

Picnic Point Public School



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**Kalori 16
November 2020**

Whole School Information

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Combined Scripture

Fri 4 Dec

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Senior First Aid

Pie Drive - Mick's Bakery

Just Around The Corner

Year 6 Farewell (Year 6 Only)

Year 3 Incursion

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of the Year Five students who recently stood for a leadership position for 2021. All were worthy candidates, well prepared and spoke confidently. It takes bravery, optimism and resilience to apply for a leadership position and present a speech in front of your peers based on your vision and values. I commend all of the students who applied for a position and congratulate the students who were successful in achieving a role. I would like to remind all of our Year Five students that moving into Year Six, that this is already a leadership position. As role models for the rest of the school, you don't need a badge to be a leader and we look forward to the outstanding job you will all do in 2021.

Congratulations to Indy and Levi for their thoughtful speech about 'What NAIDOC Day means to me?', which was very well delivered last Friday! We are so proud of you both and loved hearing your thoughts and insight delivered to the whole school at our assembly.

Congratulations to Aidan Pearce in Year 2 who won a category in the 2020 ANZAC School Initiative Competition, winning a Lego DVD. Aiden competed with 63 489 other entrants! The aim of the initiative was to give an added tool for teachers to provide students with a greater understanding and awareness of the importance of ANZAC Day. We congratulate Aiden on his effort!

Congratulations to all of our students who sat the OC test last Wednesday. Placement outcome information will be mailed or emailed individually to each applicant in mid-January 2021. You can change school choices without explanation before 25 November 2020 using the [Change of choice](#) form. Changes of choice cannot be accepted after this date.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Revesby Workers Club for their generous donation of \$3000 to our school to support student learning. Thank you to the P & C for applying for the donation. Thank you to Natalie Hickey attending with myself to accept the donation. We are so fortunate to have local businesses such as Revesby Workers Club supporting our school and other local schools.

Thank you to Jess Bowen for filming and creating our new Kindergarten Orientation video 'A day in the Life of Kindy @PPPS'. Thank you to Mrs Austin for coordinating and our current Kindergarten students 'stars'. The movie has been sent home to our 2021 Kindergarten families and is available on our website or via the link below (see Stage One). All of our Kindergarten 2021 students received their orientation pack this week as well. Thank you to Mrs Austin and our Office Staff for all of their hard work putting this great resource together to support our incoming students.

YEAR 6 MICK'S BAKERY PIE DRIVE

Don't miss out of ordering your pies and Christmas goodies for the Year 6 Pie drive fundraiser!!! Order's need to be in NEXT WEDNESDAY! Please grab a note of the schools website if you need one. Thank you so much for supporting this Year 6 initiative.

HELP AT HOME WITH MATHS

Mathematics is so critical to student learning and we support the NSW Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell's Mathematics Strategy which is reinforcing the justifiable importance of mathematics for all students. We want to shine a light on the way that maths is an integral part and applied to our everyday life. We believe that the development of mathematical skills such as reasoning, analytical thinking, communicating and problem-solving will provide our students with the solid foundations to empower them to build the capacity to overcome challenges, realise opportunities and be successful. As such, we encourage you to check out the new ['Everyday Maths Hub'](#) and make use of the resources available there to help your child with their mathematics at home.

NEW PARENT AND CARER HUB: DISABILITY

A **new online hub** has been launched for parents and carers featuring information about the support available for students with additional learning and support needs or disability.

COVID 19 UPDATE

The department has been working very closely with NSW Health to ease some restrictions for the rest of Term 4.

The summary below is a snapshot of some of the most recent changes:

- Scripture lessons will continue and our combined scripture assembly is on **4 December**.
- Excursions and overnight camps are allowed with a relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Presentation Day** assembly will go ahead, **but there will be no parent audience**. We will video (and hopefully live stream) the event.
- **P&C meetings** are now allowed onsite, must occur outside of school hours and are limited to a **maximum of 20 people**. All attendees must sign the visitor form upon arrival, physically distance and adhere to hygiene measures. Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 December in the hall at 7:00pm**. An email will be sent closer to the date, to determine the maximum people.
- Parents and carers are only allowed on the school site to purchase or pick up uniforms from the uniform shop in the hall, to volunteer in the canteen, for the purpose of picking up their sick child or for essential meetings with teachers and/or school executives.
- Year 6 Farewell will proceed, with guidelines, and a COVID-19 Safety Plan. (see Stage 3).

YEAR SIX TRANSITION

We are all wishing Year 6 a great experience at Teen Ranch next week as they cover the transition to high school program. Thank you to Mrs Chatt and the Stage 3 teachers for preparing for this experience and for leaving their own families and commitments to support our Year 6 students.

