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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our student enrolment this year is 1028 (2 more than same time last year) and this equates to 70.1 teachers (a 0.5 increase on what currently is timetabled). As a result a new timetable was created (with minor changes) and starts on Monday 11 March. Some teachers of Year 7 classes have been reallocated to support the changes.

Well done and thank you to the dedicated Year 11 camp staff. They really worked hard and gave all our students an amazing opportunity and experience.

On Wednesday 27 March, Year 7 teachers and members of the school executive will be available to meet Year 7 parents in the afternoon (4.30-6.30). The P&C will provide a BBQ sausage sizzle. It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend this event and meet our teachers and the families of other Year 7 students. The CAPA faculty will be hosting a Music Night on the same night as the Year 7 BBQ. The Music performance will start at 6.30 and conclude at 7.30pm. We invite all our year 7 parents who are already at the Year 7 BBQ to also attend on this night.

This year the Sydney South West Regional Director, Mr Murat Dizdar has accepted our invitation to attend our **Anzac Day ceremony** on the last day of term. The Anzac ceremony is shaping up to be another great PPHS event and thank you to Mr Goman and his team of helpers for their forward planning. If you would like to attend the ceremony please contact the school.

The 2013 DER laptops rollout to Year 9 was a great success. Well done to Mr Rawlings and in particular Mr King for a very efficient and smooth distribution of the devices. It is a requirement for all students to bring their laptops each day.

Our **Open night** was a once again a great success with well over 650 visitors to the school. It had a new starting time (6.30pm) and a newly created tour of the school that added to its success. Interest in enrolling at PPHS continues to be very high. Many sincere thanks to the students, staff and parent volunteers who worked so hard on the night.

The term 1, Year 11 student review is due this term. The interim student report provides an

opportunity to identify those students that are at risk of not succeeding in senior studies (and in need of support) and just as importantly to acknowledge those students that have made a successful transition into the senior school. The reports will be mailed out to Year 11 parents at the end of week 10.

The Head Teacher CAPA position was filled by Ms S Tarasenko from Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School. She will begin at PPHS at the start of next term.

Congratulations to staff and students for a **swimming carnival** that was well organised, well attended and had increased student participation.



Congratulations to our Zone age champions

- 12Yr Female: Jessica Hilley-Hulme
- 13Yr Female: Chevette Carnegie
- 14Yr Male: Blake Grochala
- 15Yr Female: Rebecca Hughes
- 17Yr Female: Samantha Abbott
- 17Yr Male: Brandon Grochala

Our school continues to have a very positive culture and this is a result of our high expectations and students responding to them. The contribution of students, staff and parents in maintaining these expectations is immeasurable. I thank our school community for making this is a lovely school to work with our children.

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Deputy's Report – Mr Baczynskyj

Term One is speeding by and most students will be beginning to undertake formal assessments in many subjects. Performance and feedback during this process enables us all to reflect on just how well each student is progressing. Assessment schedules for all junior year groups are available on the website and parents are encouraged to remain informed of the timing of these tasks to provide adequate prompts for student revision, preparation and then of course, their achievement.

Year 12s are only a few weeks away from their Half-Yearly Examinations. It is promising to see the degree of focus these students are showing in the classroom and the number of Year 12s who are making use of the tutorial sessions on Wednesdays after school. Students with subjects requiring them to undertake major works should be well on the way to producing their pieces. It is crucial for these students to plan and work to that plan, getting as much benefit as possible from teacher feedback along the way. There is no doubt that from this time on, HSC study becomes more and more stressful for students (and parents). If you have concerns about how your child is handling the workload or any other aspects of schooling, you are encouraged to make contact with Ms Worthington or myself.

Year 9 have received their laptops and it is great to see them being utilised in the vast majority of lessons. Please remember that students are expected to have their laptop with them for every lesson, every day – fully charged. Just like forgetting any equipment for lessons, not having the laptop can significantly change the nature and quality of a well-prepared lesson by the teacher.

Unfortunately, many students have reported that their school diary is coming apart in some sections. The diary providers, Phoenix Publishing, have indicated that they do not believe their product is at fault in spite of the large number of diary concerns. Students are encouraged to reinforce the inside of the spine to help prevent the glue from failing. The school library has book glue available that may help those students with diary concerns.

