

Picnic Point Public School



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Kalori 29
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Whole School Information

UPCOMING EVENTS:

New Parent Kindy 2023 Meeting 7:00pm
Semester 2 Reports Home
P&C BBQ & Meeting 6:00pm School Hall
Party Day
Presentation Day
Talent Quest and **Last day for students K - 6**
Staff Development Days (No students)

Mon 12 Dec
Tue 13 Dec
Tue 13 Dec
Wed 14 Dec
Thu 15 Dec
Fri 16 Dec
Mon 19 Dec & Tue 20 Dec

WHAT'S DUE NOW

Year 6 Farewell
2023 Senior Camp Term 1

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our band members who performed for the preschool children at Shine Bright Early Learning Centre and thank you to Mrs McIlwaine and Mrs Stawski and the parents who assisted. The pre-schoolers loved the performance! It was great to have Carlingford HS band visit and perform for our students today! All the students loved this experience where we sang, danced and moved to the awesome student band.

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Card Competitions for Wendy Lindsay, Member for East Hills, and David Coleman, Federal Member for Banks. Congratulations to Angelina Nikolovski, Addison and Aiden Pearce, Manon Bayley and Olivia Dzheoshvili who received awards for their awesome Christmas Card entries and were invited (with their parents) to a special afternoon tea at Wendy's office on 7 December at 3:30pm. Congratulations to Flynn and William McGuigan who were chosen for PPPS, among the winning entrants, and invited (with their parents) to the Banks Christmas Card Competition Presentation at St Joseph's, Riverwood today at 11:30am.

Thank you to all our scripture teachers for their service to the school over the year. Scripture has now finished for the year and will resume in 2023. It was lovely to acknowledge the work of our scripture teachers and some of our parent volunteers at our Thank You Morning Tea last week. Thank you to Karen Paxton for creating many of the yummy treats.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted with the ice cream spider days. The weather was perfect for this sweet canteen special treat. Please note that our Hungry Hive – our Canteen's new name – will be closed for stocktaking and cleaning and will not operate in this last week of school. A huge thank you to the many parent volunteers as well as Karen Paxton and Vicki Brown for helping provide this canteen service for our students. Without your support, we would not have an operational canteen.

It was a privilege to celebrate Mr Daniel Belgre receiving the Greg Way Award for outstanding service to Sydney South West (SSW) sport at the Blues Awards Ceremony this week! His citation was in the last Kalori.

END OF YEAR P&C BBQ – FINAL P&C MEETING FOR THE YEAR!

The final P&C meeting for the year is Tuesday 13 December. To celebrate our wonderful school community and all our volunteers we invite you to join us for a BBQ at 6:00pm located outside the Canteen. Then hopefully you can join our last meeting to commence at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to come along and we will have a movie playing in the hall if you need to bring the kids!

Please RSVP for catering purposes via the School Bytes note that was emailed home to families.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS and PORTFOLIOS

Semester 2 reports and portfolios go home on Tuesday 13 December. The teachers have worked very hard on these reports to communicate the important learning achievements and goals of our students. We all know that this is an extremely busy time of year for everyone, but we ask that you make the time to sit down with your child to discuss their progress throughout Semester 2. The children have all made progress which we know you would be extremely proud of, and they all have their goals to aspire to in 2023.

We thank you once again for your continued support in encouraging your children to follow our school motto, 'Strive to Excel', practise our Learner Qualities and continually aim for their personal best. Celebrating their successes and supporting them with future goals in a positive and optimistic way is most important and will strengthen the relationship between your child, you, and the school. If you have any concerns or issues, please contact your child's teacher for an appointment.

TALENT QUEST

Bring on your talent for our annual Talent Quest on the last day for students Friday 16 December – our students last day for the year. Students just need to bring their music on a USB and pre pay 50c entry fee per student per item. They are only permitted a maximum of 2 items. Items must be under 3 mins and can be solo, duet or small group performance, involving singing, dancing, drama or playing a musical instrument. There will be prizes awarded on the day.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2023

The end of the year always brings staff changes for the following year. We are very grateful for the work of the following staff members who will sadly not be returning in their current roles in 2023: A huge thank you to: *Mr Iain Robertson, Mrs Emma Mayorga, Mr Brett Dodd, Mrs Erin Wright, Mrs Paula Abdennour, Mrs Veronica Jaure and Mr Bill Narris*. Mrs Deb Psomadellis will also continue to take leave for Term 1.

