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Kalori Newsletter

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Principal's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Juvenile Diabetes Research Fundraiser
Juvenile Diabetes Research Mufti
P & C Easter Raffle Donation Collection
Combined Easter Scripture

Wed 27th March
Thur 28th March
Week 10
Fri 5th April

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Term 1 Band fees
School fees

P & C OFFICE BEARERS 2019 – THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the students, staff and community at PPPS, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing 2018 P & C Office Bearers for their outstanding efforts and contributions to the school throughout last year. Your contributions have a positive and lasting effect on teaching and learning for all staff and students and we are extremely grateful for the wonderful job you have done.

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school community to thank Mr Tim Hickey in his first year as P & C President. Under Tim's leadership last year, the P & C donated approximately \$15000 to benefit our staff, students and families. Tim and the P & C worked in partnership with the school to purchase things such as teaching resources for K - 6 and they once again subsidised our DanceSport Challenge program. On behalf of the school community, we thank Tim and the P & C for their commitment to our students and school community.

As you can see in the table below, all but one of our P & C positions have been filled for this year which is a great reflection of the support our parent community offers. I'd like to congratulate and thank our Office Bearers for 2019. Having a role on the P & C is very rewarding and I know our team will gain a lot of satisfaction knowing that they are having a direct and positive influence on the development of all 405 children at PPPS.

Thank you once again to these wonderful parents for volunteering their time and support!

P & C Executive Committee

President	Tim Hickey
Vice president	Richard Shun Wah
Vice president	Steve Hancock
Secretary	Patty Tobar
Treasurer	Sheree Smith
Assistant treasurer	Maria Musumeci
Publicity officer	Sheetal Challum
Safety officer	Iain Sinclair
School Building Fund Admin	Hanna Nguyen

Uniform sub committee

Convenor	Kathryn Cannon
Stock supervisor	Heather Avery
Treasurers Rep	Heather Avery

Fundraising committee

Convenor	Alison Walsh
Assistant convenor	Kylie Bayley
Publicity Officer	Natalie Hickey
Stock supervisor	Kristy Haggett

Canteen sub committee

Convenor	Julie Griffiths
Assistant convenor	Kylie Bayley
Treasurer	Sherry Brandtman
Assistant treasurer	Heather Avery
Supervisor 1	Melanie Watters
Supervisor 2	Winnie Koelker-Maris
Roster clerk	Kylie Bayley & Melissa Snook
Publicity officer	Natalie Hickey
Minute taker	Camille Radcliffe
School Banking Convenors	
BBQ Manager	Steve Hancock
Assistant BBQ	Sam Abdulwahab

URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT– CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Unfortunately, at present we do not have enough volunteers to cover all our canteen shifts. If we do not recruit some new volunteers soon, sadly we will be forced to close the canteen on days that we do not have enough people to operate. Our canteen sub-committee raised the alarm at our March P & C meeting and asked me to put a call out to the community for help. We understand and appreciate that our families have commitments, however if anyone is able to invest some spare time in supporting our canteen it would be greatly appreciated. Please have a think over the weekend and contact Kylie Bayley on 0412 806 045 from next Monday if you are able to assist. You can request a particular day, be partnered with a friend, or whatever arrangements best suit you. Please be assured that language is no barrier - you will get to know the terms very quickly and make new friends as well. Our canteen helpers' efforts are much appreciated and savoured - and not just by the children! Many thanks in advance for your support everyone.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of items in lost property at the moment. If you have been wondering where that jumper/drink bottle/hat/lunch box went, please make a visit to our lost property collection in E Block (the Uniform Shop). Any clothing items not collected by the end of term may be washed and re-sold through the P & C uniform Shop. Could I also please urge everyone to ensure that your child's belongings are all labelled clearly with their name. Even if you have already labelled items, please check that the markings haven't rubbed off or washed out. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

UPDATE ON INCREASED NUMBERS - A MESSAGE FROM OUR KIDS CAPERS OOSH

We are excited to announce that the Department of Education has approved our application to increase the licensed number from 40 to 70 students at Kids Capers Picnic Point OOSH, effective now. This increase should satisfy the current demand. - The Kids Capers Team.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE - NO PARENT VEHICLES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME

Over the past week, I have received information from concerned parents and staff who have seen an increasing number of parents driving into the school grounds to drop-off and pick up their children from OOSH. The safety of all our children is paramount here at PPPS and I urge all our parents to please respect this request to park on the street. With our OOSH numbers increasing to 70, it may not be long before we have almost 20% of our student population still on school grounds between 3:30 - 6:30pm. We want to

minimise the risk of harm to our children, as we know you do too. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support when driving around our school to ensure that all our little ones make it to school and back home again safely each and every day.

HELPING OUR BRAVE STUDENTS TO FIGHT DIABETES - AVANGELINA

Avangelina in 3 Carbon is currently running a personal fundraiser to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) - Type 1 Diabetes in hope that they will find a cure for her younger brother. Through her bravery and optimism, Avangelina has already raised over \$2500! She will be cutting her silky, long hair in front of the whole school at our assembly on Friday 29th March to donate to the Cancer Foundation to make wigs for young children.

