National Public Education Day
A special thank you to parents and family members for joining us at the assembly and for afternoon tea. Congratulations to all students and teachers who presented speeches and special items at the assembly. Thank you Mr Chris Herd our P & C Vice President for also joining us in celebrating this great community partnership.

Public Education Day means recognising the importance of all students having the right to access a quality public education where their learning is maximised and where learning is equitable, inclusive and is based on respect and care for others.

Congratulations to our Student Ambassador for Public Education Jemima Taylor whose speech we have included in our newsletter. Jemima is an outstanding reflection of public education and also all of our presenters today.

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser, Principal

P & C Fundraiser: Tasty Tempter and Mufti Day
Tomorrow
Our students always enjoy this day which is an important part of our P & C fundraising with $1 from every order being donated to P & C.

Mufti clothing can be worn and a voluntary donation can be made at the school gates. Please ensure mufti clothing is suitable for school including fully enclosed shoes.

Upcoming Events

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

Friday 31st May
Netball A and Soccer A Gala Day at Tahmoor
AFL Gala Day at Bargo
Together Arts Exhibition Excursion

Wednesday 5th June
ICAS – Science

Friday 7th June
Athletics Carnival – please return permission notes
P & C BBQ and Cake Stall

Monday 10th June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th June
P & C Meeting 7.30pm is the staff room

Thursday 13th June
Regional Cross Country

Assembly Awards Week 4

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Canteen News
New yummy winter warmers!
Each week the canteen will have a yummy homemade winter warmer. The first item for sale will be delicious homemade pasta bolognaise this week and next week as the children are finding it soooo delicious!
$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 lasagne or mac n cheese or the flame grill wraps.

Student Banking
Congratulations to the following students who received awards.
Bronze – Maya Sathiah
Silver – Darcy Matthews, Trystan Matthews, Brock Statham
Gold – Sydney Joshua
Outstanding – Joel Rainbow, Tristan Diack, Emma Ashworth-Clement, Ben Ashworth-Clement
Class Award – K/1S and 3M
Don’t forget to redeem your awards on the first Tuesday of each month. Please note that awards are only available during the dates listed. Reward Cards are available from the office.
Vicki Mathiasch
Banking Coordinator

Sydney South West Netball Team
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Geoff Boniface
PSSA Coordinator

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Stewart House
We still have a few blue and white ‘High Bounce Hand Balls’ for sale to raise money for Stewart House. Balls are be $3.00 each and will be on sale until sold out.

Thank you to all our families who have donated to the winter clothing drive and bought bags of clothes for Stewart House.

Mrs Shiels
Coordinator

Thank you Mrs Shiels for coordinating this fundraiser for this great cause for our public education students.
Ms Fraser

LIBRARY NEWS

THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!
The Book Fair has arrived! Books are on sale until this Friday Books are available for sale from the library at the following times:
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.
Mr Harvey, Librarian
Last week Year 4 travelled to the Blue Mountains for their very first over-night school excursion. It sure was an action packed two days! The kids were able to see and understand lots of the themes and concepts that they have been studying in class. Many of them saw the Three Sisters (the Seven Sisters) for the first time! They were entertained by some very talented Aboriginal dancers and then taken back in time to a real convict cell and courthouse. They got to see the land that Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth crossed in 1813.

The night time proved to be just as much fun with trivia and a movie... not to mention chatting and relaxing in the cabins!

On the second day the kids enjoyed rides on the Scenic Railway and Cable Car. They also loved choosing souvenirs for themselves and their family members.

We are very proud of Year 4. For some kids, this was their first night away from home. The experience allowed all children to develop their problem solving skills and grow into increasingly mature individuals.

Thank you to the parents for preparing the kids and to the team of teachers: Mr Mac, Mrs Lui and Mrs Monds. Successful camps would not be possible without everyone working together.

Miss Jourdan
Camp Coordinator

Here are few quotes from the kids:

“I liked the cabins because I was with my best buds.” TeKawa
“I loved the FOOD!!” James
“I loved taking awesome pictures!” Rohan
“On the Scenic Cable Way we had a beautiful view from high off the ground.” Olivia
“Seeing the Three Sisters was awesome!” Casey
“It was the best camp EVER!” Abbey
“I loved going shopping at the souvenir shop.” Danielle
“I loved the Scenic Railway - I think I was screaming the loudest!” Tara
“Watching a movie with all of year 4 was fun.” Hayden
“The Aboriginal show was cool and I was picked to go up and dance.” Cassie
“I got to be the witness at Hartley Courthouse.” Hayley
Athletics Carnival Update

Our annual Athletics Carnival is next week on Friday 7th June. At Picton Public School our carnival is for **total participation and enjoyment** in a variety of sporting activities.

We also select students to represent our school at the Razorback Zone Carnival.

**Razorback Zone Carnival**
Each school is entitled to send:
- Two entries per age race.
- One entry for each field event, and if their second placegetter makes the Zone qualifying distance or height, they are entitled to attend the Zone Carnival. If the second placegetter does not achieve the qualifying distance, they do not attend the Carnival.

**Age Races (100m) 8yr to 12/13yr**
- 2 entries per age

**Field events (Discus, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump) 200m and 800m**
- Junior (8, 9 and 10)
- 11 years
- 12/13 years

4 relay teams will compete at the Razorback Zone Carnival.
- Junior Girls and Junior Boys
- Senior Girls and Senior Boys
- Relays Junior (8, 9 10) Senior (11, 12, 13)
relay teams will be made up the 4 fastest 100m runners.

In field events, 200m and 800m – it is the best two heights, times or distance for Juniors out of 8, 9 or 10s – for example, if your child comes first or second in the 8 year old shot put, a 10 year old may have a better distance and that 10 year old will represent the school.

