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Kalori Newsletter

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Principal's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Band Committee Meeting 7:00pm
Kindergarten Orientation 2
Kindergarten Orientation 3
P&C Movie Night!!!

Mon 4th Nov
Thu 31st Oct
Thu 7th Nov
Fri 8th Nov

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Teen Ranch Balance
Kindy & Year 1 Excursion
Dance Costumes
Year 6 2020 T-Shirt
Geo Caching Incursion
NSW Chess League

SAVE THE DATE - PRESENTATION DAY TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

All families and community members are invited to attend the annual Presentation Day on Tuesday 10th December, commencing at 10:00am and concluding at approximately 12:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Yesterday we had our first day of Kindergarten Orientation for our students starting in 2020. There were a few tears initially, but it was fantastic to see how quickly they settled! We can already see the bravery, curiosity and zest that our newest PPPS students will bring next year, which is encouraging.

We also had our annual Orientation Meeting for the parents of our new kindies last week which was well received, and our new parents are very much looking forward to becoming a part of our Picnic Point PS community. I'd like to thank Tim Hickey our P&C President for his time and professionalism in addressing our new families. Also thanks to the students who came on the night to do a fashion parade (and their parents for taking the time to bring them in after hours). They were Oliver Hickey, Zara Bahamad, Jude Ammoun, Gabriel & Leanne Abdulwahab, Gracie & Hazel Curtis.

I'd like to thank all our staff for their flexibility and expertise that enables our Kindergarten Orientation program to be second to none each and every year. Special thanks goes to Mrs Austin, who does such an outstanding job organising and coordinating all three orientation days and the parent meeting to ensure our new students and their families have the best possible start in education.

VARIATION TO TERM 4 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED 20 DECEMBER - 27 JANUARY (INCLUSIVE)

As you may be aware, the last two days of each school year are called School Development Days (SDDs). These are pupil-free days for the purpose of providing professional learning for staff. This year the SDDs are scheduled for Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December. While these days are crucial for staff development, they are not always at an optimal time of year to put learning into practice. Following community consultation through P&C and approval from the Director, we completed 2 x 3 ½ hr training sessions after school throughout the year in lieu of the last SDD. We have done this in order to access professional learning at a more advantageous time of the year so we can immediately implement our school planning priorities and add value to student achievement. In addition, our office staff have completed additional training outside of school hours in lieu of the two SDDs to fulfil their roles in higher duties. As a result, the school (including the front office) will close for the summer holidays at 3:30pm on Thursday 19th December. The last day of school for our students is Wednesday 18th December. The office will re-open for

the first SDD of next year on Tuesday 28th January 2020. Students return on Wednesday 29th January. Please ensure you have all you need heading into the holidays as the school will be closed over this period. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

REMINDER – TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY

Today is the last chance to have your say!! We now have 48 families having their say!! Thank you!!!

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open now and closes on Friday 25th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Below is a direct link to the survey for your convenience. Your voice is very important to us and I'd like to thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts with us:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ppps2019>

Ben Walsh
Principal

Shared Language of Learning

This section focuses on the Shared Language of Learning that is used at PPPS. It is designed to enhance communication and understanding about learning and progress across the school community.

BEE ZESTY

"When life gives you lemons make lemonade"



Definition

Being Zesty is the attitude and the level of enthusiasm with which we approach a task. It is the quality that means we give our best. In particular being zesty allows students to internalise and personalise tasks, especially tasks that may not be their favourites. It allows students to see learning as an adventure rather than chore.

Why Zesty?

Research has shown that the attitude with which an individual approaches a task has a dramatic impact on their level of achievement and the overall outcome of the task. We have found that students who approach tasks and their learning with zesty attitudes have increased growth and results. Furthermore, students are able to connect with the learning, rather than seeing it as an abstract concept that they only do at school. This is the first step to our students becoming life long learners.

Language of Learning Challenge

Think of a task you don't like to do or have been putting off and find a way to personalise it or make it an adventure. It might be building, creating or cleaning. Approach the task with a positive mindset and zest and see how it changes the way you feel about it and the end product.

