Welcome Back to Term 2

We hope you had a pleasant holiday with your families and enjoyed the amazing sunshine!

Our school development days were very worthwhile, including the day spent yesterday gaining an overview of the new Australian Curriculum, which will commence implementation with English in 2014.

This morning we had an exciting return to school with the Kids Foundation Bike Riders visiting us, as well as visitors from other local schools. The students were encouraged to adopt safe habits when riding bikes and ten bikes were donated to the school. Our thanks to X-Strata Coal and Giant Bikes for their sponsorship of this event.

Ms Stephenson with Suzie O’Neill (Olympian) and member of the Kids Safety Team

Mothers’ Day Raffle

Please support our raffle co-ordinated by our P & C. There are some great prizes to be won! The P & C always do a wonderful job with their fundraising for our school!

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser, Principal

ANZAC Day March

ANZAC Day – 25 April – is probably Australia’s most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

Well done and thank you to everyone who represented our school in the Picton ANZAC Day March and Service during the holidays. Over 50 students and 10 staff members proudly represented Picton Public School. It was so good to see kids from kindergarten to year six in their full school uniform marching on such an important occasion. It was pleasing to see nearly all of the student leadership team present, leading our school in the parade. Our captains Sam Griffiths and Imogen Senior did a wonderful job of carrying the letter A and laying it alongside the other local school’s letters to make the words OUR ANZACS. James and Dylan Peel lay a wreath on behalf of our school. Lachlan Capps carried our school sign with pride.

A special congratulations to James Peel, Keely Mewett, Kyle Faulkner and Laura O’Neill who lead our school ANZAC Day Ceremony last term. These student leaders did an amazing job preparing for the ceremony and on the day - well done!

Michelle Jourdan, Organising Teacher

Miss Jourdan with students at the Picton ANZAC Day March

Thank you to Miss Jourdan and congratulations to students who represented our school so well at the ANZAC Day March.

Lyn Fraser, Principal

Cross Country

The school cross country will be held this Friday at Victoria Oval. Please ensure that the permission note for your child has been returned to your child’s teacher. All students attending will be there for the duration of the carnival.

Boys 8/9 Yr olds will begin at approx. at 10.20am and each age event will follow at approximately half hour intervals. The order of events will be

8/9 Boys, 8/9 Girls, 10 Boys, 10 Girls, 11 Boys, 11 Girls, 12/13 Boys, 12/13 Girls. Please note that this is approximate only and cannot guarantee times.

We look forward to a great day!

Thank you to Ms Jourdan for her leadership and organisation of this event. Lyn Fraser, Principal

ICAS Dates

The following dates apply for ICAS Testing:

Computer Skills – Tuesday 21 May
Science – Wednesday 5th June
Writing – Monday 17th June
Spelling – Tuesday 18th June
English – Wednesday 31st July
Maths – Tuesday 13th August
Upcoming Events

**Friday 3rd May**
School Cross Country – Primary students only – please return permission note by Friday 12th April.

**Wednesday 8th May**
P & C Mother’s Day Stall and Mothers’ Day Raffle drawn

**Thursday 9th May**
12.00 Cyber Bullying Presentation to Stage 3
12.45 Parent Presentation on Cyber Bullying

**Friday 10th May**
Razorback Zone Cross Country

**Thursday 14th May**
NAPLAN Testing – Language & Writing: Years 3 & 5

**Wednesday 15th May**
NAPLAN Testing – Reading - Years 3 & 5
Year 1 Rouse Hill Excursion

**Thursday 16th May**
NAPLAN Testing – Numeracy- Years 3 & 5

**Friday 17th May**
NAPLAN Catch up Day – Years 3 & 5
GRIP Leadership Day – Year 6 students

**Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th May**
Yr 4 Blue Mountains overnight excursion- Notes and monies due by 16th May

**Wednesday 29th May**
12.00 National Public Education Day Combined Assembly

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**Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2014**

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2014 are required to submit an application by 17th May 2013. Generally, students are in Year 4 in 2013 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2014.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2014 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Please note, parents of students enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Online applications opened on Monday 29th April, 2013. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form.

Application packages will be available in schools from 6 May 2013. Please note the number of applications packages will be reduced this year in response to the high demand for online applications. Please note preferred method is online.

Application forms, whether submitted online or lodged with the principal, should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 17 May 2013. A separate note has also been distributed.

