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PIC-NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Year 6 into 7 orientation day was a tremendous success and the school hosted the largest Year 7 intake in memory. Presentation day went back to the Revesby Workers Club this year with over 800 in attendance. This event showcased the wonderful talents of students, staff and parents.



Performers at Presentation Day 2012

From a staffing perspective, it is the end of an era and we farewell this year the following permanent members of staff and wish them the very best in the next chapter of their life;

- **Ms Lynne Care**-35 years service in office administration with 25 years at PPHS
- **Mrs Jan Warner**- 37 years teaching and 28 years at PPHS
- **Mr Keith Brennan**- 38 years teaching and 8 years at PPHS
- **Ms Wardrop**- 34 years teaching and 27 years' at PPHS
- **Mr Martin Andrews**- 4 years of teaching service at PPHS
- **Ms Danielle Elasi** - 4 years of teaching service at PPHS

Some successes in our school year include:

- Out of over 400 Best Buddies nationally one of the PPHS Buddy Pairs, Joshua Bull of Year 9 and Jordan Chavez of Year 12 were named best buddies of the year.
- The mini Olympics held by the student leadership team was an amazing success.
- Congratulations to Year 9 students Nathan Anderson, Kate Cremasco and Stacey Hayward for receiving Medals from the Premier in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

- The boys' water polo team were placed 4th in the State. This is a huge credit to the team and the long serving coach Mr Sparks.
- Three students received Sydney South West Regional Blues: Samantha Abbott for Swimming, Maddie Pirie for Athletics and Mary Molloy for Cricket.
- Brandon Grochala received a NSW CHS Blues award for swimming and Ashleigh Gardner for Cricket.

There is a proposal to place a CCTV camera in the school canteen area. The areas that will be filmed are inside the canteen serving area and the area outside the toilets. Filming will be continuous from the start of school to end of the school day. Images will only be viewed if there is a breach of safety and or security. The filming will be initiated by a movement sensor and will record on a hard drive.

A reminder to all students and families that if a student will not be attending on the first day of school in 2013 I will need a letter to confirm the official first day of attendance at school in 2013 to ensure that a position is left open.

At PPHS we continue to support an environment that brings together diverse social, learning and cultural backgrounds into a school whereby we all learn together, accept each other and embrace all that is special and unique about Public Education.

In conclusion I extend very warm and sincere best wishes to all students, staff and parents and thank them for their commitment to learning at Picnic Point High School. We all look forward to the successes and opportunities that 2013 will bring to all members of our school community.

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Academic Order of Merit

The following students were ranked in the top 50 in their year group for semester 2. Those with an "*" after their name were ranked in the top 20.

Year 11

Samantha Abbott, George Alam, Justine Alcalde*, Tayla Allison, Belinda Anderson, Georgina Brady*, Kaylee Bunyan, Matthew Cash*, Alexander Christodoulou*, James Cremasco*, Stephanie Deering*, Karissa Dunn*, Timothy Easterbrook, Blane Falconer*, John Georgiou, Aaron Greening, Jack Guthrie, Jack Hallows, Kacey Hanna, Alise Imparato, Analise Imparato*, Peter Kallas, Shane Keen, Brendon Lambert, Kiralee Leonard*, Dean Lloyd*, Nicholas Markatis, Joshua Mazloun*, Glynn Meredith*, Victoria Moggs, Joel Moseley, Jade Newbery, Chris Nguyen*, Van Nguyen, Deena Odeh*, Renee Oldfield, Julia Panovski*, Bryce Peake, Morgan Ramsay, Lisa Rugg, Rita Salloum, Nicholas Sim, Krishneel Singh*, Steven Skintzis, Tara Smith*, Madeline Strachan*, Nicole Thompson, Sophie Tran, Kaylea Trees, Natalie Westren*

Significant Academic Improvement in Year 11

Liam Bell, Timothy Easterbrook, Christopher Edwards, Kacey Hanna, Alise Imparato, Kasie Lippis, Victoria Moggs, Nichola Osborn, Stephanie Stojanovska, Monica Stopins, Sophie Tran

Year 10

Alexander Adams*, Amy Ahern*, Helen Bui, Eric Bull*, Samantha Carmichael, Marie Christofides*, Anna Droulias*, Cayley Endicott, Emily Frazer, Simone Giannoulas, Lourance Haddad, Aaron Haddon, Tayla Hall*, Juanita Halls, Samuel Hansford, Alexander Hassett, Zachary Hatzis*, Kendall Hull, Jack Ismay*, Christina Karageorgis, Marianna Konidaris, Chloe Larcombe*, Joshua Lauth, Dai Le*, Jacqueline Le, Michelle Lee*, Kevin Lim*, Amanda Lloyd, Ryan Mackey*, Sara Matsui-Carroll*, Jessica Maude*, Stacey McDonald, Allison McKay, Dean McKinnon, Katelyn Middlemiss*, Mary Molloy, Tiffany Nguyen, Angel Oreibi, Amalia Pieters*, Joshua Pratt, Jamie Romcke, Emily Rotziokos*, Joel Ryder, Stacey Savidis*, Ellie Semsarian, Samuel Tall, Joshua Thompson*, Lyla Truong, Akshay Veerappa, Lachlan Whelan, Michael Yue-Lap-Wan*