Student Quote of the Week – 3 Curium

“Zesty is using a creative and imaginative growth mindset where you are always trying your best and making it fun to learn. If you are Zesty you create new things.” - Lucia Ricapito

“A Zesty learner is a person who is always on a positive mindset and who is creative and fun. They always use their imagination and creativity. Zesty looks like a person who uses all of the Learning Qualities.” - Yuki Chen

Stage 1 Report

GOLD PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Gold Principal’s award at assembly.

- Ryan Li
- Kingston Xu

YEAR 2 GEORGES RIVER EXCURSION

Last Thursday all of Year 2 went to Georges River Environmental Education Centre at Chipping Norton and the Georges River National Park at Picnic Point. It was a fantastic day with lots of exploring, investigations and walking!

Our first stop was the Georges River Environmental Education Centre (GREEC). We did two activities here, one inside the centre and another exploring the parklands around the centre. Our walk began by meeting a horse and its rider that was going for a ride through the parklands. It was amazing to see how many activities you can do in the parklands like bike riding, walking, having picnics and playing. It showed why we must look after these parklands and all natural areas! On the walk we looked at an old homestead and learnt about its history.

Throughout our walk we were detectives and our educators lead us on a discovery tour! We learnt about the history of Chipping Norton Lake and the Georges River. We read signs about the different types of fish in the Georges River and looked (very quietly) for birds in the trees. Evidence of animals was everywhere when we started looking. The trees had marks from animals climbing them and some bark that felt like paper! We investigated and smelt different types of leaves. Our favourite was the lemon scented gum tree leaves!

Inside the centre we explored the animals and even held a blue tongue lizard. There were lots of animals, some had been preserved so that we could see them up close and feel their feathers and fur. We looked at maps and models, talked about the history of the area and learnt about floods. It was so exciting to watch an eel, fish and turtle that all ate baby turtle food!

After that we travelled to the Georges River National Park for three more activities. Our learning continued as we heard Indigenous stories, used clay to make a shelter, learnt about more animals and Indigenous tools and kept walking to look at mangroves!

At the end of the day, we were exhausted but had learnt so much and had a fantastic time!
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KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

It has been an exciting week as we introduced our new little Kindies to ‘big’ school yesterday. They settled in well during our first orientation visit and we look forward to our next 2 sessions with them. Parents will receive a letter in the next few weeks with details regarding their child’s Best Start time and start time for their first day of school next year. Could all parents please complete and return their coloured forms by Thursday 7th November. Please remember to send in morning tea and a water bottle.

Thursday 31st October ~ 9:00am – 10:45am

Kindergarten Orientation 2 for students

Thursday 7th November ~ 9:00am – 10:45am

Kindergarten Orientation 3 for students

MORNING TEA ~ KINDY PARENTS 2020

Thank you very much to our current Kindergarten parents for supplying a delicious morning tea for our new 2020 parents. The parents were very impressed with the yummy array of food!

Stage 2 Report

GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student who has received a Gold Principal's award at assembly.

- Amy Vidanovski

YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO NATIONAL PARK

This is a hugely popular excursion with students and teachers alike. They learn so much from this environmentally focused experience and hands on activities, which are a great follow up on their HSIE and science studies, as well as an insight into next year's units of work. Please read the note carefully to ensure students are on time and bring what they need for the day. Please see Mr Bowen or Mrs Collinet with any questions or concerns.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

This term, Stage 2 Sport In Schools sessions will continue to be on Thursdays of **EVEN WEEKS**. The students have been exemplary in behaviour and sportsmanship and have learnt valuable skills from this program - not only physically, but also socially and in terms of collaboration and fair play.

SWIMMING SCHEME

A small number of vacancies mean that some Stage 2 students have been given the opportunity to participate in this program. In Australia, the ability to swim is vital and it is important for children to learn while they're young. The scheme will run every day in Weeks 5 and 6. If your child has received a note, please let us know your intention as soon as possible, so that another child can be offered the place should you not require it.