Please read her story on the link below and feel free to share with your friends:

<https://teamcurediabetes.everydayhero.com/au/hairaising-angel>

Ava's family have asked us to spread the word and, while they would be very grateful if you could donate, they would also be grateful if you could simply share the link with others who may be interested in supporting. Good luck Avangelina and congratulations on your commitment to such a great cause and for showing love and support for your brother.

Our SRC are also holding a Blue Mufti Day to show our support for students with Diabetes, both at our school, and across the country. In addition, Maria Musumeci will be selling some JDRF merchandise out the front of the school office next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Items on sale consist of pens, coloured pencils, keyrings, fridge magnets, lapel pins and magnetic notepads. Prices range from \$2-\$3 per item. All proceeds from the merchandise and mufti day will go to JDRF. This is a wonderful example of how our caring school community works as a team and gets behind good causes. Let's dig deep and do our best to support this fantastic charity and our students.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

It was amazing to see over one hundred parents attend the Cybersafety Awareness session on Tuesday. During the day, students from Kindy to Year 6, along with staff attended sessions on Digital Citizenship. All teachers reported that they found their stage session and then the staff session extremely informative. This shows how important this topic is in this digital age.

Yasmin from ySafe was very informative, she was able to teach everyone something they didn't know. Even though Mrs Chatt and Mr Narris teach Digital Citizenship it was great to see a different perspective. Everyone who registered for the parent session was sent a link to two resources - A Parents Guide to Cyber Safety and Digital Contracts and Templates. We hope that these sessions have opened up some very important dialogue within your family. You will find these two resources available in the 'School Resources' section on the Parent Portal.

We have already received quite a few positive emails on the session, however we will be sending out a very short survey next week to ask you for some feedback on the sessions and how often you would like to have these sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Chloe and Logan Fischer, who took part in the RSL State Swimming Carnival (Muswellbrook) on Sunday 10th March. They both achieved their PB and Logan also received Silver for freestyle and Gold for backstroke.

Ben Walsh
Principal

Shared Language of Learning

BEE MINDFUL

"We are the masters of our own destiny"

Definition

Being Mindful is about freeing ourselves from the stresses of the past and our anxieties about the future. It is our ability to understand the 'why' behind what we do and what we feel. It is a powerful skill that allows us to be in control of whom we are and who we are becoming in each and every moment.



Why Mindful?

Students who are able to recognise the 'why' behind their emotions, actions and learning are able to be in control of these aspects of their lives. They are able to self-manage and assess where they are and where they need to go. Studies have shown that children and adults who possess advanced mindfulness skills are better able to deal with challenges, have more resilience and have reduced anxiety levels.

Language of Learning Challenge

With your child or even your whole family, undertake a short mindfulness activity. If you don't know where to start, log onto Smiling Mind (<https://app.smilingmind.com.au/sample/meditation/>)

Student Quote of the Week

"To be mindful of other people and think of others and their feelings"
Gracie Curtis 2 Cobalt

"Being mindful of your work and checking it with your success criteria"
Emily Huang 2 Cobalt

Stage 1 Report

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Piper Lockhart
- George Psomas

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Easter Hat Parade Fri 12th April

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our Easter Hat Parade for children in K-2 will be held in Week 11:

Friday 12th April 11:20am – 12:20pm

A note came home today with all details and all hats and decorations must be in by Week 11 Monday 8th April so that classes can make their hats with their buddies.

CYBER BULLYING

This week our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students participated in a Cyber Safety presentation. Yasmin, a policewoman from ySafe, gave an excellent presentation on the importance of how our students can keep safe on the internet. Together, they jointly constructed a well written and informative e-book titled, 'Rusty the Robot'. This book is available to view in the 'School Resources' section on the Parent Portal.

Stage 2 Report

NEW BOOKS COVERED

Thank you - the Stage 2 teachers would like to thank Mrs Helen Pantazis for kindly offering to cover our new readers. It is a big job and we much appreciate your help.

HARMONY DAY

What a colourful day we had on Thursday! It was delightful to see so many children proudly displaying their ancestors' culture or the modern version of today's fashion from all over the world! Mrs Ashton and the SRC have done a great job organising the day, which very much underpins our NO BULLYING and SAY NO TO RACISM policies. Congratulations everyone!

CYBER SAFETY AWARENESS

All our students enjoyed the session, presented by a police woman in civil clothing, which helps to bridge the gap of stereotyping. Although our own Mrs Chatt and the senior teachers do a great job in teaching cyber safety, it is vital for the students to view the wider picture outside and be aware of some of the dangers social media can present. This empowers them to be responsible users of the internet and know what to do if things don't quite seem right.

EQUIPMENT

Although I repeat this message on a regular basis, there is a growing number of students coming to school unprepared - no ruler, no pencil, no red pen for marking, so that when they need this equipment to start a lesson, there's a mad scramble to borrow, find a spare or interrupt to announce they can't rule their margin. My advice to parents - help your child write/type/decorate a list of what needs to come to school each day, laminate or cover in clear contact and stick it somewhere visible in the evening/morning. Help your child develop the habit of ensuring they have those things each day. This helps them develop responsibility and take the pressure off parents:

E.g.	diary	red pen	2 pencils(if not at school)	ruler	eraser
	recess	lunch	water bottle	hat	jacket
	Homework (when applicable)etc.				

