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PIC-NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A new Learning and Support Framework is being implemented in all public schools in NSW through "Every Student, Every School".

We were recently provided with advice about our new *Learning and Support Resource* allocation that will be implemented from the start of Term 3, 2012. The allocation will mean an increase of 3 days a week in staffing and some support funding.

There is no change in the way eligible students with moderate or high learning and support needs that are enrolled in regular classes are funded. These students include those with moderate or high intellectual disability, mental health disorder or autism, as well as students with hearing or vision impairment and those with physical disability.

Support for students with lower level learning and support needs will continue through the professional practice of teachers and the adjustments that they make for student learning needs.

At our next P&C meeting, Mrs Heap (Head Teacher Special Education and Learning) will explain the new learning support program in greater detail.

The new school Prefects have been elected and congratulations to the following elected leaders that will assist the Year 12 Prefects for the remainder of this term and all of Term 3.



Belinda Anderson	John Georgiou	Chris Bush
Brendon Lambert	Brodie Gwilliam	Matt Cash
Stephanie Deering	Daniel Wilson	Nat Westren
Analise Imperato	Georgie Brady	Julia Panovski

Some high achievements include;

- Picnic Point High School's Inaugural Reconciliation Week Barbeque was held at the conclusion of Reconciliation Week (27th of May until the 3rd of June) in order to recognise the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. By participating in Reconciliation Week activities, students and staff acknowledged both the positive and negative aspects of Australia's history and seek to make Australia a place in which all people experience equal rights and opportunities.
- Holly Dean and Jasmine Ziher (Year 10) successfully auditioned for placement in the NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensemble and will perform at the Seymour Centre as part of the Sydney Region Dance Festival this year.
- The annual Creative and Performing Arts showcase (MADD) held recently highlighted the many outstanding talents of our school students and staff. What a fantastic night.
- Our open boys took part in the Australian Rugby Union's Parramatta District 7's competition at Granville Rugby Park and won the final contested between the top two Pools' teams. In the final we beat Prairiewood High in a closely fought game.
- Chloe Larcombe (Year 10) was selected in both the U/15 CHS and the NSW All schools Netball team and will compete in the Australian championships in Darwin.

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Deputys' Report – Mr Schomberg / Mr Baczynskyj

Reports are being finalised at the moment in readiness for our first parent teacher night on Thursday 28th June. This parent teacher night will include the parents of Year 7, 11 and 12 students. Please book this date into your schedules as opportunities to have direct communication between teachers and the parents of the students they teach are too few. However, the partnership between all of us is important for student success.

An analysis has been completed on the results and we have tracked Year 11 and Year 12 performance since the beginning of last year. Later in this edition of PicNews we have published the Order of Merit lists which show those students who have been ranked in the top 50 in their year groups and those ranked in the top 20 based on their overall academic performance in all of their subjects.

We have also been able to compare performance to their last semester reports and the following students are to be congratulated for improving their rank by more than 30 places in their year group.

Year 12

Chad Anderson, Dimitri Droulias, Mary Hanna, Kelsie Higgin, Brodie Merchant, Lana Odeh, Sean Pryde, Andrew Sander, Joseph Tesoriero, William Zhang

Year 11

Karissa Dunn, Lisa Rugg, Madeline Strachan, Maegan Lang, Kaylea Trees, Rita Salloum, Matt Leedham, Morgan Ramsay, Jade Newberry, Jessica Martinez, Manelle Habib, Aaron McAndrew, Rebecca Currie, Michaela Coote, John Prothero, Kelton Fitisemanu, Calvin Pham, Yasmin Iraheta, Brooke Weatherill, Adrienne Jolly, Lucas Cause, Jasmine Potter, Brendan Balogh, Daniel Curtois, Rachael Zorbas, Kasie Lippis.


This is an amazing achievement and reward for the hard work these students are putting into their studies in preparation for their Higher School Certificate. We would like to encourage all students to apply themselves in this way to their studies. Hard work almost always pays off with exceptional results in assessment tasks. As parents you should be so very proud of their achievements.

Senior students are reminded of the opportunity being provided by the school for tutorial sessions on Wednesday afternoons until 4pm. A number of teachers are available in the library at this time to support students with their class work, assignments and assessment tasks.

