Presentation of Badges to House Captains and Library Monitors, Monday 18\(^{th}\) March:
Presentation of these badges will be made at the morning assembly on Monday morning, 18\(^{th}\) March at 9.20am. Parents and family members are invited to attend and celebrate with students the presentation of badges by staff.

Our House Captains are:
- Oxley: Ragen Gilbert, Brooke Campbell
- Hume: Seb Montalto, Ella Pelgrave
- Sturt: Connor McIntosh, Emilee Purnell
- Mitchell: Thomas Harrison, Georgia Ivanovic

Library Monitors for 2013 are:
- Tashi Batty 5/6G  Sophie Smith 5/6G
- Kaitlyn Stanbrook 6C  Olivia Foster 6L
- Naomi Hughes 5/6G  Jade Stein 6C
- Serena Davies 6C  Imogen Senior 6L
- Keely Mewitt 6C  Jillian Sweeney 5/6G
- Laura O’Neill 6C  Jemima Taylor 5/6G
- Hannah Huxley SP  Imogen Grover 5/6G
- Sophie Maher SP

Congratulations to these students!

P & C Hat Survey:
Thanks once again for your feedback regarding our hat survey. Could I just ask parents if they would still like to respond to the hat survey to go onto the school website and I’m asking for all responses to be in by this Friday, 15th March. We will publish the results of the hat survey in a future newsletter.

P & C Meeting last night:
- Guest speaker – Phebe Betts who spoke on an excellent Crunch & Sip program co-ordinated by Miss Jourdan and Mrs Beard
- Executive staff – gave an overview of homework across all stages.
- (A special thank you to all staff for their attendance)
- Fundraising for 2013 was discussed and a target of $12000 was set for our school with a focus on a final upgrade of our hall with technology and the PEACE area (next to the hall).

Parent Viewing of Gymnastics Classes
Parents are invited to view gymnastics classes on Thursday 4\(^{th}\) April and Friday 5\(^{th}\) April. This is a popular program with our students and this is an opportunity for parents to see what our school program is offering your child. Please refer to gymnastics timetables previously provided or go to the school website.

Parent Teacher Interviews:
Just a reminder to parents that we look forward to meeting them on this evening. If you have not received a note please make contact with your child’s teacher.

Regional Principal’s Conference:
This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the Regional Principal’s Conference at Wollongong. This is our regional Principal’s Conference for South West Sydney.

Staff Meetings, 2013 School Plan:
We’ve had a busy beginning to our term. We have been looking at a number of evaluation processes throughout our school, looking at student engagement, our ‘Safe, Respectful Learning’ Program which we have implemented and use of our school playground. We have also been looking at Personalised Learning plans for Aboriginal Students, Individual Education Plans and Out of Home Care procedures. We have also finalised our Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training as well for which I would like to congratulate staff. We have been reviewing reports and how we can improve those and provide better feedback to our parents. Also this week we will review the teaching of Maths. I’d like to congratulate staff and committee leaders on an excellent Term 1 and excellent professional development for all of our staff - teaching staff and also other staff within our school such as office staff and Student Learning Support Officers as well.

20 Years Service for Mr Apps
Our hearty congratulations to Mr Russell Apps, our General Assistant, on the recent recognition of 20 years of permanent service in the Department. Mr Apps cares for our school as if it was his own and we value his pride in his work and the effort that he puts in to benefit our school community. Russell has actually been working for nearly 30 years, a wonderful achievement! Congratulations and well done, Mr Apps!

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser, Principal
Upcoming Events

Thursday 14th March
9.20am Selective High School Placement Test – please see separate note in this newsletter.

Friday 15th March
Last day to lodge hat survey responses - refer to the school website

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

Monday 25th March
Parent Teacher Interviews (except for 5P and 3/4O & 6C)

Thursday 28th March
9.40am - Hat and Mask Parade – whole school involved

Friday 29th March – Monday 1st April
Easter Long Weekend

Wednesday 3rd April
12.00 Combined Assembly

Thursday 4th April
Parent Viewing for Gymnastics

Friday 5th April
PSSA Gala day

Friday 12 April
Year 6 Mufti day and Dance Fundraiser
Parent Viewing for Gymnastics

Last day of Term 1

Banking Awards:
Congratulations to the following students who received banking awards:
Bronze - Sarah James.
Silver - Tadhg Chretien, Anessa Rice, Taylor Rice.
Gold - Kasey Pullman, Harry Rainbow, Samantha Warren.
Outstanding Awards - Imogen Grover, Brock, Bryce & Chayce Smith.

