

Picnic Point Public School



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Whole School Information

UPCOMING EVENTS:

House Captain Forms (due by 3:00pm)	Mon 14 Nov
NRMA Road Safety Day K-6	Thu 17 Nov
Prefect Speeches and voting	Mon 21 Nov
House Captain Speeches	Thu 24 Nov
Belonging Day Picnic (ATSI students)	Thu 24 Nov
Band Jam Family Evening	Fri 25 Nov
Band Performance @Shine Bright	Mon 28 Nov
Performing Arts/Sports photos	Wed 30 Nov

WHAT'S DUE NOW:

Year 3 National Park Excursion
Year 6 T-Shirt
Year 6 Farewell
Year 6 Luna Park Excursion
P&C Sausage Sizzle special lunch

THANK YOU

A huge thank you for your support of the magnificent Colour Run! Thank you to the P&C for organising, especially Karen Friend. Thank you to Mrs Pryde for supporting all students to select their reward gifts. Thank you to all the teachers and students who participated in the incentive actions: sliming, water bombing, taping etc. Your amazing support not only helped the students to have a super fun Colour Run but is also supporting the playground upgrade. This new playground space will become a frequently used area for students and the community and is set to be installed over the holiday break ready for when the 2023 school year starts.

A huge thank you to Mr Taha Dirani and his worker who came to the rescue and assisted Mr Don and I to move a few tonnes of soil to the new front school garden, which was needed for preparing for the plants going in today. We are so very grateful for your service volunteered to our school. Thank you, also, to the Stage 3 boys who helped and thank you, Mrs Townsend! The 'Cooling Our Schools' staff came today – helping Mrs Townsend, Mr Robertson and Stage 2 students to plant 300 new plants and trees in our front gardens and Minimbah. Such valuable assets to our school!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU - BANKSTOWN EAST HILLS DISTRICT DANCE FESTIVAL

What a fantastic night we had at the Bankstown Dance Festival on Wednesday night! I'd like to congratulate our four dance groups who thrilled us with stunning performances. A huge thank you and congratulations to Mrs Austin, Mrs Plush, Mrs Black, Mrs Clarke, and Mrs Hayes, for their dedication, time and effort throughout the year to prepare our dancers. Thank you to the organising committee, for all the work put in to enable this fantastic festival to occur!

Congratulations to our wonderful dancers and their dedicated dance teachers for preparing the students with great choreography, wonderful costumes and the opportunity to perform for an audience. On behalf of the staff and students, I'd like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful parent volunteers who came in and assisted with costuming, hair and make-up prior to the performance. Special thanks to Mrs Peroni, Mrs Plush, and Mrs Madden for assisting with backstage.

Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to support and celebrate these talented students. Another special mention goes to our brave students Kaelyn Feng and Mai Tran, Suriya Royal and Elena Vidanovski, as well as Erin Black and Charlie Bayley (former PPPS students), who compered some of the events that spanned across five nights. We are so proud of the wonderful way you represented our school!

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Austin for coordinating the entire festival. It was truly fabulous to see this great event reinstated, (after missing out the last two years due to COVID) and give students in the Bankstown area some of the best memories that they will cherish for a lifetime.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our students who have been offered a place in an OC class for 2023. We will welcome new students from other schools as well as 4 of our own students to take up the 15 places at PPPS. Sadly, 3 students will be leaving us to take up positions in OC classes at other schools. We wish them all the best and will miss them. The OC Orientation is on Tuesday 29 November 2022. We will be sending out information shortly, with the placements being finalised next week.

Congratulations to Eesha Khan, on winning the Stage 1 Bankstown Network Public Speaking Final this year and representing Picnic Point Public School at the School Performance South Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition Grand Final being held at Cronulla South Public School on Wednesday 16 November 2022. We wish Eesha all the very best!

CANTEEN

Thank you to the many parents who continue to volunteer in the canteen. Volunteering in the canteen keeps our costs to students down to a minimum. Not only that, but it is a great way to connect with your child and their friends, as most students love it when mummy or daddy work in the canteen. Please be aware that despite having a Canteen Manager, we still very much rely on our parent volunteers.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leadership Team for their excellent Remembrance Ceremony held today. Thank you for sending in the floral tributes to support this remembrance ceremony. These were laid at the Lone Pine – to be the site of the new War Memorial. Thank you to Mr Bowen for preparing and supporting them. We are so proud of our student leaders!

