



# PICNIC POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to everyone to the new academic year. A special welcome to Year 7 students and also other new students (and their families) to the school. Welcome also to all **our new staff**;

Ms Penfold	Music teacher
Ms Cook	Science teacher
Mrs Gourlay	Music teacher
Bree Wolstencroft	Special Education
Ms James	TAS teacher
Ms Tobin	TAS teacher
Mr Sassine	Social Science teacher
Mrs Spaul	Office administration
Mr Ang	Head Teacher Social Science
Mr Rawlings	Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

Once again the **HSC results** at Picnic Point High School were outstanding. Congratulations to the 2012 school dux, Jueun Na with an ATAR score of 95.35 and Kodi Graham with the second highest ATAR score of 94.5, followed by Apurva Shahapurkar with an ATAR score of 93.85.



**Jueun Na**

### *In the 2012 Higher School Certificate:*

- 7 students scored an ATAR of 90 and over;
- 25 students scored an ATAR of 80 and over;
- students achieved 26 band 6's and 175 band 5's and 6's;
- 23 student results were published on the NSW Board of Studies "Distinguished Achievers" list.
- Jack Little was acknowledged in the HSC Encore program for his outstanding composition. ENCORE recognised Jack's exemplary work in musicology.

This year 59 students from the HSC class of 2012 were invited to the high achievers ceremony held at school. 43% of 2012 HSC students achieved bands 5 and 6.

The senior study tutorial is held in the library on Wednesday afternoon and has two teachers allocated to it. It is open to both Year 11 and 12 students. Please encourage your children to attend for some extra assistance and a learning space conducive to working independently and or with their peers.

This year the Industrial Arts and Home economics faculties have combined to form what is now the Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) faculty and all staff members are now situated in the TAS staffroom located in B Block.

Our student enrolment as of Wednesday 13.2.13 was 1028 (2 more than same time last year) and this equates to a further increase in staffing.

**Year 6 open night** for Year 7 2014 is now approaching and will be held on Tuesday 5 March starting at **6.30 pm**. It is recommended that all families who are considering PPHS as an option for their children should attend. All non-local families should attend to understand the out of area criteria closely.

**Merit selection training:** to prepare for the possibility of filling future staffing vacancies there will be a need to run merit selection panels in the future. To be considered as a panel representative you must be trained. This year I will be running one training workshop for all interested staff and parent representatives. This workshop will be held on Thursday 28 February 3pm-4.15pm (in the library).

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### **Deputy's Report –Mr Baczynskyj**

Welcome back to the beginning of yet another exciting year at Picnic Point HS. As always the year has started at a hectic pace with the Year 12 students straight into their assessment tasks. I think reality reached the Year 12s and their study patterns when they realised that they have less than 100 lessons in each subject before the HSC – now only 27 school weeks! Thankfully their committee have done a fantastic job with their design and choice of Year 12 jackets – they look great and I certainly felt privileged to be presented with one from the Year group.

As some Year 12 students have altered their patterns of study, it is necessary to give a reminder that students who leave school early must sign out properly. It is also necessary for them to sign in at the front office if they have a 'flexi' period in the morning. Any study periods throughout the day must be spent in the library where they are to fulfil their promises when their pattern of study was being reconsidered – 'they will complete extra study for their remaining subjects'.

Year 9 have commenced their elective subjects and there will not be any further changes to subject choices. Those families, who have students electing subjects attracting fees, are expected to pay those fees in the near future. As always, if a plan for payment is required due to financial difficulties, families may contact, Mrs Julie Burke, our SAM.

Year 8 face the challenge of remaining as the Year group at the top of the merit system. After a year of high school, they have been quickly back into their routines. Parents are reminded that their interest in their child's education (even just looking at their work in their books) and contact with the school whenever information needs to be shared, is a great encouragement for their child to remain focussed and motivated.

As usual students are in full, correct school uniform for the beginning of the year. We take great pride in our school and the way in which we present ourselves at school and in the community. Footwear is one area in which safety is of utmost importance. As students grow out of their shoes and it comes time to replace them, please ensure that new shoes meet the school uniform guidelines – leather and completely black.

Please remember if your child is having any concerns with school, whether it is academic or social, we need to be informed so that we can help rectify the situation and support your child. Many students may say they do not wish you to contact the school; however, we have a strong support network here to support them and ultimately they deserve to be happy at school.