Significant Academic Improvement in Year 10

Luke Briggs, Vanessa Cheng, Jenahya Chew, Arin Cockle, Benjamin Fletcher, Amanda Lloyd, Shannon Macdonald, Wally Obeid, Shannon Punton, Samantha Regler, Matthew Small, Brittney Taylor, Kaori Yoshida, Zacharia Zaatiti

Year 9

Danica Anderson, Nathan Anderson*, Nathan Arfanis, Holly Atherton, Manisha Banga, Teaghan Bartley, Daniel Black, Ronja Blixt*, Madeleine Buckley, Jarod Bui, Isabella Bull*, Timothy Carroll*, Lauren Cogo, Toni Cooper*, Kate Cremasco*, Naryna Dawes, Kristen Dick*, Andriana Dimoska, Tara Edmiston, Lachlan Gandy*, Emma Godbier, Maceon Goder, Marah Grice, Stacey Hayward*, Isaac Heslop*, Sean Hill, Vincent Host, Michael Howe, Emma Jackson, Mathew

Kahla-Dunn*, Kathy Karaolis, Tayla Kelly, Kyla King, Joshua Kleckin*, Sarah Knebusch*, Sarah Lepre*, Sarah Little*, Ilhana Ljukovac, Jasmine Lloyd, Siahn Locklee, Sarah Lord*, Katrina Mihalopoulos*, Brayden Miller, Angus Munro, Kathleen Nguyen, Angalene Pavlovic, Matthew Roberts*, Josie Strachan, Kira Vanags*, Jayden Zangari*, Lenae Zmoda

Significant Academic Improvement in Year 9

Monica Choueifati, Ellie Croft, Andriana Dimoska, Julia Fraser-Nolan, Kathy Karaolis, Henry Kim, Joshua Kleckin, Kyle Lloyd, Samantha Micheletto-Harte, Jarrod Robson, Kate Smalley, Liam Wood

Year 8

Kiarne Bitz, Lachlan Bligh, Cameron Blight, Elle Bogar*, Liam Bow, Anna Bui*, Chloe Burgess, Tahlia Burke, Chelsea Cook*, Alana Cox, Cooper Dallimore, Luke Dilonardo, Eryn Dimopoulos*, Mitchell Driver*, Christopher Fartek, Georgia Gale*, Elly Georgiou*, Thomas Grozdanovski, Wil Hallows, Felicity Hassett, Lilly Hassett*, Angela Humphrys*, Alex Jackson, Emily Kannedy*, Georgia Kapsimalis, Amber Langdon, Monique Larkin, Stella Lee*, Serena Lloyd, Antonia Mangos*, Alison Martyn*, Shaylie McWilliams, Hayley Millar*, Daniel Morris*, Nicholas Morris, Lauren O'shea*, Eric Panayi, Emma Peake, Melissa Petrovski, Ellie Pieters*, Christopher Poulos, Taylah Probert, Heidi Seeto, Caitlyn Smith, Louise Stace*, Mere Thompson, Zoe Ward Brown*, Reece Weston, Jeffrey Yung, Annie Zhai*

Significant Academic Improvement in Year 8

Justin Acevski, Lucas Barnes, Ella Cooper, Natasha Hargreaves, Alex Jackson, Lauren Lever, Serena Lloyd, Sarah Luscombe, Hamish McGeoch, Ashlee Miller, Aidan Murphy, Kayla Paterson-Barrie, Joshua Pilon, Cameron Single, Dakota Smith, Shontelle Swinfield, Mere Thompson

Year 7

Thomas Alexakis*, Georgia Anderson*, Sage Anderson, Ben Armytage*, Emma Atkins, Courtney Baxter, Jackson Bell*, Lauren Brutovska, Madeline Carroll, Luke Colley, Dylan Deegan, Hannah Eirth, Nathan Eirth, Drew Fitisemanu, Jesse Gandy, Olga Gasteratos*, Mazen Hammoud, Madison Harvey*, Audrey Hoang*, Jack Hughes, Nikki Kayatz-Monahan*, Emily King, Sean Klimczak*, Tommy Lang, Jaimie Loy*, Konaugh McBride, Sarah McCauley, Joel McNamara*, Clarice Mok*, Christine Nguyen*, Vincent Orogan, Daniel Papagianopoulos*, Anthony Pham*, Hayden Probert, Emily Reynolds, Ellen Rotziokos, Madeleine Rowell, Bianca Semsarian, Dian Sumanggita, Annalise Summers*, Naomi Tall, Jessica Tan, Bronte Tonks, Mitchell Tran*, Robin Tran*, Jade Vong*, Jonathon Vrtkovski, Zack Walker, Aliah Walton*, Ryan Williams

Significant Academic Improvement in Year 7

Jaydn Amy, Tess Anderson, Thomas Cowell, Jessie Endicott, Drew Fitisemanu, Sabrina Luong, Hank Nguyen, Tijana Ott, Kenny Phan, Cameron Scott, Olivia Webster, Xiao Wu.

What's On

Wed	19/12	Last Day of School for Students
Thurs	20-21/12	Staff Development Days
Tues	29/01/2013	Staff Return for 2013
Wed	30/01/2013	Students in Years 7, 11, 12 return
Thurs	31/01/2013	All Students back



P & C News December 2012

Another school year is almost at an end and the P and C held its last meeting for 2012 on Monday 26th November. A small but dedicated band of P & C members turned up to hear the wrap up of the year and to enjoy Christmas supper at the end.

