Newsletter

C Readers:

Thank you to our P & C for

TERM 2 WEEK 8, 14th June, 2017

Thank you to our P & C for their \$10,000 donation, some of our new resources are pictured below.





Jade, Mikayla, Zara, Alexander and Ella (3/4 Jade) with their research on the Great Barrier Reef.



Elijah Hood (4 Bronze) model cottage made out of toilet rolls, tissues boxes and cereal boxes.



K/1 Lime with their dinosaur tails and dinosaur project. Great Work!



Mikayla, Bridey, Lillian, Eden, Dali, Kellie, Georgia (3 Silver) — great effort for using their initiative and looking after the sandpit. Mrs Radmore and Ms Fraser were very pleased. Well Done! We have very considerate students at Picton Public School.

Excellent learning and positive attitudes at Picton Public! ©



Great reading Anna Heudebourck of Little Bulldozer Helps Again!



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Term 2

Week 8

Thursday 15th June

- SSW Cross Country
- Stage 1 Walking Excursion

Friday 16th June

- Soccer/Netball/AFL Gala A Day
- REMINDER Issue 4 Book Club due 18th June

Week 9

Tuesday 20th June

- Sports in School
- SCU @ RDA

Wednesday 21st June

- Combined Assembly 12.10pm
- BAND

Week 10

Tuesday 27th June

- Sports in School

Wednesday 28th June

- BAND

Friday 30th June

- LAST DAY OF TERM

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 17 July

- School Development Day

Tuesday 18 July

- Students Return

Wednesday 19 July

- BAND

Friday 21 July

- Athletics Carnival

Week 2

Tuesday 25 July

- Stage 2 Excursion to Mount Annan
- SCU @ RDA

Wednesday 26 July

- Opportunity Class placement test
- BAND
- Southern Starts Rehearsal @ Moss Vale

Thursday 27 July

- Athletics Carnival Back Up Date

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Term 2 Week 6 2017

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards

Kinder Red Sam, Isabella
Kinder Yellow Imogen, James
I Pink Billy, Clancy
IViolet Evie, Levi

2 Green Cameron, Claire 2 Indigo Luca, Emma

K-1 Lime Chloe

1/4 Brass Charli, Sebastian, Lucas SPORT Jenna, Ewan, Lilly, Monet





Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Awards



1/4 Brass Sevasium
Sport Emma, Harrison, Bethany, Lara, Noah



Term 2 Week 7 2017

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Awards r Harrison, Ruby, Phoenix, Annika, Benjamin, Nathan

3 Silver
Rhiannon, Connor, Alexa, Harry, Lorelei, Jake
3 Copper
3/4 Jade
Cassidy, Aaron, Jye, Pisey, Aiden, Mikayla
Sebastian, Sean, Andres, Shylah, Jemima. Alexis
Sopal
Samantha, Eliza, Kate, Harry, Rhys, Jack
Samantha, Eliza, Kate, Harry, Natalie, Jayden
Zoe, Amethyst, Hayley, Harry, Natalie, Jayden
Abbie, Alicia, Luke, Grace, James, Sophia

6 Sapphire Avoite, Attention 6 Turquoise Kiera, Zac, Anessa, Taylor, Calem

1/4 Brass Alexandra, Bethany





Newsletter

Principal's Pen

UNIFORM SHOP Tuesday 9.00–10.00am

If you are unable to attend during the opening hours, please leave your form in the office to be filled on the next opening day.

Volunteers are needed for the uniform shop if you can please help could you contact the school office or Melissa Whishaw.

NEW Sports Polo Shirts now available (except Oxley) \$18.50

NEW Polar Fleece jumpers now available \$25 (limited numbers, more arriving next term)









By Mia K Yellow







Pictures of Amelia, Aoife & Siena

P & C Meeting

Thank you to our P & C who met last Tuesday evening. We had a very productive evening with a number of agenda items, such as school planning. We are in a new cycle for school planning within our school. We are about to evaluate the cycle for 2015/2017 and staff will be writing a new school plan for the next 3 years (2018-2020) at the end of the year. Also on the agenda was the garden club, fundraising, the athletics carnival and we talked about the plant sale and parent workshops and the art auction.