We had a fantastic year of banking in 2012 raising $750 in commissions for the school. A super effort!

Vicki Mathiasch
Banking Co-ordinator

Our thanks to Vicki for the great job she does and for the wonderful contribution made through banking to our school.

Thank you also to our bankers! Congratulations.

Ms Fraser

Selective High School Placement Test
We have received a request from Elizabeth Macarthur High School for parents who are taking students for this test on Thursday 14th March to allow more travel time due to a lot of road works in the area. The exam is to start at 9.20am and cannot be delayed.

K-2 Assembly Awards Week 6

KJ Savannah Diack, Thomas Moore
KM Cruz Ellis, Cassie Williams
K/1S Elijah Hood, Harry Haesler
1B Eve Jones, Matthew McCarthy
IC Cobii Heming-Allen, Patrick Plumridge
2L Jayden Rofe, Toby Webb
2M Noah Sathiah, Duncan Greig
2S Abbie Tyszkiwicz
K/1H Bodie Harmer-Budd
Art Liam Sutcliffe, Class 1B

Stage 3 Assembly Awards Week 7

5B Alex Watts, Evelyn Ricketts, Ryan Eagles, Cooper Smith, Kate Pickles, Amber Beale
5P Joshua Hawke, Tiahne King, Sophie Maher, Brendon Ellis, Grace McGowan
5/6G Amie Eagles, Imogen Grover, Blake Horner, Naomi Eagles, Thomas Cuddy, Ethan McEachern
6C Tom Lewis, Brooke Childs, Jade Stein, Georgia Ivanovic, James Peel, Shaniah Hay
6L Erik Seaman, Kirk Carstairs, Maddy Haesler, Matthew Hamshere, Kelly Mewitt, Ava Sharpe

K-2 Maths Week 7:
This week we are encouraging games to teach planning, thinking ahead and strategy.

1. Noughts and crosses
2. Playing cards – snap, adding 2 cards, subtracting 2 cards, multiplying 2 cards
3. Jigsaws
4. Any game with a dice.

Enjoy this week’s Maths and don’t forget to tell your teacher what you have learned or discovered.

Liz Boyd and the Stage 1 Teachers

Premiers Reading Challenge
If your child would like to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge in 2013 they can now register. Students can register using their DEC login at

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Liz Boyd, Assistant Principal

Home Reading Update
Home Reading commenced in Week 5. Thanks to all our wonderful parents who have volunteered to help in classrooms with Home Reading. A reminder that new folders are available from Mrs Boyd for $1, payable through the Magpie Box. –please label the envelope ‘Home Reader Folder’.

Liz Boyd, Assistant Principal
Mrs Fraser enjoyed a visit from 4/6L this week, with their great art work and writing. Well done Boys!

Help!! Books Need Covering!!
We currently have many new books from the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program at school that we need covered. If you are able and willing you can either come to school to cover some or collect a bundle and take them home to do. Come to the office if you can help. THANKS!!
Lyn Farrell, Admin Manager

Volunteer parent Helpers Needed!
Parents, grandparents do you have a few hours to spare? At Picton Public School we really need some helpers to help us sort out our Visual Arts storeroom. We only need two or three helpers. If you can spare a couple of hours, on Thursday 4th April, please contact Miss Howard or Ms Fraser. Thanking you, Ms Lyn Fraser, Principal and Miss Maria Howard, Assistant Principal

NRL Advertisement
Congratulations to Jack Robinson, Ragen Gilbert, Tekawa Gilbert, Brae Faulkner, Blake Horner, Bryce Wellman and Jack Scettro who are ‘Picton Magpies’ and feature in the 2013 NRL Ad. Watch out for them on the telly!
Michelle Jourdan

Ethan Tutt Represents Australia in Karate
Ethan Tutt competed in Sydney’s Round 1 of the Australian Martial Arts Championships (AMAC). He competed in the following events:
- 8-10 years Advanced Grade Kata - 2nd Place and a personal best
- 8-10 years Advanced Grade Points Sparring - 1st Place
- 8-10 years Advanced Grade Freestyle Sparring - 1st Place.
In the April school holidays Ethan will be traveling to Japan for a week with the Australian team to represent Australia in Japan on the 20th April. Ethan is one grade off becoming a black belt. He trains up to 4 times a week at Arthur Moulas Martial Arts in Tahmoor, and has done for about 4 years and also has recently started training in kick boxing.
What an exceptional achievement by Ethan who is a wonderful student at Picton Public School. Congratulations to Ethan and his family. We are SO proud of you!! Best wishes for your trip, Ethan.
Lyn Fraser, Principal

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.
RAZORBACK & SYDNEY SOUTH WEST PSSA TRIALS

TENNIS
Congratulations to Tadhg Chretien and April Hamilton who attended the Tennis Trials last week. These two students just missed out on making the SSW squad but performed extremely well on the day.