At this meeting we said farewell to Sue Morgan who had been a great supporter and active worker within the P & C for the past six years, Sue was presented with a small memento of thanks. We were then surprised by Sue who presented us with a set of bbq aprons to be used whenever we man the bbq's. A great gift and very thoughtful!

Items to note were the representation of two members on interview panels recently. Thanks to Michele McGregor and Kelly McDonald for their contribution. Unfortunately we will again need to convene panels in the New Year as another vacancy occurs in the Performing Arts faculty.

Several key staff within the school will be leaving us at the end of the year (or have already done so this term) and the P & C wishes them well as they retire or go on to other schools or other ventures: Mr. Martin Andrews Head Teacher CAPA, Mr. Keith Brennan Head Teacher Social Sciences, Mrs. Cheryl Wardrop Head Teacher TAS, and last but not least Mrs. Lynne Care who has been an integral part of the SASS staff for as long as I can remember.

Mr Negroh gave us a very comprehensive report on the activities within the school including the Mini Olympics which by all accounts was a very successful day. Of interest also from his report were the sample ties he brought along which will be introduced next year. There is a new design tie for the Prefects and a complimentary tie which can be worn by the senior students. Both look very smart and I look forward to seeing our seniors embrace this as part of their uniform.

Recently the School Spectacular Concert was held at the Entertainment Centre and we were delighted to learn of the participation and to pass on the congratulations of the P & C to three of our students who were involved: Holly Deane and Jasmine Ziher (dancers) and Chris Edwards (VET).

In mid-November the P & C members held a working bee in the Hall, starting with a second hand uniform sale at which many items were sold for minimal cost. Following this we made up book packs for 180 of the 2013 year 7 students to collect at their orientation day. My sincere thanks go to Deborah Driver, Les and Anne Heeb, Robyn Moggs, Leigh Trindall, Melinda Favorito, Alia Evans and Wendy Heslop for the time given to achieve this.

On the 5th December a small band of P & C members manned the table and distributed book packs to these incoming students. Thanks to Adele Wardop, Terri Forster, & Louise Smith.

On the 28th November the annual canteen volunteers' dinner was held at Panania Diggers Club with 38 volunteers and our three canteen staff in attendance. We farewelled four ladies whose children had completed high school. Flowers were presented to Dianne Albrecht, Sue Morgan, Karen Noonan and Vicki Brown who between them had clocked up more than 25 years of volunteering in the Canteen! We also presented flowers to our supervisors Margaret and Corinne, our permanent casual Leigh and our longstanding Treasurer Louise. The Canteen has contributed \$50 000 to P & C funds this year which has enabled us to support the school in many ways (mentioned in previous PicNews Reports).

On this note may I close by wishing you all a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The first meeting of the P & C for 2013 will be held on Monday 18th February at 7pm. All welcome.

Christine Butters - P & C President

Email: bjcmbutters@yahoo.com.au

Best Buddies Program

On Thursday the 29 November the **Best Buddies Australia** held its last function for the year. Students from 14 schools across the Sydney region attended a Fun Day at Parramatta Park. In Ms Andrzejewska's absence, Ms Peterson accompanied 26 of our Support Unit and mainstream students to the event. Over 400 Best Buddies pairs attended the day and we were very excited to learn that one of our Buddy Pairs, Joshua Bull of Year 9 and Jordan Chavez of Year 12, were selected Buddies of the Year. Their prize is a helicopter flight over Sydney, which they will enjoy in the Christmas holidays.



Well done, Joshua and Jordan! A big thanks to all the buddies for participating this year, Ms Peterson for taking all the students on Thursday and especially Ms Andrzejewska, who has given up so much of her time and energy this year to make the program such a success in its first year at our school.

Irmgard Heap (HT Special Education)



Michel's (Revesby)

Student of the Month

September 2012

Yr	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Olivia Stuart	Consistent application and effort in all subjects
8	Feros Homaisi	For his consistent hard work in all subjects
9	Caleb Trindall	For displaying great leadership skills and making social inclusion work
10	Vanessa Cheng	For maintaining consistently high academic results and a more committed approach to attendance.
11	Madeleine Guthrie	For her constant excellent efforts and improvement in English
12	Kelsie Higgin	For working with determination, diligence and dedication in Geography.



Michel's (Revesby)

Student of the Month

October 2012

Yr	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Mitchell Edmunds	Consistent application and effort in all subjects.
8	Daniel Eata	Successful transition to a Picnic Point High School and effort in Science
9	Jessica Gadd	Consistent effort in all subjects.
10	Courtney Gerrard	For diligence and effort in each of her subjects.
11	Dean Lloyd	For always displaying the determination to achieve his best
12	Mitchell Cowell	Brilliant efforts across all subjects



Michel's (Revesby)

Student of the Month

November 2012

Yr	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Liam Binnington	Consistent application and effort in all subjects.
8	Lucas Barnes	For his determined and enduring spirit
9	Chelsea Symons	Consistent work and great application in all subjects
10	Sarah Wardrop	For a consistent work ethic in each of her subjects.
11	Jack Hallows	Excellent efforts in all his subjects and improved class rank.