In keeping with the program started last year, Deputy Principal Morning Teas for each year group will be commencing this week. The top 20 students from each year will be invited to attend, along with 10 of the greatest improvers within the year group.

The cold weather requires all of us to wear warmer clothing. Can we once again urge parents to ensure that your child's name is on any school jumpers or jackets they may wear in the morning and take off at sometime during the day. This way we will be able to return the garment if your child forgets and leaves it behind.

Student lateness is always a concern due to the interruption in the child's learning and that of the class when the late student enters the room. If at any time a student is late to school they need to have a valid explanation from their parent. The most usual form is a letter signed by the parent to explain the reason for lateness; however, many parents also come in with their child to provide the explanation. We will also accept a return text message explaining the reason when the school SMS system informs you that your child is late. Please assist us by ensuring that your child arrives at school on time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

 Michel's (Revesby) Student of the Month May 2012		
Yr	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Jonathan Vrtkovski	Consistent effort and positive application in all subjects.
8	Peter Markantonatos	For his public speaking skills at the year assembly and his dedication to learning in class
9	Katrina Mihalopoulos	For being an excellent role model and successful transition to PPHS
10	Saskia Anderson	For commitment and dedication to gymnastics.
11	Yasmin Iraheta	For her consistent effort and a much improved positive approach to her studies.
12	Lana Odeh	Commitment and enthusiasm in English



What's On

Thurs 14/6	Regional Cross Country
Mon 18/6	P&C Meeting
Wed 27/6	Zone Athletics Carnival
Thurs 28/6	Zone Athletics Carnival
	Parent Teacher Night (7,11,12)
Fri 29/6	Term 2 Ends



P & C News June 2012

Winter is well and truly with us and as I write this report I am grateful for a warm house and not having to venture out into the wild weather that has inundated us in the past few days.

The May meeting of the P&C was preceded by the School Council meeting. The School Council AGM was held over due to lack of a quorum and will be conducted at the June meeting.

The P&C meeting commenced with a very informative presentation by students involved in the Best Buddies Program, running under the guidance of Mrs. Andrzejewska. This is a program where students from mainstream are buddied up with students from the Support Unit to assist their integration into the school and provide a peer relationship for them. The students undertaking this program were very enthusiastic and explained it very well, as well as showing us a slide show of their activities.

Following this presentation we moved into the general meeting. The Treasurer's report was very favorable and the P&C members reviewed a wish list provided to us by Mr. Negroh in February.

We approved the funding of all items on the list and to this effect will give the school \$25,000 to fund these items. They were for a number of faculties across the school and in many cases were essential items to aid the faculty in its operations and therefore aid the students. We also agreed at this meeting to provide funds for a new bbq as the one currently in use has seen better days. We will complete the hall kitchen by getting hot water facilities hooked up to the sink (the last remaining part of this project).

The Canteen is also trading very well and handed over \$25,000 to the P&C as its first donation for this year. There was fairly lengthy discussion about the number of students who attempt to use the canteen in class time and a decision was made to have a security self-closing door fitted to the canteen to try and eliminate this problem as well as providing extra safety for our canteen supervisors.

Another idea raised and which the P & C will consider funding is an electronic sign at the front of the school. This will be costed by the school first and then a decision made once quotes are obtained.

Following the P & C meeting we were offered the opportunity of running a canteen at the MADD night and I thank the following parents who assisted in setup and running it under the guidance of our Vice President Sue Morgan. They were Wendy Heslop, Lynne Easterbrook, Robyn Moggs and Bev Meredith.

The next fundraising venture for us is the Annual Pie Drive to coincide with the Parent Teacher interview nights on the 28th June and the 26th July. In this edition of PicNews there is also a copy of the order form and I urge you all to support us even if just to purchase one pie! At those nights we will have a stall selling 50th Anniversary memorabilia so if you haven't already purchased a memento, please do so. The last orders for the brick pavers will also be taken on those nights and submitted to the company for production at the beginning of August. Have a look at our revamped hall entrance when you come to the interviews and see how you can record your child's name in the school's history in a very aesthetic way. Order forms for the pavers are in this edition as well.

Mr. Negroh's report to the P & C focused on the updating of school reports and proposed changes to these to increase their relevance in relation to reporting on students learning achievements.