### **Deputy's Report – Mr S. Schomberg**

I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back. I hope everyone had a very restful and safe time during the holiday period and have returned refreshed and re energised ready to tackle the demands of study in 2013. I know I surely am refreshed after spending most days of the holidays playing golf and reducing my handicap.

#### **Year11**

A very large Year 11 cohort have got off to a very smooth start this year with a larger than usual number of students successfully enrolling in TVET courses at local TAFEs. The most common question at the moment is can I change my subjects. The answer is no. The only changes that are happening at the moment are students who have dropped a subject because of their successful enrolment in a TVET course. These minor adjustments are almost completed. This will result in some students having study periods at school. These study periods are supervised study periods in the school Library. Students are expected to come prepared for these study periods to catch up on work that they may have missed while at TAFE and also to prepare for upcoming assessment tasks. Students will be issued with their assessment booklet and will be expected to meet all deadlines.

The Year 11 Camp is fast approaching and students are very excited about this camp. It fulfils a compulsory part of the Year 11 Preliminary Program and students MUST complete the work covered. The camp also provides many other challenging experiences that will really bring out the best in the children. Every student is expected to attend the camp.

#### **Year 10**

Year 10 students have also had a very smooth transition into the second half of their stage 5 programs. Assessment tasks will start to become the focus shortly and planning to get them completed by the due dates will be the main task of each student. Several students are taking part in The COOL Project (Career Options & Opportunities for Life) every Tuesday. Other students will be taking part in work experience programs and TAFE pre apprenticeship courses. In all it will be a busy year with students preparing themselves for decision making about their pattern of studies for next year. Some will choose a work option, some a TAFE option (or combination of both), but the majority will be considering what subjects they will study in the Preliminary Year next year as they enter into the senior school.

#### **Year 7**

I am very pleased with how the great majority of Year 7 students have made the transition to high school. I am particularly impressed with the way they conduct themselves around the school and their preparedness to ask for help if they are not sure of where they need to go or who they need to see. Once again, I am looking forward to attending their camp towards the end of term and visiting them in their classrooms during the term. When I speak to them in the playground, they are already telling me about their experiences in many of their new subjects with quite a deal of enthusiasm and passion. I hope this continues throughout the year.

## What's On - Term 1

Wed 20/2- 22/2	Year 11 Camp
Tue 5/3	Year 7 2014 Information Evening
Wed 27/2	Swimming Carnival
Fri 1/3	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wed 13/3	School Photos
Thurs 14/3	Immunisation Day
	Photo Follow up
Mon 18/3	P&C Meeting
	Regional Swimming Carnival
Mon 25/3	Athletics Carnival
Thurs 28/3	Leadership Workshop 1
Mon 8/4	Year 12 Exams
Mon 8/4 -1 0/4	Year 7 Camp
Fri 12/4	ANZAC Day Service
	TERM 1 ENDS



### P & C News February 2013

The P & C Committee and members would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our Year 7 students and their families to the school. A special welcome also for the students and families across other years who have joined our school in 2013. And of course welcome back to all our returning students and families.

I spoke at both the Year 7 orientation day at the end of last year and also briefly at the first day of school for year 7 this year. I can't stress enough the importance of volunteers across our school and to this end I am putting out another call for parents/grandparents to volunteer for Canteen at the school.

Our Canteen is run by paid supervisors but relies on volunteer help to keep costs down and enable us to spend more money on learning resources for the students at the school. Last year we were able to donate \$50,000 to the school. If you have a spare day once a month or even once a term we'd love to have you on board and I have included a Canteen volunteer form with this edition of PicNews.

The first planned activity for P & C members will be the "water stand" at the upcoming Year 7 2014 information night on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The first meeting of the P & C for 2013 is scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm in A Block classroom. I encourage parents to attend and find out in more detail what happens at the school.

**Christine Butters - P & C President**

Email: [bjcmbutters@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bjcmbutters@yahoo.com.au)



### Best Buddies Helicopter Prize

When it comes to prizes, helicopter flights have to be one of the most memorable. In December 2012, **Joshua Bull** from Year 10 and former Year 12 student, **Jordan Chavez** won a Best Buddies competition for becoming the best pair of 2012 in the Sydney region. Their unforgettable prize was a helicopter ride over Sydney. They saw Sydney Harbour and its coastal wonders from an eagle's perspective. Their sightseeing included many sites that make Sydney so famous: the Opera House, the stunning Harbour Bridge and the world renowned Bondi Beach.



