K – 2 Dr Suess Excursion
Parents have expressed concern over the excursion that I would like to clarify.

Yesterday was the cutoff date as we had to make a commitment to pay for 4 buses for the excursion with the bus company. Unfortunately we had to cancel 1 bus yesterday because less than half of our students are attending, otherwise our school would be liable for approximately $1300 which we cannot afford. This was a ‘one off’ excursion which we felt children would enjoy and it was also made clear on the note which was sent home.

We also do appreciate the understanding shown by the majority of our parents.

Lost Property
I would just like to add to our previous newsletter that teaching staff frequently hold up all items of clothing at team assemblies to locate the owners and in the playground generally. Just a reminder to also add names to all belongings.

Year 6 Transition to High School
In this week’s newsletter we have included information regarding Year 6 students enrolling in Picton High School which has previously been sent home with Year 6 students. I thought it was important we also include the note in our newsletter this week because it gives an awareness of what is happening at Picton High School and gives more information for our whole school community.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Mrs Sapsed, the Principal at Picton High School and Mr Whitehouse who is the Hospitality and Food Technology teacher at Picton High School who held a community of schools meeting last Thursday which included all the feeder primary schools. We were invited to a luncheon and I would like to congratulate Mr Whitehouse and his student team for the absolutely outstanding luncheon that was provided. We were absolutely spoilt and the calibre of the presentation and quality of the meal was of a restaurant quality. The students were outstanding, the presentation of their food was outstanding and they are to be commended.

Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all of our staff especially Michelle Jourdan and Janeen Jackson on their excellent leadership and organisation with our school Athletics Carnival last Friday. This is a big event on our school calendar and I know many parents made such positive comments to me last Friday which we appreciated. Congratulations to Michelle and Janeen and all staff on a great day and the excellent organisation of the whole carnival. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make the day a successful one, without your assistance on the day we couldn’t make it so great. Thank you for giving up your time, it is appreciated.

Thank you also to Donna Duck our P & C President and our P & C on the BBQ and cake stall. Thank you to all of those people who assisted on the day, giving up your time to assist with P & C fundraising. As you are aware volunteers run this part of the day and we appreciate this and the many other things our P & C do in our school.

Thank you also to Rick Nyberg with his coffee van, he has always been a wonderful supporter of Picton Public School and continues to do so. Thanks very much Rick.

P & C Meeting Last Night - $5000 Donation!
A big thank you to the P & C for their generous donation on $5000 last night toward our technical upgrade of our hall – screen and projector. This money is now combined with our walkathon money in trust from last year to complete the installation. Congratulations to the P & C for all their outstanding work and contribution.

At our next P & C meeting Mrs Jackson and Mrs Capps will attend to speak about the new Award System.

Award System
We have once again included an outline for parents of our new award system which began this term. If you require any further clarification please contact the office or your class teacher.

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser, Principal
Upcoming Events

Thursday 13th June
Regional Cross Country

Monday 17th June
ICAS Writing

Tuesday 18th June
ICAS Spelling

Wednesday 19th June
Combined Assembly 12.10pm – please come along

Thursday 20th June
Multicultural Public Speaking

Friday 21st June
PSSA Gala Day Netball and Soccer B at Tahmoor Sport Ground
AFL Gala Day at Bargo Sport Ground

Monday 24th June
Student Reports sent home

Thursday 27th June
P & C and Footsteps Disco in school time

Friday 28th June
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 15th July
School Development Day
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 16th July
Students Return

Thank you

We would like to make a special acknowledgement and huge thank you to Picton Sand and Soil for their generous support and donations to keep our gardens looking so beautiful.

Picton Sand and Soil Ph: 4677 1333

Woolworths Earn and learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.

We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Kellie Henderson
Sticker Coordinator

Cake Containers

We have two unclaimed and unnamed cake containers in the office left over from the cake stall. Please call in to the office and collect them if they belong to you.

Choir of Children from Africa

Saturday 22nd June at 6pm
Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street Camden
Free Admission
A great day made possible by everyone working together!

Congratulations to all competitors, who competed in the true spirit of athletics and who had fun completing the variety of activities. Thank you to the teachers and parents who ran the events so efficiently, to Donna Duck and the canteen helpers and to Rick Nyberg who provided us with that much needed caffeine! We are not able to run a total participation carnival like this without the help and goodwill of teachers and parents, but I think you will agree to witness the involvement and enjoyment of the children is worth the organisation and the need for assistance. Also congratulations to the Athletics Committee for a well-run carnival.