We wish Mrs Mayorga, Mrs Jaure, Mr Narris and Mrs Abdennour all the best as they have secured work in other schools that are closer to their home. We thank them for the wonderful contributions they have made teaching and supporting our students over the years.

We congratulate Mrs Wright and her family on the recent birth of their son, Liam and look forward to Mrs Wright returning to PPPS in the future. Mrs Wright was an amazing support teacher who caught up a lot of gaps for many of our students.

We are looking forward to Mr Roberston and Mr Dodd returning in a casual teaching capacity at PPPS next year, as they also pursue other ventures. We thank them for the wonderful contributions they have made teaching and supporting our students in recent years.

We will communicate some new staff members joining the PPPS crew in 2023 in our first Kalori back.

PARTY IN A BOX

This year the staff decided to support the idea of a 'party in a box' for our class party day on Wednesday 14 December. The Office staff organised 'party in a box' for the teaching staff on World Teachers Day last year and it was a treat! There are some great ideas which you may wish to plan and action for your child/ren. Here are a couple of birthday examples, but you can make it what you wish:



GRASS GATE CLOSED FOR WEEK 10

As works will begin on the construction of our BASC (Before and After School Care) Hub. We apologise but the grass gate will be closed for our last week. Please arrange with your child/ren to use the Thomas Street (Hall) gate or Prince Street gate for the last week of school.

LAST DAY HONOUR GUARD

On the last day of school – Friday 16 December - we will be having a guard of honour for our Year 6 leavers and any other student leaving the school. All K - 5 Students will form a tunnel that will snake around the playground. The students will clap as the leavers walk through. Parents are welcome to watch on school grounds this year.

REQUIREMENTS

Early next week you will be emailed the 2023 requirement lists for all Stages. For those who celebrate Christmas, some of the things on these lists will make excellent stocking fillers or presents! The lists will be available on the school's website next week for easy access while shopping.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Year 3 teachers and Year 6 teachers for organising and taking our Year 3 and Year 6 on excursions in these last weeks. It provides a great opportunity for our students to learn in context.

Thank you to Prime Cut Gourmet who are going to donate back to the P&C \$5 for every ham or turkey our parents or carers purchase and \$15 if you purchase both. So, either pop in store or order over the phone on 9773 4871 and make sure you let Stephen or his team know that you are from Picnic Point Public School.

I am very grateful to our fantastic students, staff, parents/carers, and community here at Picnic Point Public School. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to the opportunity to once again lead a Presentation Day with parents in attendance this Thursday 15 December.

Karen Sellick
Principal

Shared Language of Learning

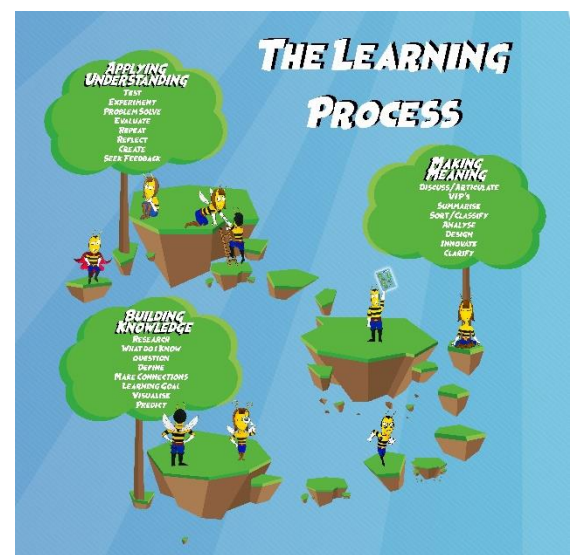
THE LEARNING PROCESS

"Knowing how to learn is the most powerful tool of all"

Definition

The Learning Process represents the steps we go through when learning new information or when learning/improving a skill. The Learning Process in itself is a skill, meaning it can be learnt and improved. It consists of three fluid stages: Building Knowledge, Making Meaning and Applying Understanding.

Building Knowledge is the process of researching and gathering information before we start. Making Meaning is our ability to understand the information we have gathered and use it to make a plan forward. Applying Understanding is putting our plan in to action through experimenting and trialling. If it works, great, if it doesn't work, we need to reflect and go back through the steps to work out if we need to build more knowledge or make better meaning of our information.



Why The Learning Process?

