Touch Football by Brooke Campbell

Last week I went to represent Sydney South West in Touch Football. We drove to Tamworth, which was a 6-7 hour drive. I sat by myself in the back of the car while mum and dad talked about taxes and bills the whole way. I decided to chill and listen to my iPod and watch a few movies. When we finally arrived we sorted out our hotel room and drove straight to KFC for a yummy dinner.

The next day I woke up at 5.30am, brushed my teeth, did my hair and all the stuff girls do. I got in the car and we only had to drive down the road to the oval. Thank goodness it wasn’t a long drive because I was sick of sitting in the car for so long. We played 12 games over three days. We played some hard games and a few easy games but I tried my best in every game we played. After all the games we won 7 out of the 12 and I scored one amazing try! I say best of the day!!

I was proud of myself and all the other members of the team. We ended up coming 7th out of 12 which is pretty good! I then had to drive home listening to mum and dad still talk about taxes and bills. The worst thing was...my iPod died!!

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Stage 2 Awards

Week 5/6

3S Thomas Kennedy, Aravyn Cranfield, Jamie Harvey
3M Isaac Dib, Leilani Battty, Liam Parker, Mitchell Sanaghan, Riley Sutcliffe, Calvin Williams
3B Jade Giacomelli, Sam Williams, Chloe Martin, Madison Young, Bethany Mathiasch, James Rice
3/4O Antoine Zadro, Dean Cotton, Emma Childs, Charlotte Senior, Cameron Ellis, Carla Harrison
4J Olivia Maher, James Jones, Joel Rainbow, Jordan Latham, TeKaia Gilbert, Ryan Duck
4M Chelsea Edwards, Hanish Smith, Lachlan Manray, Christian Snell, Ethan Blake, Tadg Chretien
2/4L Zac Fuller
Art Malcolm Walsh, Charlotte Senior, Leilani Battty

Stage 3 Awards

Week 5/6

5B Lachlan McDonald, Amber Beale, Sophie Davies, Kate Pickles, Liam Breeze, Bailey Depasquale
5P Harrison Apps, Jarod Unwin, Ainsley Jones, Nathan Cook, Caleb Pascoe, Tristan Taylor
5/6G Tashi Batty, Imogen Grover, Blake Horner, Brock Smith, Aimee Eagles, Shelby Foye
6L Aaron McIntosh, Ava Sharpe, Serena Proctor-Jones, Alicia Bradley, Joseph Sharwood, Owen Robertson
4/6L Cody Lasogga

Volunteers 😊

A special thank you to Lisa Wellman, Sonya Spanos and Suzanne Kirby-Jones for assisting with a range of tasks in our Library. Your help is greatly valued and appreciated!!
Principal’s Pen

Performing Arts

This week students in our school Band, Choir and Boys Dance Group are involved in the Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School. Their performances today were fantastic and I know they are looking forward to performing again tomorrow night when parents and family members will be there to watch and support them. Congratulations Janeen Jackson (Band), Vicky Bywater and Coleen Lui (Choir) and Michelle Jourdan and Alison Craddock (Boys Dance Group) for all your hard work and commitment to these groups.

Swim Scheme

Our 2 week swimming program has started this week. The students are loving the program and already starting to show improved swimming skills. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to be involved with this worthwhile program and we are very fortunate to be able to offer it. Thank you to Janet Shiels for her coordination of swim scheme, it is a huge job to coordinate!

Kindergarten Orientation

It was lovely to once again welcome our 2014 Kinder students yesterday. They are such a wonderful group of children who enjoyed visiting the Kinder classrooms. We look forward to seeing them all again at our final orientation day on Tuesday 22nd October.

P & C Meeting

The final P & C Meeting for Term 3 was held last night. The main concern arising from the meeting was the current lack of volunteers. P & C Fundraising is an integral part of our school allowing many educational programs to be available to students. Without parents volunteering their time at fundraising events, these events may no longer be able to be offered at our school. Please consider if you are able to volunteer at coming events including the Fathers Day Stall tomorrow which still does not have enough volunteers to operate. Thank you for your consideration.

OOSH

Please note that tenders documents have now been made available regarding OOSH which is to be opened at our school in 2014. We have had some enquiries from parents wishing to put their children on a waiting list but we are not taking names just yet. We will keep our parents informed when this may start happening.

Zone Athletics

Good luck to all our student competing at the Zone Athletics next Monday and Tuesday. We are very proud of your sporting achievements!

Kind Regards,
Liz Boyd
Relieving

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

This week’s special is HOMEMADE LASAGNE!
$3.50 per serve
$4.00 with garlic bread
$4.50 with water
$5.00 with water and garlic bread

Technology Tips

Splash Math — Free, but extra worksheets cost - iPod/iPad
This suite of five sea-themed apps, covering years 1 to 5, teaches maths in a fun, interactive way. Answer questions correctly to add fish to a virtual aquarium, and track progress with weekly email reports.