Apology

The Leadership Workshop article that was in last month's PicNews was written by a really lovely year 8 girl, **Kiarne Bitz**.

Thank you Kiarne.



The new owners of Michel's patisserie at Revesby (Nasser Elias) have negotiated a continuation of the highly successful "Student of the Month" program.

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Food Technology (life skills)

Mrs Thompson's Life skills class enjoyed their cake decorating lesson this term.



Students made butterfly and spider cakes. Congratulation you all did very well.

Mrs Thompson – Home Economics Faculty

Best Buddies 2012 Big Day Out – 29/11/12



Best Buddies Stars - students awarded certificates in recognition of their participation in the Best Buddies Program 2012.

Buddy (Support)	Peer Buddy (Mainstream)
Nicholas Sim IO Yr11	Anthony Carvier Yr9
Samantha Micheletto-Harte IO Yr9	Kate Smalley Yr9
Brianna Russell IO Yr11	Hayley Soban Yr9
Wally Obeid IO Yr10	Caleb Trindall Yr9
Isuru Jayasingha IO Yr11	Jayden Zangari Yr9
George Alam IO Yr11	Angus Munro Yr9
Ahmad Barakat IO Yr11	Alisha Cole Yr9
Luke Briggs IO Yr10	Jeffery Yung Yr8
Bayley Kemp IO Yr8	Jayden Hawkins Yr9
Charbel Azzi IO Yr8	Jarod Seckold Yr8
Paul Dilonardo IM Yr10	Nathan Ashworth Yr9
Jessica Gadd IM Yr9	Katrina Mihalopoulos
Jordan Chavez IO Yr12	Joshua Bull Yr9
Sabrina Luong IM Yr7	Taylor Dawson Yr9





Miss Andrzejewska



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LOTE Report

Preparing for 2013

The Japanese teaching and learning programmes for 2013 are now being finalised. All students in Year 8 next year will complete their mandatory 100 hours of Japanese through a single period of Japanese per week. Students who have elected to study Japanese in Years 9 and 10 should keep all of their Japanese Workbooks as we will continue to use them throughout the Stage 5 course.

Students in Year 11 and 12 will purchase new workbooks at the beginning of 2013, but should keep all of their previously used workbooks as materials for revision.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day was on December 11 and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Japanese award winners. All students are to be commended on their fine achievements in 2012!

Japan Trip Photo Night

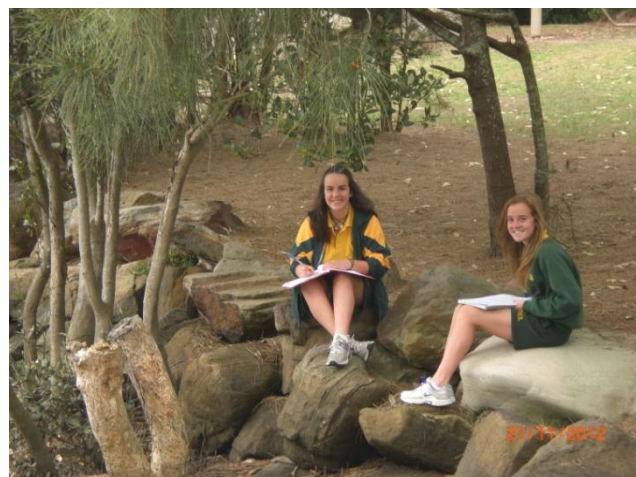
On Wednesday, November 21 all Japan Trip families watched our fantastic Photo Presentation from this year's Japan Trip. We even got the opportunity to eat some yummy sushi and Pocky and drink the famous grape Fanta! Thank you to all families who attended on the night and special thanks to our School Education Director, Helen Wardega, for attending the presentation.

7E Japanese and English Excursion

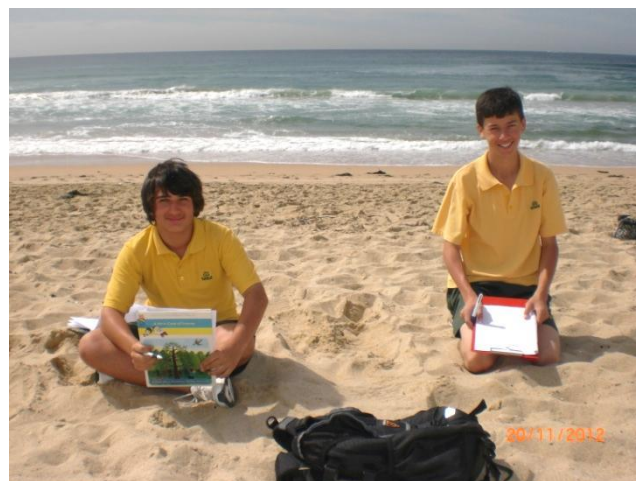
On Wednesday, November 21, Ms Stavros and Ms Mitchell took 7E on a Japanese and English excursion. Students completed many language activities at the Nihongo Tanken Centre and completed creative writing activities at Wanda Beach and Burnum Burnum Sanctuary. Below is a report of the excursion from Anthony Pham.

Year 7E Japanese and English Writing Day

On November 21, 7E went on an excursion to Wanda Beach, The Nihongo Tanken Centre and Burnum Burnum Sanctuary for our Japanese and English Writing Day. The excursion was organised by Ms Stavros, a marvellous English teacher and Ms Mitchell, a wonderful Japanese teacher.