LEARNER QUALITIES, LEARNER INTENTIONS AND SUCCESS CRITERIA

It is very satisfying to see the students' changing attitude to what 'learning' really is. Their growing confidence in 'having a go' and understanding that not being able to do something is not a failure, but just an important part of the learning process, this is a very powerful realisation for children. Understanding exactly what it is they aim to achieve from a learning activity or experience (success criteria) gives them a measure against which they can self-assess and ask more questions, put in a little more research or move onto the next goal. We encourage parents to have these discussions with your child.

ASSESSMENT

Term 4 is a very busy time, when teachers assess what each student has achieved; it is important for children to ask for help or clarification of any concepts unclear to them. Good learners make mistakes because they are not afraid to take risks and have a go. They need to use those mistakes to their best advantage so that they can be ready and confident to move onto their next grade.

EQUIPMENT

Once again, I would like to appeal to parents to support their children in having the necessary classroom equipment. Rulers in particular are needed as students cannot keep up with more complex geometry or other activity if they have to wait to borrow their friend's ruler. Pencils also seem to be in short supply.

WATER BOTTLES - HOT WEATHER

Parents, please ensure your child has a water bottle every day. It should be labelled with the child's name, as many bottles are identical.

Stage 3 Report

GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student who has received a Gold Principal's award at assembly.

- Angus Lonsdale

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Geocaching Incursion Tue 5th Nov

GEOCACHING INCURSION

This incursion note is due next Friday. Please be aware that if your child has not paid by the due date they will not be able to participate in this incursion.

TEEN RANCH

The final payment for this camp is due on Friday 8th November. The medical and needs note will be sent home in the next few weeks. You will not need to purchase anything special for this camp.

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2019

Nominations close 3:00pm today. No late nominations will be accepted.

The pre poll speeches will be held on Thursday 31st October. The students will give a 30 second speech, without palm cards to Stage 3. We will then vote to select our top 10 girls and boys.

The House Captain Nomination forms will be handed out this Monday 28th October.

YEAR 6 BABY & KINDY PHOTOS

Mrs Chatt still need a few more photos. Thank you to all those parents who have already emailed or sent in the baby and Kindy photos. We only need the Kindy one if your child wasn't at PPPS for Kindy photos. If you have a digital photo it can be emailed to the school or to pamela.chatterton@det.nsw.edu.au. Otherwise please send it in and we will scan it and send it straight back home.

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 2 Band Workshop	Possibly Monday Week 4
Term 4 Band Committee Meeting	Mon 28 th Oct
Senior Band Assembly Performance	Fri 8 th Nov
Showcase Performance	Tue 19 th Nov
Thank You Morning Tea Performance	Fri 29 th Nov

YEAR 2 BAND WORKSHOP

In the next couple of weeks (TBC) the Year 2 students will be given a short presentation of the various band instruments in the hall and will have the opportunity to ask questions about joining the school band and learning to play an instrument next year. They will be given notes to take home and discuss with their parents. Parents, if you have any questions, please see Mrs Stewart in the hall on any Monday or Tuesday morning, or Mrs Stawski.

BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Yes, the last meeting for this year is this Monday at 7:00pm, in G block. We are asking band parents to make an effort - your child is enjoying huge benefits resulting from the hard work of a few people. If you are the parent of a current Year 2 child who wishes to join the band for 2020, you are most welcome to attend, ask any questions and be a proactive role model for your child. See you there!

Choir

SENIOR CHOIR

Our Performance at East Hills Baptist Church Fete has been changed from Saturday 7th December to Sunday 8th December 2019. Please put this date in your calendar. A note will be coming home soon to ask who will be attending this performance. They will be using an online booking system to allocate the seating so any families that would like to attend the performance will need to book their tickets as seating is limited. Our choir will be singing 'O Little Town of Bethlehem and Joy to the World, at this event. Choir members need to meet Mrs Collinet outside the Church Hall at 3:00pm on the day. The concert will start at 3:30pm and will finish at approx. 5:15pm. Could all parents pick up their child from Mrs Collinet after the concert outside the Church Hall and please ensure their child is ticked off the roll so that no child will leave without Mrs Collinet's knowledge.