By our students understanding and being able to recognise and break down the steps that they go through when learning new information and skills, they are able to start becoming self-sufficient learners. They are able to see what they want to achieve and make a detailed plan using the process about how they are going to get there. They develop the ability to become in control of when, how and what they learn because they become able to understand and recognise where they are and what they have to do to achieve what they want. It instils the ideals that 'I can accomplish whatever I put my mind to'.

Language of Learning Challenge

Pick a task you have never completed before, it can be building something, learning a new skill or recipe. While you complete it, see if you can recognise yourself moving through the steps of Building Knowledge (Pinterest, google, books, where do I start?), Making Meaning (how is this going to work for my situation? What's my plan?), Applying Understanding (We have a plan, let's give it a go?). If it doesn't turn out the way you thought, see which step you might need to revisit to make it so.

Stage 1

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Manon Bayley
- Mia Psomas
- Samah Dirani

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students on a fabulous year. We have seen you all blossom and mature and are now ready to move on to the next chapter of your schooling. We have certainly seen our students continue to embrace our Learner Qualities and we look forward to starting 2023 with our brave, curious, optimistic, motivated, gritty, collaborative, mindful and reflective learners.

I would like to acknowledge my amazing team for the passion, dedication, and commitment they show in providing the best possible learning environment for your children. 2022 has been a busy but successful year and I feel privileged to work with such talented teachers, supportive parents, and enthusiastic children every single day. Picnic Point is certainly a great place to work!

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

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CALMSLEY HILL FARM

It was a beautiful day last Thursday, as our excited little Kindy kids 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 whipcracking, sheep shearing and dog shows! It was a fantastic day!

CLASS PARTIES

Class Parties & Secret Gift Exchange information came home this week. Could gifts please be sent into school by Monday 12 December.

TALENT QUEST

Our Year 6 students will be available every morning from 8:30am to take names for any student who would like to participate in this year's Talent Quest. Entry is 50 cents per person per item.

PLASTIC BAGS

Could all students please bring in either a plastic bag or their library bag by Monday 12 December to bring home their books and work. Thank you.

REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023

Next week a note will come home regarding requirements that they will need for next year. There might be some good ideas for stocking fillers!

LIBRARY, HOMEWORK AND HOME READERS

Today was the final week for homework and home readers. Please make sure that all home readers are returned on Monday. Library books must be returned ASAP as stock take is already underway.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

Next week a note will come home with important dates for 2023. Please add these dates to your calendar.

GYMNASTRIX

Next week culminates our gymnastics program and the improvement in all students has been impressive. Many students have shown talent in this area and it has been wonderful to see the improved strength, balance and coordination of many students. All classes have absolutely loved this opportunity and we thank Mrs Peroni for organising this program.

STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS

I would like to thank our SLSO teachers for their amazing support this year with our students. Thank you, Miss Rebecca, Mrs Pryde, Miss Cindy, Miss Paula and Mrs Burdon, the students and teachers really appreciate all your help.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mrs Austin, Miss Romeo, Mrs Plush, Miss Hannon, Mrs Pokorny, Miss Winks, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Peroni, Mr Burdon, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Wright, Mrs Weissel and Mrs Byrnes wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year! Enjoy all the festivities with your families and take the time to put your feet up and relax! Stay safe!

Stage 2

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Kingsley Shum
- Cassidy Bowler

YEAR 3 EXCURSION

Last Monday, Year 3 enjoyed an excursion to the Royal National Park at Audley. We learnt many facts and interesting information about native plants, animals and looking after the environment. The students observed features in the bush and measured the weather, using special instruments. We also looked for animal shelters such as tree hollows, possum nests and wombat holes in the ground. Uncle Shane, an Aboriginal elder, told us a fascinating dreamtime story of the Darawal 'whale' people. Most students displayed excellent behaviour and respect – well done!

GYMNASTRIX SWAP NEXT WEEK

Parents please note that due to organisational circumstances, we've had to make small changes in the gym timetable for next week:

3 Axolotl – Tuesday (sport uniform)

3/4 Orca – Wednesday 9.00 am (Mufti)

4 Dolphin – Wednesday 9.35 am (Mufti)

Please ensure the Wednesday groups have appropriate footwear. Their mufti clothes should not be restrictive in any way, as the last gym session is very active. Alternately, they could wear their sport uniform and change into their mufti clothes after the session. Thank you for your support.