Our first destination was Wanda beach. We completed our first two English Writing tasks whilst sitting scattered on the beach. While the class was completing the tasks, a pod of dolphins appeared in the distance. We got very excited and wanted to have a closer look, but since many of us hadn't finished our work yet, taking a look was not an option. After an hour and a half we left Wanda Beach and headed on a bus for our next stop.



At around 10:00am, our class arrived at Kirrawee High School, which contains a special Japanese house, known as The Nihongo Tanken Centre.



Tim and Yoshi were our guides at the centre and split the class into groups: the Maiko, the Ninja, the Samurai and the Geisha. Whilst in these group we played language games against each other and completed activities around the house. After completing most of the activities our class ate lunch at the centre. Those who ordered obento (Japanese lunch box) were able to sample some Japanese food and all students ate in the beautiful niwa (Japanese garden). We completed two Japanese writing tasks and then headed back in the house for our last game.



Burnum Burnum Sanctuary was our last stop. We completed our last two English writing tasks here. Before we left, we took an awesome group photo on the play equipment. Thank you to Ms Stavros and Ms Mitchell for organizing this excursion.

By Anthony Pham

We would like to thank our students for their hard work during 2012 – we have enjoyed watching you make fantastic progress in developing your knowledge of the Japanese language and culture! We wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday, and look forward to working with everyone in 2013.

メリークリスマス!



あけましておめでとうございます
(Happy New Year!)

Ms Marquis and Ms Mitchell



Library News

A huge congratulations to Year 9 students Nathan Anderson, Kate Cremasco and Stacey Hayward for receiving Medals from the Premier. These students attained this award because they have been successful at completing the Reading Challenge every year from the time they were in Year 3 to this year. That's a commitment of seven years in a row – what a fantastic achievement!

I hope that other students will follow this tremendous result. Keep reading and remember to add the details of the books you read to your list in the library – the website for 2013 won't be available until February.

Marion Aranjo (Teacher Librarian)



Reminder

To Parents - Pic News

Picnic Point High School would like all Parents and Carers to have regular access to PIC NEWS.

To assist in the distribution of the electronic copy of PIC NEWS we ask that Parent and Carers please provide the school with an updated E-Mail address(es) so the school can include you in our PICNEWS distribution list.

The **school calendar** can also be **accessed** from the school website.

You can update the school with your details via the school e-mail address of picnicpt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, on 02 9772 1700 or via letter.

CAPA Report

It has been another busy year in the Creative and Performing Arts faculty. We have finished off the year with a bang! The Term 4 Music Concert was a wonderful evening of song, laughs and tears. T



here was a touching tribute made by the Year 9 and Year 11 students to farewell Miss Elasi and Mr Andrews. \$300 was raised and the money is going to the school's sponsor child, Wendy. Miss Elasi and I would like to thank the parents and staff who have supported us. We wish our students and their families all the best.

Mr Andrews - HT CAPA

Mini Olympics

After months of preparations, Picnic Point High School hosted its first ever Mini Olympics Day on Thursday 22nd November. This was organised by the Leadership group who met regularly to plan and discuss what needed to happen. Everyone worked really well together.



The Mini Olympics had an Opening and Closing ceremony. At the Opening Ceremony students presented dances, a band from Year 12 played one of the Year 9 students sang and students did the Hakka. Mr Negroh declared the games open!!!



The day put on many events, lots of food and enjoyable entertainment. There were outdoor events, including sprints, 3-legged races, football shoot out, golf and spoon race, basketball shoot out, potato sack races and sponge throws at teachers, which was a blast! All the money raised through the sponge throws will be donated.



Inside the hall were gymnastics, just dance, a guessing competition, food games, party games, board games and many group activities. The indoor games were great and everyone enjoyed them.



The food stalls provided food from around the world - Asia, Australia, America, Europe and the Middle East. By the end of the day there was a whole stall dedicated to lamingtons! Thank you to everyone who brought in food.

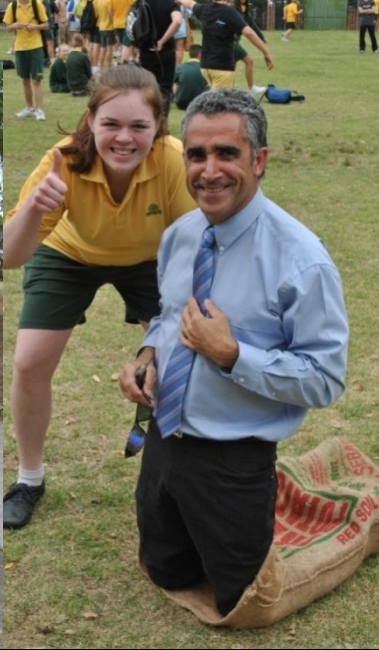
One of the best parts of the day would have to be the competition between students and teachers. Every teacher was given a medal and students had to try and win it off them by challenging them to an event. If the teacher won they got to keep their medal but if the student won the teacher had to hand it over! It was such a fun, friendly rivalry and everyone enjoyed it.



Mini Olympic day was a huge success and everyone had heaps of fun. The atmosphere was so relaxed and enjoyable. Thank you to everyone that made this day possible, it was amazing!

By Hayley Millar.