A special thank you to:
Mrs Rice, Mr Batty, Mrs Doherty, Miss Runko, Mrs Hilliar, Mrs Morris, Mrs Smith, Mrs Campbell, Mr and Mrs Henderson, Mrs Wellman and Mrs Grover.

The High Jump competition is still being run at school. A full report detailing results will be published when this is complete.

Miss Jourdan & Mr Boniface
Athletics Enthusiasts

K – 2 Carnival Results

Boys
8 Year
1st Calem Brown
2nd Luke Hawke
3rd Truman Stone

7 Year
1st Thomas Gottaas
2nd Will Scettro
3rd Joshua Hinton

6 Year
1st Jack Maher/Sean Lawlan
2nd Logan Rigby/Jack Maher
3rd Harry Haeusler/Caelen Mitchell

5 Year
1st Corey Lawes
2nd Liam Hawke
3rd Harry Duffey

Girls

Abbey-Rose Bond
Ebony Godfrey
Shayla Sanderson

Loren Adamson/Madison McCarthy
Caitlyn Halse/Chenoa Batey
Madison McCarthy/Loren Adamson

Sidney Schols/Sidney Schols
Cassie Williams/Ruby-Lee Wilson
Alexis McMillan/Alexis McMillan

Zara Statham
Elaina Warren
Isla Terry

K – 2 Overall Winners

1st Place Mitchell
2nd Place Hume
3rd Place Sturt
4th Place Oxley

Due to some confusion in the 6 and 7 year old races, the final had to be run twice. Winners from both races were awarded ribbons.
DISCO

You will be receiving a note tomorrow which will contain information relating to the upcoming disco.

It will be held on Thursday 27 June during school hours. Children may wear appropriate mufti with enclosed shoes. Please make sure they have a jacket or pullover as the days are getting quite cold.

Cost is $5 per child or $10 per family and includes the disco, mufti entry, a drink and a bag of potato chips. The children have a great time every time!

Your support of this fundraiser is most appreciated.

Picton Public School P & C.

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

![Graph showing fundraising progress]

Raised to date: $6,584

2012 Target: $12,000

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
BBQ AND CAKE STALL

Thank you to all our families who supported our annual Athletics Carnival BBQ and Cake Stall.

A total of $482 was raised from the BBQ and sale of drinks, and a further $265 was made on our cake stall. That is a total of $747 added to our fundraising target. Thank you to all those families who donated delicious baked goods for our cake stall - there wasn't a cake left.

A huge thank you to the following wonderful volunteers who assisted on the day. Please let me know if we have missed your name - your assistance is very much valued and we want to acknowledge you!!

Cake Stall:
Kellie Ryan       Hayley Rogers
Sarah Hill        Fiona Grover

BBQ:
Doug Taylor       Peter Cotton
John Duck         Shanon Reid

Lunch Helpers:
Christie Farrell  Shanon Reid
Suzanne Kirby Jones  Amanda Eagles
Kylee Watkins  Donna Duck
Last night the P & C Executive handed over a cheque to Ms Fraser for $5,000 to allow the completion of the technical fitout of the hall which will finally give the school a modern and efficient sound and vision system throughout the hall. This cheque represents part of our pledged fundraising of $12,000 for the year and was preapproved for this purpose at our meeting of 12 March 2013.

DON’T FORGET TO PAY YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION – EVERY $$$ HELPS YOUR CHILD

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)

Name on card: ___________________________ Amount: $__________

Number on card: _______ _______ / _______ _______ / _______ _______ / _______ _______  CCV: _______

Expiry Date: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________
Safe Respectful Learner Award System

Leadership Awards
Hand in to class teacher

SRL Awards — also presented at stage assembly. To be placed in the Magpie Box when you have received 4 awards.

SRL / Participation Awards

Small Certificate of Excellence
To be given to Mrs Jackson when you have received 2 awards.
Presented at stage assembly

Large Certificate of Excellence
Do not need to be handed in.
Presented at stage assembly.

SRL Pin
Presented at Combined Assembly
Welcome to Picton High

Moving from the comfort and support of a primary school into a large high school, can be a big leap into the unknown for many students. Understandably both students and their parents will want to know more about the new school and similarly, we want to get to know our new students, understanding their needs and special traits.

We are pleased that you have chosen to enrol with us and know that the information explained here might ease any uncertainty you have about our transition process.

Visits to your Primary School

During terms 3 and 4, your Year Advisers, Ms McWilliam and Mr Whitehouse, will be popping out to see you in your class. They will have a chance to talk to you, as well as see you in a setting where you feel comfortable. They will talk to your teachers and will get to know you that little bit better. Their faces will become familiar to you and you will hopefully feel confident in having a chat!