GIFT EXCHANGE AND PARTY DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

The gift exchange is an exciting tradition which teaches the children many social concepts – giving and accepting gracefully, compassion and kindness. It is also a positive and happy culmination to a year's achievements together. A note has gone home explaining how this exchange works, also explaining that children are to bring their own party food - 'Party in a Box', due to the department's recommendations around Covid 19.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023

Christmas is a good time to replenish some of those stationery items that have been lost or retired. Your child will need at least the following items:

- 4 Lead pencils HB each term (not pacer pencils)
- 30cm Ruler with millimetre markings (no metal or 'bendy' rulers please)
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Coloured pencils or Crayons (wind-up type)
- Textas (maximum 24 pack)
- Scissors
- 1 Pencil case (no bigger than 30cm x 12cm)
- 2 Boxes of tissues (for class use)
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 1 A4 lined Homework book
- Library bag

Year 4 and Year 5 (2023) will also need a device (laptop). If your child was in Year 4 this year, they may already have one, as we start using them from Year 4. This device will be sufficient right through senior school.

If your child was in Year 3 this year, we ask that you think about buying them a device and a note with specifications and advice will be coming home next week.

Please note that no child will be disadvantaged if they don't have their own device – they will have the use of a school Chromebook.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Stage 2 teachers take this opportunity to wish all our students and families a great holiday, enjoyable Christmas and all the best in the New Year. We wish our Year 4 students a smooth and happy transition to senior school!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support, particularly parents who made the time to help in some way, no matter how big or small – driving, helping on special days, attending interviews and school events, organising activities for our 60th Festival and many other examples.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the dedicated Stage 2 teachers for their incredibly hard work, endless hours face to face and behind the scenes, collegiality and always a 'can do' attitude. Heartfelt thanks to **Mr Iain Robertson, Mrs Deb Psomadellis, Mrs Tania Black, Mrs Emma Mayorga, Mr Brett Dodd**; our science and technology support – **Mrs Janelle Townsend** and **Mrs Pammie Chatterton**, music and well-being support – **Mrs Gail Byrnes** and **Mrs Kristen Weissel**.

We are sad to see Mrs Mayorga leave us to take a position closer to home and we wish her all the best in her new school.

Sonia Stawski

Stage 3

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

- Madina Safi-Stanley
- Mackenzie Bowler
- Jayden Federico
- George Psomas

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

We are reaching out to see if there are any Year 6 parents who would be able to help us take the signature bears up to the club and help set up the table decorations after the Presentation Day assembly? This would be so helpful as it's going to be a very full day!

2023 REQUIREMENTS

The current and incoming Stage 3 students will be issued with a list of requirements and a BYOD note for 2023. Now is a good time to be thinking of getting these while the sales are on for Christmas and New Year's. We encourage all families to ensure that all items and belongings are clearly labelled.

PARTY DAY

All classes will be celebrating the end of year with a class party. Everyone was issued a note concerning a gift exchange and a 'Party in a Box' for the day.

We have encouraged the students to remember you get what you get and you don't get upset, please make sure that if you are participating in the gift exchange you have your gift to school by Monday 12 December. Thanks for your assistance and understanding.

AND AS THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE.....

We have seen some of our Year 6 students grow and develop from the time they were in strollers to the present - fine young citizens ready to take their place in the world. We wish them every success and happiness with their high school challenges.

Our current Year 5 students give us great confidence as our leaders of 2023 and we encourage them to aim high, work hard but still enjoy the delights of being a child.

To our parents - we thank you for your support, understanding and confidence in us in guiding your child's educational, social and emotional journey.

To my Stage 3 colleagues - Mrs Louise Allen, Mr Ben Bowen, Mrs Glenys Collinet, Mrs Fiona Gray, Mrs Christy Hayes, Mrs Nicky Perantuono and Mrs Janelle Townsend - it has been an honour and privilege to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team this year.

Merry Christmas and safe holidays to all.

Library

We would like to thank the following parents for volunteering to cover new book resources needed for next year.

Cindy Zhao, Christine Tadros, Jenny Zhuang and Ketu Ristevska

Band

BAND JAM AND PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Many thanks again to all the parents and students who attended our Band Jam – it was a wonderful, enjoyable evening with everyone having lots of fun. We will try to have another one perhaps in Term 1 or early Term 2 next year and possibly a second one later.

The performance at Shine Bright preschool was an absolute delight, well worth the effort! The little children loved watching and listening to their older role models and happily joined in with percussion instruments. Definitely another opportunity we will include on our 2023 calendar!

Many thanks to the parents helping on the day – we couldn't do it without you!

