Picnic Point Public School



Whole School Information

UPCOMING EVENTS:

60th Anniversary Committee Meeting Queen's Birthday Long Weekend P&C Meeting Parent/Teacher Interview bookings open P&C Paint & Sip evening Semester 1 Reports home Fri 10 Jun Mon 13 Jun Tue 14 Jun Thu 16 Jun Fri 17 Jun Thu 23 Jun WHAT'S DUE NOW Stage 3 excursion (Overdue)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who assisted in transporting our students to compete at the District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday at Playford Park. We are all so proud of our students' efforts! Congratulations to the students who will be representing East Hills District, competing at the next level!

Thank you to our P&C parent volunteers who supported our first Sausage Sizzle lunch option for this year. We appreciate your generosity of time and effort to make this yummy lunch option available for our students.

Our next special lunch day will be Sushi - on Wednesday 29 June. Please get your order in by the due date to avoid missing out.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY TO 3 JUNE

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. It runs from 27 May to 3 June, every year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

Our PPPS classes have been focussing on putting reconciliation into practice every day. This week, I met with our local Aboriginal elder Aunty Carol and Kylie Captain, the Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor, with our Director, Jan Green and two Bankstown Principals, Mrs Nies from Revesby PS and Mr Whitten from Revesby South PS to discuss a Bankstown initiative to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students learning in all Bankstown schools. In Term 4, PPPS will be hosting The Belonging Day, which we are excited about.

FREE FLU SHOTS FOR ALL - UNTIL JUNE 30

Did you know ...This year is expected to be a severe influenza season, with a sharp increase in flu cases already. <u>Free flu vaccines</u> will be available to all NSW residents over the age of six months until 30 June 2022, to boost immunity for the winter season.

Where to get vaccinated? GPs or Pharmacies - for anyone 5 years old and over

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL AND INTERVIEW MODULE

Semester 1 reports will be going home on Thursday 23 June (Week 9), then from Friday 24 June to Thursday 30 June there will be Parent-Teacher Interviews.

To book a Parent-Teacher Interview, parents go to the Sentral Parent Portal. You will need to have linked your child/ren to your account using the Access Key that was provided. The Parent-Teacher Interview bookings open on Thursday 16 June 9:00am and close off on Thursday 23 June 5:00pm. If you are still having problems, please make some time to see the Office staff or Mrs Chatt.

WINTER UNIFORM - REMINDER

As the weather has started to become a little cooler, especially in the mornings, students may wear their winter uniform to school, but it is not compulsory yet. From 13 June (after the long weekend) all students must be in full winter uniform.

Up until the long weekend, students must wear either summer or winter uniform, but not a mix of both. No other clothing is permitted under the uniform. Thank you for your support in maintaining our strong sense of school pride through enabling our children to wear their uniforms well.

60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Last week, the 60th Anniversary Committee met to discuss and finalise a number of events we are planning to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Picnic Point PS. We would like to have as many past students, parents and staff involved as possible. Can you help get the message out? Here are some key dates to lock in your diary. If you want to join the committee, please contact the school office, via email. Our next meeting is Friday 10 June at 1:30pm.

Save the dates:

- Alumni Cocktail Party Saturday 22 October (further details to follow)
- School Anniversary Week Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October (further details to follow)

EVERYDAY MATHS HUB

Evidenced-based research shows that when teachers and schools foster respectful relationships and engage with parents and carers in mathematics and numeracy, students' attitudes, engagement and success are enhanced. Mathematics is one of our key focuses for our School Improvement Plan.

This week, Minister Mitchell launched a new phase of the #Mathstrainsbrains campaign. An initiative of the NSW Mathematics Strategy, the campaign will feature in a number of different online channels over the coming weeks. All campaign material encourages viewers to click through and visit the <u>Everyday Maths Hub</u>.

There is also new translated content in Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Hindi and Vietnamese to assist our culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities to increase their engagement with mathematics and numeracy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Sellick Principal

Shared Language of Learning

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

"The Journey is always easier and more fun when you can see the steps and know why you are going there"

Definition

A *Learning Intention* is a clear statement about what students are aiming to learn from a lesson. It is visible to all students and sets a clear expectation and goal about the purpose of the lesson. *Success Criteria* are a visible list of goals/steps that when met, the students will know they have achieved the learning intention of the lesson. Learning Intentions and Success Criteria act like a goal and a checklist system to make sure the students know they have met the learning outcome. An example of a Learning Intention and Success Criteria:

Learning Intention

We are learning how to write a conclusion to persuasive writing.