Our Learning and Support Teachers (LASTS) are very keen to meet with your teachers too. They will be observing you in class, as well as gaining information about your learning needs from your classroom teachers. Their names are Mrs Keller, Mrs Hornstra and Ms Winter. They will also be assisting in the transition of students with special learning needs and behavioural concerns, where we try and accommodate your special needs to ensure you are happy and secure in high school.

Our Year Advisers in 2014

Ms McWilliam
I have been a teacher at Picton High School for five years and have worked as an English teacher and Aboriginal Education Facilitator. Last year I was lucky enough to be part of the Schools in Partnership Project where I was able to develop my knowledge of Aboriginal pedagogy as well as work one on one with students, their parents and elders in the community. This was a great privilege for me and I really enjoyed this opportunity. I chose to apply for a permanent position at Picton High School because I found the students and the community to be extremely welcoming and friendly. I was a casual teacher at a number of schools prior to Picton and hadn’t come across students who were so willing to have a chat with you and let you know about their lives in and out of school. This has enabled me to develop a great rapport with my students, their parents and the wider community. I really look forward to meeting every one of Picton’s 2014 Year 7 cohort and be a part of this new chapter in their lives. High School and all its adventures form a great part of one’s life story and I look forward to being a character.

Mr Whitehouse
I have been a Hospitality and Food Technology teacher at Picton since 2010. Previous to this I worked as a chef throughout Sydney and have served seven years in the Defence force. After changing career paths I have found teaching to be the most rewarding and challenging. I look forward to working with next year’s Year 7 cohort of students at Picton High.

Important Dates 2013

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Applying to be in our Advanced Skills Class

Each year, we give student’s who are interested and academically capable, the opportunity to apply for our Advanced Skills Class. This class works at a challenging level to extend and support our gifted students in achieving their best results, with teachers of this class working collaboratively to create engaging learning projects.

To ensure that our processes of selection are both transparent and equitable across all primary schools, we have decided to utilise the services of ACER, who produce and mark selection tests for these purposes. There is a cost of $50 to purchase this test for each student applying. However to make this more affordable for parents, Picton High School will pay 50% of this fee, leaving only $25 for each applicant to pay.

To sit the test, you must visit our Finance Office prior to July 18, where you will pay $25 and will receive a Student Guide, giving you further information about the test.

The test will be held at Picton High School Hall on August 8. Parents will need to bring students along to the hall by 9.15am, where they will be greeted by staff who will then administer the 3 tests. Parents will need to collect their children after the tests, which should be around 12.30pm.

When ACER provide the results to us, we will notify each applicant in writing of the outcome of their application.

Please note: All of our classes contain a mix of academic ability. Students in all classes will be supported by teachers to achieve their personal best. There is also a Core Skills Class, which targets students identified by their Primary School as having special learning needs, that would be best catered for in this class.

AWARD WINNING TEACHERS

As part of the South Western Sydney Director’s Choice Awards, four of our staff was awarded for their excellence in the following:

Tim French: Student Engagement and Attainment
Hayley Mahoney: Curriculum and Assessment
Allana Cservac: Early Career Teaching
Wayne Haslehurst: Administrative and Support

We are very proud of their achievements and our students have benefitted immensely from their expertise.

Did you know?

That you can buy your new School Uniform this year. It helps you to avoid those nasty queues at the beginning of next year. The uniform shop is on site. Just pop into the office and they will direct you!

That Year 7 is going to our new campsite on the Central Coast. Students and staff that attended this year suggested this venue for the camp was one of the best yet!
For parents who may have children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) Conduct Disorder (CD) or disruptive behaviour.

**Dr. Steven Walker (Brief Therapy Solutions) in partnership with Community Links Wollondilly.**

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- Child development and the relationship to seriously challenging behaviours
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- Looking for and identifying lost skills in AD/HD, ODD and CD. What’s behind the behaviour.
- Parents can be partners in managing a child’s challenging behaviour.
- Strategies to reduce outbursts and to teach new skills to your child.
- You will have the opportunity to think about your challenging child in a different light.
- You will find out that you’re not alone.

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**Where?**
Wollondilly Health Centre
5/9 Harper Close
Tahmoor

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**When?**
From for 8 weeks
10:00 am—12:00 am
Wednesday 17th July 2013 and every Wednesday after until
Wednesday 4th September 2013.

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**Cost?**
Gold coin donation for morning tea
Child care: None available

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**Contact for registration?**
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