Finally, a regular reminder about school footwear. Students may never wear shoes made of canvas to school as the risk of injury is too high in a number of areas. School shoes must be all black and our uniform code does not cater for any 'boot-like' footwear – they must clearly be shoes. Sport shoes are to be predominantly white, with white laces. Please keep our uniform code in mind when making purchases throughout the year. I am regularly told by community members how good Picnic Point HS students look because they are always in uniform and look like they are proud of their school. We are certainly proud of our school.



Deputy's Report – Mr S. Schomberg

It has been a very busy start to the year, but I believe it to be a very positive start. When I visit classrooms, students are engaged in their learning and I have witnessed some wonderful learning experiences happening in the classrooms. I am very pleased to see such innovative experiences happening around the school.

Year 11

I had the pleasure of attending one day and night at the recent Year 11 Crossroads Camp. It was quite an enjoyable experience and the students were there to witness me overcoming my fear of heights – at least for a couple of minutes. The giant swing was for many students as well as me, a task requiring much inner strength to master. It was very pleasing to see students encouraging each other and some very scarred teachers (me!) to conquer their fears and achieve the goal – a very strong message from the camp experience.

Students have all been issued with their assessment books and I encourage all parents to look at this document and become familiar with the rules associated with achieving the Preliminary Certificate at the end of this year. In particular, the rules associated with illness and misadventure must be read and understood. Most students who have started the year off studying 14 units (usually because of a successful enrolment at a TVET course at TAFE) have dropped a subject back at school so that they are studying 12 units in total. On their timetables they will have study periods outlined in the library. These periods are supervised by the librarian and rolls are marked every lesson. Students are expected to make the best use of their time and come prepared to work at each of these study periods. I also encourage students to attend the weekly homework / tutorial period that we run at school every Wednesday afternoon. The tutorial period starts at 3.10pm and finishes at 4pm – light refreshments are provided.

Year 10

Staff are working very hard again this year to engage students in their learning especially with the use of technology. However, staff are experiencing frustration when students are not bringing their laptop computers to school charged ready for use. I know in my own year 10 class that some students are starting to fall behind because they are not bringing their laptops to school. Several students are saying there is a problem with their laptop, but they have not taken their laptop to Mr King (our technical support officer – TSO) to have the problem remedied. I ask that parents make sure that their child's computer is brought to school every day so that their learning can be enhanced.

Year 7

All of Year 7 are looking forward to their upcoming camp. I am hoping that everyone gets the most out of the camp experience and as a parent I know that although it will be hard to say goodbye to your children for a couple of days, deep down you will probably welcome the break. The children will have a fantastic time with a very full agenda of exciting activities planned. This camp in particular does a lot for bringing the children closer to each other and bonding as a group.

What's On - Term 1&2

Mon 18/3	P & C Meeting
Mon 25/3	Athletics Carnival
Tues 8/4	Year 12 Exams Commence
Mon 8-9/4	Year 7 Camp
Fri 12/4	ANZAC Day Service
	Term 1 Ends
Mon 29/4	Term 2 Commences
	Staff Development Day
Tues 30/4	Staff Development Day
Wed 1/5	All Students Return
	Year 11 Exams Commence



P & C News

The first meeting of the P & C for 2013 was held on Monday February 18th and it was very pleasing to see a room full of parents with at least twelve parents of Year 7 students. I hope this bodes well for the future of the P & C as we look at a change in office bearers over the next two years.

I welcomed all attendees and explained about the AGM being held in March. We received a school council report from David Middlemiss and a general school report from Mr Negroh. We also received a positive report on the activities of the Canteen with a number of new volunteers on the roster and good sales volumes on a daily basis. We acknowledged that there is a need for a sale of preloved uniforms again soon and our Uniform Co-ordinator, Deborah Driver, will organise this.

Last Tuesday evening the P & C manned the "water stand" at the Year 7 2014 information night. This is a great way to get exposure to the prospective school community and we were able to answer questions as well as providing refreshments. Thanks go to Terri Forster, Lyndall Butler, Kelly Macdonald and Leigh Trindall for their assistance on the night.