PROPERTY LABELLED

Please check bag rooms and lost property area for the mountains of clothing we have to send there because it is not labelled. Labels need to be refreshed from time to time.

Stage 3 Report

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

It was great to see Yasmin from ySafe come and talk to our seniors. In this day and age we need to equip our young with as many different skills necessary to navigate this new world. Even though Mrs Chatt and Mr Narris cover Cybersafety, it was eye opening to get more information from a different source.

BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDE

It's that time of the term when we all are getting tired and looking forward to the Easter holidays. However we still have 3 weeks of quality learning to be done.

We are starting to see some inappropriate behaviours and attitudes creeping into our Senior cohort. We are seeing some incorrect choices being made on how to react to different situations, also how we are treating others within our team.

I believe this is a very important time for our Seniors in getting ready for High School and learning how to cope and how to handle different situations that may arise in their next journey of learning. We are asking for your help in reinforcing our CARES rules and what to do when someone else does the wrong thing.

YEAR SIX FAREWELL

Put this date in your diaries! Thursday 5th December. We will be having a senior meeting in Week 9 to start organising some fundraisers. If you have any great ideas please email Mrs Chatt pamela.chatterton@det.nsw.edu.au

Library

THANK YOU

We would like to send a special thank you to Mrs Jess Belgre for looking after the Scholastic Book Club orders. This is a massive job and Jess works tirelessly to make sure all the student's orders have been received and distributed. From all of us: teachers, parents and students, thank you so much Jess!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the following students who have already completed the Premier' Reading Challenge. What an amazing achievement so early in the year!

Silver	Alchemy	Promethium	Titanium
Justin Cacarovski	Jessica Arnold	Michael Li	Genevieve Thai
Kate Stagis	Zayn El Badawi	Leo Ohandja	
	Joshua Knight	Jamie Jin	

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Snow Cone Fundraiser	Wed 1 st May
Next band meeting	Mon 13 th May
Band Jam	Fri 17 th May
Engadine BandFest	Mon 1 st July
Australian Schools Concert Bands Fest	Sun 15 th September (save the date)

MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENOR

Thank you to all our dedicated staff and parents who have accepted roles within the Band Committee, we are looking forward to a busy and successful year in 2019.

Fundraising: Our first fundraiser for this year is **SNOW CONES**; they will be available at the end of the scheduled cross country being held on Wednesday 1st May 2019 Term 2. The snow cones will be \$2.00 each.

Donations for the snow cones will be collected by Maria Musumeci. If you are able to donate plastic cups, plastic spoons and cordial, please contact 0402 595 767 to arrange collection.

NEXT BAND MEETING

Regardless of whether you were able to attend our AGM or take on a role, please come along to the next meeting - all are welcome, the more the merrier! Let's plan events, discuss important issues such as purchasing more vest/bow ties, and generally bounce around ideas for constantly engaging our young musicians and providing the best opportunities. See you there!

BAND JAM

Mrs Stewart will soon be taking names and registering students and groups for this fun family event. Start thinking about what you would like to perform - individually, with a small group, with a family member or two, etc.

ENGADINE BANDFEST

Although notes will come home to obtain permission for the attendance of this festival, you will not be required to do anything special because it is held on a school day. However, we usually have an earlier start and need volunteers to help dress the students in their vests and ties, transport instruments and equipment too large to go on the bus and this year especially, help by driving some of the students. Our numbers are too many for the bus and hiring two buses is financially prohibitive. Please keep the day in mind.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CONCERT BANDS FESTIVAL (Formerly NSW Schools Band Festival)

Seems far away, but being a Sunday I thought it best to warn families in advance. Please add it to your band calendar.

Choir

SENIOR CHOIR

The beautiful voices and enthusiasm of the members in our choir brings great joy to anyone who hears them. We are learning 'Not Alone' by Jane Plumbridge and 'I'm Still Standing' sung by Taron Egerton in the movie 'Sing'. Each song has its own special vocal skill to learn yet our wonderful group of singers are taking up the challenge and improving each week.

I suggest each member practises these songs at home as we will be performing them at the School Assembly in Week 10. I ask that each member remember to bring a folder to the Wednesday lunchtime practice so that the words to the songs can be kept there. The music to the songs we sing are in the Senior Choir Classroom which can be joined by the child accessing their student portal and getting up the Google Suite or Classroom, clicking on 'Senior Choir' and entering the code **mb27nn3**.

Chess

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Junior Chess League begins

Fri 10th May

JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION TRYOUTS

The competition starts on Friday 10th May (Term 2, Week 2). I have received a number of notes already - thank you to parents who are offering to help in any way they can. All applicants need to attend chess club on Thursdays (lunchtime), in order to be ranked and placed in teams at the appropriate level.

This note was due in on Wednesday 20th March. Please be aware that this note is an expression of interest only and does not guarantee your child's place on a team. Successful applicants will be notified before end of term.