NAPLAN

Please note that there is some information in the newsletter about NAPLAN online and the purpose of and how the school will be involved in this throughout the year in preparation for 2018. Thank you to Mr Harvey and Mrs Radmore for attending training later in the term to support implementation.

Parent Workshops: Term 3

We are hoping to offer to parents next term a number of workshops in literacy and numeracy which I discussed with the P & C last week as well. We are looking at areas such as Mathematics, Reading Recovery and supporting your child at home with reading. We are hoping that we will have a number of workshops available which parents can rotate through. We will be evaluating those particularly the first workshop and will be looking at what else we can offer to our community. This is very exciting for us and we hope you can attend, more details coming next term.

Athletics Carnival

Just a reminder that we have our Athletics Carnival at the beginning of next term the first week back. You should have received a permission note yesterday about the carnival. We appreciate the great support our community give us and just a reminder that this is a P & C fundraiser. There will be a barbeque and a cake stall which will be run by the P & C, please support them.

Literacy Resources

You will see in the newsletter today photographs of new guided readers for the classroom to support the teaching of guided reading by the classroom teachers. These are available now due to the generosity of the

P & C with their donation of \$10,000. I had these on display at the P & C meeting and I would like to say a big thank to the P & C for their leadership and support of the school plan and our school generally. Thank you to our parent community for their terrific support of the fundraising events that we have within our school to support the purchasing of these resources.

Congratulations to the P & C on a wonderful start to our year and I know that students and staff are excited about their new resources.

Education Week

Could I urge parents to pop into their diaries our open day for Education Week which will be in Week 3, Term 3, the 3rd of August. We have some very exciting things happening and we are working once again with our P & C. The art auction will be happening once again as it was a wonderful success last year and we have a new twist on it for this year with a visiting artist painting on the day and working with classes at the end of this term (Weeks 9 and 10). We are going to have a very exciting day. We will commence at approximately 9.30am going through to after lunch on the day. We hope that you can join us as it is very exciting for our students and staff to have you attend and we always have wonderful support at Picton Public School with our community which we greatly appreciate.

Staff Changes/Update

We would like to wish our new staff member Alisha Hudson who commenced this term on 2/6 Cream all the best for her maternity leave. Alisha has been a wonderful asset to our school and has done a great job on the class. Thank you Alisha.

- Mrs Julianne Smith will now be teaching 2/6 Cream
- Miss Jade Edwards will now be teaching 3/4 Jade on Thursday and Fridays.
- Mr Brendan Hartley will be teaching 1/4 Brass on Wednesdays until the end of Term 3, Mrs Matthies will be teaching in Term 4 on this day.
- Mrs Karen White will be also now working Mondays in our school to support our Quality Teaching classroom visits program.

Lyn Fraser Principal

2017 Sports in Schools Survey



Has your	Has your child/ren enjoyed the Sports in School Program?				
☐ Yes	\square No (please give specific reasons including any comments they have made to you)				
Is the pro	Is the program a reasonable cost for you as a parent? (\$45 for the term)				
Any gene	Any general comments:				
nk you for y	your feedback, it is appreciated.				
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Please return via email to the schools email address or return to the Magpie Box.





Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which
 means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- * Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online/naplan-online-publicdemonstration-site

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-ofthe-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.



Parenting that works for you

ParentWorks is a **free** online program for Australian parents & caregivers of children 2 to 16.

ParentWorks provides **evidence-based** parenting strategies to improve parenting skills and child behaviour. It is part of a research project at the University of Sydney.

You may find this program helpful for:

- Managing challenging child behaviours such as tantrums, aggression, noncompliance and sibling conflict.
- Increasing your confidence in parenting.
- Working as a team with your partner.

ParentWorks can be completed in your own home, at your own pace.

Find out more at parentworks.org.au





NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

Tuesday July 4, 2017 10 am - 3 pm Parliament of NSW

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES! ALL WELCOME!