MINI OLYMPICS 2012





Food Tech

Congratulations to all year seven students for their tremendous efforts in the planning and preparation of their selected *"signature dish"*.





Ms Kerry Richardson

Industrial Arts Faculty Report

As I sit here writing this article for PIC NEWS I can believe that it is already December, where has the year gone. Well what a year it has been in Industrial Arts, very busy and an extremely productive one. Lots of excellent projects produced.

At this time of year we reflect and look back at the year that has just past and we celebrate all the student successes. I congratulate not only those students that have achieved 1st place in a course but for all those students that have constantly strived to achieve their own personal best.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell a long standing member to PPHS Cheryl Wardrop the HT Home economics and wish her well in retirement. With Cheryl's retirement will bring a change in faculty and in 2013 Home Economics and Industrial will be combined into the TAS faculty.

There has been many excellent projects constructed throughout the year and below are some examples of just a few of the high quality projects that are being produced.

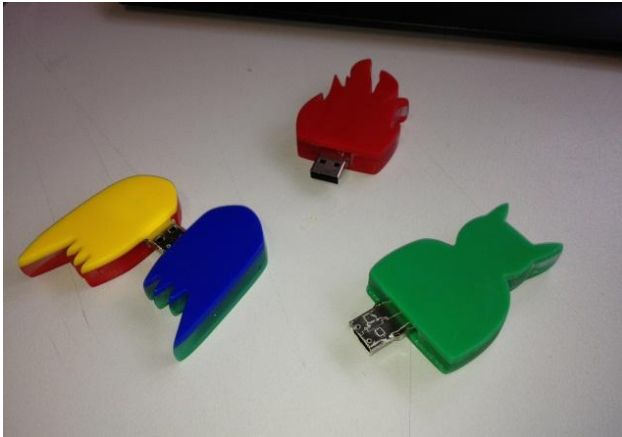
Year 12 Major Works



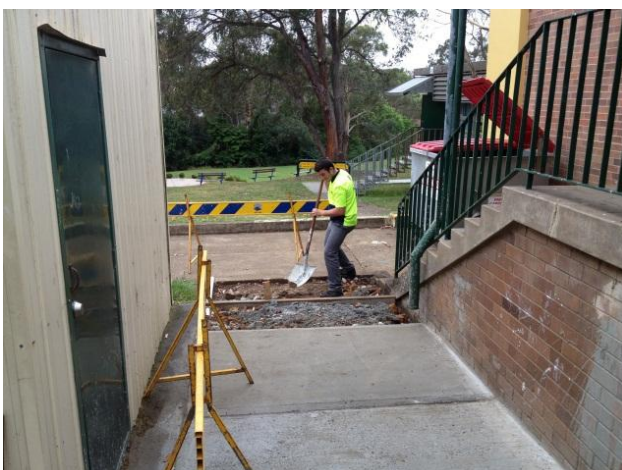
Year 8 BBQ Scrapers



Year 8 USB Holders



In Week 9 we welcomed our New Year 7 students for 2013 into the Industrial Arts department. This was an opportunity for them to be introduced to our department and receive a little taster of the type of skills and experiences they will have at PPHS.



I would like pass on a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that has supported the Industrial Arts faculty throughout the year and look forward to your continued support.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to a productive and fun filled 2013.

Paul Burgess HT Industrial Arts

The COOL Project

The COOL Project students saved some of their best work till last this term!! They spent a week learning bricklaying skills from Nathan at ABBT bricklaying and made a fantastic contribution to the school vegetable garden in the process.

The boys practiced their skills each day then combined them to build and cement render 2 raised vegetable garden beds. They are to be commended on their practical skills and team work in producing such quality work.

Even though many of the boys have attained apprenticeships in other fields or have decided on different career paths, the skills they developed will be very valuable.





The COOL Project students have had a great semester preparing for their chosen careers and it has been a pleasure seeing them work hard to obtain apprenticeships or other job or training opportunities for themselves. Good luck to those boys leaving school for employment in their new careers and we look forward to seeing some students return for further study next year.

Michelle Harding (COOL Project co-ordinator)



Open Letter to the Picnic Point High School Community

Picnic Point High School is interested in forming links with the community to establish stronger partnerships. We hope to involve experts in a variety of areas such as cultural, trade and industry, business and other special interest groups.

Our intention is to formulate a list of people upon whose expertise we as a school may be able to draw, and enhance the experiences of our students. Your contribution does not have to involve a large time outlay, as any offer of support no matter how small will be greatly appreciated.

Some examples of how you could be involved are;

- visits to the school for student talks or workshops.
- providing information about specific industries, professions or groups.
- availability to consult with teachers to develop resources and learning experiences relating to your field of expertise.
- ability to provide work experience placements.

If you feel that you may be able to contribute to this initiative and become a person that we may be able to incorporate into our database, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle Harding on 97721700 or michelleharding5@detnsw.edu.au.



Year 9 Peer Support Training Program

On the 15th and 16th of November, we alongside a lucky selection of our peers were fortunate enough to have been invited to take part in an amazing opportunity known as PEER SUPPORT TRAINING.



On these two days of training, we were invited to participate in many fun and rewarding games and activities which taught us valuable skills that will not only help us when working with the future Year 7's but also throughout the span of our lives.





