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PIC-NEWS

50 years of Quality Education (1962-2012)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to all our new members of staff; Ms Preston - replacing Ms Ng, Mr Eaton - replaces Mr Grant, Ms Ilievska - extra 3 days a week Learning Support, Mr Bleyerveen - History teacher, Mr Morgon replacing Mr McAinsh. Ms Lee, one of our school counsellors has been appointed to Casula High School and now is replaced by Mr Seo. Welcome also to Mrs Rennie and Mrs Pepper in the administration office.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations were an outstanding success and I would like to pay special tribute to the organising committee members and the fantastic support from the P&C association.

This week the school enrolment selection panel met to cull all the expressions of interest for year 7, 2013. This year we had a big increase in the number of applications seeking enrolment in Year 7 at our school.

It is assessment time this term and children need encouragement and support to assist them through this busy and anxious time. *The following is some hints to help your children be successful with work at home and at school, parents can:*

- Create a place at home that is conducive to studying. Good study environments are well-lit and quiet. Although every child's learning style is different, most educators agree that students do best when the television is off and the student is free from distractions
- Set aside time for homework/study each day. This might involve limiting television-watching or phone calls until homework is finished. Parents should be careful, though, not to pit homework against activities students enjoy, or to create situations in which students rush through their work in order to get back to other activities
- Parents should check in with students ahead of time about the types of projects they will be doing and the equipment they need
- Be available if students have questions. Parents can support their children by looking over homework and giving suggestions
- Make an effort to communicate regularly with teachers
- Parents should emphasise the value of learning and show they appreciate their child's hard work

Recent student and school successes include:

- The Year 7 welcome to parents BBQ hosted by the P&C was a great success and thank you to all parents and teachers that attended
- Congratulations to the open girls knockout cricket team finishing 4th place in the State
- Our school swim team were crowned School Zone Champions, with both the girls and the boys beating the closest rival school by more than 500 points
- At the CHS swimming championships Samantha Abbott was named age champion for the 17+ girls. Both Sam and Brandon Grochala were selected to compete at the NSW All Schools Championships.
- The ANZAC Day ceremony organised by Mr Goman and student leaders was a highly moving, informative and respectful event highlighting student and staff leadership



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Deputy's Report – Mr Baczynskyj

It has been good to return to work and see that all of the students have settled into the term so well. All terms are important; however, this one includes some of the main assessments for Semester One reporting. This is an opportunity for staff, students and parents to assess just how well each student is progressing. Examinations in particular are often a good sign of how much learning the student has achieved in class, how well they have been completing homework in a meaningful way and how well they have organised their study and revision. It is a chance to see ways in which students can improve.

I was happy with the number of Year 7 parents who took the opportunity to attend the P&C-organised 'meet the teacher BBQ'. It is always a good idea to meet your child's teacher and get a perspective on how he/she is settling into high school. If you were not fortunate enough to be able to attend, please make a note to be at the Parent/Teacher evening in a few weeks. Similarly, a reminder that if you want to gain an idea of how the school operates (and some of the inside 'goss') the best way to do this is to volunteer a day to help in the canteen.

Year 8 of course feel like old hands at high school and should indeed be settled into their studies. I would like to remind parents that it is easy to stay in touch with your child's learning (even if you do not have an academic background yourself). A look through their workbooks will give a good indication of how much work he/she is doing and whether it is being completed. They have a school diary with a passport card, so a look at that and the number of merit stickers being received will also indicate how their effort in all areas of school is being shown. There is not any reason for them to be receiving fewer merits than they did in Year 7.

Year 11 have completed their Half-Yearly Examinations and there is an expectation that they have achieved well, especially if their interim report sent last term showed a need for improvement. It is crucial that every Year 11 student is very focused on their studies (they are now halfway through their courses with Year 12 starting in Term 4). Students who have received 'N-Award Warning' letters must complete these tasks. If any subject is not completed satisfactorily students will not receive their Preliminary Certificate and therefore will not be able to go on and complete their HSC in 2013. I would like to remind parents and students that there is a tutorial session every Wednesday afternoon in library (after school until 4pm). During this time teachers are available to help students with their class work, assessment tasks and study.

The weather has cooled and students are beginning to wear their school jumpers and jackets. Can I ask all parents to ensure that their child has their name on the inside of their clothing? Daily it seems that jumpers and jackets are left in the playground and without a name, it is difficult to return the garments to their owner quickly.

Deputy's Report – Mr Schomberg

Uniform

With the winter months now approaching fast, it is probably a good idea to get out the warm school tops, check that they fit and get them ready for use. Just a reminder to every one of what the winter uniform requirements are.