A fun day with activities for the whole family including storytelling, Aboriginal art & crafts, playing didgeridoo and learning Aboriginal dances, as well as Dharawal Language workshops.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Film and workshop reveal biggest food wasters

An award-winning documentary and workshop to counter food wastage will be presented in Picton next weekend.

The documentary *Just Eat It* looks at our obsession with expiry dates, perfect fresh food produce and portion sizes, and reveals an issue having devastating consequences around the globe.

Just Eat It screens on Friday evening at 6 pm on June 16 at Wollondilly Council Nursery.

On Saturday, June 17, artists Garry Jones and Camille Kersley will lead a workshop from 10 am to 2 pm on food wastage. The workshop is at the Wollondilly Council Nursery. The two events have free admission and are being staged by Southern Tablelands Arts.

Southern Tablelands Arts executive director Susan Conroy says people think supermarkets are the main food wasters. "We are all part of the food waste problem. The documentary and workshop will open your eyes and might even shock you about how much food you are throwing out," Ms Conroy says.

"We all love food. The media and social media are saturating our homes with cooking shows, recipes and famous chefs and celebrities to stimulate our fascination with food," Ms Conroy says.

"But did you know, almost 50 percent of all the food we buy is ultimately going to the dump?," Ms Conroy says.

In NSW, the three biggest food wasters are families with small children, 18- 24-year-olds and high- income households.

Southern Tablelands Arts is presenting these initiatives with Wollondilly Council, Love Food Hate Waste, Environment Protection Authority and NSW Environmental Trust.

Bookings: www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au

For information and interviews please contact

Susan Conroy

Executive Director

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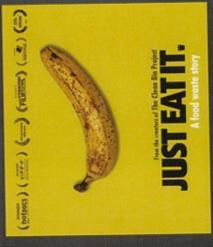




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FREE Printmaking workshops to create your own bees wax food wraps

Work with artist Camille Kersley to create original lino Wollondilly Community Nursery Large Screen. Nibbles. 17 June 10-4 Wollondilly Community Nursery 'Just Eat it' Film Screening 16 June 6pm print bees wax food wraps.



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PPS Uniform Shop Updates

Thank you parents and carers for your continued support of the uniform shop. We would like to update you with the latest news from the shop.

Opening Hours and Ordering

The shop is open from **9-10 on Tuesday mornings** in the two-storey building opposite the canteen. Orders may also be submitted via the Magpie Box using the order forms available in the office, uniform shop or on the school website (under 'notes' tab). Payment options are cash, card or online.

Coloured house shirts

In response to the survey conducted last year the coloured house shirts have changed to the same style as our school polo shirts but will be in each of the four house colours with black trim. The cost of the new shirts is \$18.50. These are now available for purchase at the uniform shop for Sturt, Mitchell and Hume students. Unfortunately a processing error with the green Oxley shirts means Oxley students will need to wait a little longer – our apologies and we will let you know when they are available.

Please note: There will be a period of transition to these new shirts over the next couple of years during which time students may continue wearing the old style shirts. We do still have some stock of the old style shirts, particularly in larger sizes. These are available to purchase at the reduced price of \$5.

School Jumpers

The school jumper has also been changed in response to feedback from parents. The new style of jumper is a black polar fleece jumper with a half zip and the school emblem. These are now available for \$25. At this stage we have limited stock but more will be ordered from the suppliers as we get an indication of demand. Again there will be a period of transition to these jumpers and the old style jumpers may still be worn over the next couple of years.





Girls Winter Dress Pants

The girls winter uniform consists of either the school winter tunic, white blouse and black tights, or black dress pants with the school black and white polo. As it is difficult to find a style/cut of pants that suits all girls the shop is no longer going to stock a dress pant. You will now need to purchase these from a retail shop.

Clearance Items

A number of older style items are available for sale at much reduced prices. See the clearance sale order form for information about which items are for sale and in what sizes they are available.

Order forms

Order forms with the new items are now available at the school office and on the school website. A clearance sale order form is also available.

Volunteers

The uniform shop is run by volunteers, and we thank our current volunteers, Melissa Whishaw, Katherine Whittaker, Sharon Sandersen and Narelle Lucas for their hard work.