ROAD SAFETY - KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE & RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS

Over the past week, I have received information from a few concerned parents and residents who have seen vehicles double-parked, parked across driveways and making U-turns on double lines at pick-up and drop-off times. The safety of all our children is paramount and I urge everyone to please respect the rules of the road in order to keep our children safe, and to also respect our neighbours by parking appropriately and allowing them to enter and exit their driveways as they need to. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support when driving around our school to ensure that all students are safe.

EXCURSIONS

This term there are excursions or incursions booked for most grades. Year 2 students went to the Environmental Education Centre last week and had a wonderful time. Year 1 students went to the Sydney Zoo on Thursday and were engaged and enjoyed all the activities.

Still to come – (Notes and money are overdue).

- a road safety incursion by the NRMA for K-6 on the 17 November (no cost).
- Year 2 have a waste incursion in the hall on 1 December.
- Year 3 will be visiting the National Park on Monday 5 December.
- Year 6 will be travelling to Luna Park on 9 December.
- Carlingford High School Band will be providing a performance for Years K-5 on 9 December (no cost).

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Karen Sellick
Principal

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 every moment.



Why Mindful?

Students who can recognise the 'why' behind their emotions, actions and learning are able to be in control of these aspects of their lives. They can 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/>)

Stage 1

YEAR 2 GREEK EXCURSION

Last week our Year 2 students visited the Georges River Environmental Education Centre. We explored Chipping Norton Lake and discussed environmental factors affecting the Georges River. The students thoroughly enjoyed the bird spotting and looking for evidence of animal life. They actively participated in hands on activities and were able to view a range of native flora and fauna. All students were thoroughly engaged and actively participated throughout the day.

YEAR 1 SYDNEY ZOO EXCURSION

Yesterday our Year 1 students went to Sydney Zoo. They were extremely excited, and the weather was amazing. We were lucky enough to participate in a First Nations workshop, where we learnt about First Nation tools and the students had the opportunity to have their face or arms painted. We saw a variety of Australian animals and were amazed at the size of the saltwater crocodile. The behaviour of the students was exceptional.

PRAC TEACHERS

For the last 3 weeks, Stage 1 have been fortunate to have the following pre-service teachers on Kindy Codfish and 1/2 Piranha: Tiffany Huang, Madalyn Mourdoukoutas and Sarah Mok. The kids have thoroughly enjoyed having them in our classrooms and we wish them all the best in their further studies.

Stage 2

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Anushka Lee
- Safa Safi-Stanley

YEAR 3 EXCURSION

Year 3 excursion to the Education Centre at Royal National Park, Audley is scheduled for Monday 5 December. Notes are available on School Bytes. If you require a paper note, please contact the school office. Please return your permission and payments promptly.

PORTFOLIOS

We need to have all students' portfolios urgently, please! Students are starting to categorise their work samples and having it organised helps them to reflect and review their efforts. Portfolios can be purchased from the school office.

EQUIPMENT

Although we are in Term 4, students need to have their equipment ready each day. There is an increasing number of students coming to school with no pencils, pens, rulers and erasers. All Stage 2 teachers report a critical shortage of pencils, although teachers themselves have purchased many packets throughout the year. Parents, please send your child with the right basic items.

BEHAVIOUR

Term 4 can be a testing time and we are noticing an increasing number of short tempers and disputes in the playground. It is important to discuss these issues with your child each day, check how their day was and give them advice on best ways to handle conflict. We have regular discussions in the classrooms as well as one on one conversations and would really appreciate support at home, so that we are working as a team for the benefit of every child.

Stage 3

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Madina Safi-Stanley
- Zahraa Medlej

BEHAVIOUR

It's that time of the year where we must crack down on behaviour. Coming into the last 5 weeks of school it is going to get very busy and we cannot let our standards slip. The seniors have been pushing the boundaries and we request your support to ensure that they have the best end to the school year. With that in mind, we would welcome you having a discussion with your child about appropriate behaviour that aligns with our school values.

DEVICES

We are finding that many students are coming to school without their devices or without them being charged. We fully understand that if their device has broken, we don't expect you to purchase a new one. However, we do not have enough devices to supplement all students. Having an uncharged device will mean that the students won't be able to borrow one of the school's spares. We are seeking your support to remind the students to charge their devices before school.