Mr Negroh has also been in discussion with Lowes who are the preferred uniform supplier for the school and an issue was raised by them in that there have been minimal purchases of the knitted woolen jumper (predominantly worn by the girls). He asked at the meeting whether we thought it appropriate and/or necessary to continue with this item as part of our uniform given that most students wear the sloppy joe or jacket. We referred the discussion back to the SRC; however, agreed that we support whatever decision they make.

On another note with uniforms, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that Lowes are our preferred supplier and donate a percentage of all sales of our uniform back to the school. Therefore I urge you all to support them when purchasing new uniform items. The Bankstown store stocks all our school specific items; however, if you are purchasing nonspecific items e.g. grey shorts at a Lowes store other than Bankstown, let them know it is for Picnic Point High and they will also credit us with the commission.

The Uniform Committee have set a date for a preloved uniform sale. It will be held on Tuesday 26th June from 8am till 9.30 am in the school hall. All items are very reasonably priced and we have a large variety of sizes. I thank Deborah Driver in advance for her work on this committee.

At our June meeting Mrs. Heap will be addressing us on the Learning Support Unit and changes that have occurred recently. We look forward to hearing from her and I trust that we will have an enthusiastic audience for her presentation. Until our next meeting on Monday 18th June at 7pm

Keep well and keep warm

Christine Butters - P & C President

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Picnic Point High School

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Under 15's Bill Turner Cup - Round 3 Knockout Report

We immediately knew that this was going to be a real tough match when the email from their coach arrived with his title:

"PROGRAM DIRECTOR TALENTED FOOTBALL PROGRAM BOSSLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL"

So it was off to (what could have been) our "House of Pain" and we're not talking about playing at Anfield, Old Trafford or against the Bulldogs at ANZ on a Monday night or OMG at the new Highbury / Emirates Stadium against Arsenal but Bossley Park.

We arrived to find that:

- **ALL** of their players were bigger (but not smarter) than PPHS's equivalent to
Fui Fui Moi Moi,..... Jayden Okunbor and they were massive physically compared to Jonathon Russo, Hayden Probert and our Year 7 debutant Jonathon Vrtkovski.
- **NONE** of their players were local students.
- **ALL** were on scholarships participating in their school's Talented Soccer Program.
- **ALL** were representative players from league clubs that insist on registration fees of up to \$1500 and that those fees include professional coaching.
- They were the winners of the competition in 2011 and that one of those players is now playing for Stoke City in England.
- **ALL** study "Football" for four periods a week as part of their curriculum, three periods of which are training sessions ... in addition to two, three hour, after-school sessions.

Considerable time was spent in the school bus planning our tactics. A flat back four with hard working, overlapping, wide players Daniel Koliopolous and "Gus" Angus Moore supported by a defensive "marker player" Nathan Arfanis playing in front of our central defenders, Travis Dunn and James Dasios all designed to counter the quality of our opponents.

And guess what? It worked because Josh Bull, "Mikey" Cklamovski, Maceon Goder, Josh Fenton, Zac Taylor, Jordan Grochala and Ryan Nagle played very intelligent football by quickly "closing down" the player in possession. They also defended well in "triangles" (just like Barcelona FC) to limit their passing options. PPHS inevitably had eleven players between the ball and our goal-line.

Our goalkeeper, Michael Skourtis (who was easily the Player of the Match) made four sensational saves all from very close range to keep the score at nil-nil at the break. Their squad and coaching staff were becoming very frustrated and it wasn't until the 43rd minute that they finally broke down the PPHS defence. They added a second six minutes from full-time.

The team would like to sincerely thank Wayne Clay for kindly driving us (in the school bus) to the venue and also for his passionate involvement in the warm-up drills and for his encouragement. To only lose 2-0 to such an experienced, almost semi-professional team was an extraordinary performance and one that we will always remember. The side certainly wore their PPHS shirts with pride and distinction. Our

only complaint was that we were forced to listen to the Best of Jayden Okkkkeee's CD on the way home, we suppose you've just gotta love house, ska, techno and skrillex.

Created by - Travis Dunn, Captain and Richard Nikolovski, Social Science Faculty

Australian Schools Geography Competition

Ten students from Picnic Point High recently competed in this very selective and prestigious competition sponsored by the National Geographic Channel and the Royal Geographic Society of Queensland.

