

# Picnic Point Public School



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**Kalori 5  
April 2021**

## Whole School Information

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Staff Development Day	Mon 19 Apr
Students Return	Tue 20 Apr
OC applications for Year 5 2022	opens Tue 20 Apr
2022 Kindy Enrollments	opens Tue 20 Apr
Working Bee	Sat 8 May
P&C Meeting	Tue 11 May

### WHAT'S DUE NOW

Statement of accounts

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our students on a fantastic Term 1 of learning. Congratulations to our staff and parent community for the incredible support and encouragement that is given to our students. The best way to maximise student learning is when students, staff and parents work closely together, as we do here at PPPS.

Just a reminder that students return on Tuesday 20 April as we have a Staff Development Day on Monday. We will be reviewing our new School Improvement Plan (on our school website) and preparing for our school external validation process later in the year. We will be focusing teacher learning on writing, mathematics and student wellbeing, as well as having some collaborative stage planning time.

Congratulations and many thanks to Christy Hayes and Deb McNamara for assisting in the successful grant application process for the Sustainable Schools Grant of \$15 000.

*"Picnic Point Public School has been successful in its request for a Sustainable Schools Grant (SSG), for your proposed project Minimbah - A sustainable place for learning. Congratulations! We had a high level of interest in the grants so this is testimony to the quality of the idea submitted and your application".*

Congratulations to the families who won a \$50 Lowes voucher.

Layla F - K Cactus	Ila V - K Cactus	William B - K Capsicum
Elizabeth B - K Kale	Abigail C - 1 Zucchini	Eric N - 1 Chili
Jade R - 1 Zucchini	Jordan A - 2 Avocado	Emma Y - 2 Rocket
Emilia M - 3 Sage	Adi L - 3/4 Paprika	Tahlia G - 4 Cinnamon
Keeley S - 4 Saffron	Bonnie L - 4 Saffron	Alex C - 5/6 Sarsaparilla
Marcus N - 5/6 Gwianga	Bernice S - 5/6 Lilly Pilly	James C - 5/6 Myrtle
Kaelyn F - 5/6 Acacia	Mai T - 5/6 Acacia	

Congratulations to Daniel Pevec who will compete next term in SSW Boys Basketball team in Terrigal and Ky McKeown who will compete in SSW AFL team in Byron Bay, also next term!

Congratulations to Levi Haggett for his application to become a member of the Education Minister's Student Council. Levi prepared a video application explaining who he is, what he is passionate about in schooling and why he wanted to be on the DOVES (Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools). We wish you all the best with your application! Thank you to Mr Narris for his help with the application.

### **EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS – THANK YOU!**

I'd like to thank families for the donations you have made for our Easter Raffle - we're extremely grateful. We were able to create roughly 40 prizes. On behalf of the staff and students, I'd like to not only thank all those families who have made donations so far, but also thank our dedicated parents who have been here each morning to collect your donations and who have wrapped them into beautiful baskets. On behalf of the school community, I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Maria Musumeci & her band of helpers for giving up their time to coordinate this fabulous fundraiser.

### **EASTER HAT PARADE**

It was wonderful to see all the happy faces at today's Easter Hat Parade! Students thoroughly enjoyed parading their amazing hats. Kindergarten and Year 1 collaborated with their buddies to produce some stunning creations while Year 2 bravely made their own.

Last year we were unable to have our parade, so it was enjoyable to see the parents back on site to be able to share this experience with them.

Congratulations to all those who won a prize in the raffle, thank you again for buying the tickets and supporting the band and P & C.

### **CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

A stunning day for our carnival! Thank you to all the students who participated and all the parents who helped man the course. Also thanks to the House Captains and Vice Captains for their talents in painting the faces of so many students at recess. We're sure it made everyone run faster.

### **MANY THANKS TO LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT – PADSTOW BUNNING AND RODGERS**

Thank you to Padstow Bunnings for all the amazing colourful new plants that they kindly donated. Also to Rogers for their discounted mulch and wood chips, that were delivered this morning!

The gardens are looking amazing and the students are enjoying helping keeping them growing.

### **OC APPLICATIONS**

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement for entry in 2022 is about to begin. The online application opens up on Tuesday 20 April 2021. Online applications close on Friday 7 May 2021.

Parents and carers must apply online between Tuesday 20 April 2021 and Friday 7 May 2021. Late applications cannot be accepted. Parents and carers should read [Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 External link](#) for information about the process and important dates.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 21 July 2021.