The only warm tops to be worn are the school tops – School Jackets (Green and Gold), Pullover (Bottle Green with the school crest), Sloppy Joe (Bottle green with the school crest) and for seniors, the bottle green blazer is optional. If students wear scarves, then they must be plain white, grey or bottle green "cashmere feel". Girls may also wear black stockings.

Recently students have tried to wear different coloured tops including grey and black and tops with hoods attached. This type and colour of garments are not permitted. Also, some students have been wearing black socks. All socks must be white.

Lateness

Fewer students are arriving late to school which is a significant improvement on term 1. If a child is late to school, they must have a signed note explaining their lateness from their parent. If a note is not provided, the lateness is deemed unexplained. Once a student has three unexplained late arrivals to school, they will be issued with an after school detention. All students are expected to arrive at school by 8.30am. This then gives all students time to meet up with their friends before school commences at 8.45am

The Challenges of Term 2

For all students, term 2 sees a culmination of their learning for the first semester of the year with assessment tasks being completed in all subjects, as well as half yearly examinations in some. All students need to prepare for these tasks. Parents can be assured that students are given two weeks' notice prior to any assessment task being completed. It is expected that students use their diaries to help plan for these tasks and complete them by their deadlines. For Year 12, the intensity builds as major works take shape, performances are finalised and many assessment tasks are completed. Even though the trial exam period (Term 3 Week 4) seems a long way off, it will approach very quickly. The first of our parent teacher nights will be on Thursday 28th June for Yr7, 11 & 12. The next parent / teacher night is Thursday 26th July for Yr8, 9 & 10.



What's On

Mon 21/5	P&C Meeting SRC Elections
Tues 22/5	Computer Skills Competition
Wed 30/5	MADD Concert
Fri 1/6	SRC Announced to School
Wed 6/5	Year 7 Immunisation Day2 Science Competition



P & C News and 50th Anniversary Report

I can't believe we are now in May and term 2 is well underway. My apologies for the lack of a P & C report in the March Picnews, I missed the deadline.

Since my February report a lot has been happening with the P & C. Firstly we held our AGM in mid-March and the following people were elected to positions:

President; Christine Butters, Vice President: Sue Morgan, Secretary: Adele Wardrop, Treasurer: Fiona Gray, Canteen Treasurer: Louise Smith, School Council Reps: David Middlemiss and Leigh Trindall, Finance Committee: Maria Georgiou and Anne Heeb. The Canteen Committee holds the status quo with the addition of Alia Evans. Uniform Committee will again comprise of myself and Deborah Driver with others seconded as needed.

I thank all those who stood for these positions again as they are unchanged from last year. However now is the time to be vigilant and start encouraging parents from the junior years in the school as most of those currently on the Executive have children in years 10-12 and will no longer be able to undertake these roles in a year or two.

Financially the P & C is travelling very well and our Auditors reports presented at this meeting gave us a positive report. At the next P & C meeting we will be giving some money to the school to spend on student resources.

I know in my last report I made mention of attempting a tastetesting fundraiser again but I am currently unable to give the time to this. If there is a parent who would like to undertake this then I would be more than happy to show them the ropes.

Our Canteen is running very smoothly but we are still short of volunteers on a number of days, so please consider whether you could give a little of your time to assist us. The canteen is our major source of funds at the school and the more voluntary help we have the less paid assistance we need to utilize.

Since our last meeting the P & C volunteers assisted at the Year 7 2013 information night and once again did a tremendous job in providing refreshing drinks to all who passed them. Thanks to Sue Morgan for organizing and to those who came up on the night to assist.

The P & C also hosted the annual Welcome to Year 7 BBQ on Tuesday 8th May. This was later this year due to the 50th

Anniversary celebrations, but nevertheless it was great to see so many new faces and watch the students interact with their teachers in an informal setting. My thanks to Virginia Morris, Louise Smith and Sue Morgan who bbq'ed and served tirelessly for two hours.

And now to our major event the 50th Anniversary...what a day and night!! The week prior was very hectic with the unveiling of the Anniversary plaque and a special whole school assembly to celebrate and acknowledge the school's 50 years of quality public education. All the students were given an anniversary lanyard to commemorate the occasion. Following this special event, members of the committee toiled for several days putting together a display of photos and artefacts gathered over the years. This was the showcase in the hall for our expected visitors.

Saturday 31st March dawned bright and clear and by 8am the school was abuzz with helpers, too many to mention but you all know who you are. We set up chairs, tables, bbq, canteen, sales of memorabilia and pavers to name a few. And then the visitors started to arrive, they were treated to dance, music and drama displays as well as the photographic display in the hall and many classroom activities as they wandered around the school reminiscing. I think the most commonly heard phrase that day was "I remember..."