2023 PREFECT PREPOLL

Last week the student nominees for the 2023 Leadership Team presented their short speeches in the hope of running for office next year. Although many were nervous, the students spoke bravely and confidently. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the speeches given and are confident that all those successful will indeed be good leaders of Picnic Point Public School.

House Captain and Vice-Captain notes were handed out after the announcement of the ten girls and boys who are going on to the next round of voting. We strongly encourage all those who did not get through to put their hand up for these roles. Please note that the time for the return of the notes is **Monday 14 November by 3:00pm**.

We are very proud of all the students who put themselves out there for a leadership role. This is a very difficult thing to do and it takes all the Learner Qualities to do so.

YEAR 6 SHIRTS 2023

Thank you to Mrs Gray for all her hard work and organisation in getting the shirts ready for our 2023 Year 6 cohort. The design that has been chosen is fantastic! These shirts are not compulsory however the Year 6's love wearing them on Fridays and other days where we have a chance.

The orders must be in by Friday 18 November 2022 as the final order will be placed on Tuesday 22 November! This will mean we receive the shirts early next year and the students can have them within the first few weeks of the 2023 school year.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The notes have gone home!!! The farewell is at Revesby Workers in the Waratah Room on **Thursday 15 December Week 10**. Preparations are well underway.

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

Also are there any budding cake makers/decorators out there who would like to volunteer to make our cupcakes for the night? We usually have about 70 cupcakes plus a smaller cake for official cutting. Please let Mrs Chatt or the office know if you would have the time. We do reimburse for the cost of ingredients.

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family Band Jam	Fri 25 Nov (TBC)
Preschool Performance	Mon 28 Nov (TBC)

BAND COMMITTEE 2023

Just a reminder that we will need new parents to join our committee in 2023. Many hands make light work, so please come to our AGM in Term 1. The exact date will be advised.

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

The Concert Band performed at our 60th Anniversary Festival and what a hit it was! They looked beautiful in their band uniforms, which have not been worn for so long! They really did us all proud and it was wonderful to see the joy and pride on their parents' and grandparents' faces! We are hoping to enjoy such events more frequently! Well done band!

FAMILY BAND JAM

The family Band Jam evening has been planned for Week 7 this term (Friday 25 November). A note has been sent home for families to indicate their expression of interest and ability to attend on the day. Many thanks to the parents who already returned their intentions. Please return your response as soon as possible to help us with planning and to confirm that the event will go ahead.

PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE

We are still negotiating with Shine Bright Preschool and hope to fit the visit in this term. This excursion looks to go ahead on Monday 28 November. More information will be sent soon.

JOINING THE BAND FOR 2023

We will be holding an 'Orientation Day' in Week 7, with band students giving a little concert for all Year 2 students, showing the variety of instruments we have available and answering questions. Expression of interest notes will be sent home and any new students joining the band will be issued with instruments and a beginner tutorial before the end of term. They will have a chance to become familiar with their instrument and practise during the holidays. This is not limited to Year 2 students – any student in Years 2-5 can join the band for 2023 or re-join if they had previously left or decided to have a break.

Library

TOOL DONATIONS NEEDED

We are planning to create a makerspace in our school library in 2023 for students to access voluntarily during library lunchtimes. Our makerspace will provide students with the means to allow their curiosity and creativity to guide them with a number of options for exploring and making whilst also working on problem solving and collaborative skills.

To help start this initiative, we are asking our school community to donate any unwanted screwdrivers (of any shape or size). If you have any items you wish to donate, please hand them in at the office.

BORROWING

Next week will be the last week students may borrow books from our library for the year. Books must be returned in Week 8. As always, please ensure that your child has a library bag.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Thank you to those families who have hunted for overdue library books at home and found them! Please ensure that all books are returned to the library by Week 8 to assist us complete our stocktake process.

Gardening Club

COOLING THE SCHOOLS PLANTING DAY

Today our Stage 2 students have participated in a "Cooling the Schools" planting day. The amazing educators from Greening Australia guided our students through the planting process, which will help cool our neighbourhood, support native pollinators (including our new stingless bees!) and create habitat for plants and animals. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant to participate in this program which will create a healthier school for our students to learn and explore.

Sport

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PSSA semi finals	Fri 11 Nov
PSSA Finals	Fri 18 Nov

PSSA SEMI FINALS

Congratulations to our junior and senior touch girls who defeated Padstow Heights in the semi-finals today. The girls will now play in the Grand Final against Panania North next Friday at Kelso South. Good luck girls!