Approximately 80,000 students from 774 High Schools participated this year and the following certificates were awarded:

Serena Lloyd – Participation Certificate in the Junior Level

Amy Ahern – Participation Certificate in the Intermediate Level

Justine Alcade – Participation Certificate in the Senior Level

Katelyn Middlemiss – Credit Certificate in the Senior Level

Joseph Tesoriero – Credit Certificate in the Senior Level

Annie Zhia – High Distinction in the Junior Level

Kate Rowland – Distinction in the Senior Level

Jamie Pratt – High Distinction in the Senior Level

Apurva Shahapurkar – High Distinction in the Senior Level

Kieran Pirie – High Distinction in the Senior Level



Congratulations to all but a special commendation to Kieran and Apurva who were placed in the top 150 of competitors nationwide. Indeed only 1.4% of the total candidates achieved a higher mark.

K. Brennan Head Teacher Social Science

A promotional advertisement for Lowes Australia. At the top is the Lowes Australia logo, which consists of the word "LOWES" in white capital letters inside a red rectangular box with a blue border, with the word "AUSTRALIA" in smaller blue capital letters below it. Below the logo, the text "Provides our school with a 5% rebate on all uniform sales." is written in bold black font. At the bottom, the text "PLEASE SHOP 'at LOWES'" is written in bold red font, with "at LOWES" in a larger, more stylized font.

State Dance Ensembles

We warmly congratulate Holly Dean and Jasmine Ziher of Year 10. They have successfully auditioned for placement in the NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensembles. They will be performing at the Seymour Centre as part of the Sydney Region Dance Festival this year.

MADD Night

On Wednesday, 30th May Picnic Point High School went MADD. The annual Creative and Performing Arts showcase highlighted the many talents of our school's students. With the generous support of the school community, over \$1600 was raised.





A special thank you goes to the P&C who sold food and refreshments throughout the night. It was a splendid evening; I'll let the photos speak for themselves!
M. Andrews - Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

Year 12 IPT visit to RailCorp

The Year 12 IPT class was lucky enough on the 16th of May to go on an excursion to the Petersham RailCorp Training Centre. Not only was it a good opportunity to have a bit of fun but it also helped us all get a better understanding of how Multimedia and Decision Support Systems work - this is what we are studying in class.



It started off as a pretty ordinary excursion. As usual after stressing the importance of turning up to the train station on time the teacher was the last one to show and most of the time being late. After a pretty uneventful trip through Sydney's rail system, on the trains which we would in only half an hour learn to drive, we arrived at the training site.



After the obligatory introduction to the centre and the discussions on the careers available we were split up into groups and taught how to operate the simulators. We all thought how hard could it be to drive a train. Pull that lever there. Sound that horn as you leave a tunnel. Little did any of

us know that a train consist of a few more tonnes than the average car. Andrew for instance managed to overshoot all the platforms and he managed to derail the train on a stretch of track where you were only supposed to be travelling 45 km/h. He was travelling at 125 km/h! Dimitri on the other hand managed to crash a multimillion dollar system within minutes of sitting down in the driver's seat.



Overall we had a good time and learnt about how the trains we go on almost every day operate in a simulated environment. Thanks must go to Mr O'Mullane for organising the excursion and supervising us on the day.

To see a video taken on the day go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/6rxysrl>

Kieron & Apurva - Yr 12 IPT

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.

Student Leadership

SRC and Prefect Elections

The SRC and Prefect Elections were held in May during Formal Assembly Week. All nominees should be congratulated on presenting interesting and informative speeches about their leadership abilities. The SRC provides students with a great opportunity to represent their year group and become involved in the many different events that occur within the school. This year, the SRC has expanded to include four students from each year group. The Prefects are the leaders of their year group as well as the senior leaders of the school. Congratulations to the following students who will form the new SRC for 2012-2013:

Year 11 Prefects

Belinda Anderson	Chris Bush
Georgie Brady	Matt Cash
Stephanie Deering	John Georgiou
Analise Imparato	Brodie Gwilliam
Julia Panovski	Brendon Lambert
Natalie Westren	Daniel Wilson



SRC

We would like to congratulate the following students on their outstanding efforts in the presentation of their speeches to their year groups and for their election as representatives for Picnic Point High School for 2012.