Success Criteria

- Re-read my introduction and paragraphs.
- Repeat my opinion.
- Remind the reader of my reasons.
- Say what I think should happen next.

Why Learning Intentions and Success Criteria?

Learning Intentions provide students and teachers with a clear expectation and goals for each lesson. Students are more focussed because they have a clear understanding of the goal they are aiming to achieve. It allows students to break down their learning and use their success criteria like a checklist to make sure they have accomplished what they set out to achieve. This is allowing students to self-assess their work and provide accurate feedback to themselves and their peers about what they have done well and where they need to grow.

Language of Learning Challenge

Think about a task that you wish to accomplish and what it will look like when it is done (this will be your Learning Intention). Next think about each aspect you will need to complete in order for the task to be accomplished (these will be your success criteria).

Finally think about if someone had told you to do something but you didn't exactly know what they wanted and didn't exactly know how to go about it or when it was finished. This darkness and unknowing is how some students can feel about their learning. Learning Intentions and Success Criteria aim to light the path and show students how to get where they want to be.

Stage 1

WINTER UNIFORM

From Week 8, Tuesday 13 June it is compulsory for all students to wear the winter uniform. The K-2 students look fantastic in their winter uniform and we really appreciate your support.

Just a reminder that only the following are permitted as part of the uniform:

- maroon, white or blue ribbons and elastics only
- maroon trackpants not blue

- jewellery small studs or sleepers, religious necklace (to be worn under the uniform) and watches (any smart watches must be kept at the office)
- maroon, white or blue scarf only
- · clear nail polish only

On Friday for sport, we ask that the students layer their clothing and wear their blue short sleeved sports shirt with a jumper and/or jacket over the top. We will begin training for athletics in Week 8 and the students with a skivvy underneath their sports shirt get very hot and sweaty running around.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2023

We have begun taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2023. If your child is starting Kindergarten next year, please go to the school's website, click on the enrolment tab and read the information. Then follow the link to fill in the application form. If you know of any other families in our catchment area who may have a child beginning Kindergarten next year, please inform them of the above procedure.

Thank you to the many families who have already completed their online enrolment. We appreciate your help as we begin our Kindergarten Orientation organisation.

Stage 2

PUBLIC SPEAKING

All students have now presented their speeches in class and we are proud of their effort and the standard they achieved. Congratulations to our stage finalists, who spoke bravely in front of the whole Stage 2: *Harper Zoghbi, Zara Bahamad, Vera Ly Lac, Sienna Belgre, Isaac Hourani, Georgia Young, Dean Afungia and Amy Jin.*

Two students will be selected on merit to compete at the next level. This year, the district speeches are to be submitted by video and we will be organising this later this term.

BYOD YEAR 4

Thank you for supporting us in this trial - once again, if your child does not have a device to bring to school, they will not be disadvantaged in any way and will be working on a school device, on the same programs and tasks as everyone else. We have sent home our BYOD policy and a contract, which must be read by parents and students and signed before bringing their device to school. Students will be expected to abide by strict rules, to ensure cyber safety for all. Each device will need to be brought on their designated day and taken home at the end of the day. Once you have read the note, please contact your class teacher if you have any further questions or concerns.

The Year 4 students in 3/4 Orca will be asked to bring their devices on Mondays and Thursdays and students in 4 Dolphin on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

OC WORKSHOPS AND TEST

The OC workshops will continue each Wednesday morning, right up to Week 1 next term (28 July) for interested students. The Opportunity Test will be conducted at our school on Thursday 28 July. It will be a 'pen and paper' test consisting of two 30 minute and one 40 minute test. All applicants will receive detailed information from the High Performance Unit prior to the day.