**Good sportsmanship is playing fair, cheering on your mates, accepting decisions and handling both victory and defeat with grace, style and dignity.**

Good Luck to all our students!

*Please send all parent helper notes to Mr Boniface as soon as possible to help him to organise the day. 8 year olds wishing to participate in the primary carnival must have notes to Miss Jourdan by tomorrow.*

*Michelle Jourdan and Geoff Boniface*
*Athletics Carnival Committee*
Speech by Jemima Taylor – Ambassador for Public Education

This morning a letter arrived at my place... in the beak of an owl! It was inviting me to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! I’m so excited I could back flip into a pool of sharks and NOT EVEN CARE.

Okay, not really. Slight exaggeration. But isn’t that really a bit how it felt when we all started our first day of kindergarten here at Picton – excited and ready to go? Waiting to discover the magic within - which is the things we like, are good at and the things we hold dear to our hearts.

Obviously it’s not like we’re all going to ride broomsticks here at Picton, but our school’s still pretty cool! I mean, even the teachers are a bit similar.

Here we’ve got Ms Fraser- now she’s Dumbledore in person- caring, wise and knowledgeable but without the beard. Mrs Boyd is obviously Professor McGonagle in disguise – strict but inspiring. And then there’s Professor Snape. In Kindergarten I was pretty sure this was Mr McCarthy. Now of course having been taught by him, I realise how wrong I was. Mr Mac is all the good bits of Snape and none of the bad.

So what about you and me? Well, we’re like all the heroes and heroines – we can be our own Harrys and Hermiones and Rons and Ginnys and Lunas. We each receive the best education we could hope for here and that gets us ready to make our magic shine.

Now fly with me to India for a minute – not on a broomstick but in a plane (although if you have a broomstick handy feel free to try). When I was there last year I met kids who could speak 4 languages, had amazing handwriting, were really bright and studied in their school holidays to get good marks. Why? Because in India it really matters what background you come from, who your parents are and what job they do. If your parents have a really low paid job or none at all, some kids aren’t allowed to go to school or if they do go to school they’re treated unfairly or constantly put down. And just like here in Australia, if you can’t get a good education you can’t get a job and you’ll struggle all your life.

In Australia, public education means it doesn’t matter what background you come from or how much money you have, everyone is treated the same. Think about it. We’re pretty lucky.

So there are three things I love about my school. First: we get great academic and sporting results, we’re improving all the time AND we get opportunities to do all sorts of other things like debating, public speaking, dance, drama and much more – even if that doesn’t include using magic wands.

Second: our teachers are amazing and always there to care about us. That brings out the best in us and makes us care about each other.

Third: Like all public schools, we look after ALL our students so that everyone can get a good education and no one falls behind.

Public education is like a light guiding kids to a successful adulthood. Thank you Hogwarts/Picton Public School for bringing out the magic in me and every other student here.

What can you do today to bring out the magic in yourself and the people around you?
The Wollondilly Aboriginal Advisory Committee along with Wollondilly Shire Council invites the public to come and view this year’s “Together Arts Exhibition” celebrating Reconciliation Week, to be held at the Wollondilly Shire Hall from 10am – 2pm Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June, 2013.

The exhibition is made up of art works from School aged children and this year we have invited registered Pre-Schools in the Wollondilly Shire and the theme for Reconciliation Week 2013 is “Let’s Talk Recognition” We look forward to seeing you there.

Where – Wollondilly Shire Council Hall

When – Friday 31st May - Saturday 1st June

Time – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Contact Denise Ezzy – 4677 8224 or denise.ezzy@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au
P&C UPDATE
TERM 2 WEEK 5 · WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2013

NEXT EVENT: THURS 30 MAY
- TASTY TEMPTER LUNCH ORDER AND MUFTI DAY
**DON’T FORGET YOUR MUFTI CLOTHES**

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
We have currently received payment for school contributions from approximately 25% of our families. Your contributions directly help fund resources and programs across the school which benefit every student at some stage of their education.

The school and the P & C appreciates any contribution you can make, partial payments are warmly welcomed. We endeavour to keep these fees down to the absolute DEC suggested minimum and try to hold off increases for a period of years. An increase this year was necessary as our costs have increased greatly. It was the first increase we have had in a number of years.

Thank you to those families who have already contributed - your support is important and valued.

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

![Thermometer with temperature levels]

Raised to date: $5,175

2013 Target: $12,000

SPORTS CARNIVAL
BBQ & CAKE STALL
HELPERS AND BAKED GOODS NEEDED!

Our annual Sports Carnival BBQ and Cake Stall will be held next Friday (7 June) at Tahmoor Oval.

It is a busy day for the P & C and we would welcome any help you can give us on the day, either serving on the cake stall or helping on the BBQ. If you would like to help email: mairyan@bigpond.net.au or text/call on 0409607753 (Donna).

We are also looking for donations for our cake stall - individually wrapped sliced cakes, slices and bags.

TASTY TEMPTER LUNCH ORDER AND MUFTI DAY

Our next Tasty Tempter Lunch Order and Mufti Day is held this Thursday. The children love these days and so do we!

We could still use some help!! You can call/text on 0409 607 753 or email mairyan@bigpond.net.au.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept orders past the Tuesday cutoff.
of biscuits sell very well on the day. You can just drop them up to us when you come to the carnival.

We are a nut aware school and P & C, so please do not send items containing nuts.

A Price List for food for the Carnival will be included in next week’s update.

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!

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION 2013

Student Name___________________________________________            Class ________________

Annual School Contribution  ☐ $43.00 – 1 student at school        ☐ $65.00 – family

Thank you for your support, it is appreciated very much!

VISA / MASTERCARD (Please circle)

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