**Student Reports**
As you would be aware student reports are being sent home at the end of this term.

As a staff we have been reviewing changes to the report format especially to align our front page of ‘social development and commitment to learning’ to our safe, respectful learner initiative.

We have also made some changes to other curriculum areas to make them more specific across the stage teams. We have also had further discussions to ensure that English, Maths and the General Comments are very personali sed and reflect your child’s development.

I would like to also emphasise that making contact with class teachers needs to occur throughout the year not just at interview or report times. I know the majority of our parents avail themselves of this suggestion and we appreciate you working closely with your child and the class teacher.

If you do have any concerns about your child’s class progress please contact the class teacher in the first instance, the Assistant Principal who is the team leader (Early Stage 1 – Kinder – Di Monds; Stage 1 – Liz Boyd; Stage 2 – Chris Beard; Stage 3 – Suzanne Capps; Learning and Support – Jim Harvey) and myself if you need to clarify a concern after these initial discussions.

**Combined Assembly: Wednesday 29th May – 12pm**
At this assembly we will be recognising and celebrating National Public Education Day. We hope parents and families can join us and share what is important about our school in terms of Public Education. We have some students who will be presenting special items at the assembly and students who will be addressing the assembly including our Ambassador for Public Education Jemima Taylor. I would also like to invite parents to join us for afternoon tea following the assembly. We are hoping if the weather is fine we will have the afternoon tea under the cola near the hall.

**NAPLAN Testing**
Congratulations to parents, we had very few students last week who had to have a catch up of the NAPLAN Testing. Congratulations to all staff and Kellie Henderson in the office who did a great job assisting me last week. It is a big process that takes place in our school and it happens efficiently when everyone works together as a team. So congratulations to parents, teachers and all of our students who did an excellent job.

**Teacher Professional Learning**
Thank you also to all our staff who have been involved with the professional learning program this week. Congratulations to our presenters who have done an outstanding job and also to staff who have volunteered to visit other schools and other classrooms within our school. This is a very exciting program that has been organised across our schools by principals and I would like to make a special thank you to Wayne Mason, principal of Mawarra Public School, for his coordination. We have had some excellent feedback.

**Executive Professional Learning: Friday 31st May**
Executive staff will continue to work with Carl Warren, ex principal of Glenfield Park Behaviour School, on this day developing expertise and processes in our school. We had an excellent day last week with Carl when he presented to our whole staff at our staff meeting.

We are reviewing and evaluating the processes for student welfare within our school and providing support for professional development for all staff across our school.

**P & C Fundraiser: Tasty Tempter and Mufti Day**
**Thursday 30th May**
Please ensure you get your orders in by Tuesday 28th May to enable the ordering of food for the day. The P & C run this day with our school canteen with $1.00 from every order being donated to P & C fundraising. Students are invited to come to school in mufti and pay a voluntary donation. Join the fun and support our P & C and Canteen!

**Together Arts Exhibition**
This is being held next week and it is great to have some students exhibiting and recognising indigenous art within our school. Congratulations to students on the high standard of work selected.

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser, Principal

**Upcoming Events**
**Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th May**
Blue Mountains overnight excursion – Year 4

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

**Thursday 30th May**
P&C and Canteen Tasty Tempter Fund Raiser and Mufti Day

**Friday 31st May**
Netball and Soccer Gala Day
Together Arts Exhibition Excursion

**Friday 7th June**
Athletics Carnival

**Monday 10th June**
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Stage 1 Assembly Awards Week 2 and 3
KM  Max Williams, Lucas Hinton, Sidney Schols, Cruz Ellis
KJ  Jasmin Robinson, Bethany Somoracz, Makayla Batey, Tristan Mathiasch
K/1S  Taylor Keane, Aaron Butt, Beau McGowan, Caitlyn Halse
1C  Chenoa Batey, Patrick Plumridge, Liam Ryan, Latiya Shankaran-Raju
1B  Chloe Rice, Wil Watts, Miles Sandys-Doherty, Owen Hanthorn, Kate Betteridge, Indy Jackson
2L  Jaimee Dillon, Kelsey Shankaran-Raju, Scott Goddard, Brock Statham
2S  Oisin Chretien, Tia Doyle, Darby Scott
2M  Riley Docherty, Luke Hawke, Will Lewis, Noah Sathiah
K/1H  Reece Watchorn
Art  Joshua Hinton
Sport  Charlotte Heudebourc, Elias Grant, Ebony Godfrey, Brock Statham, Toby Webb, Alexis McMillian, Gracie Giltrow-Gorrie, Matthew Newling, Tavita Hunt, Izaak Taylor
Learning Support  Liam Ryan, Harry Rainbow

Congratulations Jemma Brown, Chloe Sheil, Faye Sandys-Doherty, Josie Kent, Maya Sathiah, Roanna Beeston, Bryce Smith and Emma Doyle from 4O who showed Ms Fraser their excellent work.