We now have three full teams and will be shortly sending another note requiring permission and payment. Once the official draw is available (sometimes not till the week before, unfortunately) we will send home a roster of home/away games and helpers.

SRC

HARMONY DAY

Our playground and classrooms were filled with colourful, vibrant and zesty students on Thursday as they embraced Harmony Day. It was so exciting to see the traditional and beautiful costumes from China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Russia, South Korea, Tonga, Fiji and many more. We are so blessed that our multicultural population is embraced in our community and allows for each and every individual and family to live in Harmony. Thank you Picnic Point!

JUVENILE DIABETES MUFTI DAY

Next Thursday 28th March students are asked to dress in blue and bring a gold coin donation to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. There will also be merchandise (such as pens, coloured pencils, keyrings, fridge magnets, lapel pins and magnetic notepads) on sale outside the office on Wednesday and Thursday. Prices range from \$2-\$3 per item.

On Friday Avangelina will have her beautiful long hair cut in assembly to support the Foundation. Well done Avangelina.

Sport Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Area Girls Football	Tue 26 th March
Area AFL	Wed 27 th March
District Girls Touch Trials	Fri 29 th March
Area Boys Football	Tue 2 nd April
District Open Rugby League Trials	Wed 3 rd April
Area 11 Years Rugby League	Thur 4 th April
District Boys Touch Trials	Fri 5 th April

AREA SWIMMING

Congratulations to all 17 students who represented East Hills at the Sydney South West Area Swimming carnival last week. It was a great day for Picnic Point with 9 students (listed in bold) successful in going through to the State Carnival in Week 11 at Homebush. A huge congratulations to Logan Fischer for his impressive first place in freestyle. Also to our senior boys and girls relay teams, who both swam personal best times to finish in second place!! We wish them all the best!

Logan Fischer	1 st 9 Years Freestyle	39:77
	5 th Junior Butterfly	50:16
	12 th Junior Backstroke	52:30
Julia Fenik	2 nd Senior Relay	2:32.82
	5 th 12 Years Breaststroke	46:36
	7 th 12 Years Freestyle	35:63
	7 th Open 100m Freestyle	1:18:64
	9 th 12 Years Individual Medley	3:27:09
	11 th 12 Years Backstroke	48:58

Aiden Miller	2 nd Senior Relay	2:33.82
	4 th 11 Years Butterfly	42:96
	5 th 11 Years Backstroke	45:15
	6 th 11 Years Freestyle	35:80
	10 th 11 Years Breaststroke	55:62
	11 th Open 100m Freestyle	1:24:83
	14 th 11 Years Individual Medley	3:32.24
Jeremy Cannon	2 nd Senior Relay	2:33.82
	19 th Open 100m Freestyle	1:38.70
	20 th 12 Years Freestyle	41:06
	20 th Senior Individual Medley	4:18.83
	20 th 12 Years Breaststroke	59:42
Clare Ma	2 nd Senior Relay	2:32.82
	7 th 11 Years Backstroke	47:18
Channary Royal	2 nd Senior Relay	2:32.82
	12 th 12 Years Butterfly	46:11
Jordan Pantazis	2 nd Senior Relay	2:33.82
	14 th 11 Years Freestyle	40:26
Sarah McComb	2 nd Senior Relay	2:32.82
Ashton Simpson	2 nd Senior Relay	2:33.82
Kayla Bentley	9 th Junior Breaststroke	56:83
	9 th Junior Relay	3:22.24
Grace Mitchell	9 th Junior Relay	3:22.24
	Junior Individual Medley	DQ
Sarah Cannon	9 th Junior Relay	3:22.24
Emily Fisher	9 th Junior Relay	3:22.24
Kacper Fenik	11 th 8 Years Freestyle	56:95
Brooks Feng	11 th 11 Years Breaststroke	55:63
Jakub Fenik	14 th Junior Breaststroke	59:24
Natalie Lui	21 st 11 Years Breaststroke	58:02

AREA BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Monday 18th March, Mia Dodd, Violet Loane, Finn Benson, Adam Williams, Josh Sabbagh, Jake Bender and Hayden Gibbons represented the East Hills District in basketball.

Our East Hills boys' were a young team with half of the side only in year 5. The boys exceeded expectations going through the round games undefeated and finishing top of our pool. The semi-final match up against Liverpool was a lopsided affair and our boys cruised through to the final against a very small but fast

Bankstown side. Coached by Mrs Pokorny, our East Hills boys went into this game with confidence and played very well and the game was close throughout. Our boys played excellent defence however, missing some crucial shots kept the game tight. It went down to the wire and in the end scores were locked at 22-22 at full time, with joint winners being declared. A great effort boys! Congratulations!