We also got to participate in group discussions which helped us to not only view topics and situations from different points of view, but also create and strengthen friendships with our fellow peers in the program who we, in our day to day classes, may not always associate with. This will help us a lot when relating to our soon to be peer support group's feelings, when starting at a new school. Our favourite activity throughout the day would definitely have to be taking part in an activity where we all had a chance to see Daniel Kotsapas in his 'true form' as a beautiful bride. Other than the fact that this activity inspired laughter like no other, it also taught us a lot about using creativity to solve problems we may face.



This experience was very rewarding and we learnt a lot over two short days. I would recommend this program to all those in the younger years, we promise you will not regret it.

Written by Anthony Carver & Katrina Mihalopoulos Year 9 Sport Report

Sport Report

It has been another successful year in Sport for Picnic Point High School in Grade Sport and Carnivals. Our successes in carnivals were rewarded with Picnic Point winning overall Champion School for both boys and girls for 2012.



Grade Sport ran under a new format during the year with all matches being played at central venues. This meant that students had a game every week with no byes. We had more students participate in Grade Sport than in previous years. The inclusion of three new schools into Grade and four into carnivals strengthened Zone competition. We had a number of teams win the Zone premierships in Volleyball, Soccer, Touch Football, Basketball and AFL. Our competition will be further strengthened with the inclusion of Strathfield South High School in 2013. We had 27 students who participated in a Grade team each term of 2012. These students will be thanked for their representation of the school at a pizza afternoon on December 18. We would like to thank all students who participated in a Grade team.



Year 7 participated in a variety of activities during the year. Their sports ranged from European Handball and Netball to Boot Camp. Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed the range of experiences offered to them.

During term 4 students were able to form teams and participate in a Touch Football competition for Sport. The competition was very successful and students were rewarded for their efforts with a barbecue.

One of the highest honours a student can receive in School Sport is the receiving of a Blues Award. We are very proud of five of our Picnic Point students. Three students received Regional Blues: Samantha Abbott for Swimming, Maddie Pirie for Athletics and Mary Molloy for Cricket. We are also extremely proud of our two CHS Blues recipients. Brandon Grochala will receive a Blue for swimming and Ashleigh Gardner for Cricket. Congratulations to these students.



We would like to thank all students, staff and parents for your support of Sport during 2012 and we look forward to another successful year in 2013.

C. Worthington and T. Northall - Sport Organisers



Year 7 Report

As we quickly approach the end of the year, I would like to congratulate our Year 7 students on the positive way they have transitioned to secondary education.

This year has given our students the opportunity to learn new subjects, participate in many whole school events, meet new friends and teachers and discover the exciting world of Picnic Point High School.

Our students have come a long way since Orientation Day, 2011 and their first day of school this year. It has been my pleasure to support Year 7 through their first year of high school. Ms Kourouche and I look forward to working with our students again next year.



Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!
Ms S. Mitchell

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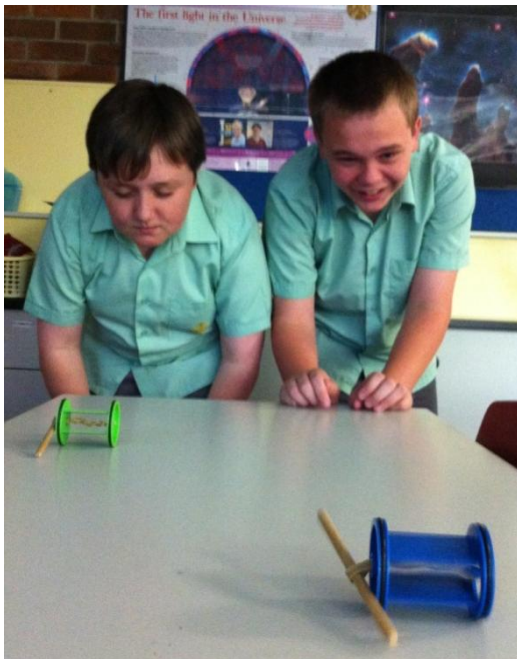
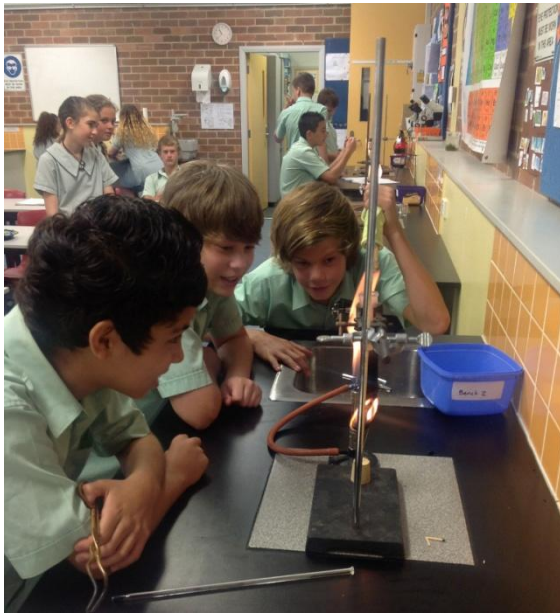
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Science Report

Year 9 has been busy during their Science lessons completing their Individual Research Project. All students have chosen a topic to investigate and are completing their own practical activities in class and at home.