JELLYBEANS

Our missed sessions from Term 1 have now been made up and the students enjoyed their catch up lessons. We were impressed with the progress most students have made. They will continue to expand their skills in senior school, and we will keep their recorders at school to pass onto next year's teachers. However, if you wish for your child to bring their recorder and music notes home to practise, please let your teacher know. They will need to bring it back next year for their Jellybeans lessons or purchase a new one. We thank all parents for supporting this very valuable music program.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

See the main section of this newsletter for details. Please book your interview early to secure your preferred time. If none of the times suit, contact your teacher for possible alternatives. It is important to make time to discuss your child's progress.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

We still have many students coming to school with no pencils, rulers or erasers. Please talk to your child about checking their supplies regularly. Teachers are purchasing packets of pencils, which seem to disappear within a couple of days. Glue sticks and scissors are also necessary items.

PORTFOLIOS

Thank you for your support in sending in a portfolio for your child's work. We need all students to have a portfolio or folder to display their work samples. Please send one in urgently if you haven't already done so.

Stage 3

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to the following students for representing their classes in last week's Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals - Avangelina Afungia, Zac Iskandar, Kleon Kurniawan, Flynn McGuigan, Danis Osmanagic, Zoe Pandaram, Addison Pearce, George Psomas, Elena Vidanovski and James Young.

They all did an excellent job with their speech and the impromptu speech. It took quite a lot of deliberating among the judges to find the two finalists.

Congratulations to Elena Vidanovski and James Young, who will be representing our Stage at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. This year we will be having video submissions, there will be no impromptu section.

STATIONARY SUPPLIES

The last few weeks have been quite difficult as numerous students do not have the basic stationery supplies - two blue/black and red pens, two pencils, ruler (not metal), rubber, glue stick. This is a minimum requirement.

We will be sending home all pencil cases today. Can you please go through them with your child and make sure they have the basics, thank you for your support.

DIVERSE AND CONNECTED WORLD EXCURSION

All payments and note for this excursion were due today. This will be an excellent excursion for Stage 3 to explore and reflect upon similarities, differences, and the importance of cross-cultural understanding as they wander the hidden laneways of Chinatown and the Chinese gardens of friendship.

Unfortunately, due to the rain they have moved the Area Cross Country Carnival to the same day. We booked our excursion first! Families will need to make the decision which they wish to attend. Any student who decides to go to cross country and has already paid for the excursion, the money will be credited to your account. Please let the office now your decision, thank you.

STEM PROJECT

In the coming weeks all Stage 3 will be participating in a bottle rocket project. This will involve them bringing in one or two 1.25L soft drink bottles (empty) per STEM Team. Students may bring their bottles into the STEM classroom at any time over the next two weeks.

Band

UPCOMING EVENTS

School assembly performance Band Performance Shine Bright Preschool Band Committee Meeting Family Band Jam Fri 10 Jun Mon 1 Aug (under negotiations) Tue 2 Aug Fri 5 Aug

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

Mrs McIlwaine feels that some of the band members have been working hard to get ready for a short performance at next week's school assembly (Week 7) and will need to bring their instruments next Friday. Mrs McIlwaine will give them more details on Monday or Tuesday. We will also take this opportunity to issue band badges to students who have not received one previously.

BAND PERFORMANCE AT SHINE BRIGHT PRESCHOOL

We are very excited about the possibilities and opportunities that are finally opening up for the band. We are currently under negotiations with Shine Bright Preschool, who would love to have our band visit and perform for their children. We are tentatively looking at Monday 1 August and this will be confirmed closer to the date. The preschool is within easy walking distance, although we will need some assistance with transporting the larger instruments.

BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2 August (Term 3 Week 3), at 7:00pm in Mrs Stawski's classroom. Our last meeting was a great success thanks to the parents who attended, either in person or via zoom. We brainstormed some great ideas - hence the exciting plans for our band's future! We are hoping for even bigger numbers next time - see you there! It will be a great chance to discuss any last minute preparation for our Band Jam later that week.

FAMILY BAND JAM

The family Band Jam is planned for Friday 5 August (Week 3). Parents, dust off your old guitar, recorder or mouth organ and join your children in a fun performance! We have even had opera singers (parents) perform in the past! Students will need to register their intended performance with Mrs McIlwaine, so that we can have an organised program for the evening. More details about the event to come.

Library

2022 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have completed the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge!