Congratulations Miss O’Hara and 4O for your excellent work! Ms Fraser

Stewart House – Hand Balls
We are selling blue and white ‘High Bounce Hand Balls’ this week at school to raise money for Stewart House. Balls are be $3.00 each and will be on sale until sold out.
Mrs Shiel
Coordinator

Canteen News
New yummy winter warmers!
Each week the canteen will have a yummy home made winter warmer. The first item for sale will be delicious home made pasta bolognese in Week 5 (next week).
$3.50 per serve
$4.00 with garlic bread
$4.50 with water
$5.00 with water and garlic bread
Each week a new winter warmer will be available.
During this time we will no longer be selling the packaged lasagna or mac n cheese or the flame grill wraps.

Safe Respectful Learner Awards: Term 2 2013
As per our previous note, changes have begun this term with a transitional period that lasts for the remainder of this year. The onus will now be on students to collect their awards and take responsibility for handing them in to receive a certificate or pin/badge.
All students will transfer to the new system by 2014.
Awards My Child Can Earn:
The Safe Respectful Learner (SRL) Award is replacing the Merit Award currently received during weekly assemblies.
Leadership Awards are replacing the playground awards. These are awarded both in the classroom and playground, targeting cooperative behaviours and independent leadership. On receiving 4 Leadership Awards, they are handed in to the class teacher to receive an SRL Award.
Participation Awards are an addition to the current system recognising a student’s dedication and effort for participating in extra curricula activities e.g. debating, band, choir, dance, etc.
SRL Badges are small pins that students can wear everyday celebrating their achievements as Safe, Respectful Learners. Students will need 2 big Achievement Certificates to trade for a badge.

Yours sincerely,
Janeen Jackson
Awards Coordinator
**Grip Leadership – Year 6**

GRIP = Growth Relationship Integrity People

Last Friday all of Year Six had the opportunity to attend the Grip Leadership course at the UOW. Myself, Ms Lang, Mrs Lui, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Capps, accompanied the students. Year Six engaged with other students from numerous schools in developing their knowledge of leadership and becoming empowered to improve their school. Throughout the day the students learnt that everybody could be a leader, that leadership takes teamwork through the sharing of ideas and time and sometimes using other peoples expertise. They also learnt that leadership takes a great deal of effort.

Year 6 learnt that the song Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes can help guide them as they become leaders. The song also stands for:

**HEAD:** Thinking of others

**SHOULDER:** Carrying the Load for Others

**KNEES:** Moving forward (because knees can’t bend backwards)

**TOES:** Balance responsibilities

The ideas learnt during the day will contribute to their understanding of the Peer Support Program, which they will lead later in the Year.

Mr Geoff Boniface

*Congratulations to all Year 6 students on your outstanding participation. Congratulations to staff and thank you to parents for your support of this new initiative. Lyn Fraser*

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**GRIP Leadership Day Report- By Jade Stein 6C**

It’s always wonderful when young people can get together to learn leadership skills and values and this opportunity arrived for us at the GRIP Leadership Conference recently in Wollongong.

All of Year 6 travelled by bus for 45 minutes to Wollongong University and arrived in a very cold area of town. As we hopped out of the bus we saw a lot of other schools from around our region and some schools we had never even heard of!

The two men who spoke most of the time were Mason and Andy, who were very funny. I could relate to most things they talked about, which I think was helpful. We watched small movie clips, had loud noises sessions, and plenty of other activities to learn to become a successful leader at school or home.

Overall, I think all of year 6 had a great time just like me, and I hope next year’s year 6 will be able to attend this day of learning leadership values and skills.

*Thanks to Jade who has shown leadership initiative by producing this report by identifying a need. Mrs Capps.*

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**LIBRARY NEW**

**THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING NEXT WEEK!**

The Book Fair has arrived! Books will be on sale Monday 27/5/13 and will finish Friday 31/5/13. Books will be available for sale from the library at the following times:
- Monday before school, lunch and afternoon tea
- Tuesday and Wednesday lunch and afternoon tea
- Thursday before school and lunch
- Friday before school and afternoon tea

Books can also be purchased and donated to the school. All donated books have the students name on the inside cover and the student donating the book will be the first person to borrow it.
Dear Parents,

It's nearly time for our Term Two Tasty Tempter and Mufti day – this is our second Tasty Tempter Lunch Day for the year. The cost of the lunch pack is $6 and this term's pack comprises a sausage on a roll or a sausage roll, a popper or a water bottle, a pack of Jumpys (Healthy Canteen approved chips) and an orchy cup. $1 from every pack boosts the P & C’s fundraising target for our school. Help support our fundraising!