A date has been set for the Welcome to year 7 BBQ which is hosted by the P & C and gives Year 7 students and their families a chance to meet the teachers in an informal setting. This is being held on Wednesday 27th March from 4.30-6.30 pm in the quadrangle.

The 2013 AGM for the P & C will be held on Monday 18th March at 7 pm in A Block. Following the AGM a general meeting will be held.

Following are the positions up for nomination and election at the AGM: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Treasurer, School Council (three positions), School Council Community Representatives (two positions), Finance Committee (two positions), Canteen and Uniform Committees. We will also be reviewing a wish list of resources which the school has asked us to consider funding.

Until the 18th....

Christine Butters - P & C President

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Picnic Point High School Student Leadership Program

The aim of the Student Leadership Program is to offer all Picnic Point High School students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. This is done by actively participating in a variety of workshops, projects and activities organised by staff and students. Four teachers coordinate the program – Ms Stavros, Ms Marquis, Ms Peterson and Mr Burgess. All students are encouraged to apply to participate in the program. Students do not have to be accomplished leaders to participate in the program – many students join to simply learn what it means to be a good leader! There are approximately 150-180 students who take part in the program each year, from Year 7 students to Year 11 students. In 2013, the Student Leadership Program will consist of two workshops, a camp and our annual project.

Applying for the Student Leadership Program

1. At the start of Term One, 2013, Ms Stavros will announce at a morning assembly / Formal Assembly that applications for the Student Leadership Program are open. All students will receive a letter about the program. Included in this letter is a section for parents and students to sign, acknowledging their application for the program. There will be a due date for this reply slip to be returned. If it is not returned by the due date, the student will not be invited to participate in the program.
2. Student behaviour records are checked.
3. Successful students will receive an invitation to participate in the program for 2013. This invitation will include details about the first workshop of the year.
4. Students can withdraw from the program at any time, after discussing this issue with one of the teacher coordinators.
5. Students will be asked to leave the program if their behaviour at school is deemed inappropriate. This can occur at any time throughout the year.
6. All leadership students are expected to participate in the two workshops. If a student has a reasonable explanation for an inability to attend one of the workshops, they must discuss this with one of the teacher coordinators.

Workshop One will be held on **Thursday March 28** [Term 1, Week 9]. Workshop Two will be held on **Thursday September 5** [Term 3, Week 8]. Workshops are an all-day event and are held in the school hall.

Applying for the Student Leadership Camp

1. All students in the leadership program for 2013 are invited to apply for Leadership Camp.
2. Students who attend Workshop One will be given details about applying for Leadership Camp.
3. Students will email a 100 word submission titled 'Why I want to go to Leadership Camp' by a due date to the four teacher coordinators. Students who do not complete this email by the due date will not be considered for leadership camp.
4. The four teacher coordinators read each submission. When deciding which students will attend leadership camp, the teacher coordinators also consider whether the student has attended camp in the past, their efforts and enthusiasm during the first workshop of 2013 and their leadership skills.
5. Successful students are invited early in Term 2. The cost is approximately \$250.00

The Student Leadership Camp will be held on **Wednesday August 7, Thursday August 8 and Friday August 9**, Term 3 Week 4]. From the approximately 150-180 students in the leadership program, 60 students are invited to attend camp each year.

If you have any questions about the Student Leadership Program, please contact **Ms Stavros during school hours on 9772 1700.**

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

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Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.



Sport Report

We have started the year off strongly in Sport. Our Junior Grade teams have been filled and are enjoying their Tuesday afternoon sporting competitions. We have some Senior teams, and are hoping that in Term 2 we will also have these teams filled as well. We have welcomed a new school into Bankstown Zone this year, with the inclusion of Strathfield South High School into Grade Sport and carnivals.

Year 7 have been participating in a number of activities for Sport, including European Handball, Hip Hop and Boot camp. They have been enjoying learning new skills. There is still some money outstanding. If you have not yet paid please send your money to the school. If you are having trouble making payments, please contact the school.

We have had a number of students who have had great success at Zone and Regional levels. Congratulations to:

- Shane Keen and Ben Richards: Regional Baseball
- Mary Molloy, Ash Miller: Regional Cricket
- Mustafa Baytieh: Zone Tennis
- Bianca Semsarian: Zone Basketball
- Arin Cockle: CHS Water Polo
- Mary Molloy, Ashleigh Gardner: State Cricket.