1/2 Piranha - Flynn Pearson

2 Mullet - Ibby Charbaji, Abigail Cheng, Jake Colusso, Leo Dassakis, Owen Deng, Siyanna Elmir, Hazel Fakhry, Daniel Fang, Victoria Huang, Murtaza Khan, Tristan Le, Liliana Medlej, Kaia Mina, Deen Nellis, Jesse Novakovic, Zayn Perez, William Savage, Armaan Singh, Lana Tang, Henry Tju, Aleira Tuhetoka Lagasila, Makore Ualesi, Andrew Zuo

3/4 Orca - Georgia Young

Keep on reading PPPS and don't forget to log your books onto the PRC website!!

Chess

JCL GAME DATE CHANGE

Last week, Sutherland Public School were forced to cancel their chess games with us due to unforeseen circumstances. Rather than forfeiting, we have agreed to hold catch up games in Round 9 (29 July), when both teams are scheduled to play Sutherland again. It means they will be playing two games that day and return to school a little later than usual. We will remind you again that week.

SYDNEY CHESS ACADEMY LESSON WEEK 10

Please note that the Wednesday Chess Academy session in Week 10 (29 June) will be conducted online. There will be no face to face sessions at school, due to parent-teacher interviews. Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your child from school at 3:00pm. If you have any queries, please contact the Sydney Chess Academy.

Sport

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SSW Girls Football Trials	Mon 6 Jun
District Boys Football Trials	Mon 6 Jun
State Rugby League	Week 7
SSW Cross Country	Wed 15 Jun

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, 42 students competed at the East Hills District Cross Country and we had some fantastic individual results!!!! Each race consisted of 66 students from 11 schools in our East Hills district.

Even though we have experienced so much wet weather over the past few weeks, many of our students have put in extra work with training and it has definitely paid off! Huge congratulations to all the boys and girls competing and we wish our 12 students listed in italics all the best at the Sydney South West Championships on Wednesday 15 June.

8/9 YEAR BOYS		8/9 YEAR GIRLS	
Jude Ammoun (8)	13 th	Emilia Murray	2 nd
Zachary Mitas (8)	14 th	Ve'a Tavita	3 rd
Levi Dassakis	16 th	Lily Catling	6 th
William Savage (8)	20 th	Georgia Young	7 th
Henry Tju (8)	21 st	Zara Bahamad (8)	17 th
		Georgia Chiang	23 rd
10 YEAR BOYS		10 YEAR GIRLS	
Jayden Hassan	2 nd	Tahlia Bentley	26 th
Dean Afungia	20 th	Lilac Suleiman	32 nd
Christian Phillipou	21 st	Piper Lockhart	36 th
Lachlan Murray	23 rd	Miya Ness	37 th
Andy Wen	25 th		
William Lawson	30 th		
11 YEAR BOYS		11 YEAR GIRLS	
Jayden Federico	3 rd	Suriya Royal	2 nd
Lewis Sinclair	7 th	Sarah Poole	3 rd
Toby Mitas	8 th	Grace Eamens	27 th
William Tju	11 th	Lexus Tamati	29 th
Beau Stavely	21 st	Lucia Ricapito	30 th
Thomas Wong	41 st		

12 YEAR BOYS		12 YEAR GIRLS	
Ryan Watters	7 th	Kahlan Chan	8^{th}
Harrison Ma	9 th	lvy Murray	9 th
Raymond Yang	31 st	Sienna Bender	11^{th}
Alex Catling	35 th	Daniela Katzakis	41 st
Ben Savage	39 th	Mackenzie Bowler	47 th

DISTRICT GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Suriya Royal, Gracie Curtis and Hazel Curtis for their selection in the East Hills District Football team. We wish the girls all the best when they compete in the Sydney South West Championships on Monday. Good luck girls.

DISTRICT GIRLS SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Layla Kelly for her selection in the East Hills District Softball team. We wish Layla all the best when she competes in the Sydney South West Championships on Monday. Good luck girls.

SSW GIRLS NETBALL

On Monday, Suriya Royal and Sienna Bender represented East Hills at the Sydney South West Netball Championships. This carnival is always tough as all teams must play everyone. In a gruelling game tournament it is survival of the fittest and East Hills did extremely well finishing with 5 wins and 4 losses. Both girls played very well on the day and we are very proud of them. Great effort girls!