FAREWELL MR CAMPBELL

Mr Peter Campbell said goodbye to our school this week to take up an SLISO role at another school. We want to thank Mr Campbell for all that he has done for our students and wish him well at his new school.

Karen Sellick
Principal

Shared Language of Learning

Be Zesty



The key message is that they understand what naturally motivates them and how to motivate themselves. They see learning as an exciting journey of discovery and look for purpose in what they do. They can prioritise sleep, eat healthy and exercise to increase their vitality.

Have you been putting off something because you're unmotivated? Now's the time to get motivated and change your mindset and get those jobs done. For students maybe try juggling and don't stop until you've got it! Or learning to do a double under?? Or solving that pesky Rubix Cube!!

Early Stage & Stage 1 Information

CALMSLEY HILL FARM

It was a beautiful day last Monday, as our excited little Kindy students set off to Calmsley Hill Farm. The students had an awesome time on the tractor ride, patting baby animals, watching the farmer milk the cow and seeing the whip cracking, sheep shearing and dog shows! It was a fantastic day!

YEAR 1 EXCURSION

Last week our Year 1 students went to Symbio Wildlife Park which coincided with our unit of work on Australian animals. We saw a presentation on Australian animals and got to touch and learn how to care for them in their own habitat. It was great to have the rangers giving our students so much information.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS 2021

Notes were sent home last week indicating our two days of Kindy Orientation, your child's day for their best start assessment and the start time for their first day of school on Friday 5 February 2021. This week your child's older sibling brought home the information pack for you to read through.

We also hope you have a chance to sit down with your child to watch the video we emailed home this week on 'A Day in the life of Kindy'! This is also available to view on the school's website.

<https://picnict-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school.html>

We look forward to seeing new Kindies in the New Year. Please call the school office to confirm once you have received this information. Thank you.

NAIDOC WEEK

To celebrate NAIDOC week, 2 Nintendo and 2 Pokémon had discussions and shared stories about the strong connections Indigenous Australians have with places and their sense of belonging to the land. After reading Sally Morgan's book *My Country*, we talked about how Indigenous Australians have a strong connection to animals from their country and how they represented this in rock carvings over time.

Stage 2 Information

GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Melanie Elliott
- Isabella Augustus
- Isla Pearson
- Flynn McGuigan

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 3 Incursion

Tue 1 Dec (Week 8)

YEAR 3 INCURSION

3 Kumano and 3 Manga have been learning about forces and energy and will have the opportunity to explore this further on their incursion in Week 8. They will be exploring different kinds of energy and building solar cars with instructors from the National Parks Education group. It sounds like an exciting culmination and extension to the work the students have been doing with their teachers in the classroom and in STEM lessons. Please ensure you have sent your permission note and payment.

YEAR 4 EXCURSION

On Wednesday 11 November, 4 Kabuki and 3/4 Hakuba travelled to La Perouse for their excursion, which was linked to our history studies of Captain Cook, First Contacts and Colonisation. Crossing over to Bare Island, students heard fascinating stories, participated in activities such as dressing up in convict and soldier uniforms and saw first hand many artefacts used in the past by both the Aboriginal and European people from the time of Cook's landing. Our guides were extremely knowledgeable and answered any questions the students had. We were lucky to be blessed with a beautiful day and an amazingly smooth bus run! All the teachers wish to congratulate our students on the learner qualities they displayed - demonstrating their knowledge, asking lots of quality questions, listening attentively and participating with zest and joy in all the activities. To top off our fantastic experience, the students' behaviour was impeccable (as we expect at Picnic Point) and we received very positive comments and praise from the guides. What a valuable day - thank you, parents for your support!



OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2021 TEST

The OC test was held at school last Wednesday and 22 of our Year 4 students participated. It was a very formal occasion with strict guidelines and rules and the students conducted themselves brilliantly. They were well organised and relaxed, sitting at single desks, listening to instructions and doing their best. I believe their hard work during our 15 weeks of practice workshops had paid off. Although the students seemed to enjoy the challenge, I'm sure they are relieved it's over and that I heard a pheeew... as they left the room! All the best of luck, boys and girls - you have grown in problem solving skills and abilities no matter what the outcome will be!

NAIDOC WEEK

Stage 2 participated in and celebrated NAIDOC week in various ways, from reading dreamtime stories and playing games, to studying the history of the first people of this land and first contacts with Europeans. We all know and must not forget that this history was not always 'pretty' and that our acknowledgement of all the events of the past is important to our journey to true reconciliation. It is also important for our young people to recognise not only the traditional ways of the Aboriginal and Torres Islander groups, but also the achievements and success of their descendants in more contemporary times and today.

LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education van (or Healthy Harold as the children prefer to call it) visited our school this week and all classes K-4 had a session on various topics. Our Year 3 students learnt all about the different body systems and what they do. They also spoke about various drugs and medicines and participated in role plays of peer pressure situations, which will equip them with the words and actions to use, should they encounter such incidents in the future. Year 4 participated in the topic 'Mind your Medicine', which builds onto the Year 3 topic in more detail and maturity. The students also received books which will be used in the classrooms to follow up and reinforce the knowledge they have attained.

Stage 3 Information

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teen Ranch!!	Mon 23 - Wed 25 Nov
Year 5 First Aid	Tue 24 Nov
Year 6 First Aid	Thu 26 Nov
PPHS Transition Program	Fri 27 Nov

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2021

Our nominees for the Leadership Team 2021 delivered their speeches to the school this week at our special assembly. We were so proud of all the students who showed grit and bravery in putting themselves up for election. The standard of the speeches this year were excellent and we were so impressed with the respectful way the students presented themselves. All nominees were worthy of the position, however, only 6 boys and 6 girls, could be prefects.

Once the successful nominees were announced, the students wishing to be considered as house captains or vice captains then gave a short speech at the house assemblies. We congratulate both the successful applicants and also the students who placed themselves up for consideration.

We are sure that our 2021 Leadership Team will be strong and accept their positions and responsibilities with pride and focus.

Leadership Team 2021:

Prefects

Alexandra Apostolovski	Damon Beard
Alannah Back	Ben Belgre
Brianna Bell	Levi Haggett
Zoe Dharmawan	Arun Kumar
Emily Fisher	Graydon Nguyen
Jenny Zhao	Jacob Poole

Murrangal

House Captain
Sarah Cannon
Blake Petrovski

House Vice Captain
Leisha Bui
Silas Tohilima-Gardiner

Bunnal

House Captain
Brianna Ward
Daniel Pevec

House Vice Captain
Leila Medlej
Nick Nguyen

Jerraral

House Captain
Layla Hassan
Stephen Faulder

House Vice Captain
Ava Hounslow
Matthew Sue

CYBERSAFETY

On Tuesday we had Senior Constable Phillip Smith visit our seniors to talk to them about Cybersafety and online behaviours. The students asked very mature and sensible questions. Did you know that the average age of gamers on the internet is 36? That was something that shocked our students.

The office of the eSafety Commissioner has an excellent website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> for parents who would like to get more information on digital citizenship and how to keep their children of all ages safe online.

Also the Kids Help Line is available for all children to use at any time and for any reason. They have excellent people available to talk to. Kids can ring 1800 55 1800 or go to <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

We have booked in our biannual Cybersafety talk for teachers, parents and students in early 2021 and more information will go home closer to the time.

TEEN RANCH

Wow, how exciting! Year 6 students will be charged up for their 3 days at Teen Ranch this Monday. Please ensure you give all medication, labelled with your child's name and dosage to the class teachers on Monday morning. **No food** of any description is to be taken as the camp feeds the students well.

The current weather prediction is 60% chance of rain on Monday but still hot!! Everything will still go ahead so make sure you bring a plastic bag to put wet things in. If you need another copy of what to bring, the note is still on the school website.

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to hold our usual Talent Quest, but don't stress we have fun planned for that night! Also the students will not need to bring any money at all as the snack shop is no longer open.

The bus will be leaving at 9:00am so be at school by 8:45am at the latest! You don't want to miss the bus!!

NAIDOC WEEK

During NAIDOC Week as a Stage we explored some of the stories around this year's theme of 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. We also had an afternoon playing some Indigenous Games.

We played these games - Gibber which is the Diyari people's word for Stone. Wumara which is the Dhararwal people's word for spear. Boomerang which is derived from the Turwal people of the southern Sydney region. Brambahl is a Gamilaraay/Juwalairai people's word for jumping. Kaggur is the Yugara people's word for the echidna, and Kuniya which is the Pitantjatjara.

The students all enjoyed an afternoon of fun and are looking forward to playing more games.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Year 6 Farewell will proceed, with guidelines, and a COVID-19 Safety Plan at the Revesby Workers Club. Attendance is limited to the student cohort and staff only. Students and/or guests will not be allowed to congregate or crowd in groups when arriving/leaving. Dance floors are allowed and will be well ventilated. External visitors will not be allowed access and should leave promptly at the conclusion of the event. Further information will be sent to Year 6 parents via email.

Yesterday their invitations went home and the comment was it's only 21 days away!! They're getting excited! It's a time to celebrate and make memories. Dress for the evening is smart casual, it's always lovely to see everyone dressed appropriately for their age.

Thank you to Mrs Sabbagh and Mrs Benson who are donating the cupcakes and cake for the farewell! We're sure they will look a treat on the night!

