** \$50 Vaby's Restaurant voucher, 1 term free at Football Star Academy valued at \$300, \$25 K-Mart gift card, PartyLite candle holder & Lindt chocolates.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Skin Glow facial at Aesthetics Plus Beauty, salt lamp & Lindt chocolates.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** \$40 Picton Social café voucher, Roses chocolates, candle & picture frame.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** \$20 Michel's Picton voucher, PartyLite candle holder, picture frame & body products.

**Thank you to Vaby's Restaurant – Football Star Academy –  
Aesthetics Plus Beauty – Elephant Emporium – Picton Social – Michel's Picton for  
their generous donations and support !!**

# P&C Newsletter 2021 – Term 2 Week 2

## **P&C MEETING**

The first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be held on Tuesday 4th May at 7pm. We would love to invite all parents and carers to come along. There is no pressure to volunteer but it is a great way to get involved with the school and to meet some friendly faces! The meeting will be held in the staffroom and entry is via Lumsdaine Street.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for all the support last term, with the Easter Raffle. We raised a huge \$1613!! Congratulations to all the Easter Raffle winners.

Thank you also to Manal Yen for coordinating the raffle and all the other helpers who assisted in collecting donations, making Easter Raffle baskets/prizes and distributing prizes to classrooms. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and we all appreciate the effort. Thank you to Michelle, Kylie, Jane, Donna, Anna, Mel, Tina, Belinda and Katherine.

## **MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE/ STALL**

Just a friendly reminder to return your raffle tickets and money for the stall before Monday 3rd May. As we missed out on our Mother's Day stall last year, we are so excited to be able to hold this exciting event and have some amazing gifts available! Please contact Georgie if you would like to assist on 0424 463 619

## **TERM 2 FUNDRAISERS**

We have some exciting fundraisers coming up this term including the popular School Disco! As usual we will continue to keep you updated via the school newsletter or please follow us on Facebook by searching 'Picton Public School P&C'. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact one of the P&C Team via email [pictonpandc@gmail.com](mailto:pictonpandc@gmail.com)



## 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

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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QuickCliq is an innovative online ordering system trusted by schools and parents across Australia. QuickCliq is a cashless solution that helps you manage your children's canteen orders from the comfort of your home or office.



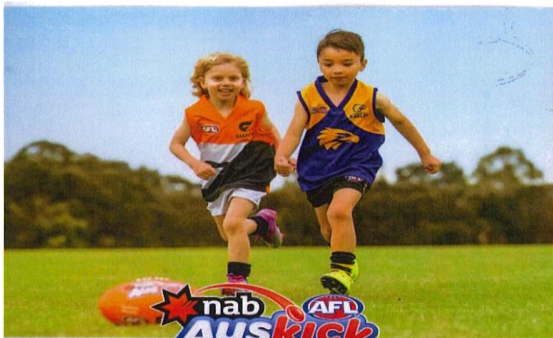
## How to get started

- QuickCliq is free to set up and easy to use
- 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.



## IGNITE YOUR PASSION!

### Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL

Hannaford Oval Wilton

Sundays starting 1st Sunday in May

Auskick Co-ordinator - Peta 0421 714 246  
5 - 10 yr olds girls & boys

Register at [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

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NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

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First 30 Registrations will receive a signed Giants Football.

Bring a friend along for a further \$50 off your registration.





## 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!**