### **ANZAC DAY**

We will be celebrating Anzac Day next term. I encourage our students to submit an entry in the 2021 Anzac Schools Initiative which aims to raise a greater understanding and awareness of the importance and respect of Anzac Day.

Years 3-6 have a Writing competition and K-2 have a colouring competition, with some great prizes on offer. See the flyer emailed home today and is also at the end of this Kalori.

Closing date is 16 April 2021. Entries will need to be sent in from home this year due to the closing date falling in the holidays. Please send your child's entry to: Anzac School Initiatives, GPO Box 454 Sydney NSW 2001.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I'd like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday. We've had another highly productive and successful term of learning and I know the upcoming break is well deserved by all. Looking forward to seeing everyone back on 20 April!

Karen Sellick - Principal

## *Shared Language of Learning*

# **BEE REFLECTIVE**

*"Only by truly knowing where I've been can I understand where I need to go"*

### **Definition**

Reflection is our student's ability to think about their learning with honesty, open-mindedness and gratitude. They seek to understand how they learn best, monitor where they are in their learning, plan where to go next and to appreciate their progress.

### **Why Reflective?**

Reflective practice has huge benefits in increasing self-awareness, which is a key component of emotional intelligence, and in developing a better understanding of others. Reflective practice can also help you to identify gaps in learning, develop creative thinking skills, and encourages active engagement in work processes.

### **Language of Learning Challenge**

Reflect on your year so far and choose the best moment that helped you grow and explain why.

## *Early Stage & Stage 1 Information*

### **KINDY CACTUS**

It is great pleasure that I announce that Mrs Weissel is expecting a baby. She will not be continuing on Kindy Cactus but will be returning in Term 2 on a part time basis to support all 3 Kindergarten classes every Monday and Wednesday.

The following teachers will be job sharing on Kindy Cactus for the rest of the year.

Mrs Louise Plush - Monday and Tuesday

Ms Nicole Vlangos - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

We would like to thank Mrs Bowen for taking the class for the last few weeks and today was her last day. Mrs Plush and Ms Vlangos will begin on the class next term.

### **EASTER HAT PARADE**

Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade was held today under beautiful sunny conditions and the array of hats on display was spectacular. Kindy and Year 1 would like to thank their buddies for their help in decorating their hats and Year 2 did a fabulous job on their own hats.

### **STAGE 1 REQUIREMENTS**

Could all Year 1 and 2 parents please ensure that all stationery supplies have been replenished ready for the start of Term 2. With cutting and pasting activities during the week, it is important that all students have a pair of scissors with them daily. Thank you.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

It has been a busy but successful term and we have seen some very brave and gritty learners across K-2. We hope all families have a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 20 April. Stay safe and enjoy the family time!

## Stage 2 Information

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

OC Workshops resume	Wed 21 Apr
Applications for OC 2022 open online	Tue 20 Apr

### JELLY BEANS

The Jelly Beans program for Stage 2 concluded this week. Although we were not allowed to play the recorders, all Year 3 students were given a new recorder and Year 4 students have them from last year. They can have a go at learning to play it at home, by logging into the Jelly Beans website to access all the songs and music we have covered in the program. We have all enjoyed Jelly Beans tremendously and look forward to booking it for next year.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

All Year 3 and 4 students have been given a note (it was also emailed) with topics and details of our public speaking competition. They have also been given a 'guide' to help them with writing their speech. They will need to start working on this in the holidays if they have not yet started, as their speeches will be presented in class in Week 3, as a part of our Talking and Listening part of the English curriculum.

### OC WORKSHOPS

We have had a very successful start to the Opportunity Class practice workshops, with 31 students now attending. Please note that our workshops will resume in Week 1, on Wednesday morning at 8:00am. Students need to be there at around 7:50am. We have had a number of very late arrivals, which really disrupted the group, as everyone looks to see what is happening and lose their train of thought. Parents, please make sure your child arrives on time; this is all a part of the training, as they would not be allowed to participate in the 'real' test if they arrived late. Thank you for your understanding. Boys and girls, I'm proud that you are having a go and trying your best. Your behaviour has been impeccable.

### OC (OPPORTUNITY CLASS) APPLICATIONS

The applications for entry into the OC class for 2022 will open online, on Tuesday 20 April. An instruction booklet will be emailed to all Year 4, also a note to indicate your intention to apply. Please start thinking about the process and look for further information and instructions. All applications MUST be submitted online, not through the school.

