

# Picnic Point Public School



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**Kalori 25  
November 2021**

## ***Whole School Information***

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Moorebank HS Zoom Transition      Tue 23 Nov

### **WHAT'S DUE NOW**

All Excursions  
Just Around The Corner  
Statement of Accounts

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Our heartfelt congratulations go to Levi Haggett who was recognised for his outstanding contributions and service to our school in being awarded the KARI Foundation All Rounder Initiative Award at the 2021 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards last night. We are so proud of Levi and wish him continued success in high school next year.

### **BOOK WEEK/BOOK FAIR**

Thank you to our parents for supporting our students arriving in truly creative costumes related to book characters. It was wonderful to celebrate this creativity linked to children's literature. Please visit our school facebook page to see pictures of the day.

One student from every class and one student from each grade took home a prize from the bookfair for their efforts in creating their costume.

Congratulations to the best dressed students:

Kinder - Justin Ngo

Year 1 - Gene O'Rourke

Year 2 - Zachary Mitas

Year 3 - Aaliyah Elmir

Year 4 - Keely Smee

Year 5 - Ivy Murray

Year 6 - Leila Medlej

Our sincere thanks to your support of the bookfair - as your purchases not only make an excellent end of year or Christmas gift for students, they also result in many new books for our PPPS Library. Thank you to Mrs Kim Pryde, Mrs Sue Ashton, Mrs Rebecca O'Donovan and the office staff in supporting the Book fair!

### **EXTERNAL VALIDATION**

All public schools are externally validated against the 14 themes of the School Excellence Framework every four years. I would like to congratulate our school team for the work undertaken in preparing and presenting our External Validation submission and in sharing the achievements of Picnic Point Public School last Wednesday.

External Validation is no small task to complete and the panelists remarked on the excellent teamwork, clarity of purpose, and effective reflection on where Picnic Point Public School is and where it needs to go next by our EV team. With a number of areas being marked at 'excelling' - the strong moral purpose that holds PPPS students at the centre of our words and actions was evident. They left saying, *"How fortunate your school community is to have such passionate and skilled educators leading their school."*

## NAPLAN READINESS TEST

Next week Year 4 & 5 will be participating in a NAPLAN readiness test. In 2022 we will transition from a paper test to the online test. This readiness test is available to help us prepare for the transition.

The readiness test will allow school and students to:

- engage and become familiar with the online assessment platform
- understand changed administrative procedures
- reflect on any areas that may need to be addressed (such as number of devices required), before transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2022.

The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. Student test attempts will not be marked, and results will not be available.

## 5c & 10c COINS

One week down and we are amazed at the response so far to our Year 6 Fundraiser! Thank you to all families for your support. We are still collecting for one more week so keep them coming in!

The top three classes will get a reward for all their hard work!

## LEADERSHIP 2022

Our nominees for the Leadership Team 2022 delivered their speeches to the school this week. We were most impressed and proud with the standard and the respectful way the students presented themselves. All nominees were worthy of the position, however, only 6 boys and 6 girls, could be prefects.

We tried a different way to share the news of the outcome of the leadership election with personalised letters coming home for students to process with the support of family. The students then wishing to be considered as house captains or vice captains gave their speeches today. We congratulate both the successful applicants and also the students who placed themselves for consideration and we admire them for their effort and resilience. We are proud that at Picnic Point there are many opportunities to demonstrate and develop leadership, such as SRC, Year 6 jobs, Peer Support Leader, Library Monitor, Eco Bee, Buddies, and more. We will be interviewing students and parents to determine whether this is a preferred option moving forward.

We are sure that our 2022 Leadership Team will be strong and accept their positions and responsibilities with pride and focus.

Leadership Team 2022:

### Prefects

Sienna Bender	Gabby Abdulwahab
Grace Eames	Mitchell Lewis
Kaelyn Feng	Joshua Lin
Olivia Lawson	Demitri Lyris
Suriya Royal	Stephen Oloapu
Elena Vidanovski	Dylan Pantazis

### House Captains and Vice

<b>Murrangal</b>	
House Captain	House Vice Captain
Lucia Ricapito	Alex Catling
Lauchlan Smith	Muchen Zhou
<b>Bunnal</b>	
House Captain	House Vice Captain
Addison Pearce	Avangelina Afungia
James Chiang	Ryan Watters
<b>Jerraral</b>	
House Captain	House Vice Captain
Anika Ralevski	Daniela Katzakis
Benjamin Savage	Kareem El Badawi

## OC TEST

Last Wednesday 30 of our students sat the Opportunity Class test. We are proud of our students doing their best in this test. Thank you to Mrs Stawski and Mrs Chatterton for administering the tests and Mrs Stawski for supporting the students' preparation for the test. Placement outcome information for entry in 2022 will be sent to parents by email in mid-January 2022.

## TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

In the last Kalori I announced that our school will again be participating in the Partners in Learning Parent Survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. So far we have only had 18 parents complete the survey. We would appreciate any parents who could spare a few minutes to complete the survey over the holidays. 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.

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/parent2021>

Karen Sellick  
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/>)

## ***P&C News***

### **P&C MEETING - ONLY 1 LEFT FOR THE YEAR - DON'T MISS IT!**

Our P&C committee does a wonderful job in supporting PPPS students in volunteering to run or support many aspects of school life. The P&C can only exist with the involvement of our wonderful parent community, and as our Year 6 parents leave we need new parents to come on board. If you haven't been to a meeting - please come along and meet our many volunteers who help to make PPPS the wonderful, inclusive and welcoming environment that it is.

At our next meeting we will be discussing and voting on the fate of our canteen - please come along, become a paid member (50c per person) and have your say.

Our whole school community would like to acknowledge the substantial volunteer contribution that Mrs Kylie Bailey has made over the last six years as Canteen Coordinator. Kylie has resigned from this position and we sincerely thank her for the wonderful job that she did maintaining our healthy canteen in her substantial time as Coordinator.



**Limited  
places  
for 2022**

## ***Is your child ready for primary school?***

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- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
  - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

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**Applications close: 11:59pm, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