RUGBY LEAGUE

11’s: Well done to Dylan Parrott, Ryan Eagles, Blake Horner, Ragen Gilbert, Jack Scettro and Bailey Depasquale who attended the Under 11’s Rugby League Trials last Wednesday. Congratulations to Ragen Gilbert and Blake Horner who were selected in the Razorback Team.

Opens: Well done to Harry Richardson, Matt Hamshere, Ethan Bondfield and Thomas Lewis who attended the Open Rugby League Trials last Wednesday. Congratulations to Matt Hamshere and Ethan Bondfield who selected in the Razorback Team.

AFL
Well done to Tristan Taylor and Will Haeusler who attended the AFL trials last Thursday. Unfortunately they did not make the team.

BOYS SOCCER
Trials were held on Monday 11th March. Kai Stanley, Sam Griffiths, Brock Smith and Bailey Depasquale all played well in tough competition but were unsuccessful in making it into the Razorback team.

SYDNEY SOUTH WEST BASKETBALL CARNIVAL
On Monday 11th March Geoff Boniface & I took the Razorback Zone Basketball teams to the SSW Carnival at Minto Indoor Sports Centre. Our boys team played well with a high level of skill but only won one game. Our girls team won two games and were beaten in the semifinals. We were extremely proud of our teams especially our two Picton players Olivia Foster and Georgia Ivanovic. Olivia was selected in the Sydney South West team. We’d like to thank Mathew McKenna for his support and outstanding coaching.

Congratulations to all of our talented sports people at Picton Public School!

Geoff Boniface & Michelle Jourdan
(Basketball Coaches & Sport Lovers)

Congratulations to all of our very talented sports people. We are very proud of your achievements and the manner in which you represent our school. Well done! A big thank you also to our dedicated teachers who provide these opportunities for our students and the great job they do.

Lyn Fraser, Principal

Zone Swimming Carnival
The Razorback Zone swimming carnival was held last week on the Friday the 28th of February and Friday the 1st of March. The weather was challenging at times for spectators, but like ducks to water, our amazing swimming team competed like professionals. We had many successes over the two days, resulting in an overall placing of tenth for our school in the combined point score. We have two students proceeding to the Regional Carnival to represent the Razorback PSSA. They are Roanna Beeston and Matthew Eagles. We wish them the very best of luck. Also a big thank you to all the parents who attended and supported our school over the two days.

Suzanne Capps, Co-ordinator

School Holiday Activities @Your Library
Wollondilly Library and Information service aims to provide entertaining and educational school holiday activities to young people in our Shire. Activities for the next school holidays include:

- Cosmetic Kitchen Party
- Warhammer 40K – Games Workshop Introduction
- Gaming and Pizza Night:
- Pets Storytime

Limited Spaces - Bookings essential for all activities.
Ph: 4677 8300

Picton Tennis Club will hold an Open day on Sunday 17th March from 10am -2pm at Downing St, Picton. Fun activities for all ages, Free sausage sizzle, hots shots demo, raffle and prizes. Free memberships to any player who joins on the day. www.pictontennis.com.au

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**Annual School Contribution**

- [ ] $43.00 – 1 student at school
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More great photos now available on our website!

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**TERM 1 WEEK 7 - WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013**

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**YR 2 EXCURSION TO ROUSE HILL**
Thank you for supporting our Tasty Tempter Lunch Order and Mufti Day

Tasty Tempter Lunch Orders and Mufti Day

Wow, what a great day we had for our first Tasty Tempter Lunch Order and Mufti Day for 2013! The Kinder children were very excited to be enjoying their very first special lunch order day and it was lovely to see them so excited when looking through their ‘show bags’.

Thank you to all our families for your support of this combined fundraiser day. A total of $308 was donated by Made Fresh, our canteen operator, in appreciation of our help in making the day a success. Thank you Made Fresh!

A fantastic total of $312.65 was raised from your generous coin donations. Thank you for continuing to support our Mufti days.

Of course, nothing is possible without the help of some awesome people! A huge thank you to:

Lisa Cook
Suzanne Kirby Jones
Shanon Reid
and Sandy Giacomelli
for getting those lunches out piping hot. Thanks ladies.