Math Drills — Free - iPod/iPad
Graphically rich and fun environment allows a single student to learn basic math skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Explore solutions to problems using number lines, wooden blocks, facts and hints. Solve nine-times problems using your fingers!
Coin Trail
Thank you to everyone for supporting the coin trail yesterday to support Sam Griffiths. Sam, our School Captain, is a very talented cross country runner competing last weekend in Tasmania.
Just over $340 was raised to help cover his costs.

CHICKEN POX
Please note there have been 4 reported cases of Chicken Pox in our school this week. If you have any concerns regarding your child please seek medical advice.

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.

ICAS Tests
Over the past few months students from Years 3 to 6 have had the opportunity to take part in University Testing at school. Congratulations to all students who have participated. The following students have achieved outstanding results in Computer, Science, Spelling and Writing and will receive their awards at the Combined Assembly in Week 9 on Wednesday 11th September. Parents are invited to attend the assembly. The results for English and Maths have not yet been received.

Computer

**High Distinction**
- Lachlan Hilliar Year 5

**Distinction**
- Ben Stockheim Year 3
- Tristan Taylor Year 5
- Keely Mewett Year 6
- Imogen Senior Year 6

Science

**High Distinction**
- Lachlan Hilliar Year 5

**Distinction**
- Imogen Senior Year 6

**Credit**
- William Moutos Year 3
- Chayce Smith Year 3
- Ben Stockheim Year 3
- Hamish Smith Year 4
- James Newling Year 4
- Bradley Madgwick Year 5
- Hannah Huxley Year 5
- Tristan Taylor Year 5
- Sophie Smith Year 6
- Keely Mewett Year 6

Writing

**High Distinction**
- Abbey Henderson Year 4
- Emily Earnshaw Year 4

**Distinction**
- Brodie Spanos Year 3
- Chloe Rigby Year 3
- Tara Henderson Year 4
- Brooke Gechevski Year 4
- Alex Honan Year 5
- Indira Horsley-Elliot Year 5
- Hannah Huxley Year 5

**Credit**
- Ben Stockheim Year 3
- Renee Rice Year 4
- James Jones Year 4
- James Newling Year 4
- Joel Rainbow Year 4
- Lachlan Hilliar Year 5
- Samuel Jenks Year 5
- Tristan Taylor Year 5
- Keely Mewett Year 6
- Jade Stein Year 6

Spelling

**High Distinction**
- Lachlan Hilliar Year 5

**Distinction**
- Kane Jeffree Year 3

**Credit**
- Darian Dillon Year 4
- Brooke Gechevski Year 4
- Abbey Henderson Year 4
- Keely Mewett Year 6
- Jade Stein Year 6

Newsletter Update

Please note that from Term 4 2013 our newsletter will be changing to a new format called e-newsletter. It is compatible with iPhones, iPads and Androids. It will be the ONLY way our newsletter will be distributed in the future. Many other local schools are already using this program and the community feedback has been very positive. More information will follow during this term or please visit the website www.schoolenews.com.au

Library Production

**Monday 16th Sept**
- *The Magic Flute*
  - Yrs 3—6 2.15pm
- *Wednesday 18th Sept*
  - *Electric Music*
  - Yrs K–2 2.15pm
Lexile Award Winners
The following students have received Gold, Silver and Bronze Reading Awards. Gold Awards are presented to students who have read 50 or more books! Silver Awards are presented to students who have read 25 or more books and Bronze Awards are presented to students who have read 10 or more books.

We have just purchased another 100 books to add to the lexile shelf. We continue to purchase books to add to the school collection.

REMEMBER—you can type in the name of any book in the book/quiz search bar and check to see if it is a lexile book—‘search books in library only’ to find out if there is a quiz available to you.

Keep reading everyone!!