***Congratulations to Josh and Jordan for your inspirational friendship and for winning such an amazing prize!***  
**Monika Bray - Year 10 Advisor and Best Buddies co-ordinator.**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the PD/H/PE syllabus provided by the Board Of Studies of NSW we are required to teach students in Years 7-10 about a variety of issues related to Growth and Development as well as Challenges We Face In Life. Topics we are required to cover include:

- Heredity
- Puberty, Pregnancy and childbirth
- Managing the changes that occur during puberty
- Physical, Emotional and Social changes during Adolescence
- Sexual Awareness & Sexual Harassment
- Developing positive physical relationships
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Homophobia & Date violence
- Sexual health & Sexual Choices
- Suicide
- Loss & Grieving
- Empathy & Understanding
- Resilience

We feel it is important that parents are informed of the syllabus that we are required to provide to students. If you do **NOT** wish your son/daughter to attend the classes when these topics are taught please fill in the slip below. If you are happy for your son/daughter to follow the program set by the Board of Studies you do not need to respond to this letter. Thank you for your cooperation and should you require further information or clarification please do not hesitate to call me on 97721700.

A. Millican  
Head Teacher PD/H/PE

I do NOT wish my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend classes on Growth and Development and require separate work to be set for them.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# PICNIC POINT HIGH SCHOOL P&C CANTEN PRICE LIST TERM 3 2012

## HOT FOOD

Chicken & Corn Roll	1.20
Hot Dog with sauce	2.00
Hot Chicken Roll	3.00
Sausage Roll (lowfat)	1.80
Meat Pie (lowfat)	2.50
Chicken & Vege Pie	2.50
Potato Pie	2.80
Macaroni Cheese	2.50
Lasagne (order only)	3.00
Fantastic Noodles	2.00
Tomato Sauce Portion	0.20
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	1.80
Hash Browns (term 2 & 3 only)	.80



## SPECIALS

<i>Available Monday</i>	
Chicken Burger, lettuce & Mayo	2.50
<i>Available Tuesday</i>	
Pizza	1.80
Spring Roll	0.50

## *Available Wednesday*

Hamburger (low fat)	3.00
Chicken Burger, lettuce & Mayo	2.50
<i>Available Thursday &amp; Friday</i>	
Hot Dog with Cheese	2.50



Pizza	1.80
Chicken Nuggets	3 for 1.20
Oregano Pizza	2.00
Cheese Pizza	3.00

## \*\*BREAKFAST MENU\*\*

AVAILABLE BEFORE SCHOOL	
Milk (Varieties) from	2.00
Juice (Varieties)	1.50
Up n Go	2.00
Yoghurt	1.80
Low Fat Yoghurt with fruit puree	2.50
Hot Chocolate (Term 2 & 3)	1.50
Muffins	1.80
Pretzels (sweet or savoury) from	2.00

## SANDWICHES

Served on White, Wholemeal or Soy & Linseed Bread	
Vegemite	1.60
Tuna	2.80
Cheese	2.20
Tomato	2.20
Roast Chicken Meat	2.80
Salad (Lettuce/ Carrot/ Tomato/ Beetroot Celery)	
Ham	2.80
Egg (Plain or Curried)	2.20
Bread Roll Extra	0.20
Lebanese Bread Extra	0.20
Plain Bread Roll	0.50



## EXTRA FILLINGS

Mayonnaise	0.20
Lettuce	0.30
Tomato	0.70
Beetroot	0.40
Cheese (low fat)	0.70
Chicken Meat	1.20
Salad	1.20
Mustard	0.20
Egg	0.70
Ham	1.20



## SALADS

Salad Box- Tomato/Celery/ Carrot	
Lettuce/Beetroot /Cucumber/ Alfalfa	3.50



\* All prices subject to change without notice

## DRINKS

Bottled Water 600ml	1.00
Milk 300ml	1.40
Milk 600ml	2.00
Oak Milk 300ml Flavours	2.00
Oak Milk 600ml Flavours	3.00
Cans Diet Soft Drinks	1.50
Bottles Diet Soft Drink 600ml	2.80
Deep Spring Mineral Water	2.20
Juice 375ml	1.50
Juice 500ml	2.00
Breakas	1.80
Iced Tea (varieties)	TBA
LOL drinks	TBA
Powerade 300ml	1.60