PSSA SPORT

Next Friday, Season 1 of PSSA will play their last round game. Due to the excessive wet weather this season we have only played half the competition, therefore no semi finals will be played. Premiers will be decided on a first past the post.

Season 2 sports of boys and girls basketball and girls and boys soccer will commence on Friday 17 June. This will be a 9 week season.

Basketball Academy training will not be on next week. Trials for PSSA Basketball begin next week instead:

Junior Boys Basketball	Monday and Tuesday 8:00 – 8:30am
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Senior Boys Basketball	Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 – 8:30am
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Girls Soccer Trials will also commence next week: Junior Girls Soccer Thursday and Friday 8:00 – 8:25am Senior Girls Soccer Thursday and Friday 8:30 –8-55am

Trials will not go ahead if wet weather but predictions for next week is looking promising. An email will be sent on the morning if trials are cancelled. Students trialling must wear appropriate sport clothes and change into their uniform when finished.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our K-6 School Athletics Carnival will be held on the first day back next term - Tuesday 19 July at The Ridge Sports Complex. All students will receive a note next week regarding details.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Next term our Sport in Schools program returns for all K-6 students. We will send home the note next week with all relevant information.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

CELEBRATE CANTEEN WEEK

Last week we took the time to thank our amazing Canteen Volunteers. Many of our wonderful students drew amazing pictures on their lunch bags & also left some very heart warming messages of thanks.

We also received many colour-in & word search activities which we intend to display on the canteen notice board.

Picnic Point Public School

Each child who participated received a free ice block last Friday.

It was a great way to "share the love" amongst our community.





SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Tuesday 31 May the P&C ran a sausage sizzle fundraiser which was well received by the children. We wish to thank all our fantastic volunteers helping us cook and prepare the lunch orders.

The sausages were supplied by Barry's Meats Padstow thank you Stephen Avery for your help and our rolls from Panania Bakery.





A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL'S 60TH CELEBRATIONS

This year Picnic Point Public School is 60 years young and are looking forward to celebrating this fantastic milestone with everyone in the school community in Term 4.

Over the past week we have finalised the events planned and are looking for some passionate people to help lend a hand.

Things We Need Help With Include:

- Assisting in organising some fun sporting activities such as three-legged races and sack races during our fun run event
- Assisting with scheduling and facilitating with our entertainers during our fun run event
- Going through the school's historical archives to help gather photos which help tell the story of the school's 60 years of history
- Help organise sponsors to participate in the event & activities



- Help co-ordinate media coverage of the event to get the word out across the community with the local newspapers & other media platforms
- Assist with planning & coordinating the Alumni cocktail party which could include catering and decorating

And loads more.....

If you would like to be part of the 60th anniversary festivities, please contact us via the P&C email at <u>picnicpointpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au</u>



P&C AROUND THE GROUNDS....

NEXT P&C MEETING

Please join us for our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 14th June 2022.

The meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm – you can easily access this meeting by clicking the link that will be posted to our P&C Facebook Page.

This is a great opportunity to sit back with a glass of your favourite and learn about key focuses happening within our school community and initiatives we are working towards.

P&C Meetings are open to all Parents & Carers, we look forward to welcoming new faces ... We hope to see you there!!!

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform Shop is open for purchases & donations on Thursday Afternoons outside the School Hall from 2:30pm – 3:30pm



FUNDRAISING

We are excited to announce our next Fundraising Event ... for something new we are hosting our first ever Paint & Sip on **7:00pm Friday 17 June 2022**

This event is open to family & friends of our School Community, please bring a friend. Spots will be limited ... so spread the word to save the date as tickets will be going on sale online very soon.

Keep a watch on our P&C Facebook Page for when we go live !!!



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We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Casual roles available in South West – 66515

- Canterbury Bankstown LGA
- Campbelltown LGA
- Camden LGA

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

 Shifts will fall between 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 8th June 2022

See jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for <u>Reference</u> <u>Number: 66515</u> or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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 St Charbels College, Punchbowl

Does this sound like you?

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Days and hours

- 20-hours each fortnight.
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