We are always keen for more helpers. One of our current helpers is not available in term 3 so if there is anyone that may be able to help us out next term that would be great. Also two of our current helpers will be leaving the school at the end of this year so we will need more volunteers next year.

You do not need to help every week and even if you are unable to help on the day the shop is open there are other 'behind the scenes' opportunities to help too. The shop opening day is also open to change depending on availability of volunteers. Please let Katherine (0408051340), Melissa (0415402013) or the school office know if you would like to find out more about volunteering.

Thanks again for your support of the uniform shop.

Katherine Whittaker and Melissa Whishaw

PPS - UNIFORM CLEARANCE SALE ORDER FORM

Uniforms may be purchased at Uniform Shop on TUESDAYS from 9.00 to 10.00am (two storey building - playground level). If you are unable to come into the shop please send in order form with payment via the Magpie Box. Your order will be sent home with your child. All prices include GST. Prices are subject to change. Only available on specific items until sold out.

Limited Sizes and Quantities Available - see below on order form

******** NO ONLINE PAYMENTS ******* **GIRLS** Sizes Available (please indicate quantity of each size) Quantity Cost **GIRLS BOOTLEG PANTS** \$5.00 16 (Stretch cotton) 12 14 GIRLS PONTE PANTS \$8.00 (Polyester) 14 16 GIRLS GABERDINE SKORT \$8.00 (Gaberdine - no emblem) UNISEX Sizes Available (please indicate quantity of each size) Quantity Cost WHITE PPS T-SHIRT 12 14 16Y 16M \$5.00 (Large Emblem Front, use for Paintshirt) TALSON (SPORT) SHORTS \$8.00 10 12 14 16 (NO School Emblem) 10 Short Sleeve WHITE Polo \$5.00 (use for Paint Shirt) Long Sleeve WHITE Polo \$5.00 (use under tunic or as Paintshirt) Old Coloured Sport T-Shirts \$5.00 8 10 12 14 16Y 16M Mitchell Oxley Hume 16Y 16M Sturt 16Y 16M Microfibre Jacket \$10.00 (No Emblem, just Picton Public School) Black Fleecy Jumper (old style) \$10.00 **Black Fleecy Trackpants** \$5.00 (older style) **TOTAL AMOUNT** DATE: __ PHONE NUMBER: ____ STUDENTS NAME: ___ _____ CLASS: ___ **PAYMENT METHOD** U Cash Sorry, NO ONLINE PAYMENTS, for sale items **U** Credit Card Credit card No. ___ _____ Expiry Date _____/___ CCV: ____

Signature ___

Name on card ___

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GIRL'S			Sizes Available (please indicate quantity of each size)	Quantity Cost		
	Summer Tunic Skort Winter Blouse Winter Tunic (Yrs K-2 only) Winter Skirt (Yrs 3-6 only)	\$40.00 \$16.00 \$22.00 \$50.00 \$50.00	4 5 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 6 8 10 12 14 16			
BOY'S			Sizes Available (please indicate quantity of each size)	Quantity Cost		
	Gaberdine (everyday) Shorts Taslon (sports) Shorts Cargo Pants	\$15.00 \$15.00 \$20.00	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16			
UNI	EX	<u> </u>	Sizes Available (please indicate quantity of each size)	Quantity Cost		
	Short Sleeve Polo Short Sleeve Polo (large sizes) School Microfibre Jacket Black Polar Fleece Jumper (new) Microfibre Trackpants Coloured House Polo Shirts (new style - old style still available in limited sizes - see clearance form)	\$18.50 \$22.50 \$40.00 \$25.00 \$28.00 \$18.50	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 L XL 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Hume (Red) Mitchell (Blue) Sturt (Yellow) Oxley (Green)			
ACCESSORIES Quantity Co.						
	PPS Wide Brim Hat	\$14.00	XS/Small Small/Medium Medium/Large			
DATE: PHONE NUMBER:						
STUDENTS NAME:			CLASS:			
PAYMENT METHOD Cash Cheque (made payable to Picton Public School) Online payment: Receipt No						
Credit card No			Expiry Date/ CCV:			
Name on card			Signature			
☐ Please send order home with my child						







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