T. Northall and C. Worthington



TAS Report

Wow what a start to the year it has been; hard to believe that it is week 6 already. It is a testament to the students of how seamless the start of the year it has been.



Year 12 are well into their studies of their HSC year with many of them undertaking a Major Practical Project, 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



Open night was a great success displaying the many talents of students in the TAS Faculty. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the students and staff that helped out on the night; your input made it a very successful night.



This is a good opportunity to remind all students that are undertaking a practical based activity that it is an Occupational health and safety requirement that all shoes are solid leather that will supply ample protection.



Students that undertake practical subjects will produce a series of projects out of their chosen medium. The materials used 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.

Mr Burgess Head Teacher TAS

Year 12 Computing Studies Report

As part of their studies in Year 12 Information Processes and Technology, students are required to establish a small computer network involving both a wired and wireless connection as well as a printer setup. Students also configure a Windows Server and a Wireless Router as part of the network setup. Students work in small teams as part of the project component to their studies.



This is a great way to reinforce the studies the students undertake in the classroom through practical application of the course work. Students enjoy this form of learning as it allows them to learn through practical application.

Mr O'Mullane - TAS Faculty

Swimming Carnival

The 2013 swimming carnival was bigger and better than ever. Leading into the carnival, the house captains and teacher ambassadors rallied support and revived old rivalries setting the scene for what was to be an action packed day of racing. The attendance and atmosphere on the day inspired some fantastic performances with 8 records being broken (3 courtesy of Brandon Grochala and 5 Samantha Abbott). Special mention goes out to year 12 for their enthusiasm, attire and camaraderie with years 7 and 8 coming in a close second. I'd like to personally thank all staff for their dedication to their duties and making the entire day possible. Congratulations to the following students on receiving age champion:

12 years	Carley Parmaxidis	James Butler
13 years	Chevette Carnegie	Nathan Linabury
14 years	Georgia Anderson	Blake Grochala
15 years	Rebecca Hughes	Peter Markantonatos
16 years	Jordin-Lee O'Connell	Jordan Grochala
17+ Years	Samantha Abbott	Brandon Grochala

Congratulations to the Doohan house who were crowned school champions this year.

Doohan	766
Hankin	695
Murphy	574
Slater	332

Zone Swimming

On a cold, windy and miserable day 51 swimmers from Picnic Point entered the arena of Birrong Swimming Complex to do battle with the best the Zone had to offer. Throughout the carnival, Picnic Point displayed not only fantastic ability, but also outstanding team spirit and sportsmanship. The culmination of these factors led to us breaking many records and being crowned Zone Champions. 48 students gained selection to compete for Bankstown in the Sydney South West regional carnival which will be held on Monday, 18th March 2013. Good luck to all competitors!

Congratulations to the following students who were named Zone age champions;

- 12Yr Female: Jessica Hilley-Hulme
- 13Yr Female: Chevette Carnegie
- 14Yr Male: Blake Grochala
- 15Yr Female: Rebecca Hughes
- 17Yr Female: Samantha Abbott
- 17Yr Male: Brandon Grochala

Lauren Martin - Carnival Organiser

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Year 11 Camp Report

2 weeks ago, the Year 11 form of 2013 spent 3 days at the Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber on the Central Coast.

The purpose of the camp was not only to complete the Crossroads Program but to also jump out of our comfort zones.

We were put into groups and did many fun, and also confronting activities (both physical and emotional). One being the *Power Fan* where students and teachers had to leap off a 12 metre platform. Another was the mud course, that may not have made us plunge from great heights, yet definitely shocked us as we experienced a whole new level of "bad hygiene".

The teachers and the students had fun together in the night time Commando Game. The Disco was not only entertaining, but probably the funniest time of the whole camp.

All in all, the camp was an unforgettable experience, and everyone had amazing time learning and refreshing and sharing new and challenging experiences.

