Last Thursday, the Concert Band, Year 4 boys Dance group and the Year 4/5/6 Singing Group performed in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School. This year, local primary schools combined to form a band and a choir. It was a wonderful experience for our students to participate in these groups.

During the rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday, the students displayed excellent audience behaviour. The evening performances were a credit to the children’s hard work, and once again their behaviour in the holding rooms was exemplary. We are very proud of you. Many thanks to parents and family members for continued support and encouragement.

Mrs Bywater, Mrs Lui, Mrs Plater, Miss Jourdan, Ms Craddock and Mrs Jackson

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**Stage 1 Awards**

Week 5/6/7

**KM** Cassie Williams, Joel Davies, Corey Lawes, Morgan Dalby, Gordon Greig, Abbie Rogers

**KJ** Bethany Somoracz, Alex Wood, Savannah Diack, Will Bolwell, Anastasia Radford

**K/1S** Brooke Day, Harry Haeusler, Harry Rainbow, Liam Subchifte, Jaxon O’Brien, Amy Cooper

**1B** Oliver Patterson, Rhys Dankins, Ryan Stockheim, Samantha Warren, Ryan Gellatly, Kate Betteridge

**1C** Caelan Mitchell, Hagley Sanderson, Chenoa Batey, Will Styles, Evie Diack, Logan Rigby

**2M** Ava O’Brien, Xulia McAvaney

**2L** Georgia Savard, Calem Brown, Hannah White, Brock Statham, Jayden Rofe, Sophia Whishaw

**2S** Abbie Tyszkiwicz, Blake Giaconelli, Shelby Somoracz

**Sport** Harry Haeusler, Cobii Hening-Allen, Natalie Gibbons, Riley Docherty, Latiga Sliakarins-Raju, Liam Ryan

**Stage 2 Awards**

Week 7/8

**3S** Amy Coles, Emma Day, Hugh Wishaw

**3B** Tegan Lawes, Jacob Annetts, Harrison Goolland, Wes Hendricks, Ben Stockheim, Taylor Kalpaxis

**3M** Grace Toga, Jackson Carroll, Sally-Anne McDonough, Klyie Odgers, Rachel Strautnicks, Ethan French

**3/4O** Chloe Shen, Bryce Smith, Cooper McKeown, Chloe Rigby, Carla Harrison, Dean Cotton

**4J** Cassie Stein, Joel Humberstone, Hayden James, Danielle Barty, Kate Walda, Ben Calley

**4M** Jorja Hackett, Ben Ashworth-Clement, Lachlan Latham, Emma Robertson, Liliana White, Amber Roope

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**Volunteers 😊**

A special thank you to Vicki Mathiasch and Melissa Solomon who give their time to school every week to do student banking. Your help is greatly valued and appreciated!!
Principal’s Pen

Swim Scheme

Swim Scheme continues this week and conversations with students attending reveal their enjoyment of the lessons and their growing confidence in their skills. Well done to our students and teachers who have been involved. Thank you also to teachers remaining at school who have run some interesting alternative activities.

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all our students who attended the Zone Athletics Carnival over the past two days. Thank you to Miss Jourdan and Mr Boniface for their organisation and supervision of the two days. Thanks also to the many parents who attended and supported all Picton Public School competitors at the carnival. It was a wonderful two days with many great achievements by students at Picton Public School. Qualifying students will compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 11th September. We wish you all good luck for the that event.

Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival

What a wonderful evening it was at Picton High School last Thursday night. Our Band Choir and Boys Dance Group performed brilliantly in what was an action packed night displaying the enormous talents and creativity of Wollondilly schools and teachers. Thank you Mrs Bywater, Mrs Lui, Mrs Plater, Miss Jourdan, Ms Craddock and Mrs Jackson for your excellent organisation and hard work to make this event such a special one. It was an absolute privilege to represent our school in this capacity.

P & C Disco Fundraiser

This will be held on Friday 13th September during school hours and will be run by Footsteps Dance Company. Children are encouraged to wear bright colours to celebrate the ‘Spring’ theme. Please ensure children wear enclosed shoes for safety. P and C volunteers will distribute drinks and chips at the disco. Please contact Donna Duck if you are able to assist in this role.

Relieving Principal

Next Friday 13th September, Mr Harvey and I will have a change over day for the Relieving Principal Role. This will ensure a smooth transition of leadership for our school.

National Cross Country

Congratulations Sam Griffiths who competed in Launceston on the weekend. He was a very strong competitor placing 21st in the under 12’s and 48th in the under 14’s. This is a fantastic result and we are very proud of Sam and his outstanding achievement. Sam expressed to me that he really enjoyed the experience and Cross Country is something he hopes to pursue in High School next year.

