**2L Open Day Art**

Jaimee, Thomas, Sienna and Toby with Calem, Jayden, Sophia and Grace from 2L enjoyed painting trains for Open Day.

Jaimee—We got to paint the train then Mrs Lutman outlined it with black texta.

Thomas—I painted the steam train black.

Sienna—I like my parents coming to see my work.

Toby—I liked that we got to paint the train. I painted the body of the train black and green.

Calem—I liked painting the train near the windows yellow.

Jayden—I liked painting blue and gold on the train and the windows.

Sophia—I liked painting with blue and I like that my family get to come and look at what we have done.

Grace—I liked doing the gold on the train.

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**Stage 1 Assembly Awards**

**WEEK 2**

**KM** Elizabeth Clark, Ella Hill

**KJ** Sharnaye Talbot, Lucas Wassall

**K/1S** Beau McGowan, Aiden Turnbull

**1C** Jayden Parker, Charlotte Walsh-Butt

**1B** Wil Watts, Ethan Whishaw, Lucas Ibrahim

**2L** Joel Knapp, Toby Webb

**2S** Oisin Chretien

**2M** Jake Muller, Noah Sathiah

**K/1H** Bodie Harmer-Budd

**Art** Luke Hawke

**Sport** Tavita Hunt, Grace Aceski, Ryan Graban, Riley Sullivan, Bethany Somoracz

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**Stage 3 Assembly Awards**

**WEEK 2**

**5B** Dante Wade, Jasmine McGowan, Alex Honan, Tyler Mewett, Lachlan Hilliar, Madison Ibrahim

**5P** Taiyah Hicks, Tess McMillan, Dylan Parrott, Heidi Robertson, Brendan Ellis, Joshua Gemmell,

**5/6G** Sophie Smith, Jemima Taylor, Hayden Taylor, Jillian Sweeney, Naomi Hughes, Alicia Bradley

**6C** Kaitlyn Stanbrook, Tori Fowler, James Peel, Harry Hebden, Georgia Ivanovic, Shaniah Hay

**6L** Thomas Harrison, Olivia Foster, Aaron Ivanoff, Zane Hawkless, Claudia Ball

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**Volunteers needed: please help us 😊**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the following roles:

Thank you to Suzanne Kirby-Jones, Emma Hendricks and Lisa Wellman for answering our cry for help! Our school operates so well with our generous volunteers!
Congratulations to students and staff for the excellent displays we had for our Open Day. It was so rewarding to see so many parents and grandparents attend today and join us in celebrating our students learning at Picton Public School.

P & C Meeting
A special thank you to Janeen Jackson and Suzanne Capps for attending last night to update parents on the new awards system. Please support the Bettamaid Fundraiser the P & C are currently running. All funds raised directly support student learning in our school.

Kindergarten Orientation
The first visit for 2013 will occur next Tuesday 6th August from 12.30 to 1.30. The students who will attend Kinder in 2014 will be involved in activities in the Kinder classrooms. Please meet in the Hall at 12.30 first. We are really looking forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students.

Stage Team Development Days
Just a reminder that next week each of our Stage Teams will be participating in Stage Professional Days so your child will have a casual day. These are really important days where the stage teams get to meet together. They will particularly be looking at the Australian Curriculum and the implementation across our school.

Kind Regards,
Lyn Fraser

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Tuesday 9.00–9.30am  
Thursday 2.45–3.15pm  
Our new school hats have arrived! They are for sale at the uniform shop for $12.00 each.

**HEAD LICE**

Please continue to be vigilant in checking your children’s hair on a regular basis for head lice. If lice or eggs are found children may return to school as soon as their hair has been treated.

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Congratulations and thank you to Su Jenks for her expertise and creativity in producing this new layout for our school newsletter. We have received many positive comments from families who love this new look. Thank you Su!

Lyn Fraser
Chicken Pox

Please note we have had a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in our school last week. If you are concerned about your child please seek medical advice.

Thank you.

SWIM SCHEME

Swim Scheme notes have been sent home and are coming in fast. There are a 30 spots left so get your notes in early so your child doesn’t miss out! Payments must be made by Friday 16th August.

Janet Shiels, Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

This week’s special is HOMEMADE POTATO BAKE!