Year 7

Emma Atkins, Bronte Tonks, Daniel Papagianopoulos, Nathan Eirth

Year 8

Hayley Millar, Annie Zhai, Mitchell Driver, Nicholas Morris

Year 9

Stacey Hayward, Sarah Lord, Nathan Anderson, Isaac Heslop

Year 10

Juanita Halls, Chloe Larcombe, Jamie Romcke, Sam Tall



Each term up to four members of the SRC meet with other schools in the South Western Region to discuss projects and exchange ideas as to what their SRC are achieving in their schools. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Daniel Wilson who was elected as Vice President of this group. As part of his responsibilities he organises the agenda for the meetings and shares responsibilities of chairing the meetings.

At this term's meeting we also had a successful applicant, Jamie Romcke, who was elected as the regional representative to attend the State SRC conference next term.

Ms Stavros, Mrs Peterson and Miss Marquis
Leadership Co-ordinators



Year 7

All Year 7 students have now completed Half-Yearly assessment tasks for their Semester One report. Congratulations to Year 7 for thoroughly preparing for the tasks. All students are reminded of the importance of regularly revision – this is the best way to prepare for future assessment tasks and examinations. I look forward to reading your reports!

Congratulations to Jade Vong for her conscientious effort in all subject areas – Student of the Month [April].

Thank you to Nathan Eirth and Aliah Walton for being chairpersons at the Term Two, Week 5 Formal Assembly. This assembly focused on the elections of the Student Representative Council. Well done to all students who presented a speech – each speech was presented confidently and you should be proud of your efforts. The next formal assembly will take place during Week 9 and will be a combined Stage 4 Assembly. Any students wishing to be a chairperson at a Formal Assembly in the future are encouraged to see Ms Mitchell or Ms Kourouche for more details.

Congratulations to the students who were elected to the Student Representative Council. **Bronte Tonks and Emma Atkins** – Girls SRC Representatives and **Daniel Papagianopoulos and Nathan Eirth** – Boys SRC Representatives. I am sure you will all represent the Year 7 student body to the best of your ability.

Please remember to bring a 'Notification of Absence' buff form to school if you are away from school for any reason. If you are sick for more than two days – please go to the doctors and bring the medical certificate to school. All absent days must be accompanied by an explanation.

Thank you to the parents who attended the 'Year 7 Welcome BBQ.' It was a great opportunity to meet the families of our Year 7 students. We encourage all parents and students to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews on **Thursday, June 28, 2012**, to discuss your child's progress in Semester One. More information will be issued closer to the date.

Ms Mitchell - Year 7 Adviser



Science Faculty Update

The students and staff in Science have been up to their usual tricks this month from constructing DNA out of lollies to exploding volcanoes. Science students in Year 10 have been exploring the emerging field of biotechnology. Students had a taste of what it is like to be a real life geneticist by extracting strands of DNA from kiwis and strawberries in class last week. It proved to be a simple but rewarding process with gooey white strands of DNA achieved by all.

As a reminder all junior Science students have homework booklets they should be working on. These are also available on the PPHS internet website for each year and topic being taught if in any doubt.

In other news, it's time for the International Science Competition again. Many of our students have completed it across all year groups.

Six students have also been selected this month to attend the Extreme Science Experience run by the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. News on that event to come next month!

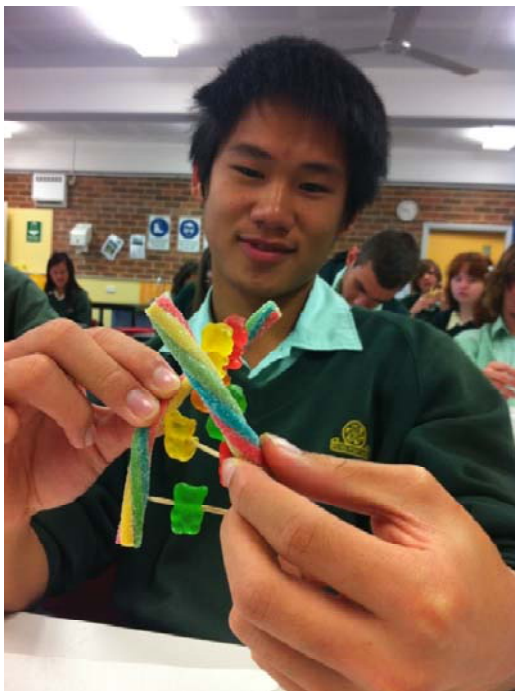


Ms Elwell starts off the eruption of the volcanoes made by the Science Life Skills class.