### HOMEWORK IN STAGE 2

We have had a number of students in Stage 2 try to convince their parents that they do not have homework. Each teacher sets weekly homework, which consists of a unit in the maths text book, writing out their spelling words and nightly reading recorded in their reading log. Some students also choose to take extension work, which may consist of more advanced maths problems or a vocabulary challenge. Parents, please support your child by providing a regular time and space for their homework and listening to them read. If your child is having particular difficulties, see their teacher for advice or modification.

### PORTFOLIOS

Many thanks to students who have already brought in their portfolio. Can we please ask parents to send one after the holidays if you haven't done so yet? You can purchase the maroon one with the school logo at our office, or any plain coloured folder with about 30 clear plastic sleeves (spiral binding). Thank you.

### DVD PERMISSION NOTES

Last week, we sent home notes with all Stage 2 parents to sign their permission for their child to watch films or DVDs with a PG rating. These may be a part of our history studies or sometimes even for entertainment during wet weather lunch. All films and short clips are carefully previewed or well known to teachers not to contain any unsafe or inappropriate content. Parents please make sure your note has been returned.

## **HAPPY EASTER AND HOLIDAY**

The Stage 2 teachers wish all our students and their families a very happy and chocolaty Easter, also a fun-filled, adventurous holiday. Wherever you go or stay, please keep safe, happy and optimistic. We look forward to welcoming refreshed, eager to learn boys and girls back at school on Tuesday 20 April. Happy Easter!!

## ***Stage 3 Information***

### **CROSS COUNTRY FACE PAINT FUNDRAISING**

Thanks to our House Captains and Vice Captains for managing the face painting. We made an amazing \$165!!!

### **MOBILE PHONE REMINDER**

A gentle reminder - any students who bring mobile phones to school must have read, sign and submitted the Mobile Phone Policy (See school website for a copy). All phone and Smartwatches must be handed to the front office upon arrival to school and picked up at the end of the day. Thank you for supporting this safety issue.

### **HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS**

It sure has been a busy and full term. Now is your chance to rest, relax and recoup some of that energy ready for Term 2, because it's going to be a fast paced one with one excursion, NAPLAN and reports!

All of Stage 3 wishes you a happy and safe holiday time and look forward to seeing you next term!

## ***Library***

A special Thank You to Mrs Chaisuphakij for all her help in covering many library books.

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Premier's Reading Challenge:

Miya Ness - 4 Cinnamon	Justin Zhao - 4 Cinnamon
Aisling Wong - 4 Saffron	Jessica Webster - 5/6 Sarsaparilla

The school holidays are a good opportunity to relax and enjoy reading a book or two. Keep on reading PPPS and don't forget to log your books onto the PRC website!!



## ***Band***

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Band resumes

Tue 20 April (Week 1)

### **ADJUSTED TIMETABLE**

Parents and band students, please note that there have been some slight changes to the band timetable. The new one has been emailed; please discard the old one to avoid confusion. One important change is that Senior band will now have their practice on Tuesday (instead of Monday) at lunchtime and Training band will be practising on Monday at lunchtime.

## **INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE**

Mrs McIlwaine has a number of instruments available, which would love to be played. The instruments which are looking for owners are: Flute, clarinet, saxophone, a baritone (with trolley) and a euphonium (with trolley).

Mrs McIlwaine will provide a few separate lessons for any new members, so they can catch up and be placed in a group.

If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, and think you may like to try joining, please see Mrs Stawski.

## **EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

What an amazing response we have had for our Easter raffle! The packed prizes look amazing! At the time of writing, the raffle had not been drawn, but by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have many happy winners! Thank you for supporting this worthwhile action - all money raised will be shared between the P&C and Band Committee and goes back to your school!

A very special *THANK YOU* must go Maria Musumeci and her assembly of wonderful helpers – Karen Friend, Kathryn Cannon and Connie Psomas. This is a big job and Maria is a dynamo - collecting donations each morning, organising the sale of raffle tickets and coordinating the packaging of the prize packs as well as Easter eggs for all K-2 students. We are all very appreciative of all you do Maria, and all the helpers and supporters!

## *Chess*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Chess Academy resumes	Wed 21 April
JCL Chess Comp starts	Fri 30 April

### **JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION**

The competition will begin on Friday of Week 2. We are still finalising groups and will notify successful applicants. However, the roster will not be issued until after the holidays. Thank you to all applicants and parents who are offering help to run the competition.

## *SRC*

### **BE MOTIVATED LAUNCH DAY**

SRC have been discussing some exciting ideas for different activities that will be happening on the 'Be Motivated' launch day which will occur mid next term. These activities will include STEM, creative, academic and sport challenges that will involve teamwork and be suitable for all year levels and a whole lot of fun! Mr Bowen is currently designing a poster for the new Learner Quality which will be revealed in early Term 2.