I would estimate that approximately 1000 people came through the school that day and the organizing committee and all the volunteers (students, staff and parents) did us proud in what they achieved and the positive response received.

The celebrations then moved down to the Revesby Workers Club where we had an Anniversary dinner for 650 guests. Again a very positive event, attendees spanned the five decades of the school's history and all had a story to tell. My thanks go to Mr. McDonald and his band Kang for providing background music and entertainment, to Daniel Cvetkovski (School Captain 2011) for his vocal solo, to Mary Putvinas (ex Captain from the 1960's), Danielle McHugh (ex captain from 2003) and Andrew Lloyd (Vice Captain 2011) for their enlightening speeches as to what school was like for them.



To Mr Schomberg, a big thank you for keeping a very noisy crowd under control, and last but by no means least to Mrs Thelma Bray for pulling the dinner altogether singlehandedly, ever the diplomat, Thelma handled a number of awkward situations on the night with ease and diplomacy.

The committee for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations consisted of the following people: Mr.Negroh, Mrs Harris, Mrs Bray, Lyn DeGruchy, Adele Wardrop, Sue Morgan, Michele McGregor, David and Ivanna Middlemiss, myself and student leaders Taylah McGregor and Ruby-Leigh Tonks. These people all worked tirelessly in a number of ways to make this a memorable event in the school's history and on behalf of the P & C I thank them all.



Andy MacDonald and Kang on stage at the 50th bash.

Another highlight of the celebrations was the anniversary pavers which have been used to redecorate the entrance to the school hall. There is still an opportunity to purchase a paver as we will be taking orders for these until the July holidays. The order form is enclosed with this edition of PicNews.

We also still have a number of memorabilia items for sale, namely pens, coffee mugs and wine and pilsener glasses and will be selling these at the Parent-Teacher interview nights in Terms two and three. If you wish to purchase prior to then, please email me and I can organize this for you.

The next fundraising activity the P & C will undertake will be a pie drive to coincide also with Parent-Teacher nights. Order forms will be in this and the next PicNews. Pick up dates will be 28th June at Year 7,11 &12 parent teacher night and 26th July at Year 8,9, &10 parent teacher night.

The May meeting of the P & C will be held on Monday 21st May at 7pm in A Block. We are starting this meeting with a presentation from the students involved in the Best Buddies Program, led by Mrs Andrzejewska.

I hope many of you will come along and support these students as well as the P & C. Until next time, kind regard

Christine Butters - P & C President

Email: bjcmbutters@yahoo.com.au please email me and I can organize this for you.



Michel's (Revesby) Student of the Month March 2012

	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Maggie Loizou	Consistent effort and positive application in all her classwork.
8	Jayden Chew	For consistent effort and active participation in class activities.
9	Angus Munro	Great all-rounder and participant in extra curriculum activities
10	Stacey Savvidis	For excellent effort in each of her subjects.
11	Justine Alcade	Outstanding effort and commitment to achieving her best at all times.
12	Tim Morgan	Consistent effort in Music and Mathematics



Michel's (Revesby) Student of the Month April 2012

	Name	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Jade Vong	Consistent effort and positive application in all subjects.
8	Veronika Lesko	Diligent work in her subjects
9	Joshua Fenton	Consistent effort and positive application in Geography
10	Joshua Lauth	For volunteering and strong participation in the Year 10 formal committee.
11	Ashleigh Meredith	Strong commitment to her studies, with excellent efforts in her entertainment and Visual Arts classes.
12	Daniel Hamer	Consistent effort in Mathematics and outstanding effort in the Knockout basketball competition.

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Will you be supervising a Learner Driver during the next 6 months?

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An important component of the GLS program is that all learner drivers must obtain a minimum of 120 hours on-road supervised driving experience prior to presenting for their P1 licence.

The FREE workshop will cover

- New laws for young drivers.
- The importance of supervised on-road driving experience
- Low risk driving tips
- Developing a partnership with the learner driver.
- Planning on-road driving experiences.

When: WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012

Where: Padstow Senior Citizens Centre
Cnr Cahors & Arab Rd Padstow

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm – refreshments provided

Bookings Essential: Contact Jenny Murray on 9707 9424 or 0412 578 821

Year 7 Art Excursion

On the 14th of March Yr7 went to the city for an Art Excursion. We caught a bus to Circular Quay, and then had recess when we got there. We then went on a Captain Cook Harbour Cruise. It was great to see the Harbour Bridge, Luna Park, the Opera House and all the different bays and buildings. We then docked at Darling Harbour and found a place to sit while waiting to go into the aquarium.