Round		Opponent	Result	Score
Round 1	Vs	Green Valley	won	27-24
Round 2	Vs	Horsley	won	25-10
Round 3	Vs	The Fields	won	26-15
Round 4	Vs	Razorback	won	29-6
Semi	Vs	Liverpool	won	23-5
Final	Vs	Bankstown	drew	22-22

Our East Hills girls were strong team and their excellent team work and passing throughout the round games saw them easily dominate and top their pool. This saw them cross over with Liverpool in the semi-final and this was a much closer game but our experience won through. East Hills would now meet up with the conveners team in the final. This was a first for the convener's team and with Picnic Point girls in both teams it was hard to choose which team to cheer for. The final was a closely contested match but the convener's team was too strong and we finished runners-up. Congratulations to Violet Loane and Mia Dodd who were named in the Sydney South West team. We wish them all the best next term when they travel to Albury for the State Championships in Week 8. Good luck girls!

Round		Opponent	Result	Score
Round 1	Vs	Green Valley	won	42-4
Round 2	Vs	Lansdowne	won	46-0
Round 3	Vs	Razorback	won	44-3
Semi	Vs	Liverpool	won	30-15
Final	Vs	Conveners	lost	23-29

Congratulations also to Jeremy Cannon, Lucas Ng and Brandon Ednie who played in the convener's team. They had a very successful day finishing with 2 wins and 2 losses. Their excellent effort throughout the day is to be commended. Well done boys! A great experience.

Round		Opponent	Result	Score
Round 1	Vs	Liverpool	Lost	22-10
Round 2	Vs	Campbelltown	Won	21-19
Round 3	Vs	Bankstown	Lost	32-9
Round 4	Vs	Lansdowne	Won	16-14

Talia Iskandar, Kayla Bentley and Sarah Cannon were part of the convener's team, along with some girls from Campbelltown and Liverpool. They had a few closer round games but finished top of their pool with 4 wins. They easily accounted for Green Valley in the semi-final which then saw a match up against our East Hills girls in the final. The Convener's team was dominated by one very talented Campbelltown girl and our girls were in awe of her ability. Our young girls gave their best efforts throughout the day and were rewarded with premiers for the tournament. Fantastic effort girls!

Round		Opponent	Result	Score
Round 1	Vs	Bankstown	won	30-20
Round 2	Vs	The Fields	won	28-10
Round 3	Vs	Liverpool	won	20-12
Round 4	Vs	Horsley	won	23-8
Semi	Vs	Green Valley	won	26-12

Final	Vs	Conveners	won	29-23
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DISTRICT 11 YEARS RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Finn Benson, Josh Sabbagh and Silas Tohilima-Gardiner who have been selected to represent our East Hills District at the Sydney South West Area 11 years Rugby League Carnival on Thursday 4th April. We wish the boys all the best for a successful and enjoyable day. Good luck!

PAUL KELLY CUP

Well done to Jack Ashburner, Finn Benson, Kareem Braery, Jeremy Cannon, Luka Cavar, Brandon Ednie, Hayden Gibbons, Angus Lonsdale, Casper Maris, Josh Sabbagh, Jake Vesanen and Xavius Wilson who on Thursday March 21st played in the Bankstown District AFL Paul Kelly Cup. After early morning showers had us worried we wouldn't get on, the sky cleared and we were underway. Out of our 3 pool games, we only lost once (to the eventual champions) and showed rapid improvement from game to game, unlucky to miss out on the semi-finals. For many of the boys it was their first AFL experience. The boys were a credit to the school in the way they played and presented themselves and everyone had a most enjoyable day. Thanks to those parents who were able to come and support.



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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pppspandc>

DIARY DATES

- 9th April – P & C meeting
- 3rd May – Movie night
- 13th May – Band Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As per usual many thanks to our volunteers who keep our friendly P & C running and helping the school achieve a successful start to children's education. Last meeting saw the AGM and many of our key players were returned into familiar positions within the P & C and quite a few new faces taking on some new roles and challenges.

I thank everyone past and present for their time and contributions for making us the success that we are. The general meeting outlined plenty of upcoming events to get excited for none the least is the upcoming movie night. Get on board with this one ladies and gentlemen, it's been a great night in the past and I don't see this one being any different.

On a separate note, not so much about the P & C as it is a general comment on something I observed last week. Whilst driving down Prince Street after dropping my child near the school, he likes to use the crossing, I noticed an adult about to cross the road with a student. Our crossing lady was in full swing keeping everyone in order at the zebra crossing, but my observation of these two was just 30m up the road. As I slowly drove past I thought I noticed the child motion towards to crossing only to be met with resistance from the adult. In my rear vision mirror I noticed they crossed the road without using the crossing that was a short distance away. We all make choices to suit our own lives but take a minute to see a bigger picture. We should be doing our best to keep our children safe and set a good example for them to follow. That's it from me, stay safe and remember we can always use more volunteers.

Tim Hickey
President

FUNDRAISING

With 2019 in full swing we have some great fundraisers planned! A note recently went home in relation to the Easter Raffle along with a ticket book for selling. Please ensure that you return the raffle book, whether sold or not, to the school prior to Monday 8th April. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the 12th April. We are also seeking donations for the raffle that can be brought to school between 8:30am and 9:00am from Monday 1st April until Wednesday 10th April. Any parent or helper that may be available to assist during the donation times would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for people to assist in collating and wrapping the donations after 9am on Wednesday the 10th April (eating the breakages is encouraged). If you are available to assist, please text Alison on 0414 580 770.

SAVE THE DATE!