Emily Rotziokos - Year 1

Year 11 Camp





Our Talented Student

Teaghan Bartley is a champion wakeboarder and rides on the Hawkesbury River at Wisemans Ferry where Teagan's family have a caravan. Teaghan is coached by Scotty Kell (black diamond wakeboarding school at Wisemans Ferry) and is classed as one of the best coaches in the world .



Teaghan's Achievements

Girls State Champion - 10-14 2011 - 2012

Ranked 2nd in 10-14 Girls Australian Open

2nd in state titles - 2012-2013 season 10 -14 girls

2nd in nationals - 2013 10-14 girls

Congratulations and well done Teaghan!



LOTE Faculty

Student Exchange Programs

We regularly receive information from companies who organise student exchange programs for either summer [2-3 months], a semester or a year to more than 20 different countries around the world. These programs are open to any interested students and provide the opportunity to enhance international understanding by arranging a change of cultures, families and schools. You do not necessarily need to be studying a foreign language in order to qualify for an exchange program. The following web sites have further information on these programs, or you can contact us at the school if you have any questions. The programs are Lions Youth Exchange Program www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye, Southern Cross Cultural Exchange www.scce.com.au, EF www.ef.com, WEP www.wep.org.au , the Australian Institute of International Understanding www.aiiu.com.au , STS www.sts-education.com.au and WEP www.wep.org.au The LABO exchange program has been operating in NSW for over 30 years. NSW students can participate in a homestay program in Japan during the Christmas holidays and NSW hosts Japanese students in July/August. For further information and application forms go to:

<http://www.mitsuitravel.com.au/labohome.html> LABO also runs an intern program whereby young NSW high school graduates can work for the organisation as an intern for a year. Applications close 31 August 2013. See <http://www.labo-exchange.com/intern.html> for further details and application forms.

Tsunami and Earthquake Second Anniversary

We keep in our thoughts those affected by the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the Tohoku Region in March 2011.

Stage 4 Japanese

Year 7 have now completed half a term of Japanese and all students are enjoying learning a new language. Our students are eagerly learning new vocabulary and even some Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji characters. Year 8 are also continuing their study of Japanese using their Hai! 2 Course and Workbooks. Our students are consistently learning new vocabulary and script and will soon complete their first chapter test of the year.

Stage 5 Japanese

The elective Year 9 Japanese class have just received their laptops and are enjoying typing in Japanese font and using the Language Perfect website. Our students will soon be introduced to some other laptop programs to enhance their learning of Japanese. Year 10 are also working consistently and will soon start working through their new Hai! 5/6 Course and Workbooks and learning a new script, Katakana. Year 10 will soon complete their first Assessment Task.

Stage 6 Japanese

Year 11 have settled into senior Japanese exceptionally well, with all students showing a positive approach to the Japanese Continuers course. They have nearly completed the first chapter of their Wakatta! Course and Workbooks and have just completed their first assessment task. Year 12 are also consistently working through the Wakatta! Course and are preparing thoroughly for their upcoming assessments, trials and the HSC.

ありがとうございます！

Ms Marquis and Ms Mitchell

Year 8 Adviser Report

Thank you to Mazen Hammoud and Victoria Spanos for being the chairpersons at the Stage 4 Formal Assembly in Week 5. The next formal assembly will take place during Week 8. Any students wishing to be a chairperson at a Formal Assembly in the future or wish to perform are encouraged to see Ms Mitchell or Ms Kourouche for more details.

Year 8 watched the Brainstorm Production 'Verbal Combat' in Week 3 of this term. This production discussed issues of bullying. All students found this production very informative and entertaining. This production is an integral component of the Year 8 BMW program.

Well done to the many Year 8 students who participated in the school swimming carnival and those who represented Picnic Point High School at the recent Zone Swimming Carnival. The Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 9. This is a chance for all of our Year 8 athletes to participate and show off their amazing track and field skills – start training now!

Many Year 8 students have also submitted merit certificates and completed passports. Keep up the good work! The final date for submitting term one passports and merits to Ms Kourouche is Friday, March 15, 2013. Invitations to the Rewards Barbecue will be issued after this date. Please see the Year 8 notice boards outside B15A and the English Staffroom to view the points tally list and the other exciting things Year 8 are doing at high school.

Ms S Mitchell

Swimming Carnival 2013 in Pictures