In the aquarium we went looking and drawing all the interesting marine life. We met a shark named Byron.



Afterwards we walked around the Cockle Bay to a food court where we sat and listened to the Army Band, very entertaining.



That finished our day off, Year7 had a fantastic time!



All of Year7 want to thank the teachers who organised this excursion and hope to go on another one soon!

Naomi Tall & Emily King 7VA6



International Women's Day Report

International Women's Day, on the 8th of March, is the one day of the year where women all around the world celebrate what often goes unrecognised...us! To celebrate International Women's Day at Picnic Point High School, we had a lovely morning tea.



A lot of us who went to the morning tea didn't really know what it was for at first, but we soon realised that it was a lot more than just a get together. It was more than that, we watched cleverly portrayed videos and learnt some surprising statistics about women and the world, and that women contribute to the world more than what we think. We also learnt about how women are brutally treated in other countries, just because of their gender.



While we watched the clips, we indulged in the delicious foods that we'd brought along to the morning tea, such as cupcakes, biscuits, slices, custard tarts etc. The food was delicious! There was plenty of food for everyone and we all enjoyed it.



Not only were there amazing desserts, but it was a great chance to catch up with friends. I think that all students and teachers that attended had a great time!



As the morning tea came to an end, most of us made a small donation and picked up an International Women's Day ribbon sticker. I recommend to anyone who missed out on this International Women's Day morning tea to definitely come along next year, because it was a great learning experience and a lovely way to spend recess.



Thank you to Ms Stavros, Ms Marquis, Ms Mitchell and all the other teachers who helped out to make this International Women's Day Morning Tea certainly one to remember.

By Madeleine Buckley - Year 9



NSW School Immunisation Program On Friday, March 16, Year 7 students completed their first day of immunisations: dose 1 of the Hepatitis B vaccine and dose 1 of the cervical cancer vaccines. The second day of immunisations is this term:

Wednesday, June 6.

Following is a reminder of the vaccines that NSW Health offers to high school students.

Year 7

Year 7 students are offered the following vaccines:

- **Hepatitis B** – 2 dose course. *This is a complete course. If a child had 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine as a baby, they do not require extra doses.*
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]** – 1 booster dose

- **Varicella [chickenpox]** *If a child has already had chickenpox or been vaccinated, they do not need this vaccine*

And for girls only:

- **HPV** – 3 dose course
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In Term 1, all Year 7 families were mailed information regarding the School Immunisation Program for 2012. Please refer to the schedule below for further information about this program.

Year 10

Nurses from NSW Health will visit Picnic Point High School on **Monday, July 30** to vaccinate **Year 10** students against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough. All Year 10 families will be mailed information and consent forms regarding this vaccination later this term.

Vaccination Schedule for 2012:

Year 7

Friday 16th March: Immunisation Day 1

HPV and Hep B

Wednesday 6th June: Immunisation Day 2

HPV and dTpa [Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough]

Monday 30th July: Immunisation Day 3

Varicella

Friday 26th October: Year 7 Immunisation Day 4

HPV and Hep B

Year 10

Monday 30th July: Immunisation Day 1

dTpa [Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough]

Please remember that this immunisation program is NOT compulsory. Students may receive these vaccinations from their local doctor. In addition, parents who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason can do so by writing to the Principal. 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



Student Leadership Workshop

On Thursday 22nd March, PPHS had their first Student Leadership Workshop for 2012. The theme for this workshop was role models.

First of all we had an introduction and some ice-breakers. In the ice-breakers, we had to find groups of people with the same coloured eyes. And then we played some games in those groups that involved trying to catch other people's fingers whilst trying to not get your own finger caught.

Next, Mr Burgess did some work with us. We were asked some questions about what we think a role model is and what

are positive outcomes of a role model. He gave us six good points to being a positive role model:

- Be aware of your actions
- Be trustworthy
- Follow through
- Show respect
- Be well rounded
- Demonstrate confidence in who you are



Afterwards, we had the year 11 student's Power Point presentations on which their role models are. We were challenged to guess which role model belonged to whom. Some of the reasons the Year 11's chose their role models were that they share the same interests, they stick up for what they believe in, and they can learn from them. After this we ate recess - some yummy cakes and biscuits!





After recess, we were told that we were creating Frankie. Frankie is our representation of what a good role model should be. We all worked together to create characteristics for Frankie, such as ears that have good listening skills and eyes that watch carefully.



Then, we split into groups. Half of the leadership group went outside and the other half stayed inside. The students outside did lots of fun games and challenges that needed teamwork

and team spirit. Whilst the students inside were working together to create the parts of Frankie. After we'd all done this we went back into the hall and discussed what we had been doing in our groups. Then we had lunch.