On the 3rd May the P & C will be hosting our annual movie night on the oval of the school. This is a fantastic family fun night with an inflatable big screen, BBQ, snacks and other goodies on sale. Further information in relation to costs and the movie being screened will be sent out closer to the date, so make sure you put it in the diary and invite some family and friends to join us, the more the merrier!

CANTEEN

Term 1 Closure

- 12th April (last day of term)

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers – we really appreciate that we have been able to remain open every day in Term 1 with many of you taking on extra shifts to make this possible. If anyone is able to give us one hour on Mondays or Tuesdays or 5 hours Wednesday to Friday please get in touch. Full training is given and it is a great opportunity to get to know other parents.

Healthy Canteen – as we are now beginning to implement changes to our menu to comply with the government standards can all parents/caregivers follow our P&C on Facebook to keep up to date with changes.

<https://www.facebook.com/pppspandc/>

We will also be asking the school to email any changes out as well – so please keep an eye out for these.

Changes so far

KIK Drinks - no longer stocked

Cinnamon and Ham & Cheese Pretzels - no longer stocked

In Term 2 we will be making many more changes and hope all our students use their 'Be Brave' learner qualities and try some of the new food which will be made available.

UNIFORM SHOP

(Open Thursdays 8:30am – 9:30am in E Block, next to the Library)

Firstly, a big THANK YOU to Melanie Watters (our outgoing Treasurer) and a warm welcome to our new Treasurer, Heather Avery. Without such wonderful volunteers, our little shop wouldn't be able to open.

The Uniform Shop sells new backpacks, hats, library bags, excursion bags, neck tabs, winter tights, PSSA sport socks, sport/netball visors and provides pattern hire. All of the other items we have in stock are good quality pre-loved clothing starting at \$3 each. If you can't get to the Shop you can leave your order and payment with the office and we will get the items to your child on the next Thursday morning. Order forms are on the school website. We accept cash or cheque only and all profits go back to the school.

Thank you to those who have brought in donations recently. We really do appreciate them. You can drop donations into the uniform shop on a Thursday morning or to the office at any time.

If you'd like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please contact Kathryn Cannon on 0419 462 204 or fill in the volunteer form at the end of this newsletter.

SCHOOL BANKING

(every Tuesday)

A big thank you to all our bankers for their support so far this year with school banking every Tuesday. It has been a great start to the year and we have been very encouraged by this.

REWARDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO ORDER:

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set

CLAIMING A REWARD:

To claim a reward, simply send 10 silver tokens and a completed reward coupon (or a little note) in with your child's normal School Banking deposit on a Tuesday. Reward coupons are available on request through School banking, from the office staff or can be printed at home from the Commonwealth Bank website. Once we have received the reward claim, it takes approximately 1-2 weeks for the Bank to post the item to us.



REMINDERS:

- Silver tokens cannot be shared or pooled together with friends and family. Please keep them separated.
- Please check on the reward coupon for when each item is released. For example: the Scratch Art Cards are available to claim from Term 3 and the Water Skimming Bounce Ball is available to claim from Term 4.
- Unfortunately, we cannot accept foreign currency via the School Banking program.
- A cheque can be deposited through school banking provided the cheque is made payable to the name of the child into whose account it is being deposited. A great option for Birthday money!

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you ever have a question about School Banking, please feel free to write a little note and place it inside your child's deposit wallet. However, if it is a bank account balance you are after, you will need to visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch or call 13 2221 for this information.

It is never too late to start School Banking. Open a Dollarmites Youthsaver account today! Ask the school office for an Information Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Happy Banking!

BAND

Thank you to all our dedicated staff and parents who have accepted roles within the Band Committee, we are looking forward to a busy and successful year in 2019.

Fundraising: Our first fundraiser for this year is SNOW CONES; they will be available at the end of the scheduled cross country being held in Term 2 on 1st May 2019. The snow cones will be \$2 each.

Donations for the snow cones will be collected by Maria Musumeci. If you are able to donate plastic cups, plastic spoons and cordial, please contact 0402 595 767 to arrange collection.



Next Band meeting: Term 2 Week 3, May 13th 2019 7:00pm G Block

NOTICES & NEWS

<https://www.facebook.com/pppspandc>

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest P & C news including:

- Canteen closures
- Uniform shop notices
- Banking information
- Event / fundraising news



If you would like to be on the email list to receive meeting minutes and notification to P & C events please send an email to: picnicpointpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Voting at P & C Meetings:

A reminder to all parents that if you come along to a P & C meeting and would like to vote on any motions being passed, you need to be a paid up financial member. The cost is only 50 cents.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic provides a great opportunity to increase children's reading whilst also supporting the school. Every book club order earns 20% in Scholastic rewards for our school. To order head to <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/> and follow the prompts. We only accept credit card via the Book Club **LOOP!** No cash or cheque payments are accepted.



SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

One way you can support the school is through financial donations to the School Building Fund.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can be made by completing the following form.

If you have any questions in regards to the School Building Fund, please contact Hanna via the P & C email or on 0407 418 623.



PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL Parents and Citizens Association

Prince Street, Picnic Point 2213
Phone: (02) 9773 7817
Fax: (02) 9792 3913
picnicpointpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

School Building Fund

The Picnic Point Public School Building Fund was formed with the primary focus to acquire funds for the construction, improvement and maintenance of school buildings. The Fund is operated by the School Building Fund Administrator, an elected position of the school P & C.

The standard of facilities that the students can enjoy in the future will be built on the generosity of current and past families and the school community. Building the future with spirit is about contributing what you can – gifts large and small are all received with thanks. **All donations greater than \$2 are tax deductible.**

How to make a contribution:

Step 1: Fill out the following details:

Eldest Child's Name _____ Class: _____

Amount Donating (please tick): ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name of the person to whom the receipt should be made _____

Step 2: Choose one of the following options – direct credit or cheque (please tick):

☐ Option 1 – Direct Credit to:

Bank: CBA
BSB: 062233
Account Number: 10299982
Account Name: Picnic Point School Building Fund
Reference: Eldest Child's Surname

Once you've made payment online, please place this form into an envelope and drop it into the payments box in the office foyer. A receipt will be sent home with your eldest child in a sealed envelope.

☐ Option 2 – By Cheque

Enclose a cheque for the amount you wish to donate made out to "Picnic Point Public School Building Fund", in an envelope with this form and drop into the payments box in the office foyer. A receipt will be sent home with you eldest child in a sealed envelope.

All enquiries regarding the Fund should be directed to the P & C email address or contact the Fund Administrator, Hanna Nguyen on 0407 418 623.

Please note: The school office staff does not process payments; they are passed directly to the P & C.

Thank you for your support.

Picnic Point Public School P & C

*** 2019 Volunteers Form ***

If you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen or uniform shop, please complete this form and return it to the school office. All rosters are emailed to volunteers. Thank you for volunteering.

Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

*** CANTEEN ***

I am available to volunteer for:

- ☐ Monday – 12.30pm - 1.30pm (no cooking)
- ☐ Tuesday – 12.30pm - 1.30pm (no cooking)
- ☐ Wednesday – full day: 8.45am - 1.30pm
- ☐ Thursday – full day: 8.45am - 1.30pm
- ☐ Thursday – half: 11.30am - 1.30pm
- ☐ Friday – full day: 8.45am - 1.30pm
- ☐ Friday – half: 11:30am - 1:30pm

I am available:

- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Once a term
- ☐ Other _____

- ☐ I would like to volunteer with my friend _____
- ☐ I am available to go on an emergency call list (hopefully being given 24-48 hours notice)
- ☐ I am interested in joining the Canteen Committee

*** UNIFORM SHOP ***

- ☐ Yes, I would like to help in the uniform shop, Thursdays 8.25am to 9.40am.

I am available:

- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Once a term
- ☐ Other _____

OOSH Update on Licensed Number

19th March, 2019



Dear parents and carers.

We are excited to announce that the Department of Education has approved our application to increase the licensed number from 40 to 70 at Kids Capers Picnic Point OOSH, effective now. This increase should satisfy the current demand.

The Kids Capers Team.



Kids Capers OOSH Vacation Care April 2019

Picnic Point Public School – 12 Prince St, Picnic Point

April 15th – April 29th 6:30am – 6:00pm



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea provided each day □ \$55 per day plus excursion/incursion costs as advised □ All children must bring hat and water bottle and wear closed in shoes □ Casual bookings welcome 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Craft, games, art, sport each day □ Childcare subsidy available □ Kids Capers bus or chartered bus used for excursions □ Please arrive by 9am for excursion days □ All booked days must be paid for 		
Mon Apr 15th	Tue Apr 16th	Wed Apr 17th	Thu Apr 18th	Fri Apr 19th
Incursion +\$14	Excursion +\$16	In Centre	Incursion +\$12	Closed
<i>Julie Zommers Puppetry Workshop</i> Learn to perform with puppets and make your own Puppet to take home! Lunch - Lasagna & Salad	<i>Mini Golf</i> Test your skills at Milperra's 18 hole putt putt golf course! Lunch – Chicken Salad Wraps	<i>Easter Fun Day</i> Get ready for the Easter Bunny to come. Easter crafts, Chocolate Egg Hunt, movies and more. Lunch – Sausage Sizzle	<i>Skate Now</i> Professional skate board instructors teaching how to skate plus new skills and tricks! Lunch – Cheesy Pasta	Good Friday
Mon Apr 22nd	Tue Apr 23rd	Wed Apr 24th	Thu Apr 25th	Fri Apr 26th
Closed	Excursion +\$18	Incursion +\$22	Closed	Incursion +\$12
Easter Monday	<i>Cinema @ Hoyts Bankstown</i> G rated movie with supplied Popcorn. Lunch - Cheese Triangles & Salad	<i>Code Camp</i> Become a creator of technology! Coding workshop allowing you to create your own game to share! Lunch – Ham, Cheese & Salad Wraps	ANZAC Day	<i>Brain Games</i> Fun, creative, physical & tactile exercises. Acting, live cartooning, crazy science and mega bubbles! Lunch – Pasta Bolognaise
Mon Apr 29th				
In Centre				
<i>PJ Party Day</i> Jumping Castle, Party Games, Dance Battles and Movies! Lunch – Healthy Party Food				