BAND PERFORMANCE ON PRESENTATION DAY

Our band will be performing at the start of Presentation Day on Thursday 15 December. Please ensure your son/daughter brings their music on the day. They will be wearing their normal school summer uniform. Some musicians have also been asked to play an interlude between various presentation groups.

TALENT QUEST

Please remember that we are always on the lookout for all kinds of performances for our Talent Quest (Fri 16 Dec)! We would like to see some of our band students come forward and register with Mrs Austin. Our Band Jam evening was so successful – some of those groups of musicians could perform exactly what they did on the night, as the school has not seen their acts!

YEAR 2 RECRUITS

Thank you to all those enthusiastic musicians joining the band for next year! Mrs McIlwaine has seen most of them and allocated instruments. All seem happy even if they didn't get their first choice – it is important to have a well-balanced band. Mrs Mac will give them all another lesson and some notes next Monday or Tuesday so that they are set for the holidays and can start practising.

Choir

SENIOR CHOIR

It is the end of another busy year and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and end of year. Our choir was very successful this year and it was a delight to share the love of music and organise the opportunity for our members to perform and show their talents. I wish you all well in 2023.

Sport

BASKETBALL ACADEMY FINALS

We had 5 teams advance to the finals in basketball academy and were very pleased with our 2 wins from our junior and senior boys.

The Senior Boys 1 (Lincon Firmstone, Toby Mitas, Stephen Oloapu, Lewis Sinclair, Lauchlan Smith, Beau Stavely and Edward Williams) are to be congratulated on their hard fought win in the final against Milperra 29-22. With Stephen out injured, the boys showed maturity as they stepped up and played a great game of basketball. Outstanding teamwork by all boys and excellent defence kept the opposition out of the key and unable to score on many possessions. A huge thank you to Glen Williams for coaching the boys the entire season, Alisa Sinclair for managing the team and Daniel Stavely for doing bench every week. Well done boys! So happy to see you finish your primary school academy on a high!

Our Junior Boys 2, (Jude Ammoun, Blake Bell, Yousef Helwe, Kobe Lyons, William McGuigan, Zac Mitas, and Jace Necovski) met an improved Padstow Heights team in the finals. After a dominant season we were definitely going into this game as the team to beat. We started well and led by 10 for the majority of the game. Padstow Heights fought hard in the second half and pulled back the margin to within 2 points in the final minutes. Thankfully, the boys held on and were excited victors. You have definitely improved throughout the season boys. A huge thank you to Alicia Seledec for coaching the team, Alicia Bell for always doing bench every week and Yussra Helwe for being the team manager. A huge congratulations to all boys!

The junior girls 1 (Leola Firmstone, Elise Hounslow, Anushka Lee, Hazel Watters, Zarlle Hudson, Tamina Mourad and Phoebe Yan) final, saw a match up between Milperra. We had had close games all year against this team and the final would be no different. We definitely had our opportunities, with plenty of shots around the basket, however the rebounding by Milperra saw them pick up second chance opportunities and finish the game 29-24. A huge thank you to Mel Watters for coaching these girls all season, Adam Lee for managing the team and Ian Hounslow for doing bench every week.

The Senior Girls 1 (Gracie Curtis, Hazel Curtis, Zoe Hancock, Daniela Katzakis, Tavleen Kaur and Bethany Loyman) were ready for the battle against Milperra White in the final. The girls had a great first half showing their talent and determination to get to the basket. Unfortunately, that was not always rewarded and Milperra pulled the margin back in the second half. Milperra totally towered over us and with Gracie fouling out with a minute to go this saw our little guards trying to match up on girls twice their size. The score was even at full time and we would go into another overtime game. 3 minutes extra time and no subs available, saw us go down 33-29 but it was not without hard work and effort. Congratulations girls on your achievements this year and a massive thank you to Sue Curtis for coaching the girls this season and to Steve Hancock for managing the team.

Our Senior Boys 3 (Zack Iskandar, William Lawson, Adi Lee, Flynn McGuigan, Owen Tanner and William Tju) came up against RWC and it was a close battle from the tip off. We played some great basketball in the first half going basket for basket and were right in it. It was a very exciting second half but some missed opportunities around the basket and not getting back on defence allowed the other team to edge ahead and run out winners 29-23. I am very proud of the improvement in these boys and the commitment each week to each other and their basketball. A huge thank you to Danielle Lawson for subbing the boys on and off every week, to Yen Tanner for managing the team and to Adam Lee for doing the bench every week. Congratulations on your runners up this season boys!