LIMITED SEATING - BOOKING ESSENTIAL at <https://www.trybooking.com/560724>

There are some choir members who have decided that this term they no longer wish to attend choir. I require a note from your parents stating this. May I remind members that you signed the choir note at the beginning of this year, to promise to attend each practice. Losing members at this stage may jeopardise the out of school and in school performances planned for this term.

Chess

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NSW JCL One-Day Tournament	Mon 11 th Nov
Sydney Academy In-school chess tournament	Wed 11 th Dec

NSW JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT

We have been invited to compete in the Sutherland District One-Day Chess Tournament, organised by the Junior Chess League. Schools are invited to send teams of three players on Monday 11th November (Week 5), from 9:00am to 2:30pm. I am aware that this day may clash with Band, Swim Scheme or Dance Festival for some students, so please check your commitments carefully.

A note was sent home this week – if interested, please reply to the office or Mrs Stawski ASAP so I can determine whether we can go ahead, also how many teams to register. Thank you for your continued support of Chess!

SYDNEY CHESS ACADEMY IN-SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held in the school hall on the above date from 9:00am to 12:00pm and the note is attached to this newsletter. This tournament is more suitable for fairly competent players - not experts, but they must know all movements and be able to use a chess clock.

CHESS ACADEMY

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Picnic Point Public School is held on:

Intermediate:	Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Beginner/Rookie:	Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Sport Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

State Final Knockout Girls Touch	Mon 4 th Nov
State Athletics	Wed 6 th Nov & Thur 7 th Nov

KNOCKOUT GIRLS TOUCH

On the last day of Term 3, our Girls Knockout Touch Team travelled to Werrington to play against Werrington County PS. The girls started the game with energy and control and were able to capitalise on their early domination. The girls played well as a team and ran out 11-0 winners. This meant they moved on to the Sydney Metro Final. Last week the girls played Samuel Terry PS for a chance to qualify for the State Finals. The game was evenly poised early as both teams traded tries, but by halftime, Picnic Point held a 4-1 lead. Two tries in the back-half of the second half saw Samuel Terry PS close the gap to 4-3 and set an enthralling final five minutes. Our girls found an extra gear and scored a late try to close out the match 5-3 and become Sydney Champions for the fourth consecutive year. The girls will now travel to Parramatta on Monday 4th November to compete in the State Finals with the top 8 teams in NSW. We wish the girls all the best!

KNOCKOUT BOYS TOUCH

Boys Knockout Touch Team travelled to Penrith to play Samuel Gilbert PS in the Sydney Metro Final. The game was played in tough conditions and both teams were evenly matched. A tough first half saw Samuel Gilbert PS go to the break with a 2-1 lead. The second half was a battle of attrition with neither team giving away any chances. Our boys managed to score late to finish the match 2-2 and send the game into drop-off extra time. It got down to 4v4 on the field before Samuel Gilbert PS were able to capitalise on some extra space and scored to win the match 3-2. The boys finished their campaign within the top 16 teams in NSW. A great achievement in a competition that had over 500 schools entered and the boys should be proud of their efforts. A big thank you to all parents and grandparents who supported the team throughout the year. Hopefully for the boys returning next year, we can build on this result. Well done boys!

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TWILIGHT MARKETS

WHEN: 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

TIME: 5-9PM

WHERE: PICNIC POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL,
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Teenie Weenies Learning Centre



Teenie Weenies is a privately, family owned and run childcare centre by the Sister and Brother team of Marie and Chris. Marie having a Child Care background and Chris' catering background and love for food and cooking has had Teenie Weenies operating in the community since opening their doors in late 2010.

Teenie Weenies work towards meeting and exceeding all requirements and acknowledge the importance of play and learning in an early childhood environment. We are a small 29 place service with a close knit team who are dedicated, highly skilled and motivated educators.