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

END OF YEAR P&C BBQ – Final P&C Meeting for the year!

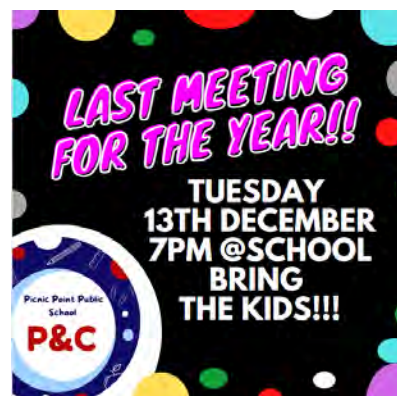
Our final meeting for the year is Tuesday 13th December 2022.

To celebrate our wonderful school community and all our volunteers we invite all Parents & Carers, Members & Non Members to join us for a BBQ at 6pm located outside the Canteen.

Hopefully you can then join us for our last meeting to commence at 7pm. Everyone is invited to come along and we will have a movie playing in the hall to entertain the kids ... so bring them along too!!!

An event will be created on the P&C Facebook page shortly, so if you could indicate whether you are coming along that would be great just so we can organise catering.

We look forward to seeing you all there!!!



P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH – TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

We are holding another sausage sizzle day! A sausage on a roll may be ordered by students and teachers at a cost of \$3.50 each or a meal deal including a drink for \$5.00.

Beef or halal chicken sausages with or without sauce must be pre-ordered either online using My School Connect (Tuckshop – Special Food Day) or you can complete a paper order form and return it to the office with your money (cash only).

All orders must be made by Thursday 17th November 2022 to assist with catering quantities.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist on the day to help cook the sausages and pack the lunch orders, so if you are free to help between 10.30am to 12.30pm please contact Kaz Paxton on 0431 388 773.



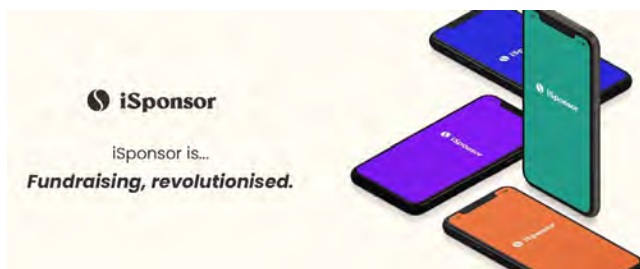


iSPONSOR APP

You may have seen some recent posts on our Facebook page promoting Prime Cut Gourmet Meats at Padstow along with the use of iSponsor.

iSponsor is a shopping gateway that serves as a fundraising opportunity for organisations like the P&C. As a parent or community member, you simply download the app to your phone or device which allows you to make purchases through the app and each time you do a % of the money spent is returned to the P&C as income.

So this means, a % of every dollar you were already going to spend on say a holiday away or maybe new sports shoes for the kids, could now actually make a difference to the our P&C and ultimately our school.



With the upcoming Black Friday Sales and Christmas only 45 days away this is a great opportunity for you to fundraise and support the P&C and the school simply by making your purchases using the app.

Details on how to download the app and setup your account including nominating the P&C as a beneficiary are attached to this newsletter.

COLOUR RUN WRAP UP

With the last of the major colour run incentives – Seniors Water Bomb Leadership Team Session playing out yesterday ... the next lot of anticipation will be around the prize delivery to school. We have received the last of the cash donations through & now it's over to the School Fun Run Team to pick & pack all of those amazing prizes and ship them to us at the School.

Patience is a virtue ... please remind the Children that as soon as we get them we will work on getting them out to everyone as quickly as possible... but it will take a few weeks before they will come.

We also need to make a very special mention & Thank You to Menai Orthodontics. Without their generous sponsorship we would not have had such an amazing event without the fabulous Foam Cannon which was the highlight for many a Child & Adult on the day.

Thank you all again for a fantastic Colour Run Event!!!



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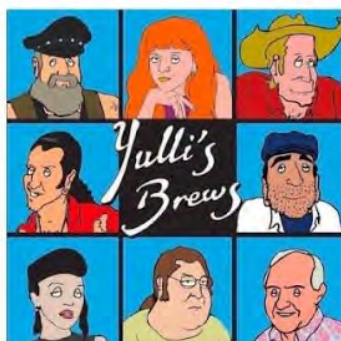
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