## ICE CREAMS

Variety priced from 90c – 3.00

## SNACKS

Custard Tart	2.00
Finger Bun	1.80
Muffin Topz	1.50
Pretzel Cinnamon	2.00
Pretzel (savoury varieties)	2.30
Rice Sticks	0.80
Vege Chips	1.70
Red Rock Chips	1.00
Rice Crackers/Pretzels	0.70
Cookie	1.00
Sumo Mini Cookies	0.40
Seasonal Fruit	from 0.80

Other snack foods available, range and prices vary – check canteen menu board for these specials.



### Picnic Point High School Canteen needs Volunteers

The canteen at Picnic Point High is a P & C operated Canteen which employs two supervisors, Margaret Vidler (Mon-Wed) and Corinne O'Connor (Thurs-Fri). We also employ a casual assistant, Leigh Trindall, on an as needed basis. We are now seeking any interested parent or grandparent (up to age 70) to volunteer a day a month for our canteen roster. In 2012 we are losing 4 volunteers from the roster due to students finishing high school so we are keen to recruit new helpers as soon as possible.

Hours of volunteering are 10.30am -2.30pm Mon, Wed and Friday and 10.30am – 2pm approx. Tuesday and Thursday.

Your role as a volunteer is to serve the students at recess and lunchtime, make sandwiches, fill lunch orders, restock canteen shelves and assist in any other way the supervisors may require.

As a thank you for your time and effort the P & C sponsors a canteen volunteers' dinner at the end of each year.

This is a great way to get involved in the school and support your child as well as getting to know staff and other parents at the school.

If you are able to help out please phone the canteen supervisors through the school switchboard 97721700 or fill out the slip at the bottom of this flyer and return it to school in an envelope marked Canteen.



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#### Yes: I can help in the Canteen

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Ph No. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Day: \_\_\_\_\_



## LOTE Faculty

Welcome back to all our language students – we are looking forward to an exciting, fun and rewarding year in the LOTE faculty. A special welcome to all Year 7 students, many of whom are studying another language for the first time – we're confident you'll enjoy learning Japanese! We'd also like to wish our Year 12 students all the best with their studies this year as they work towards their Higher School Certificate.

Currently, our junior classes are continuing to work through the Hai! Japanese Language books. The students are constantly learning new grammar, vocabulary and Japanese script whilst building on their listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. Our senior students are diligently applying themselves as they work through their Preliminary and HSC Wakatta! Course. We remind our students of the importance of regular revision and homework.

## 2013 School Fees

Below are the school fees for Japanese, 2013. Please check if you have paid these fees. All fees must be paid by Friday, March 1, 2013.

<b>Year 11 Continuers</b>	\$28	Wakatta! 1 Workbook
Licence	\$15	Language Perfect
Year 10	\$15	Language Perfect
Licence		
Year 9	\$51	Hai! 4 and Hai! 5/6
Workbook		

## HSC Results 2012

Congratulations to our eight HSC Japanese Continuers students on their fantastic results in 2012 – we are very proud of your efforts to always develop your language skills and achieve your best throughout the last six years.

## Visiting Japan

At the end of 2012, two of our Year 10 students were fortunate enough to visit Japan. Sara Matsui-Carroll participated in the Kizuna Project and Tammy Lucas completed a 3 month home stay. Here are their reports about their experiences.

In December 2012 I participated in the Kizuna program run by the AFS. It was a 2 week program with over 200 Australian students and many other students from Asia-Oceania and North American countries. We visited the affected areas of the Great East Japan Earthquake. The aim of the program was to see and learn about Japan's reconstruction from the disaster. We did things like school visits and volunteer activities organized by the Japan International Cooperation Centre. At the end of the program, we all gathered in Tokyo to share what we had learned through the program. It was a once in a lifetime experience that was very eye opening. I learnt so much about natural disasters, what people go through and how they reconstruct affected areas. I also made many new friends from all around the world that I will never forget. I highly recommend any student to go on an AFS exchange program, it is truly an amazing experience.