After lunch, was the unveiling of Frankie! Everyone couldn't wait to see what he looked like. As we waited, we were given a name tag to write one quality of a good role model to stick on him. Then, the teachers unveiled Frankie. He was huge! He was made out of newspaper and had bottle cap eyes. He looked like a good role model. By year groups, we went and stuck our name tags with the good qualities onto him. Then we took a group photo with him. We love our new role model for the Student Leadership Program!

We all had a fun and enjoyable day, and we love our new role model Frankie!

By Josie Strachan Year 9



Congratulations to all the students listed who have achieved Silver and Bronze level in Term 1.

Student	Grade	Points
Kayatz-Monahan,Nikki	Year 7	61
Anderson,Georgia	Year 7	52
Lloyd,Serena	Year 8	52
McWilliams,Shaylie	Year 8	52
Summers,Annalise	Year 7	50
Hargreaves,Natasha	Year 8	49
Karaolis,Mary	Year 8	49
Middlemiss,Katelyn	Year 10	48
Bitz,Kiarne	Year 8	47
Cox,Alana	Year 8	47
Martyn,Alison	Year 8	47
Millar,Hayley	Year 8	47
Harvey,Madison	Year 7	46
Tran,Robin	Year 7	46
Hassett,Lilly	Year 8	46
Carroll,Madeline	Year 7	44
El Zayat,Rebecca	Year 8	44

Loy, Jaimie	Year 7	43
Cole, Alisha	Year 9	43



Ventouris, Christopher	Year 10	42
Papagianopoulos, Daniel	Year 7	41
Yue-Lap-Wan, Michael	Year 10	41
Urquhart, Connor	Year 7	40
Griffiths (Marsh), Talliha	Year 8	40
Seeto, Heidi	Year 8	40
Wong, Samantha	Year 8	40
Barbagallo, Joshua	Year 8	39
Hawkins, Jaedyn	Year 9	39
Pritchard, Kellie	Year 9	39
Watson, Tonika	Year 9	38
McCaw, Shelby	Year 9	37
Pike, Maddison	Year 8	32
Hassett, Felicity	Year 8	31



Probert, Taylah	Year 8	31
Bligh, Lachlan	Year 8	30
Driver, Mitchell	Year 8	30
Evans-Tsoi, Tristan	Year 8	30

Lesko, Veronika	Year 8	30
Karaolis, Kathy	Year 9	30
Oreibi, Angel	Year 10	30
Pham, Anthony	Year 7	29
Webster, Olivia	Year 7	29
Carter, Jake	Year 8	29
Cvijanovic, Jasmin	Year 8	29
Larkin, Shaylee	Year 9	29
Butler, Riley	Year 7	28
Donoso, Chevelle	Year 7	28



Simmons, Nathan	Year 7	28
Durrant, Brittany	Year 9	28
Morris, Nicholas	Year 8	27
Sullivan, Joshua	Year 8	27
Ryder, Joel	Year 10	27
Alexakis, Thomas	Year 7	26
Argiropoulos, Maria	Year 7	26
Baker, Breanna	Year 7	26
Gandy, Jesse	Year 7	26
Hoang, Audrey	Year 7	26
Potter, Lillian	Year 7	26
Semsarian, Bianca	Year 7	26
Burgess, Chloe	Year 8	26
Smith, Dakota	Year 8	26
Banga, Manisha	Year 9	26
Bui, Jarod	Year 9	26
Dunn, Travis	Year 9	26
Lloyd, Amanda	Year 10	26
Binnington, Liam	Year 7	25
El-Debel, Nada	Year 7	25
Korch, Georgia	Year 7	25
Maloney, Cassidy	Year 7	25
Sansom, Liam	Year 7	25
Molloy, Mary	Year 10	25
Wellfare, Rhiannon	Year 10	25

All students enjoyed their free BBQ lunch and drink at the Term 1 Rewards Day on Thursday 29th March.

Ms Stavros



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Find out more!

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods

Inbound Exchange Administrator

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LOTE Faculty

Stage 4 Japanese

Year 7 has now completed 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. We congratulate these students on their consistent effort and fantastic results in their first chapter test. All Year 7 students have now completed a poster to persuade the canteen to serve sushi as part of their NAPLAN preparation. Year 8 is also continuing their study of Japanese using their Hai! 2 Course and Workbooks. Our students are learning and revising vocabulary and grammar in each lesson and applying their knowledge in a variety of class activities.