Gold Awards
Abbey Henderson
Tara Henderson
James Jones
Hannah Huxley

Silver Awards
Tyler Schols
Danielle Bartyn
Brooke Gechevski
Alice Haggerty
Joel Rainbow
Emily Earnshaw
Jorja Hackett
Liliana White
Jack Bullivant
Sophie Maher
Tess McMillan
Alex Honan
Imogen Grover
Jasmin Montalto

Bronze Awards
Kaci Brown
Caitlyn Bush
Cameron Ellis
Jasmine Gibbons
Josie Kent
Katelyn Malcolm
Will Ramage
Chloe Rigby
Maya Sathiah
Bryce Smith
Hunter Ackerly
Rohan Chretien
Ryan Duck
Max Daffey
Bridgette Edwards
TeKawa Gilbert
Ruby Giltrout-Gorrie
Casey Godfrey
Jemma Jones
Olivia Maher
Cassie Stein
Kate Walda
Lilly Brooks
Will Haucusler
Ethan Henderson
Holly James
Tristen Nonnenmacher
Sebastian Pope
Ben Reid
Bradley Madgwick
Evan Morris
Jack Scettro
Amber Beale
Bailey Depasquale
Jackson Docherty
Perri Henderson
Joel Humberstone
Maddison Kalpaxis
Jasmine McGowan
Connor Philpott-Tyson
Hugh Whishaw
Ryan Cooper
Mitchell Sanagahan

Mrs Alison Thomson, Coordinator

2013 School Contribution

Student Name ___________________________________________ Class __________________________
Annual School Contribution $43.00 – 1 student at school $65.00 – family
VISA / MASTERCARD (Please circle)

Name on card: ___________________________ Amount: $ ___________________________
Number on card: _______ _______ _______ / _______ _______ _______ _______ CCV: _______
Expiry Date: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

COMMITTEE NOTICE BOARD

BARKERS LODGE ROAD
Council have notified us that the above road will be closed over the next two weeks. Detours are in place during this time. Please contact Paul Draper at the council for further information on 4677 1100.

Big Band Music
St Marys Brass Band
Camden Civic Centre
Saturday 31st August 2013
3pm to 4.30pm
Adults $20—Children $15
Tickets available at the Camden Civic Centre or Camden RSL
Enquiries 0419 925 294 or beauley@bigpond.net.au

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Expiry Date: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________
FATHERS’ DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

Our annual stall will be held tomorrow - a note was sent home with full details yesterday. Please remember to send money with your child to avoid disappointment. **CAN YOU GIVE SOME TIME TO HELP US OUT ON THE STALL - PLEASE CONTACT SUZANNE URGENTLY ON 0412 301 167.**

**GET THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS IN URGENTLY** - $1 each or 2 for $3, a booklet will cost $7. The prizes are absolutely fantastic - well worth a ticket in the draw. Please return your tickets by tomorrow morning and make sure your name and contact number or child’s name and class is clearly written on the butt.

A fantastic prize has just been received from Picton Karting Track - a voucher for two people to have a 30 minute kart ride valued at $140. **THANK YOU PICTON KARTING TRACK** for this great prize. This voucher will now be offered as third prize with our other great prizes following in sequential order.

Unfortunately the ‘We need volunteers” message seems to be falling on deaf ears with not one single parent or carer turning up to help with our gift wrapping day and it fell to one person to wrap close to 800 gifts. You do not have to belong to the P & C to lend a hand BUT every bit of help we get helps YOUR child/ren through the provision of essential resources in the classroom.

It is a sobering thought when you realise our core group of 15 experienced and fantastic volunteers who put their collective hands up regularly, some of them with over 10 years P & C service, will all be gone in just over two years and yet we only have three parents with children in their initial years at PPS learning the ropes and lending a hand, they can not do it alone. As a group we are concerned about the future of the P & C at Picton Public which has been ongoing since the early 1900’s. When your child is in Early Stage One or Stage One it is a great time to get involved, meet new people and learn more about your school.

Over the years P & C have been able to provide many things to all the great programs happening at Picton Public School. Many of the air conditioners, whiteboards, seating and classroom readers etc that you see around the school have been provided...
through fundraising by the P & C and the school and external grants.

We want to keep providing these educational necessities for the children of PPS. We realise that many of you may work fulltime but you may also know someone who might like to give an hour here or there, a grandparent or a friend might like to volunteer. Please get the word out.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING INVOLVED THROUGH VOLUNTEERING – WE CAN’T MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITHOUT YOU.

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**

Raised to date: $10,121

2013 Target: $12,000

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**IN SCHOOL – DISCO**

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Our last disco for the year will be held on Friday 13 September - details to follow!!!!

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**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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**DON’T FORGET TO ASK FOR YOUR SCHOOL DOLLARS FROM THE GOOD GUYS CAMPBELLTOWN WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING THERE!**

Is your child a student at Picton Public and do they have a relative that works with Telstra???

Telstra has a great community program which provides a one-off grant of $1,200 (conditions apply) to qualifying community groups (like our P & C) who assist in providing worthwhile resources to students. If your child is a sibling, step-child, niece/nephew, grandchild or foster child of a person working on a permanent basis with Telstra, please provide your details to the office and we can get in touch. The P & C has a few smaller projects that we would love to do, but haven’t got the funding available. Don’t forget to ask the aunts and uncles!
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