Thank you to all the other parents (Sam Abdulwahab, Scott Bentley, Mel Lockhart, Eliana Toumazis, Sherry Tran, Hass and Rema Najjarine, Amy Winks, Loula Dassakis, Cleo Xu, Melanie Clasper and Leisa Astill, who assisted in coaching, managing and scoring throughout the season. We couldn't have done it without you and really appreciate your help. Thank you to Mrs Pokorny for always assisting me at training.



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

P&C ICE CREAM SPIDER DAY

Thank you to all the parents that supported the special day this week. We hope the students enjoyed these tasty cold treats.

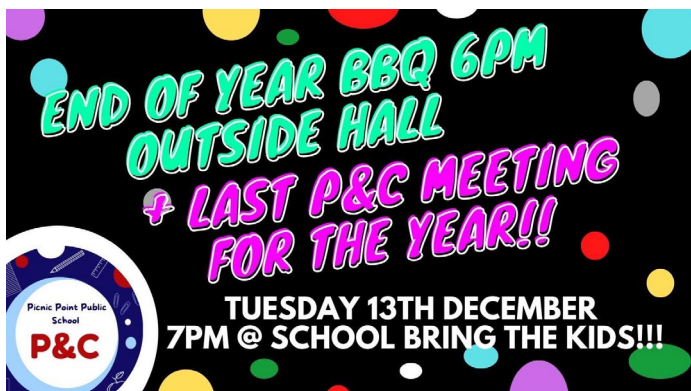
A big thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers and our canteen supervisor, Kaz, who scooped all the ice cream and filled the cups. Thank you also to Mrs Trees, Miss Rebecca and Mrs Pryde for their assistance as well.



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 you to join us for a BBQ at 6:00pm located outside the Canteen and hopefully you can then join us for our last meeting to commence at 7:00pm.

Everyone is invited to come along and we will have a movie playing in the hall if you need to bring the kids!





NAME THE CANTEEN COMPETITION

Thank you to all the students who entered the Name the Canteen Competition. We had over 300 entries and they were all great ideas.

The SRC held a meeting last week and decided on the new name. This name was submitted by Jacinta in Orca and she was given a \$25 credit in My School Connect and next year will get the chance to "cut the ribbon" when the new sign is installed once Mr Bowen and the SRC design the new logo.



CANTEEN NEWS

Today was the last day of canteen for 2022.

Thank you to our canteen staff, Kaz and Vicki, for all their work and also to our wonderful parent volunteers who have assisted throughout the year.

We know our students and parents appreciate everything you do and we look forward to new things to come in 2023.

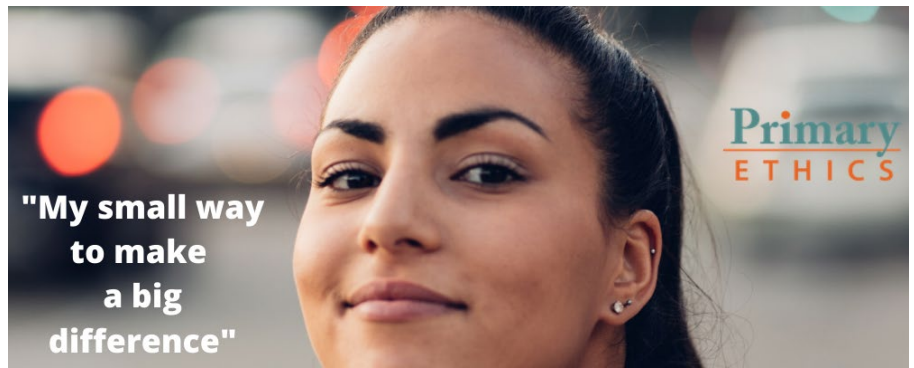
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Come teach ethics at Picnic Point Public School

We are building an ethics program at Picnic Point Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers.

Ethics lessons are now offered to students in Year 1 up to Year 6. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We have children on waitlists for kindergarten and Year 5 and want to give them the opportunity to take part in ethics. To do that we need more volunteers to teach.

We always need more volunteer ethics teachers so that all parents have the option of choosing ethics classes for their child.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week on Fridays at 9:00 am to 9:30 am (K, Year 1 and 2) or at 9:30 am to 10:00 am (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You will join a great community of Primary Ethics volunteers – at Picnic Point Public School and across NSW. You'll have the rewarding opportunity of listening to the fantastic students at our school and helping them grow. You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

Curious?

Visit www.primaryethics.com.au Or contact Christine on 0434 797 991