Lyn Fraser, Principal

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**MindQuest**

The MindQuest program offers exciting weekend courses for **gifted and talented students** in Years 1 – 6. It is a fast-paced challenging program designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities. Courses are being offered on 15/16 June in Glenwood, including Cartooning, Crime Stoppers, Chemistry, Drama, Digital Animation and Video Editing, Lego Robotics. If you believe your child would be interested in a workshop, contact MindQuest, Ph: 4232 2404 for an applications or go to www.mindquest.net.au. Applications close Friday 24 May 2013.

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

All clothing and money donations need to be returned to the school by Friday 17th May. Please leave the bags between the canteen and the school hall and place donations into the Magpie Box. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Mrs Janet Shiels, Co-ordinator

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Program**

We encourage you to collect stickers and drop them into the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Janet Shiels, Co-ordinator

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**Special Invitation to Parents: Cyberbullying Program**

I would like to make a special invitation, with Donna Duck our P & C President, to all parents to attend this special session on Thursday 9th May at 12.45 to 1.30pm in the library. This invitation has also been sent separately.

This is a great opportunity to discuss concerns, find out specific information and ask questions about cyber crime, facebook or just general concerns.

Senior Constable Allan Clapham, who is a School Liaison Officer will be attending. I hope you can join us. Please return the slip below to the office or phone the office to indicate your attendance.

Afternoon tea will be provided afterwards so please join us. (Prior to the parent session the program will be provided to our senior students ie. Years 5 & 6.)

Lyn Fraser, Principal

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**Cyberbullying Presentation by Police: Confirmation of Attendance**

Yes, I will be attending the session

Parent name: _______________________

Child’s class: __________

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NEXT EVENT: WED 8TH MAY - MOTHERS' DAY STALL AND RAFFLE DRAW.
GET THOSE TICKETS IN!!

MOTHERS' DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

Our annual Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle Draw will be held on Wednesday 8 May. Our stall is being co-ordinated by Suzanne Kirby Jones. Thanks Suzanne for taking on this huge job once again - we really appreciate it! A note in relation to the stall will be forwarded closer to 8 May. Gifts will be priced between $1 and $10 with the majority priced around $5. Cards will also be available.

Raffle tickets (one booklet per family) were distributed in the last week of school - if your family missed out have your child collect some from the school office. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. A booklet will cost $7. Don’t forget to complete the ticket stubb with name and class/contact number and return with payment to the office.

Thank you once again to our very generous donors who have made this raffle possible.

The fantastic prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: DeLonghi Essenza Coffee Machine and Milk Frother (donated by Bret Quinn The Good Guys Campbelltown) (RRP $249)

2nd Prize: Conair Massaging slippers (donated by Bret Quinn The Good Guys Campbelltown) and Winelovers Indulgence Pack (Total RRP $75)

3rd Prize: Hair and Beauty Gift Basket (donated by DeeJays Hair and Beauty, Picton) (RRP $70)

4th Prize: Remington Professional Luxury Hair Pack (donated by Bret Quinn The Good Guys Campbelltown) (RRP $55)

5th Prize: Beurer Infrared Massager (donated by Bret Quinn The Good Guys Campbelltown) (RRP $30)

6th Prize: Baylis and Harding Luxury Bath Gift Pack (RRP $25)

Don’t forget to get those tickets in by Tuesday 7 May to be in the running for these great prizes.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our fundraising.

Picton Public P & C Assn
GIFT WRAPPING HELPERS
We are looking for helpers to assist with the decorating of the gifts for the Mothers’ Day Stall on Monday 6 May for a couple of hours from 9.30am.

If you would like to lend a hand give Suzanne a call/text on 0412 301 167 or Donna on 0409 607 753 or email mairyan@bigpond.net.au. We would love to see as many new faces as possible. It is a great way to meet people in the school. BYO scissors. Thank you for your support.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL HELPERS
Would you like to help on the Mothers’ Day Stall next Wednesday (8 May). We are looking for people to help set up around 9am ready for the big day. We are also looking for helpers to assist with the selling of the gifts to the children.

Give Suzanne a call/text on 0412 301 167 if you can help us out.

THANK YOU!

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

Raised to date: $2,469

2013 Target: $12,000

TASTY TEMPTER LUNCH ORDER AND MUFTI DAY

Our next Tasty Tempter Lunch Order and Mufti Day will be held on Thursday 30 May 2013.

Watch this space for an order form. $1 from each order is donated to the P & C by Made Fresh!

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.

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