Stage 5 Japanese

The elective Year 9 Japanese class has recently completed their first test of the year, focusing on all of the macro language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. The students are all eagerly using their laptops and are enjoying

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The elective Year 9 Japanese class has recently completed their first test of the year, focusing on all of the macro Year 10 are also working consistently through their new Hai! 5/6 Course and Workbooks and learning a new script, Katakana. They are participating in the online program Language Perfect, to improve their speed and accuracy in recognising vocabulary. Last term, Year 10 completed their first assessment and will complete the Half-Yearly Examination on Monday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

Stage 6 Japanese

Year 11 have now completed Unit 1 and 2 of their Wakatta! Course and Workbooks and their first assessment task. Students are to be congratulated on their approach and positive application to Japanese Continuers course so far. They are now preparing for their second assessment task and are eagerly spending time using the online program Language Perfect.

Year 12 are also consistently working through the Wakatta! Course and are preparing thoroughly for their upcoming assessments, trials and the HSC. The HSC Speaking Examination for Japanese Continuers will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 and the HSC Japanese Continuers examination will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012.

Japan Trip

We are very excited to be organising our school trip to Japan this semester! We will be visiting Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo. There are 15 students that will be participating in our trip and all families have been busy organising lots of fundraising activities. Our first fundraiser will be a Cake Stall on **Friday, May 18** and we hope everyone will come along to buy some yummy treats and support our students!

また来月!

Ms Marquis and Ms Mitchell



St Christopher's Football Club (Soccer) is looking for both Male and Female player Turning 6, 9, 12 and 13 this year. Last places available.

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All new players need proof of ID.
www.saintsfc.org.au

Library News

This year it's been exciting to meet so many students who enjoy reading. Our school has made a fantastic start to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge and I am proud to announce that several students have already completed the Challenge, having read at least twenty books. They are:

Manisha Banga	Yr 9
Jade Vong	7O
Pamela Papadimitriou	7O
Alison Martyn	8R
Hayley Millar	8R
Lauren O'Shea	8R

Several teachers are also participating in the Challenge, and Mrs Warner, Mrs Heap and I have finished our twenty books. Jade's favourite book so far has been the "Charlie Small" series, while Mrs Warner's is "& "The Giver" by Lois Lowry.

Manisha Banga, Mrs Warner, Pamela Papadimitriou and Jade Vong with some of the books they have read.



Read on!
Marion Aranjo (Teacher Librarian)

Science Faculty Report

The Science Head Teacher, Mrs Nicole Sherry, has been on long service leave for the first 3 weeks of term 2 and will be returning in week 4. During her absence Diana Mitchell has been acting in the Head Teacher Science role. Michael Robinson has been taking over Mrs Sherry's classes for weeks 2 and 3 during her absence.

The Picnic Point High School Open Day was on the 31st March this year to celebrate 50 years of Picnic Point High School. The Science faculty had three Science Labs open for inspection with a variety of activities on display. We also had some wonderful Year 11 helpers from our Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes. These helpers demonstrated a number of practical activities on the day to the community visiting our school. The Science department would like to thank the following students for their help on the day; **Matthew Cash, James Cremasco, Victoria Moggs, Jessie Cooper, Ronny Thai, Jimmy Sittichai, Daniel Wilson, Shane Keen, Dean Lloyd, Marcus Lord, Chris Edwards, Katie Wynter, Justine Alcalde and Mohammad Alabbasi.**

Term 2 is now in full swing with Assessment Tasks and Half-Yearly Examinations across all year groups.

Year 10:

In week 2 this term year 10 students have been completing a Practical Assessment Task during their Science lesson and in week 4 the year 10 students will be completing their Half-Yearly Examination during class time. Students have been notified of these upcoming events and are preparing accordingly by studying the two topics studied so far this year as well as some of the topic studied last year.

Year 9:

Year 9 have recently completed their first assessment task of the year, which was a research Assessment task. Students should be preparing for their Half-Yearly examinations in week 5 which will assess their knowledge and understanding of the two topics taught so far this year as well skills based questions.

Year 8:

Students in year 8 are currently completing a Research Assessment Task with is to be handed in in week 2 or week 3. Then their Half-Yearly Examination will be in week 6. Students will receive notification for this in the coming weeks.

Year 7:

Students in year 7 are now all working hard learning about separating mixtures and receiving their Bunsen burner licences in the coming weeks. Their Half-Yearly Examination will be in week 3 or 4 during class time and assess their skills and understanding of topics taught this year.

Year 11 and 12

Science courses in the senior years are also preparing for assessments tasks in the next few weeks and teachers are busily writing the Half-Yearly reports for these courses. Biology classes in year 11 recently went on an excursion as part of the Local Ecosystem Assessment task. Both Biology in year 11 and 12 will be completing a Practical assessment task

in the new few weeks. Year 11 Chemistry will also be notified, during week 3, of the upcoming Practical Assessment task they will be doing in week 6.