Students in 100 and 10R extracting DNA from strawberries and kiwi fruits.



Students from Year 10 learning about the structure of DNA through lollies.

Special Needs Athletics Carnival

On Monday 21st May Ms Todd-McInerney and Ms Andrzejewska's classes went to Campbelltown Sports Centre to compete in the Special Needs Athletics Carnival.

The carnival was attended by many schools in the South West Sydney area; our students participated in every event run on the day. It was a great day for our students mixing with other students and representing PPHS.





Well done to all of our students who participated on the day!

Rugby Rap 2012

On May the 15th senior students from our School competed in the Australian Rugby Union's Parramatta District 7's competition at Granville Rugby Park.

Our open boys were matched against schools, public and private, from across Sydney. In a fiercely contested range of games the boys defeated all comers including St.Ives High School, a known rugby nursery.

The only defeat of the day was to Hills Sports High and that loss was not unexpected as Hills has a full time Rugby program.

The final was contested between the top two Pools' teams minus the Sports High Schools. In the final were our Open Boys team and a team from Prairiewood High. In a closely fought game the PPHS boys triumphed through scoring two late tries. The PPHS team was awarded the trophy as the winning team for the tournament. The trophy was accepted with great pride by our team captain Patrick O'Reilly.

The boys have now won the right to contest the prestigious State Finals at Nepean Rugby Park in September. The top three teams from that tournament will be eligible to compete in the National 7's titles on the Gold Coast. This is an all expenses paid trip and well worth competing in as there will be many talent scouts from the rugby world there.

Our boys have already created an impression with Southern Districts Rugby Club expressing a desire to assist with future coaching.

This form of Rugby, 7's, is new to our school and the team has performed outstandingly. With little Rugby experience and relishing the coaching they received from ARU coaches, the boys have maximised their potential. It would be wonderful to see many parents at Nepean Rugby Park to support the Boys in September.

In a great team effort a special mention must go to our player of the tournament Brendan Dabaja. Brendan was simply outstanding in both attack and defence.

The team- Patrick O'Reilly (C), Jackson Okunbur, Jayden Okunbur, Andrew Haira, Mohammad Al Abass, Taylor Pritchard, Dimitri Droulias, Themis Drosinos, Andrew Sander, Nick Ventouris, Joseph St. John, Harley Monroe, Ibrahim Raf Raf, Brendan Dabaja, Jared Deane.

P. Goman



**WHAT:
WHERE:**

**PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE
SCHOOL HALL**



**WHEN:
TIME:**

**TUESDAY 26TH JUNE 2012
8AM-9.30AM**

LOTE Faculty Half-Yearly Assessment

All students who study Japanese have now undertaken assessments for the Half-Yearly reports. We are proud of the way the majority of our students have approached the assessments and we would like to remind students that regularly revising their work provides the best preparation for assessments in language courses. Our results are once again very encouraging and our students continue to excel in their studies of Japanese at Picnic Point High School!

HSC Speaking Skills Examinations

Year 12 students will have another opportunity to practise their Speaking Skills at a specialised 'Speaking Skills' workshop event run by the Japanese Teachers Association of NSW on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at North Sydney Boys High School. At these workshops, students will be given tips on preparing for their examination and will have the opportunity to practise speaking in Japanese in an HSC-style examination environment. Preparations for this section of the HSC examination, to be held on Saturday, August 11, are now in full swing and we wish the Year 12's well as they undertake this challenging task.

TaikOz

On Tuesday, June 26, 2012, Year 7 Japanese, along with the elective Year 9-11 Japanese Classes will be watching a performance of TaikOz. This musical group incorporates the study of Japanese culture through the performance of drum and flute music from Japan. This performance will also include student participation. All students must pay \$6.00 and return the permission slip to the front office by **Friday, June 8, 2012**. We trust all students will thoroughly enjoy this experience.