## *Sport Report*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

District Boys Football Trials	Wed 21 April
SSW 11 Years Boys Rugby League	Thu 22 April
SSW Open Rugby League	Mon 26 April
State Boys Basketball	Week 2
District Girls Netball Trials	Thu 29 April

## STATE SWIMMING

Yesterday, Logan Fischer competed at the State Swimming Championships at Homebush. He was competing against all the best freestyle swimmers in NSW and finished a very creditable 30<sup>th</sup> place. Well done Logan, a fantastic achievement!

Logan Fischer

30<sup>th</sup> 11 Years Freestyle

33.50

## DISTRICT GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Gracie Curtis and Suriya Royal for their selection into the East Hills District Football team. We wish them all the best when they participate in the SSW Football Championships on Thursday 6 May.

## DISTRICT BOYS OPENS RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Daniel Pevec and Jake Dodd for their selection into the East Hills District Rugby League team. We wish them all the best when they participate in the SSW Rugby League Championships on Monday 3 May.

## SSW BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

Last Wednesday the following students Daniel Pevec, Jacob Poole, Celine Alawieh, Kayla Bentley, Sarah Cannon, Emily Fisher, Tilly Fuz and Ava Hounslow competed at the Sydney South West Championships in Minto. It was an extremely successful day with both our East Hills boys and girls finishing Premiers on the day. Congratulations to all students who performed very well on the day. Special congratulations to Daniel Pevec who has been selected in the Sydney South West team. Celine Alawieh, Sarah Cannon, Emily Fisher, Tilly Fuz and Ava Hounslow has been named in the SSW squad which will be named at their next training session next term. We wish them all the best.

<b>BOYS</b>		<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
Round 1	Vs	Green Valley	won	27-16
Round 2	Vs	Campbelltown	won	32-6
Round 3	Vs	The Fields	won	19-16
Round 4	Vs	Razorback	won	25-14
Semi	Vs	Conveners	won	37-17
Final	Vs	Liverpool	won	21-19

<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
Round 1	Vs	Bankstown	won	20-0
Round 2	Vs	The Fields	won	40-4
Round 3	Vs	Liverpool	won	28-4
Round 4	Vs	Horsley	won	37-10
Semi	Vs	Conveners	won	38-6
Final	Vs	Green Valley	won	32-6

Congratulations also to Gracie Curtis, Grace Mitchell, Damon Beard, Jake Dodd, Blake Petrovski, Stephen Oloapu for their outstanding efforts on the day in the Conveners team. Both East Hills team met the Convener's team in the semi final and they put in a fantastic performance throughout the day.

<b>BOYS</b>		<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
Round 1	Vs	Lansdowne	won	18-15
Round 2	Vs	Horsley	won	20-10
Round 3	Vs	Bankstown	won	16-9
Round 4	Vs	Liverpool	draw	17-17
Semi	Vs	East Hills	lost	37-17

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Round 1	Vs	Razorback	won	21-10
Round 2	Vs	Green Valley	lost	26-8
Round 3	Vs	Campbelltown	won	24-6
Round 4	Vs	Razorback	won	16-8
Semi	Vs	East Hills	lost	37-17

### **FREE AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP**

Easter's coming soon and so are some exciting AFL Holiday Camps across Greater Sydney. If your child is looking for a great way to spend a day outside playing games, kicking goals and having lots of fun, please register your interest at <https://aflnswact.com.au/holidayprograms/> as they have limited spots. Best suited for kids aged 5 – 8 and the best part is, they are ABSOLUTELY FREE. Get in Fast!