**Sara Matsui-Carroll**



Late 2012, I was more than lucky enough to have been able to participate in the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange program to Japan. I stayed there for approximately three months and stayed with a host family, as well as attending a school there. Admittedly, getting used to it all took a bit of time and, as one does, I did have my ups and downs but that was just another small part of the whole experience. I was able to meet so many new and wonderful people, all of which I already miss dearly and I am determined to stay in contact with them so we can meet again in the future. Of all the things I've done in my life, this would have to be one of the most rewarding experiences for me and given the opportunity, I would gladly go again.

**Tammy Lucas**



## Lions Youth Exchange Program

All students aged 17 years and over are eligible to apply for the Lions Youth Exchange Program, which provides the opportunity to travel overseas during the December 2013–January 2014 school holidays, complete a homestay, learn about a new culture and language and enjoy a variety of sightseeing activities. For further details, please go to [www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye)

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**Ms Marquis and Ms Mitchell**

## Reminder

### To Parents - Pic News

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

To assist in the distribution of the electronic copy of PICNEWS 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](mailto:picnicpt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) , 02 9772 1700 or via letter.



### NSW School Vaccination Program 2013

NSW Health offers all school students free vaccinations recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council [NHMRC]. These vaccines are important and protect students through to adulthood.

#### Year 7

All Year 7 students will be offered the following vaccines:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]** – 1 booster dose for all students.
- **Human Papillomavirus** – 3 dose course. This vaccine provides protection for girls and boys against a virus which could lead to a range of cancers later in life. HPV is a common virus that affects both males and females.
- **Hepatitis B** – 2 dose course. A catch up for students **not** vaccinated for Hepatitis B as babies.
- **Varicella [chickenpox]** – 1 dose. A catch up for students who have **not** had the Chickenpox or the vaccination.

All Year 7 families have been mailed information regarding the School Vaccination Program for 2013. Please read the information provided with the consent form to understand the facts about the vaccines that will be offered and the diseases that these vaccines protect against. Please note, ALL completed consent forms must be returned by **Friday February 22, 2013**. If you have not yet received a letter and consent forms, please contact Ms Marquis on 9772 1700 during school hours. Any student who does not return a completed consent form will NOT be included in the program. Nurses from NSW Health will be visiting the school on Thursday, March 14, 2013 for the first round of vaccinations - dTpa and HPV. A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student on the day. The Year 7 vaccination program will continue next term. Please refer to the schedule below for further information about this program.

#### Year 9 Boys

All Year 9 boys will be offered the **HPV** vaccine. This is a 3 dose course. All Year 9 [boy] families have been mailed information and consent forms regarding this vaccination. All complete consent forms must be returned by **Friday February 22, 2013**. If you have not yet received a letter and consent forms, please contact Ms Marquis on 9772 1700 during school hours. Any student who does not return a completed consent form will NOT be included in the program. Please remember that this immunisation program is NOT compulsory. Students may receive these vaccinations from their local doctor as an alternative. If your child is not receiving the vaccination, please return the blank consent forms to school. Under the National Immunisation Program, vaccinations are only provided free in the same year that the vaccinations are offered at the school. Information on the school vaccination program is available in 21 languages other than English and can be found at: [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/immunisation/school\\_prog/languages\\_forms.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/immunisation/school_prog/languages_forms.asp)

In addition, parents who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason can do so by writing to the Principal.

### Vaccination Schedule for 2013

Dates	Immunisation
March 14, 2013	dTpa and HPV
June 14, 2013	Hepatitis B and HPV
November 20, 2013	Hepatitis B, Varicella and HPV

If you have any questions about the immunisation program, please contact Ms Marquis on 9772 1700 during school hours or the Immunisation Unit, Public Health on 9515 9420.

**Ms K Marquis - Immunisation Co-ordinator**



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### Music News

We have had three talented students who have been selected to join the TAP program, The Bankstown Talented advancement Program for singers. These students are Nicole Thorton Year 12, Hannah Eirth Year 8 and Renee Hewson Year 7.

The program is a community project of Bankstown City Council and the NSW Department of Education & Communities and the aim of the program is to identify, nurture and promote local talent from within our schools. The students were successful in their audition and they are to be congratulated on their achievements and cognition of the outstanding Musical ability. Throughout this year the students will take part in a series of workshops where experienced coaches and mentors assist them develop and strengthen their stage abilities, performance and vocal techniques. The

program also provides the opportunity for vocalists to perform at a range of festivals and events giving them the much needed confidence to advance their performing careers. Again well done to Nicole, Hannah and Renee and we look forward to future performances to highlight your talent.