Japan Trip

It's only 101 days until we leave for Japan! YAY! Thank you to staff and students who supported our recent Cake Stall Fundraiser – this will go a long way to helping our students experience many aspects of Japanese culture. A reminder that the Guessing Competition is still running – guess the lollies in the lolly jar for your chance to win an iPod Touch! Guesses are \$1.00 each! Japan Trip students will also begin a Cadbury's chocolate drive shortly – your support is always appreciated.

みなさん、気を付けて下さい！

Ms Marquis and Ms Mitchell

Library News

Some more students have completed their NSW Premier's Reading Challenge challenges. Congratulations to

Daniel Papagianopoulos	7E
Anthony Pham	7E
Emily Kannedy	8R
Liam Greenwood	Year 9

We are constantly buying more books that are on the "Premier's List", so come to the library, borrow and read. We also welcome suggestions of titles you'd like us to purchase for the library.

Marion Aranjó - (Teacher Librarian)

Open Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the open girls soccer team on a thrilling win over Mt Annan High School in the State KO. Mt Annan scored an early goal but our girls fought back hard and scored the equaliser late in the second half. It then went to extra time and scores still remained locked.

So off the girls went to a penalty shootout which we won 3-2. A big congratulations to all the girls on a hard fought win. The girls are now off to the SWSR finals so we wish them well.



A big vote of thanks for Justin Brooke for his refereeing on the day.

Paul Burgess Coach

Head Teacher Industrial Arts / VET Coordinator

Cross Country

The school cross country was held in April this year on the school grounds. The sun was shining and the atmosphere was vibrant due to the participation of all students from Years 7, 8 and 9. All students should be commended on their effort and behaviour on the day, with special mention to the following students who received age champion;

Age	Girls	Boys
12	Aqueelah Woods	Daniel Nasr
13	Georgia Anderson	Hayden Probert
14	Stacey Hayward	Luke Annakin
15	Jessica Burgess	Mathew Simpson
16	Belinda Anderson Stephanie Baxter	Zac Hatzis
17	Shannen Caffrey	Peter Kallas
18+		Joshua Jovanovski



Zone Cross Country

85 Students competed for Picnic Point High School in the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Although the rain graced us with its presence all day, the students persevered and 31 students will be representing Bankstown at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival. The following students are to be congratulated for placing 1st in their age group;

Madeline Carroll (12 years) Georgia Anderson (13 years)
Stacey Hayward (14 years) Emma Godbier (15 years)
Stephanie Baxter (16 years) Shannen Caffrey (17 years)

Picnic Point High School was placed 2nd overall in the girls and 3rd in the boys. Well done to all competitors.

Lauren Martin - Carnival Organiser



Order of Merit

The following students are to be congratulated for their academic performance in the first semester this year. Each student mentioned has been ranked in the top 50 in their year group and those with an * beside their name have been ranked in the top 20. Year 7, 11 and 12 have been finalised. Yr8, 9 & 10 will appear in the next edition of PICNews.

Year 7

Thomas Alexakis*, Aisha Alvarez, Georgia Anderson*, Maria Argiropoulos, Ben Armytage*, Emma Atkins, Jessie Bailey, Breanna Baker, Courtney Baxter, Jackson Bell, Monique Boboleska, Lauren Brutovska, Madeline Carroll, Dylan Deegan, Jesse Gandy*, Olga Gasteratos*, 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, Courtney Stamos, Dian Sumanggita, Annalise Summers*, Naomi Tall, Jessica Tan, Bronte Tonks*, Mitchell Tran*, Robin Tran*, Jade Vong*, Jonathon Vrtkovski, Aliah Walton*, Ryan Williams*, Aqeelah Woods,

Year 11

Samantha Abbott, Justine Alcade*, Stephanie Baxter, Georgina Brady*, Kaylee Bunyan, Matthew Cash*, Alexander Christodoulou*, David Cochrane, James Cremasco*, Stephanie Deering, Karissa Dunn*, Blane Falconer*, John Georgiou, Aaron Greening*, Jack Guthrie,