Bookings:

Email picnicpoint@kidscapersoosh.com.au
Phone 0478 495 742 (Centre) 0422 498 632 (Admin)
Website www.kidscapersoosh.com.au



Kids Capers OOSH Vacation Care April 2019

Picnic Point Public School – 12 Prince St, Picnic Point

April 15th – April 29th 6:30am – 6:00pm



Child's Name: _____

Ph: _____

Enrolment completed: Yes / No

Date	Type	Details	Transport	Total Cost	Please tick For booking
Week 1					
Mon 15/4	Incursion	Julie Zommers		\$69	
Tue 16/4	Excursion	Mini Golf	Bus	\$71	
Wed 17/4	In Centre	Easter Fun Day		\$55	
Thu 18/4	Incursion	Skate Now		\$67	
Fri 19/4	Closed				
Week 2					
Mon 22/4	Closed				
Tue 23/4	Excursion	Cinema Bankstown	Bus	\$73	
Wed 24/4	Incursion	Code Camp		\$77	
Thu 25/4	Closed				
Fri 26/4	Incursion	Brain Games		\$67	
Week 3					
Mon 29/4	In Centre	PJ Party Day		\$55	

Terms and Conditions

- **All booked days must be paid for unless 2 weeks notice is provided.**
- Each child must have written consent of parent/guardian to attend excursions.
- Children need to bring a hat and water bottle.
- Closed-in shoes are required. **Please no crocs or thongs.**
- Please advise if your child is unable to eat food in our daily menu so that we can discuss alternatives.



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.

**READY
SET
GROW**

24 Kennedy Street, Panania Tel: 02 9771 1199

Email: marie@teenieweenies.net.au   @zafskitchen

Find us on Facebook & Web <http://teenieweenies.com.au/>





The more they *burn*,
the more they *learn*



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District



choose
healthy
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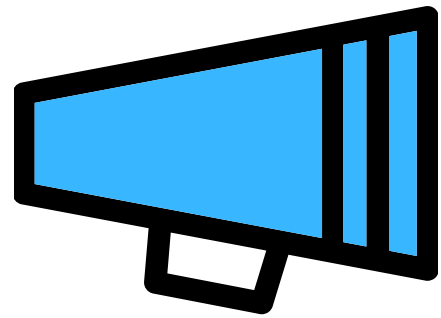
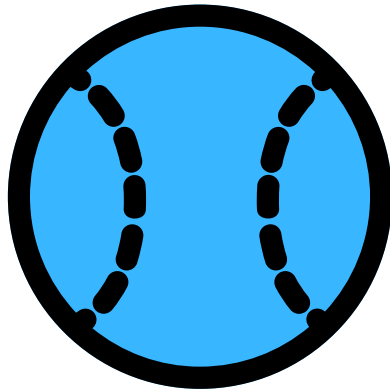
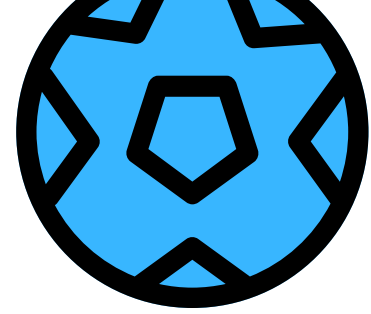
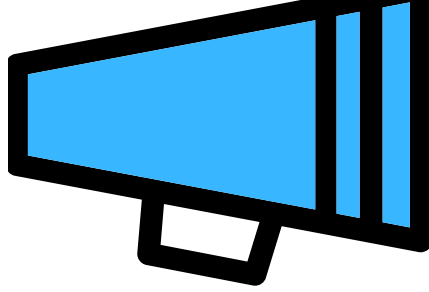
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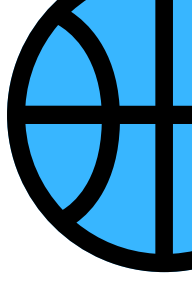



BANKSTOWN BRUINS



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

APRIL 16- 17 & 23-24



BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON SOCCER, BASEBALL AND MANY MORE!

Keep the kids entertained these school holidays at Bankstown Basketball Stadium with our School Holiday Camps!

Our camps are fun focused with heaps of prizes and giveaways. To register see our website at www.bankstownbruins.com.au, under the junior development tab, Holiday Camps.

DATES

April 16-17th Basketball Camp
April 23rd-24th Multi Sport Camp

AGES

5-14

PRICES

Two days \$ 90

TIMES

9:30am -3:30pm

Canteen will be available on the day for Lunch Orders and Snacks

For further details please visit our website at www.bankstownbasketball.com.au
or contact Will Lopez at will@bankstownbasetball.com.au or
by phone 9707 1866 ext 8



Bankstown Basketball Association

BANKSTOWN BRUINS HOLIDAY CAMPS

April 16-17th

Basketball Camp

April 23rd-24th

Multi Sport Camp

Ages 5-14 years

Cost \$90 for two days

Times 9:30am-3:30pm



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