### C. McManus CAPA



### Cricket News

NSW defeated Victoria by 120 runs to win the Final of the U/18 Female National Championships in Ballarat on January 22, lifting the Betty Butcher Shield for the ninth consecutive season in the process.

Winning the toss and batting, NSW suffered an early set back when Jenny Taffs was out in the first over of the match. However, a brilliant 158 run second wicket partnership between Lily Bardsley and Mary Molloy quickly put NSW in control.

The partnership was finally broken in the 36th over when Molloy was out for 82. Unfortunately, Bardsley followed soon after for the same score. The two batters had laid a wonderful platform for their team-mates, leaving Stefanie Daffara (27), Ashleigh Gardner (29) and Emma Newman (15no) to finish off the innings, with NSW reaching 7-253 at the end of the 50 overs.

NSW started brilliantly in the field with Anna Horton claiming two early wickets. Stefanie Daffara and Emma Newman then got in on the action with Victoria finding themselves in a world of trouble at 4-31 after 11 overs.

They never recovered. Despite some late resistance from the last pair, the Victorians were bowled out for 133. Anna Horton (2-16), Stefanie Daffara (1-15), Emma Newman (1-18), Ashleigh Gardner (2-24) and Maisy Gibson (1-7) were the wicket takers.

This victory maintains NSW's stranglehold on the Betty Butcher Shield, which has resided in Sydney since 2004/05.

The Shield was presented to the winners of the U/17 National Championships until 2010/11 when the age classification for the tournament was changed to U/18s.

This win also means that NSW has now won the Women's National Cricket League, Women's T20, U/18 and U/15 National Championships all in the same season.

At the conclusion of the U/18 Female National Championships, Jenny Taffs and Ashleigh Gardner were named in the Team of the Tournament.

Taffs was the third leading run scorer for the competition with 192 at 32.00, while Gardner finished second on the list of leading wicket takers with 14 at 8.07.

Lily Bardsley won the award for the most dismissals by a wicketkeeper with three catches, five stumpings and two unassisted run outs.

### NSW Team for U/18 Female National Championships (regions/clubs in brackets)



Tanya Bailey (Campbelltown-Camden), Lily Bardsley (Central Coast/Northern District), Maitlan Brown (North Coast/Sydney), Stefanie Daffara (South Coast/Campbelltown-Camden), Ashleigh Gardner (Bankstown Sports), Maisy Gibson (Central North), Taryn Heddo (Central Coast/Northern District), Anna Horton (St George-Sutherland), Mary Molloy (St George-Sutherland), Emma Newman (Bankstown Sports), Keira Perry (Campbelltown-Camden), Lauren Smith (Central Coast/Northern District), Jenny Taffs (North Coast/Northern District).



### Science Faculty

All students have begun the year in Science and are settling in to new routines with their new teacher. Our teachers started the year early by visiting the school during the break and preparing resources for their classes.

I have included below information about the topic being studied by each year group and also when their first assessment task will be due. Students will receive notification of this task at least two weeks prior to this date. Parents and carers are an invaluable school resource, assisting students in organising themselves and ensuring that all tasks are submitted on time. This information will allow you to have informed discussions with your child/ward about what they are learning in class and also when they should have an assessment task to complete.

Year	Topic Studied	Assessment # 1
7	Being Scientific	Research Task Due Wk9
8	Neighbours in Space	Research Task Due Wk10
9	Electricity OR Savage Earth	Research Task Due Wk11
10	Chemistry OR Environment	Prac Test in W11
11 Biology	Local Ecosystem	Field Trip in Wk8 or Wk9
11 Senior Science	Local Environment	Field Trip in Wk8 or Wk9
11 Chemistry	The Chemical Earth	Investigation Due Wk8
11 Physics	Electrical Energy	Investigation Due Wk9



All students in Science have regular **homework** to complete. Once again this year, students will receive a homework booklet that will be for the duration of a topic. Each week, students will be required to complete a weekly worksheet and submit it to their teacher in the period designated for homework submission. These homework booklets will be available for download and printing on the Science page of the PPHS website. You can access this page by scanning the QR code below:

Scan this QR Code to access the Science homework booklets on PPHS website.