Brodie Gwilliam, Jack Hallows*, Kahli Hawke, Analise Imparato*, Shane Keen*, Brendon Lambert, Maegan Lange, Matt Leedham, Kiralee Leonard*, Dean Lloyd, Jessica Martinez, Joshua Mazloum, Glynn Meredith, Joel Moseley, Jade Newbery, Christopher Nguyen, Van Nguyen*, Deena Odeh*, Julia Panovski*, William Poulos, Morgan Ramsay, Lisa Rugg*, Rita Salloum, Nicholas Sim, Krishneel Singh, Jimmy Sitthichai, Steven Skintzis*, Tara Smith*, Madeline Strachan*, Ronny Thai, Nicole Thompson, Sophie Tran, Kaylea Trees, Natalie Westren, Daniel Wilson*,

Year 12

Vanessa Albrecht*, Elise Atkinson, Christopher Bale, Nathan Bennett, Kate Breakspear, Tony Bui, Shannen Caffrey, Mitchell Cowell*, Lara Dakhoul, Abbie Dawson, Dimitri Droulias, Lauren Ellassad, Jake Enevoldsen, Lauren Goldsmith*, Kodi Graham*, Samuel Host*, Joshua Hudson, Alison Humphrys*, Joshua Jovanovski, Ashleigh Judge, Rebecca Kotsapas*, Kendrick Law, James Leedow, Lauren Leiatua*, Jack Little*, Hannah Mantle*, Amy McCann, Tayla-Rae McGregor*, Brodie Merchant, Jueun Na*, Lana Odeh, Savanna Peake*, Taylor Pedone, Jacinda Perrin, Kieran Pirie*, Jamie Pratt, Jenny Quah, Brooke Reynolds*, Jyles Reynolds, James Roper, Kate Rowland, Andrew Sander, Apurva Shahapurkar*, Jordan Singh, Zoe Slater, Ashlee Smith*, Nicholas Taktikos, Benjamin Taylor, Joseph Tesoriero*, Ruby-Leigh Tonks*, Lara Wilson, Jingya Yan, Jonathan Yung, William Zhang*,



Picnic Point High School's Inaugural Reconciliation Week Barbeque

On Friday the 1st of June, Picnic Point High School held its first ever Reconciliation Week barbeque. Reconciliation Week runs from the 27th of May until the 3rd of June and it is held in order to recognise the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. By participating in Reconciliation Week activities, we acknowledge both the positive and negative aspects of Australia's history and seek to make Australia a place in which all people experience equal rights and opportunities.



In the weeks leading up to the barbeque, we held a Reconciliation Week Quiz on whole school morning assemblies, based on a timeline we posted up all over the school. We asked a series of quiz questions on the subject of Australia's history and winners received a free sausage. These questions were not easy- for example, *do YOU know*

*when the Racial Discrimination Act was passed?** Cameron Scott from Year 7 does! Congratulations to all our quiz winners who showed their understanding of Australian history.

On the day of the barbeque we held an Acknowledgement of Country with Caleb Trindall of Year 9 acknowledging the traditional owners of the land in our area, the Dharug people. The barbeque was a great success- we sold all our sausages and raised a total of \$314.50. We had many performers on the day including Daniel Kotsapas, Matthew Roberts, Marah Grice, Joshua Kleckin and Rachel Ualesi who are members of the Year 9 music class and Caleb Trindall, who played the didgeridoo.



We had many fantastic helpers who we would like to thank including Mr Clay and Mrs Bates who helped us organise the food and equipment. We would also like to thank the following students: Kodi Donovan from Year 7; Jack Stevenson and Jayden Chew from Year 8; Caleb Trindall from Year 9; Jasmin Williams, Ashleigh Gardner, Blayde Foley, Charlie-Anne Bailey and Jesse Heywood from Year 10. Thanks also to the Senior Executive and particularly Mr Negroh, who was a great supporter of the day.



We're looking forward to next year's barbeque which we think will be even better than this year's!

*For all of you who want to know, the act was passed in 1975.

Gabriella Hespe-Poulos

Home Economics

In Home Economics, we have been very busy in our Stage 6 courses. On the following page I have included some photos of Year 11 Non Apparel projects and Yr 12 Parenting and Caring activities, which gave the students the responsibility of caring for someone "small".

Kind Regards, Cheryl Wardrop - Head Teacher- Home Economics