Science competition has now been finalised and organised. The test will be on the 6th of June for those students who have paid their money.

Year 11 Biology excursion to the mangroves.

On Friday the 30th of March, Ms Cook and Ms Mitchell took the year 11 Biology students down to Little Salt Pan Creek to complete their first Biology Assessment Task.



The morning started early with students meeting at 8.30 in the car park of Revesby Heights Ex-servicemen's Club. Students made their way down through the bush to the low tide area. Luckily some students weren't scared of spiders and could clear the webs on their trek with the metre rulers as Ms Mitchell's height was not helping to clear the webs as she led the way.



Once students made their way down to the low tide area they were placed in groups and designated an area to sample. Student used data loggers, equipment and chemicals to sample the soil, water and air in their area. Students then filled out an assessment task booklet. Those students who sensibly wore gumboots were better equipped for the sampling needed.



Those who failed to listen to the advice of their teachers suffered with muddy legs, shoes and clothes as mud flicked up onto each other as they walked. Students loved the opportunity to get muddy and climb upon the rocks.



At the end of the day, students made their way back to the car-park to complete the remaining parts to the assessment task individually. This allowed students to cool off from the heat of the day and many liked to opportunity to remove the mud from their skin. Hopefully it was a fun and memorable day for all students.

The science faculty is requesting ice cream or take away containers with lids please.

Diana Mitchell – Relieving HT Science Faculty

Cancer Council



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Best Buddies Report

Term 1 was a very busy and intense time for Best Buddies. We took part in a number of activities both with our paired buddies and as a leadership group.

On the 29th of March all the leaders from 12 different schools met at a leadership conference. Over two days we listened to a variety of inspirational speakers and participated in workshop groups, which were focused on building leadership skills.



We also had a great time rock climbing, riding BMX bikes, and participating in archery and low ropes mini courses. To finish the night we all gathered around the campfire, had a dip in the pool and got cosy while watching a movie.



On the 2nd of April, Natalie and Kim, the Best Buddies advisers, organised a Best Buddies Movie Night for the buddy pairs. First we watched last year's films about the Wild West that the students had made then we got to watch The LORAX Feature Film.



Our first group event took place at the Hazlehurst Gallery in GyMEA on the 4th of April. When we arrived we met our guide

and familiarised ourselves about some rules for being around the paintings. We were amazed to see the amount of artwork around us. We viewed an art exhibition by a local artist Peter Sharp, called 'Will to Form'. The artist's abstract paintings and sculptures explored themes of nature and formed the basis of narratives. The students were asked to look at his artwork carefully in order to investigate with our buddies the abstract language of whales, spiders and the desert.



After lunch we got our hands dirty with the use of charcoal during a one-hour workshop, exploring drawing from nature in the wonderful Hazlehurst garden. We had to pick an area that had a shadow and draw it with the shadows involved.



Overall we all had a great time.



A NOTE from Ms Andrzejewska to all Best Buddies:

Congratulations on your best behaviour and wonderful manners during our outings. Picnic Point High has some wonderful students!

Year 7 Report

Welcome back to Term 2! Congratulations to Year 7 for making it through the first term of high school. It is often a very challenging time for many students, but you have made a smooth transition. Well done!

Congratulations to Maggie Loizou for her conscientious effort in all subject areas – Student of the Month [March]. Thank you to Georgia Anderson and Robin Tran for being chairpersons at the Term One, Week 8 Formal Assembly. The next formal assembly will take place during Week 5. Any students wishing to be a chairperson at a Formal Assembly in the future are encouraged to see Ms Mitchell for more details. This formal assembly will also include Student Representative Council elections. Well done to the many Year 7 students who participated in the Athletics Carnival. It was great to see you have a go at all the events!

The Year 7 Camp at The Tops Conference Centre was a huge success. All students had a fantastic time, challenging themselves to fun [and sometimes scary] activities and meeting many new friends.



The students also showed off their dancing skills at the disco, their many talents in the mini talent quest and their bright minds in the trivia and games night. Year 7 is to be congratulated on their behavior over the three days.



A special thank you to the teachers who organised activities and supervised Year 7 on the camp – Ms Kourouche, Ms Stavros, Ms Martin, Ms Pele, Mr MacDonald, Mr Nikolovski,

Mr Eaton and Mr Pham. Thank you also to Mr Negroh, Mr Baczynskyj and Mr Clay for joining us. Many photos will be placed on the noticeboard shortly.