At all times, the Science faculty are contactable on the school number 9772-1700 to discuss any learning needs or issues your child/ward may be having in their Science lessons.

**Mrs N. Sherry - Head Teacher Science**

### DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SPACE CAMP?

21<sup>st</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Once again this year students and teachers from schools in South Western Sydney will be participating in Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama. As well as Space Camp students will be visiting attractions in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.



If you are in Years 9 -11 and are interested in participating speak to your Science teacher to get more information or use the QR code to visit the website of last year's trip.



### Library News

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is underway, with a very enthusiastic start. Participants have until the end of August to read 20 books. Check the website for more details or come to the library and talk with us.

Last year 100 Picnic Point students successfully completed the NSW PRC. They will be receiving a certificate marking this achievement during their year assemblies.

Gold certificates are awarded to students who have completed the PRC for 4 consecutive years.

### Gold Certificate were awarded to:

**Year 8:** Sarah Beitelis, Andrew Savvides, Connor Urquhart, Jonathon Vrtkovski

**Year 9:** Elle Bogar, Tahlia Burke, Georgia Gale.

Platinum certificates were introduced last year and are awarded to students who have completed the PRC for 7 consecutive years.

### Platinum certificates were awarded to:

**Year 8:** Riley Butler, Ziad Khodragha, Emily King, Naomi Tall.

**Year 9:** Luke Dilonardo, Emma Peake, Caitlyn Smith.

In NSW last year, 161 Year 9 students received a **special medal** for completing in the Challenge every year from the time they were in Year 3 to Year 9. Three of these outstanding people are from our school:

**Nathan Anderson, Kate Cremasco, Stacey Hayward.**



**Winners of the Gold and Platinum certificates and Medals**

I hope that these amazing students will inspire you to take the Challenge this year and read along with them. Miss Worthington, Mr Ang and Mr Clay are some of our staff members who have joined the Challenge this year, and so far Miss Worthington is on top of the leader board. See if you can be the first student to beat her! Come and sign up in the library.

**Sausage sizzle to celebrate finishing the 2012 PRC**



**Daniel Morris, Caitlyn Smith and Emma Peake**





**Nathan Anderson and Isaac Heslop**  
**Marion Aranjó - Teacher Librarian.**



### Professional Learning Report

On the last 2 days of 2012 and the first day of 2013, teachers at PPHS participated in a rigorous program of Professional Learning. With the Australian Government initiating the National Curriculum the New South Wales Board of Studies has written new syllabuses for English, Maths, Science and History for implementation from 2014. The following graph from the Board of Studies summarises the implementation of the new syllabuses.

Implementation timeline					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
K-6	English	Support materials developed	Familiarise and plan	Implement	
	Mathematics			Optional	Implement
	Science and Technology			Optional	Implement
	History				Optional
7-10	English				Implement
	Mathematics				
	Science			Years 7, 9	Years 7, 8, 9, 10
	History				

Source: [Board of Studies NSW](#)

During these three staff development days staff began preparing for this implementation. Three sessions ran on beginning the process of changing school curriculum. The sessions were facilitated by our extremely capable staff, Ms Truong, Ms Latty, Ms McGrath and Mr Habak. The Gifted and Talented Team ran two sessions on Differentiation in the Classroom led by Mr Bleyerveen. Staff analysed the NAPLAN results of students in their classes to assist with identifying learning needs and strengths in a session run by Mr Baczynskyj. Mr Schomberg and Ms Stavros led the staff in dealing with Cyberbullying and our school technology policy. These days highlighted the strengths in our staff members who confidently and professionally led all staff in improving the teaching and learning at PPHS.



In preparation for the new syllabus introduction, the New South Wales Government has assigned an **additional staff development day for Day 2 of Term 2** for all public schools.  
**Mrs N. Sherry - Professional Learning Coordinator**



### Year 8 Report

Welcome back to Year 8! I hope you enjoyed your holidays and are ready for another exciting year at Picnic Point High School. Many of you will have the opportunity to meet new teachers and make new friends this year!

Please remember that school uniform must be worn at all times and all other information about school procedures can be found on the 'Helpful Hints' white sheet in the front of your school diary. Attendance at school is compulsory. You must arrive to school on time every day and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours, wherever possible. All absences must be explained by providing a note to the roll-call teacher on the first day you return to school.