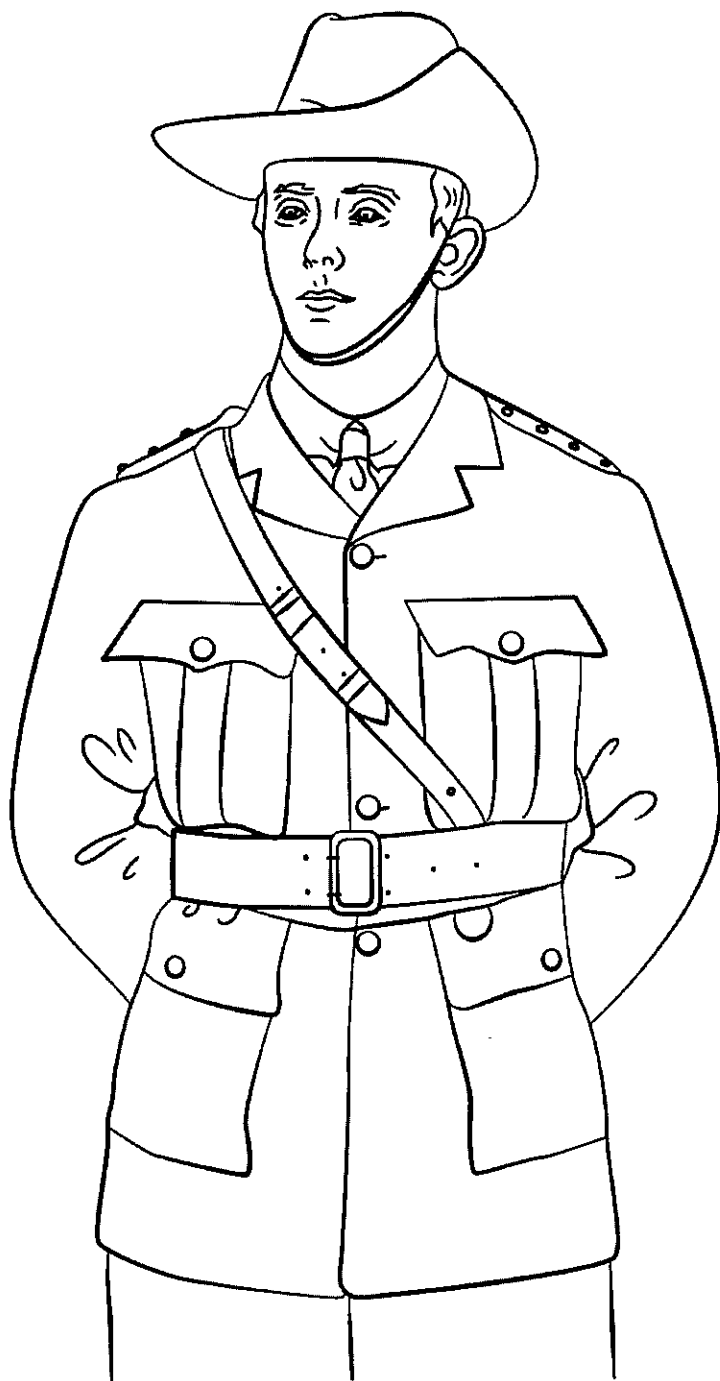
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# COLOURING COMPETITION

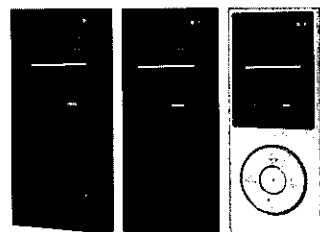
Open to Students in Years K-2

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions.

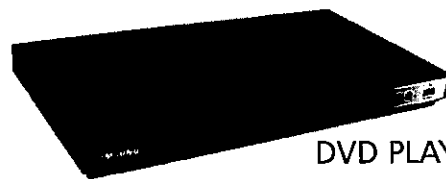
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SAPPER  
J ROBINSON

ANZAC School Initiatives

# CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Open to Students in Years 3-6

DESIGN AN INSPIRATIONAL POSTER

## 'My Community ANZAC celebrations'

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

"Design an inspirational poster on A4 paper. Entries will be judged on quality, meaning and creativity. Please ensure the students name grade and class are clearly included on both the poster and on the official ANZAC Day Initiatives entry form.

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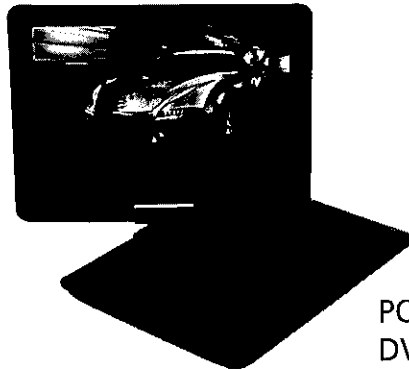
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# FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

FREE  
EVENT



**Festival of Democracy at the Parliament of NSW** these April school holidays

**Friday 16 April**

9 am - 10.20 am

10.30 am - 11.50 am

12 pm - 1.20 pm

1.30 pm - 3 pm

*(book for an 80 minute session)*

Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
- Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber
- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms
- Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



**FREE ENTRY (timed)**

Activities 9 am to 3 pm

**LOCATION**

Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street  
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

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