Topics vary from comparing what type of cookie holds the most milk when dipped to which colour paper burns the fastest. Different colour paper will burn the same you may think. Well Michael T. May has a different answer to that! Thank you to all Year 9 students who have made an excellent effort in class this year to complete their tasks.



Talented Sport Report

PPHS Year 7/8 boys and girls both competed recently at the State Touch Football finals in Bathurst. They both found the standard of the competition was incredibly strong. The girls won 2 of their 5 pool games and only missed out on the Quarter finals due to a 1 point loss in the final game. The standout players were Tahlia Burke, Shaylie McWilliams, Hayley Riley and Georgia Anderson.



The boys found the competition extremely tough and managed 3 narrow losses which meant they didn't qualify for the Quarter finals. Standout players were Liam Puntton, Tristan Evans-Tsoi and Lachie Bateman.



Thanks go to the coaches Stacey Hayward, Opal Nesanar, Todd Annakin and Jayden Okunbor who were fantastic in their attitude and commitment as well as the parents who supported and assisted with the organisation of the trip to Bathurst and supporting the students throughout the competition.

Mr Millican - Talented Sport Organiser

An Incredible Gesture of Charity

We are a very proud school community here at PPHS. Saskia Anderson in year 10 has raised \$7700.00 to go towards Brain Cancer Research.

Saskia's dad Stephen Anderson passed away 4 years ago from brain cancer and Saskia wanted to help raise funds and awareness of this terrible disease.

I'm sure Saskia's dad would be so proud of his daughter, as are we here at PPHS.



Well done Saskia!

Lorraine Moore – Editor of the Pic News



SRC Report

2012 has been a remarkable year of changes, learning and fun! We started off this year with a change. This year four members in each year group were elected to be on the council.

At the start of term three we had a Leadership Camp and from those who attended we have learnt from the Leadership Co-ordinators and Camp Instructors how to work together effectively as a team, how to develop leadership skills and more importantly, develop new friendships amongst the leadership group.

On the 22nd of November we held our first ever Mini Olympics day! Thanks to the Leadership Council, Leadership Co-ordinators and SRC council, the Mini Olympics was a huge success!

On the behalf of the SRC council, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas!



By Annie Zhai 8R

U15s Waterpolo

PPHS entered teams in both the girls and boys State KO competition

The girls played 4 games and showed good skills and ability to win and progress into the Regional final. Unfortunately they were beaten by East Hills Girls 6 – 5 in a very close match. East Hills were given a penalty in the last 20 seconds of the match. This was a great effort by the girls when you consider none of our team play outside of school and for some players it was the first time they had played water polo. They are all excellent sportswomen and played with great spirit.

Team: Toni Cooper, Kyla King, Sarah Little, Isabella Bull, Angelene Pavlovic, Rebecca Hughes, Michelle Haradine, Tayla Kelly, Shaylee Larkin, Courtney Peterson



The boys convincingly won the Regional competition and proceeded to the State final series played in Raymond Terrace. Here the top 8 boys and girls teams compete over 2 days to find the champion.

The 8 boys teams were divided into 2 pools who then played 3 games on day one. The top 2 teams in each pool to play in the semi-final on day 2, the winners to play the grand final.



While PPHS has regularly competed in the final series, we have often struggled against more experienced opposition. The team had been training well before school and had high hopes of winning a game.

Game 1 Vs Tamworth HS Score 10 – 3 win

The team capably led by Arin Cockle showed excellent teamwork to beat this traditionally strong opponent.

Game 2 Vs Warners Bay HS lost 10 – 0

Warners bay had a couple of state 1st players who were unstoppable and dominated the match. We played well but were unable to capitalise on our chances.

Game 3 Vs Homebush Boys HS 6 – 4 win

Homebush started the game strongly and were leading 4 – 2 at half time. In the second half PPHS combined excellent defence with superb attacking play to win.

Day 2 Semi-final Vs. Kirrawee HS

Kirrawee has dominated this competition for the last 10 years and is packed with State 1st players. We played strongly with strong defence and contained Kirrawee in the first half but eventually their experience and quick attacking moves wore us down. However we scored 3 excellent goals and the final score of 10 – 3 was a great indicator of the quality of our game and how much the boys have improved.

Playoff for 3rd /4th place Vs. Alstonville HS

Alstonville is the team that has met Kirrawee in the final in previous years.

We changed our team around to ensure everyone had game time and Peter our goal keeper a chance on the field. Everyone played strongly, however we lost 6 – 3.

4th in the State – what an achievement!

Overall, Congratulations to all players, as a team they exceeded all expectations, combining strong teamwork and skill in the competition. It is difficult to single out individual players; however Arin, who has helped coach the team, played some great water polo. Often double marked in games he still scored some remarkable goals. Peter in goals, playing for the first time made some great saves. Goals by Thomas and Josh stand out.

Team: Arin Cockle, Matthew Bennett, Travis Dunn, Kieran Ralph, Josh Bull, Thomas Samson, Josh Wiseman, Mike Cklamovski, Angus Munro, Brayden Miller, Nathan Arfanis, Peter Markantonatos

Thanks to dad's Bill and Robert for their support over the 2 days, I really appreciated it.

Congratulations to Arin Cockle for his selection in the NSW State 1st team

Hoping everyone has a happy Christmas.

Roger Sparks

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The editor of the PicNews and Staff of P.P.H.S. would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.