I hope 2013 is rewarding for all of you! Good luck!

**Ms S. Mitchell**



### MOCK Crime Scene - Year 10

At the end of 2013, Year 10 Science students completed a unit of work on Forensic Science. At the conclusion of the topic they experienced a mock crime scene and were able to use the skills they had learnt during the topic in a 'real' situation. Students examined the scene of the crime and gathered evidence.

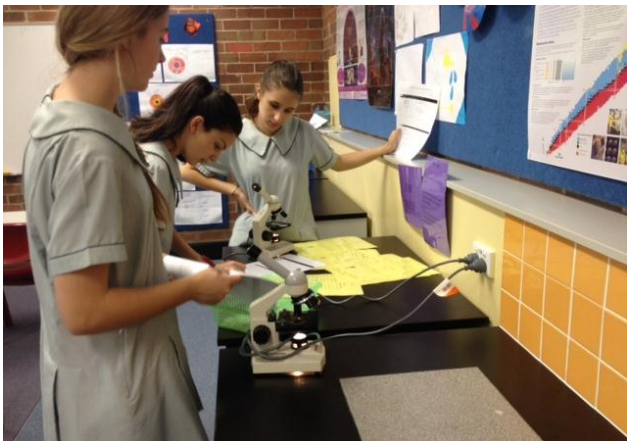




They then conducted a variety of experiments to analyse the evidence. Students examined blood to determine the blood group of the victim, suspects and unidentified blood at the scene.



They used microscopes to examine fibres and hairs left on the victim and matched a fingerprint left at the scene with the victims and suspects.



Students found that using their skills in a real life context quite interesting and enjoyable, showing enthusiasm during the activities.

**Mrs N. Sherry - Head Teacher Science**



### Technological and Applied Studies Report

2013 sees huge changes in the structure of Picnic Point High School with the Industrial Arts and Home economics faculties combining to form what is now the Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) faculty and all staff members are now situated in the TAS staffroom located in B Block.



With this change we have welcomed some new faces into the faculty, Mrs G Tobin and Ms C James who both have settled straight into their new home. I know that they will find their time at PPHS very fulfilling.

It has been a flying start to the year with, Year 12 well into their studies of their HSC studies, Year 11 nearing the first term of the preliminary course and the junior years starting construction of many interesting projects that will further develop existing practical skills.





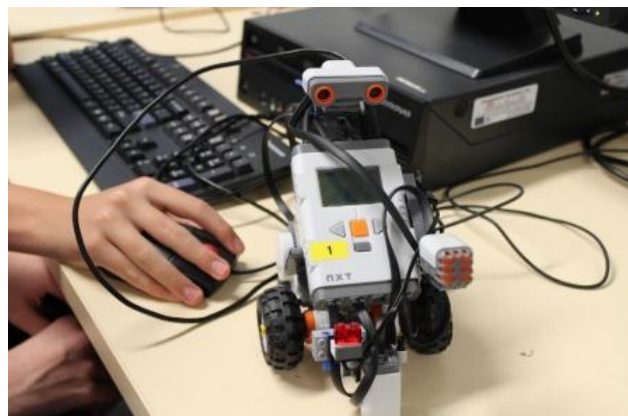
This is a good opportunity to remind all students that are undertaking a practical based activity that it is a Work Health and Safety requirement that all shoes are to be solid leather for their protection.



Students that undertake practical subjects in the TAS faculty will produce a series of projects out of their chosen medium. The materials and food required for these projects incur a cost payable by the student. Please ensure that this payment is made in a timely manner.



If you have any further inquiries regarding student learning please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to an exciting and productive year.



**Paul Burgess - Head Teacher**  
**Technological and Applied Studies**



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#### **Music News**

A big welcome back to 2013. Some important information for parents and students; please be aware that ensembles have resumed rehearsals, and it is very important that students arrive promptly to these sessions. A reminder to both parents and students that if members of an ensemble do not attend a scheduled rehearsal, this greatly affects the outcome of the rehearsal. If for some reason a student is unable to attend, it is asked that they let the music staff know in advance.

Rehearsals times are as follows:  
Monday lunch; Band

Monday after school; Motet

Wednesday lunch; Choir

Congratulations and thank you to all students that have been accepted into these groups, and we look forward to a productive and exciting year in music.

**Kate Penfold- Music.**