Our amazing cook also offer's home cooked meals not only to our children through out the day, however to parents to purchase as well and make life that little bit easier when getting home of an evening.

Mon-Fri, 7am-6pm

- Qualified Cook
- Quality Staff
- Home made Take away
Family meals
- School Readiness
- Home-like environment
- NSW curriculum framework

We have an Open Door Policy, please feel free to come in and visit at anytime.

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GROW**

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Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

SEMINAR 3 – RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Families Together invites mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents with children up to the age of 12 years to this seminar presented by

Elizabeth Carrington
Early Childhood Teacher
Accredited Triple P Practitioner
Fairfield City Council

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. All parents with children aged up to 12 years can attend, however this program is most effective with children aged 3-8 years.

This one session seminar will provide an overview of raising resilient children.

Seminar topics:

- Emotional resilience
- Recognising, expressing and accepting feelings
- Building a positive outlook
- Developing coping skills
- Dealing with negative feelings and coping with stressful life events

Wednesday 13 November 2019

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Family Services Building
1 Pevensey Street, Canley Vale

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers living in the Fairfield, Liverpool and the former Bankstown local government areas. Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.

Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Please register at www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/triple-p-raising-resilient-children or call Families Together on 0407 708 626.

Child minding is not available for this seminar.



Education

Families Together is a program of Fairfield City Council funded by the NSW Department of Education

TAP AUDITIONS

4-6 December

**Do you sing, play piano or guitar, or write your own music?
Then the Talent Advancement Program (TAP) is for you!**

Where: Bankstown Arts Centre, 5 Olympic Parade, Bankstown

Register: Call 9707 9891 or visit cb.city/tap
Registrations close 5pm Monday 25 November

Audition applications are now open for students who attend high school and or live in Canterbury-Bankstown.

You will be advised of your audition time once applications have closed. You will need to come prepared to sing two songs, preferably contrasting, and provide your own backing track (not to include lead vocals). You can use CD, USB or self accompaniment.

TAP is a community project run by City of Canterbury Bankstown and supported by NSW Department of Education.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK PEN

Forms must be signed by a parent/guardian and your current School Principal, and returned to Josie Byers, Events, City of Canterbury Bankstown, PO Box 8, Bankstown 1885, or email to tap@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au before **Monday 25 November**.

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Age	<input type="text"/>	D.O.B.	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone No	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>

In 2020 I will be a Year student at High School.

Permission to attend audition

(Parent/Guardian)

(School Principal)



FREE ONE-DAY MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Attend a performance workshop with industry professionals and learn more about the Talent Advancement Program (TAP) - all music styles welcome!

Girl's workshop - Wednesday 13 November

Boy's workshop - Thursday 14 November

Where: Bryan Brown Theatre, 80 Rickard Road, Bankstown

Register: Speak with your school's music teacher, or email tap@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au with your contact details, including name, school, year and phone number.

Registrations close Wednesday 5pm 6 November.

These workshops are available to all students who attend school and or live in Canterbury-Bankstown.

TAP is a community project run by City of Canterbury Bankstown and supported by NSW Department of Education.



Canterbury Bankstown Talent Advancement Program

Girls' & Boys' Music Workshop

School: _____

Teacher Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Based on their musical ability and interest, the following students have been nominated by our school to attend the 1day free Music Workshop.

(limited spots available – please number students in order of preferred exception)

- **Girls' Music Workshop on Wednesday 13 November, 2019**
- **Boys' Music Workshop on Thursday 14 November, 2019**

NO.	STUDENT'S NAME	YEAR

Picnic Point Public School

Chess Championship 2019



Wednesday 11th December

9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$17.50



This tournament will be run as a Swiss, with approximately 6-7 games.

This means that all children play in all the rounds and no one is knocked out.

There will be **trophies** awarded for the highest 3 scorers, and **medals** presented as age prizes.

Each child playing will also receive a participation certificate.

There will also be encouragement awards, depending on the number of entries.

To enter please go to

www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

and pay online with your credit card using

the code **C2TQT4DU50** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [Recommended for All Ages]



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