Student Leadership Team
Our apologies to James and Dylan Peel who were referred to incorrectly in the photo of our Student Leadership team in last week’s newsletter. James is the handsome young man in the middle of the back row and Dylan is the handsome young man in the front row next to Sam.

Combined Assembly
- Congratulations to all of our awardees today.
- A special congratulations to our swimming champions.

Ambulance Cover: Updated DEC Procedures
You may not be aware that schools in NSW are covered by an insurance scheme that provides coverage for emergency ambulance services to NSW dependent school students attending approved, fully supervised school activities. (This arrangement does not apply to South Australia or Queensland.)

A recent change to relevant legislation (Ambulance group Cover Scheme – AGCS) is as follows:
“In the event that a student’s parent or guardian has ambulance coverage through the ambulance levy, a health fund or any other means then this will take precedence over the provisions of the AGCS in the event that emergency ambulance services are provided.”

To make it clear, if you hold cover for ambulance services and your child is transported by ambulance from school or a school activity, your health fund will be required to pay for the service. It is important that parents be aware of this change as there are occasions when an ambulance needs to be called to ensure student health and safety is paramount.

Reminder: Picking Up Students at School
I would like to make a general reminder to parents that, without the permission of the parents, students should not be taken home by another parent without prior parental knowledge. If there is an emergency or concern school staff still need to be notified so we know where students are meant to be and so that the parent of the affected student knows exactly where their child is. Executive staff and office staff are on duty in the afternoon to help support such situations.

P & C Matters
- A P & C survey is included with this week’s newsletter. We would appreciate your feedback.
- School Contribution – a special note will be sent out tomorrow outlining contributions for 2013.

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser,
Principal

Upcoming Events

**Thursday 28th February**
Zone Swimming – Freestyle

**Friday 1st March**
Zone Swimming – Stroke
Safe, Respectful Learner (SRL) Mufti
Year 6 Fundraiser - wear orange, green or blue.

**Monday 4th March**
6.30pm Parent Information Evening (Year 6 to 7) at Picton High School

**Wednesday 6th March**
Year 2 Excursion – Rouse Hill – Bus depart school at 9am

**Monday 11th March**
P & C Easter raffle tickets sent home

**Tuesday 12th March**
Canteen and P & C Tasty Temper and Mufti day
7.30pm P & C Meeting – Guest Speaker – Crunch and Sip Program, Introduction of School Executive Staff, outlining Homework Policy

**Thursday 14th March**
Selective High School Placement Test

**Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd March**
Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion – Bus departs at 6.45am, returns 6.30pm on Friday

Student Banking
Applications for student banking are available from the table in the foyer of the school office. Bank books with deposits can be left with office staff on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Please remind your child not to leave bank books on the counter but to wait and hand them to office staff. Our volunteer, Vicki Mathiasch, will process the banking on Tuesday morning and return bank books to students via the classroom teacher. Please note that books may not be returned to the student until Wednesday.
K-2 Assembly Awards Week 4

KJ  Makayla Batey, Will Bolwell
KM  Morgan Daly, Gordon Greig
K/1S  Daniel King, Harry Rainbow
1B  Natesha Suanders, Ryan Gellatly
IC  Ruby-Lee Wilson, Matthew Newling
2L  Brydie Taylor, Scott Goddard
2M  Mathew Eagles, Xyla McAviney
2S  Shelby Somaracz
K/1H  Gracie Giltrow-Gorrie
Art  Kate Betteridge (from Week 3), Daniel Tomlinson
Sport  Liam Ryan, Abbey Jarman, Indy Jackson, Hayley Sanderson, Truman Stone, Elias Grant, Miles Sandys-Doherty, Rhys Dawkin, Reece Watchhorn (Week 3) and Kane Schofield (Week 2)

Stage 3 Assembly Awards Week 5

5B  Evelyn Ricketts, Alex Honan, Madison Kalpaxis, Jackson Docherty, Dean Walsh, Tyler Mewett
5P  Nathan Cook, Lucy Clout, Hannah Huxley, Ainsley Jones, Harrison Apps, Jack Bullivant
5/6G  Shelby Foye, Jemima Taylor, Jillian Sweeney, Hayden Taylor, Bella Sutton, Brock Smith
6C  Serena Davies, Taryn Godfrey, Taylah Waddell, Sean Jacobus, Cooper Anderson, Christopher Goddard
6L  Ragen Gilbert, Serena Proctor-Jones, Dylan Peel, Lachlan Capps, Matthew Hamshere, Sam Griffiths

Special Religious Education (SRE) Lessons (Scripture)

SRE can be invaluable in the process of shaping a child’s ethical and moral framework and in helping them make sense of the world. Alongside the school’s teaching on morals, values and acceptable social behavior, SRE provides guidelines in the area of relationships and personal growth based on biblical world view. The Christian faith acknowledges that people have the capacity to make choices in life and need a moral framework to guide decisions in every area of their life.

Your child is most welcome to join a scripture class even if you entered ‘No religion’ on your school enrolment form. You are welcome to view the syllabus or find out more information by contacting the school office.

If you would like your child to join an SRE class please write a short note to their teacher, indicating that you wish them to attend either Protestant (includes Anglican, Uniting Church, Baptist, Presbyterian etc) or Catholic SRE class.

Alison Craddock, SRE Co-ordinator

K-2 Maths Homework Ideas to Try

This week we are looking at fun ideas to promote addition.

- Counting groups of toys eg. 2 bears + 2 dolls = 4 toys
- Use a deck of playing cards – turn 2 over and add the numbers together. Jack, Queen and King equal 10. What strategy can you use?
- Using dominoes – turn over one domino, add the dots together.
- Look at the eggs in the egg boxes. How many are there? How many more are needed to get to 12?
- How many people in the car today? How many more are needed to fill the car?
- Roll 2,3 or more dice and add the numbers.