And a massive thank you to our BBQ Guru Glen Walda who is never daunted by hundreds and hundreds of sausages waiting to be cooked!

And an equally big thanks to Suzanne Kirby Jones, Kellie Ryan and Penny Elliot for manning the gates for donations.

Donna Duck

P & C Meeting

Thank you to Phebe Betts from NSW Department of Health, ‘Live Life Well’ program for her fantastic presentation about our Sip and Crunch program. The presentation was very informative and taught us all a few new healthy drinking/eating facts. Congratulations to Miss Jourdan and Mrs Beard for promoting and co-ordinating this great program in our school.

Stage Leaders gave an interesting insight into Homework through the stages from Kinder up and into High School and answered questions from the parents present. Thank you to Mrs Boyd, Mrs Monds, Mrs Capps, Mr Harvey and Miss Howard for your excellent presentation.

Ms Fraser spoke about targets for development around the school and requested that the P & C consider funding the development of technology in the hall (giant screen, wireless capability, update of existing basic available technology, etc). The P & C agreed to fundraise with a view to paying for this upgrade at a cost of approximately $12,000.

Thank you to all who attended.
The GIANT EASTER RAFFLE is our next fundraising event at PPS. Since very humble beginnings approximately six years ago, this raffle has grown and grown and it is one of the highlights of our year. We love it and the children love it even more.

You will have received tickets yesterday (one booklet per family) for this great raffle. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. A booklet will cost you $7 or try and sell tickets to friend and relatives! Last year we had approximately 150 prizes, so with such a large prize pool you might just have a winning ticket. If you would like additional booklets, please have your child collect them from the office.

Please make sure you fill out the ticket butts with either your details and phone number or your child’s name and class and return them and payment to the Magpie box before 26 March to be in for the draw.

EGG DONATION DAY

On 22 March we will be holding our ‘Easter Egg Donation Day’. All children are welcome to wear ‘Crazy Hair’ for the day (usual uniform applies). Please support your P & C by donating an egg or two to our fundraiser. Our P & C will then bundle them up into prizes for the big day. Your continuing support is appreciated.

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

Raised to date: $620

2012 Target: $12000

FUNDRAISING AT PPS

Due to changes in the running of P & C events, we are required to prepare an extensive Risk Assessment which is submitted to our insurer to assess for weaknesses. It is with these changes in mind that we are currently reviewing the different types of fundraising activities that we undertake.

A few ideas that have been raised are a ‘Bulb Fundraiser’, ‘Mango Fundraiser’, a Cookbook and a Bushdance. We are keen to hear of any ideas that the school community might have that we can investigate.

If you have any ideas that you think could work for us, please send in the slip at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in anticipation.

ONGOING FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS AT PPS

The Good Guys School Dollars Program

Thank you to all the wonderful families who have been sending in their school dollars from Bret Quinn, The Good Guys, Blaxland Road, Campbelltown.

For every $25 you spend at the Good Guys, they will give the school $1 in school money to spend on items for fundraising raffles, etc. So don’t forget to ask the next time you make a purchase and drop them off to the school office.

Please fill in your docket number and the date of purchase so that the dollars can be validated. They will not accept any dollars that are not completed on the reverse.

DON'T FORGET TO ASK FOR YOUR SCHOOL DOLLARS
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ARE SHOPPING THERE!

Is your child a student at Picton Public and do they have a close relative that works with Telstra???

Telstra has a great community program which provides a one-off grant of $1,200 (conditions apply) to qualifying community groups (like our P & C) who assist in providing worthwhile resources to students. If your child is a sibling, step-child, niece/nephew, grandchild or foster child of a person working on a permanent basis with Telstra, please provide your details to the office and we can get in touch. The P & C has a few smaller projects that we would love to do, but haven’t got the funding available. Don’t forget to ask the aunties and uncles!

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Want to become a member of the P&C?

We keep meetings short and to the point as we know your free time is limited. We start at 7.30pm and try to be out by 8.30pm if possible depending on the items tabled for discussion. All you need to do is pay 50c membership and you can come along to meetings and have voting privileges. Hope to see you at a meeting soon. We meet on the the 3rd and 7th Tuesdays of the term in the Admin Block.

P & C Membership Application/Renewal

Your name: _____________________________________________________________

Your child’s name and class (for receipt purposes): _________________________________

Email (to receive minutes): ____________________________________________________

Please return this form and 50c to the Magpie Box on the front verandah marked P & C Membership.

Thank you!

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FUNDRAISING IDEAS

We value your comments!

My suggestions are: .........................................................................................................................
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