$3.50 per serve
$4.00 with garlic bread
$4.50 with water
$5.00 with water and garlic bread

Gina, Canteen Manager

WOLLONDILLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Notes for the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival will be sent home this week. Please note that initially only 2 tickets per family can be purchased. Once all families have purchased their tickets we are able to sell any remaining tickets to families who wish to purchase more. If you require more than 2 tickets, please advise when you purchase your two tickets and we will contact you closer to the event.

Thank you for your understanding.

Lyn Farrell
Admin Manager

Dear Parents,

Later in August, students from your school will be performing in the Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School Assembly Hall. The Festival has a long and proud history of showcasing talent and creativity among the students and teachers of our Public Schools. Each and every item on show will reflect many hours of preparation and fine tuning to deliver a high quality performance.

In recent years, a disappointing trend has emerged where audience members choose to leave the auditorium immediately after their own children’s performance, regardless of when it occurs in the program. The result has been that later items perform to a hall less than half full, which is unfair to the children who have worked just as hard as those on stage before them.

The Festival Committee recognises that families attending the evening performances have school and work commitments, and took the decision in recent years to bring the starting time forward to 6:30pm, meaning that the final item is generally over by 8:15pm at the latest. As always, your children are supervised by staff from their own school while not on stage.

In 2013 I seek your cooperation by remaining for the entire show. Other people’s kids put on great performances too, and I guarantee that you won’t be disappointed.

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to seeing you at this year’s Festival – from beginning to end.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Lord
Principal, Thirlmere Public School
President, Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival

Community Notice Board

There will be a fashion parade on Saturday 17th August, at 2 p.m., at Tahmoor Presbyterian Church. The funds raised are for Samaritan’s Purse, which sends Christmas shoe boxes to children living in poverty. Cost $5.00

Email Address for Distribution of Newsletter: (Please complete and return to Magpie Box)

Name of youngest child: ____________________________

Class: ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________
Establishment of Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) Program Possibly for 2014

Dear Parents,

We have an opportunity to possibly provide an Out of School Hours (OOSH) Care program for students at Picton Public School if a parent survey indicates adequate interest in using the service.

This is a formal licence agreement which occupies an existing room at school and is a formal leasing agreement between the successful operator and the Department of Education and Community and strict guidelines are enforced.

We would be looking at our school hall as the ‘room’ which would be utilised. This program would provide a service to our families and possibly the broader community and would also support the school financially. At this stage we would look at commencing in 2014.

Initial discussions at our P & C Meeting last term indicated an interest by parents.

Please indicate below if you would be interested in this service at Picton Public School and return it to the school office by this Friday of Week 3 i.e. 2nd August. Please add a comment also. We have to establish an adequate interest in the service from our community for possible approval for it to go ahead. Please return forms to the Magpie Box.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Lyn Fraser
Principal

Expression of Interest for 2014 OOSH Program

29th July 2013

Parent Name: _____________________________________________

Please tick either or both boxes to indicate your interest. Thank you.

☐ Yes I would be interested in the establishment of OOSH at Picton Public School.

☐ Yes I would definitely bring my children to this program.

Number of Children:  1,  2,  3,  4,  5  circle that would participate.

Comment: __________________________________________________________________________
P&C UPDATE
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NEXT EVENT: FRIDAY 2 AUGUST - BETTAM AID ORDERS DUE

BETTAM AID
Don't forget to get your orders in by this Friday for this yummy fundraiser. Order forms are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

DISCO
We are just finalising a few accounts on the disco and will let you know the final profit soon.

A huge thanks to Lisa Lavan and Suzanne Kirby Jones for helping with the disco, we couldn’t run these events without you.

Donna Duck

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

Lately there have been a number of cars clogging the drop off zones around our school during the morning drop off. If you need to come into the school for any reason, please park further away and walk back, leaving the timed parking zones clear. The majority of parents just want to drop off their child off and keep going and to ensure their child gets safely in the gate they need to use these zones which are specifically located near the school entrances.

Don't drop off in the bus zones for any reason and don't double park under any circumstances.

Some parents got an unpleasant surprise recently when they were caught in these zones in the restricted times. We are not told when these visits are going to be made and the cars are usually unmarked. It is also a very hefty fine for both offences.

Unfortunately parking is, and will continue to be, challenging around our school, as it is with most schools.

Your patience and co-operation is much appreciated.
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