Kind Regards,
Liz Boyd
Relieving Principal

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 Chicken Tender Wraps!
Only $4.00

Knock Knock
Who’s there?
Knock Knock
Who’s there?
Knock Knock
Who’s there?
Scold
Scold who?
Scold
Scold who?
S’cold out here!
Scold
Scold who?
S’cold out here!
Knock Knock
Who’s there?
Who’s there?
Police
Police who?
Police
Police who?
That’s right, owl’s who!
That’s right, owl’s who!
Police stop telling me these awful knock knock jokes!

Jokes
Chickens 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

With Spring in the air, many cases of head lice have been reported to school. It is that time of year where lice are more active so please check your children’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. Children can return to school once hair has been treated.

Community Announcements

Picton Sand and Soil

Spring Fair 9am—4pm Sunday 8th Sept
Free rides including giant slide, free face painting, sample bags, sausage sizzle
Market stalls and radio station 91.3 will be there.
Jarvisfield Netball Club Presentation Day and AGM Sunday, 8th Sept 2-4pm
Picton Bowling Club DISCO—siblings welcome AGM at 12—positions need to be filled for club to continue—come and support.

Parent/Community Celebratory Morning Tea

We would like to show our gratitude and thanks to our Parents and Community helpers for the great support you provide our school. Mrs. Farrell, our School Administration Manager is once again coordinating this event this year.

To celebrate your wonderful contribution to our school we would like to invite all of our Parent and Community helpers to a morning tea on Wednesday 18th September at 11.15am in our staffroom for approximately one hour. Please come to the main office.

Without the support of our community we would not be able to implement all of our school programs and your involvement directly supports our success across so many endeavours.

Invitations have also been sent out, please RSVP by Friday 13th September. We hope we haven’t missed anyone. If we have you know you are invited!

We look forward to seeing you on this day and hope you can make it.

Important Notice: School Photos

Envelopes need to be returned with payment enclosed by the date the photos will be taken—Tuesday 17th September. Family photo envelopes and spare individual photograph order envelopes are available from the office.

Please note that all students must be in summer uniform for their school photo.

Thank you for your assistance.
Brooke O’Hara, Coordinator

P&C Disco and Mufti Day

Please find enclosed payment of $5 or $10 (please circle amount) for the following students to attend the P&C disco on Friday 13 September 2013.

$5 per student, $10 for a family of two or more students.

Name/Class of Child 1: __________________________________________
Name/Class of Child 2: __________________________________________
Name/Class of Child 3: __________________________________________
Email Subscriptions – iPhone, iPad and Android Apps

Dear Parents,

As mentioned in previous newsletters, as of Term 4 the newsletter will only be distributed via email and smart phones. We hope parents have had an opportunity to look at the website regarding the changes.

We are pleased to inform you that you can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email and also access these via an app for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

There are many advantages including:
- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps;
- your child can’t forget or lose the newsletter;
- access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
- supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child's school environment.

Subscribe for email updates
2. Click the “Newsletters and Notes” heading (top menu on the right)
3. Click on “Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes.”
4. Under the “Subscribe” heading, tick on the “Newsletters List” and the appropriate year lists
5. Enter in your name and email address.
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7. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the “Activate Now” inside this email that is sent to you.

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2. iPad app: http://ipad.schoolenews.com.au

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the office on 4677 1497.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Boyd
Relieving Principal
FATHERS’ DAY STALL
AND RAFFLE

We hope that everyone enjoyed their Father’s Day and particularly enjoyed the gifts purchased from the P & C stall. A huge $1,192 was raised from the stall to bump up our fundraising target.

A big big big thank you to the following wonderful people who manned the stall:

Co-ordinator: Suzanne Kirby Jones
Helpers: Jim Davies, Leanne Lawes, Olivia Radford, Venessa Schols, Lisa Somoracz, Leonie Edwards, Christie Farrell

Michelle Sherrin, Tara Hicks, Cindy Morris, Debbie Beeston, Natali Turnbull, Lyndall Kennedy

It was lovely to see so many new faces lending a hand. Thank you all so very much.

Thank you for your support.

RAFFLE RESULTS:

An impressive $993 was raised from our raffle which is an awesome result. Thank you to our wonderful donors for their fantastic prizes:

The Good Guys Campbelltown, Picton Karting Track, Antill Park Golf Club, Bunnings Mittagong, the Duck Family and Rialan Giftware. Please support them whenever you can.

Raffle draw results were as follows:
1st Prize: Dianne Crompton
2nd Prize: R. Docherty
3rd Prize: Caleb Pascoe
4th Prize: Justine Clout
5th Prize: Julie Tanner
6th Prize: Foye family
7th Prize: Bailey Depasquale

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all our families who sold or purchased tickets.

**FUNDRAISING TARGET**
YOU DID IT PICTON PUBLIC!!!!

Raised to date: $12,307
2013 Target: $12,000
IN SCHOOL - DISCO

Notes were sent home to families early this week. All children will attend this Footsteps Disco. $5 per child or $10 per family. The theme is ‘SPRING’ so think spring colours, bright and cheerful!

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 CAMPBELL TOWN 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 aunties and uncles!
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