There will be a number of DVDs of the slideshow available for purchase on the night at a cost of \$5.00. If the supply of DVDs runs out on the night, Mrs Chatt will take orders and payments and these will be distributed at school.

Please make sure you have sent in your baby photos and Kindy if they were not at PPPS for Kindy.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A huge thank you! To Mrs Bayley and Mrs Walsh for heading up an amazing group of people to organise, cook, wraps and get out over 400 sausages!!! This takes a lot of time and effort and we here thank you for the yummy lunch!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PAYMENTS

As the end of the year approaches, it is requested that all Stage 3 families, particularly Year 6, check with the office before making any further payments. Some families have outstanding credits and our friendly office ladies would like to finalise any outstanding amounts before further payments are made.

This request is especially important with online payments. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week activities are being enjoyed by all students and teachers across this term, through new picture books, exploring Aboriginal culture and traditions and also through traditional sports and games.

At our whole school assembly last Friday, Levi and Indy Haggett, spoke very proudly about their Aboriginal heritage and culture. We are pleased to share their thoughts with the whole school community.

My name is Levi and this is my sister Indy. We are here to talk about NAIDOC Week. Part of our family are from Dubbo and Bourke which is in rural New South Wales and we belong to the Wiradjuri people. We are a part of the biggest Aboriginal tribe in Australia.

NAIDOC week is special for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we get to celebrate our achievements and resilience as a culture. NAIDOC Week is also an important week for all Australian people as you get to learn more about your country's history and first people.

To me NAIDOC Week is a celebration of how far we have come as a country. Not even 60 years ago Aboriginal people couldn't even vote, to today where people are more accepting of other people's cultures and understand the importance of living together in harmony.

My message for NAIDOC Week would be to take time to get to know your country's history. We're all Australian and it's a powerful thing to have knowledge about our own country and move forward as one.

By Levi Haggett, Year 5 Suzuki

NAIDOC Week to me means remembering my family and being proud of who I am. All Australians should be proud that we have the oldest living culture in the world.

Some things I know about Aboriginal people are:

- They used to hunt and gather when there were no shops.
- They were the first scientists who used only the land to live off for thousands of years.
- There are lots of different Aboriginal languages.

I feel proud to be Aboriginal and live in this great land Australia. Happy NAIDOC week!

By Indy Hagget, Year 1 Tokyo

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Band presentation	Mon 30 Nov
Last band day	Tue 1 Dec

BAND PRESENTATION

This year, our band presentation will look different due to COVID restrictions. As you know, we are still not allowed to have parents at the school for events or have food parties, nor whole band performances. The committee decided to acknowledge the Year 6 leavers at our school assembly on Monday 30 November. At the same time, we will say goodbye to Mrs Toni Stewart, who will be leaving us to pursue her many musical interests and memberships. Toni has been with us for 10 years, increasing the band membership almost four-fold and giving up many hours and weekends of her own time. She has nurtured a love of music in our children, many of whom have gone on to study or teach music and develop a lifelong passion. We are hoping to video this assembly and include highlights in the Presentation Day video.

LAST BAND DAY

The last band tutorial day will be on Tuesday 1 December and students are asked to return their instrument on that day. Any student with a school instrument who wishes to perform on Talent Quest day must let Mrs Stewart know and she will make arrangements for them.

Chess

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chess Academy In-school Tournament	Fri 27 Nov
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CHESS ACADEMY TOURNAMENT

The annual chess tournament conducted by the Chess Academy will be held on Friday 27 November from 9:00am to approximately 12:00pm midday. Notes inviting interested participants will be coming home shortly. Please be aware of the short notice and time to register. As this is the only date available, parents need to know that their child will miss scripture if they take part in the tournament.

CHESS ACADEMY LESSONS

Our Wednesday afternoon Chess Academy lessons will continue until 9 December (Week 9). If your child is showing interest in chess, you may wish to make inquiries with the Sydney Chess Academy about enrolling them for next year's sessions, beginning in Week 2 (3 February 2021). You can contact them on www.sydneycademyofchess.com.au or by phone (02) 97451170. And here is a tip from one parent to another - a chess set makes a lovely Christmas gift. From my experience, children love the solid wooden chess pieces.

Happy 10th Birthday

Teenie Weenies

This year we celebrate 10 years in our amazing community!

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 also for families to purchase to 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**

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021



NOMINATIONS

NOW OPEN

Want to thank a local?

Nominate them for a City of Canterbury Bankstown, Australia Day Award in 2021.



Recognise a citizen, volunteer, community organisation or a young citizen.

For the environmentalist, nominate them for the new Jack Munday Environment and Heritage Award.

We want to recognise our unsung heroes.

Nominations close **5pm Monday 30 November.**

NOMINATE NOW