See Mrs Boyd in the playground this week for a sticker if you can answer the following problem and explain what you did:

How many people in your house? How many legs altogether? How did you work it out?

AND

At Mrs Boyd’s house there are the following people and pets: 2 parents, 2 boys, 1 girl, 1 cat, 2 blue tongue lizards. How may legs altogether? How did you work it out?

- Another fun idea: Do jigsaw puzzles!!

Liz Boyd, Assistant Principal and the Stage 1 Teachers

RAZORBACK PSSA TRIALS BASKETBALL- Boys & Girls

Congratulations to Seb Montalto, Ethan McEachern, Georgia Ivanovic and Olivia Foster who attended the Razorback Basketball Trials last Thursday. Olivia & Georgia were selected in the Girls Basketball team and we wish them the best of luck at the Sydney South West Carnival on 11th March.

Miss Jourdan, Organising Teacher.

Receiving the School Newsletter by Email

We are encouraging as many families as possible to receive the newsletter by email. If you have not advised an email address to the office, please complete the slip below and return it to the Magpie Box.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Chickenpox Alert: Please be aware that a confirmed case of chickenpox has been reported for a Year 2 student. If your child displays any symptoms please keep them at home and consult a doctor.

Email Address for Distribution of Newsletter: (Please complete and return to Magpie Box)

Name of youngest child: ____________________________________________ Class: __________________________

Email Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________
Dear Parents,
At our last 2012 P & C meeting, concerns were raised in relation to the sun protection provided by the current school cap and the desire to have all students protected from the sun and wearing the same school hat. At present, a large majority of students wear the cap (see Image 1) or a similar style of cap purchased from retail outlets. It was also noted that when representing Picton Public School at sporting events we are the only school not wearing a wide brimmed hat.

The Cancer Council of NSW recommends that school students should wear a hat which provides protection for the face, ears and neck. Concerns have been raised about the lack of sun protection the current caps provide, where the ears and neck are exposed.

At Picton Public School, we currently sell two different styles of hats through our uniform shop. The cap and also a wide brimmed surf hat (see Image 2- this hat does not wash well and loses colour). We are aware that the current surf hat fabric traps heat in the crown and we are currently looking at a similar style but lighter fabric to alleviate this problem and provide a cooler alternative. This hat also has a stiffer brim and does not drop down over the students face (see Image 3- note- this hat is lightweight fabric but did not photograph as black as it is). All hats will be on display in the foyer for your perusal.

We have also been made aware that some parents feel that the popularity of the cap which is worn by the majority of students, makes it difficult to encourage the wearing of the wide brimmed hat as their child feels out of place. Both hats are priced at $10.

As we live in a country that has sunshine for the vast majority of the year, we will all be aware of the importance to protect our skin and cover up, particularly for our children who spend many hours out in the sun. Picton Public School currently has a ‘NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE™’ policy, which means if your child does not have a hat available to wear, they will be directed to play in the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

Please return this survey to the school office by 8th March, 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Donna Duck
2013 P & C President
Parent Feedback – School Hat Survey 2013

We value your comments and would be pleased if you would indicate your responses below:

| ☐ | I would support the removal of the cap from the hats available in the uniform shop |
| ☐ | I would actively encourage my child to wear the wide brimmed hat rather than the cap |
| ☐ | I would not support any change and am happy with the current hats available |
| ☐ | I would support a transition period for the introduction of the hat eg 12 months |

Comments:

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Image 1

Image 2

Image 3
## MADE FRESH LUNCH MENU

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### WRAPS...

*FREE BOTTLE OF WATER WITH EVERY SANDWICH*

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### FRESH SANDWICHES...

- A = Amber = Processed Foods
- G = Green = Fresh Produce
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### Breakfast Menu...

- Pancakes served warm w/maple syrup **A**
- Lrg $3.00 small $2.00 **A**
- Hash brown $1.00 **A**
- Hot chocolate $1.00 **A**

### Recess Menu

Ice monkeys (all natural sunny boys in cola, strawberry and chocolate milk flavours) $1.00 **A**

- Quelch sticks $1.00 **G**
- 100% juice Orchy cups (apple, orange and blackcurrant) $1.00 **G**
- Billabong Icecream $2.00
  - Rainbow or Chocolate **A**

### Snazzy Snacks...

- Pikelets $0.50 each **G**
- Garlic bread $1.50 **A**
- Jumpys (BBQ and chicken) $1.00 **A**
- Real McCoy (Original or salt and vinegar) $1.00 **A**
- Gluten Free Yogurt Frogs $1.00 **G**
- Homemade Muffins lrg $2.00 **A**
- Apple slinky $1.00 **G**
- Diced fruit tubs $1.00 **G**

### Icy Tempters...

- Bottled water 600ml $1.50 **G**
- Bottled milk (choc, strawberry) $2.50 **A**
- Poppers (apple, orange, blackcurrant) $1.20 **G**
- Bottled juice (orange, apple) $2.50 **G**
- H/made milkshakes (choc, caramel, banana) $2.00 **A**
- H/made milkshakes w/icecream $3.00 **A**

(Milkshakes are subject to availability and if possible should be ordered in the morning)

### Thirst Busters...

- Bottled water 600ml $1.50 **G**
- Bottled milk (choc, strawberry) $2.50 **A**
- Poppers (apple, orange, blackcurrant) $1.20 **G**
- Bottled juice (orange, apple) $2.50 **G**
- H/made milkshakes (choc, caramel, banana) $2.00 **A**
- H/made milkshakes w/icecream $3.00 **A**

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