These lunch packs must be **pre-ordered**, **we cannot accept orders after the cutoff date**, otherwise it makes it impossible to estimate quantities. So don’t miss out - get those orders in early (order form below). **The cut-off date for orders is Tuesday 28th May.** Students can still put in normal canteen lunch orders on the day if they do not want the Tasty Tempter pack.

As a reminder, due to safety concerns for students, we are unable to provide lunch packs to students with allergies to certain foods or special dietary requirements. This decision was made for the protection of students which is our prime concern at all times. We appreciate your understanding of this decision.

Students are invited to come along in **mufti clothing** (casual & needs to be appropriate for school). We ask that students wear clothing that provides adequate protection from the cold, bring a hat and wear sturdy enclosed shoes at all times. Mufti entry fee is by a **voluntary coin donation** which will be collected by P & C members at the entry gates to the school. Thank you for your support and place your orders as soon as possible. We look forward to an enjoyable day for our students.

Thank you,
Gina
Canteen Supervisor

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Donna Duck
P & C President

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**Canteen and P & C Tasty Tempter Day: Thursday 30th May 2013 – Return by Tuesday 28th May**

Name: ________________________________  
Class: ____________________  
$ 6.00 □

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VOLUNTEERS are the backbone of a successful P & C. At Picton Public we have had a well supported and active P & C for decades and we are keen to keep this going. As a volunteer you contribute to the education of every student at Picton Public by assisting in our fundraising efforts, the results of which are used to buy resources to benefit all of the children from Kinder to Year Six. That is a really good feeling!!

When you look around the school, you can see a snippet of what our P & C has provided on behalf of the school community over the years: air-conditioning, playground learning murals, electronic whiteboards, numeracy counter stands, tens of thousands of dollars worth of reading material, outdoor learning areas, sporting equipment, trees and gardens and the list continues.

Our P & C plays an important role in providing Picton Public with the necessities to provide students with a solid education. No luxuries, just the necessities.

So when we put the call out for volunteers, we are really asking families to help us make a difference to learning opportunities at Picton Public.

We have our core band of fantastic parents and carers who put their hands up time and time again to help out, but as their children move onto high school those numbers are declining.

We are conscious of not tying people up for long periods. If you can contribute 30 minutes of your day to one of our fundraising activities, it can make a huge difference to the end result. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work" and this is certainly true of the P & C.

At Picton Public, we have approximately 340 families of which approximately 15 of those families would have a family member that volunteers at some stage in the year. Some of those helpers put their hand up for everything!

We can’t do it without you, plain and simple. So when we put the ‘shout out’ for helpers in our updates, please consider lending a hand and making a difference.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

TASTY TEMPTER LUNCH ORDER AND MUFTI DAY

Our next Tasty Tempter Lunch Order and Mufti Day will be held on Thursday 30 May 2013. The children love these days and so do we!

Would you like to lend a hand?? You can call/text on 0409 607 753 or email mairyam@bigpond.net.au.

Order forms have been sent home earlier this week. $1 from each order is donated to the P & C by Made Fresh!
**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

Raised to date: $5,175

2013 Target: $12,000

e in the next fortnight and hopefully supplied in
time for our Tasty Tempter Day.

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
FROM THE GOOD GUYS
CAMPBELLTOWN WHEN YOU
ARE SHOPPING THERE!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
VOLUNTEERS

One of Picton Public’s major calendar events is
coming on 6 June 2013 and it is our annual
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL at Tahmoor Oval.

The P & C run a BBQ for the families of our
students and all profits are added to our
fundraising target.

We will be looking for helpers to assist on the BBQ
stall and also on the cake stall. We kick off at
approximately 10am and finish at around 2pm. If
you can give 30 minutes of your time it would be
most appreciated.

It is a very busy day but a lot of fun. We are
updated by microphone as to what races are on so
you do not miss your infants child/ren’s race. We
want you to enjoy your day.

If you think you would like to give us a hand, please
email mairyan@bigpond.net.au or text/phone 0409
607753 and we will put you on the roster.

Thank you for your support.
Dee-Jays Hair & Beauty Care

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