Year 7 camp reports from Mitchell Tran and Ellen Rotziokos

On Tuesday, April 4 – Thursday, April 4, Year 7 went to the annual camp. The camp took place at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. We tested our courage, strength, and agility in the activities. Some of the fun activities that we did included, Giant Swing, Abseiling, Archery, Vertical Cluster, Archery, Beach Walk and an Anti-Bullying Session run by Ms Stavros.



All these events were fun, and enjoyable, adventurous and maybe even scary. The teachers also organised some night activities to keep us entertained, including the groovy disco, the trivial night and the games night. The overnight stays were very enjoyable for the students, because it was like a long sleepover, but maybe not for the teachers...! The food that was very tasty!



Overall the camp was a wonderful time spent with friends, teachers, and fun activities. Thanks to the teachers who organised the camp and came to supervise us!

Mitchell Tran



A few weeks ago, Year 7 attended the annual camp. This took place at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, about 50 minutes from school. We all got to experience many new things. On arrival we split up into seven activity groups. Some groups did giant swing; others did bush walking and beach activities.



There was also archery abseiling and vertical cluster. On the first night we had a disco in the auditorium with music. After then we had a little talent contest with many Year 7 singers and musicians. On the second night, we played games and trivia.



Camp was fun and was full of interesting experiences and activities that we all want to do again. A lot of students made

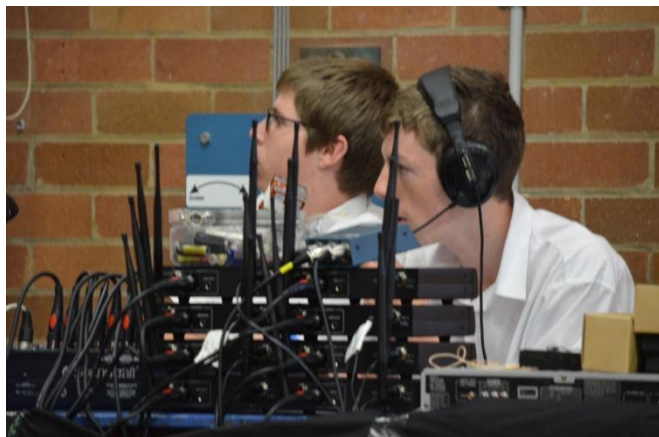
new friends as well. Overall this camp was the best I have been on.

Ellen Rotziokos

Ms Mitchell - Year 7 Adviser

Music Concert

The term1 Music concert was a well-polished, highly successful event. Performances included instrumental and vocal soloists, the school band choir and vocal ensemble plus the Elective Music classes.



The Year 11 VET Entertainment students co-ordinated the sound, lighting, vision and staging. This was their first big event and it went off without a hitch! I am extremely proud of the efforts of all students who participated. Please be on the lookout for our next Creative and Performing Arts event, we would love to see you there.



Martin Andrews – Head Teacher CAPA



Home Economics Faculty Report

Welcome back to term 2. Students have a very busy term ahead with completing assessments and examinations. They are encouraged to complete all tasks to the best of their abilities to achieve results they deserve. In addition, year 11 Hospitality students have completed mandatory work placement in the industry environment which will give them a better understanding of expectations and standards in the Hospitality Industry.

Years 10 & 11 Textiles and Design students along with Mrs Thompson participated in a surface decorating workshop all day learning new ways to decorate textiles fabric. This activity was enjoyed by all students and was very worthwhile for year 11 students who will soon start to think about ideas for their major textiles project.



Year 10 Textiles & Design

Students made skirts term 1. Students have really extended their level of skill in the use of commercial patterns and construction. Many skirts were of a high standard. Students' next project is to make something of their own choice using knit fabric.





Year 9 Textiles & Design

Students made a cover for a scrap book during term 1. Students incorporated a range of creative decorating techniques into their covers. Inside the scrapbook, students displayed personal photos to create a special keepsake.



At the Parent and Teacher nights to be held this term and early next term, we will be selling the 50th Anniversary cookbook for \$5.00. We have received some great feedback

about the recipes which are included in the cookbook. If you would like a piece of history, please see one of the Home Economics staff.

A reminder that subject fees are now due. It is important that these elective fees are paid so we can continue to provide the best possible resources for your child.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress or fee payment, please contact me on 9772-1700

Mrs Cheryl Wardrop – Head Teacher Home Economics



Sport Report

Term 1 was a busy one with Grade sport and many students attending Zone and Regional trials and making it into teams and attending carnivals.

Sport ran under a new system during Term 1. All competitions were played at central venues. This made a great difference to Grade sport, as no team had a bye in any week. Picnic Point filled all the junior teams and some sports were so popular that we were able to field two teams in some sports.

The Grand Finals were played in the last week of term, and we had three teams that became premiers. Congratulations to the Junior Girls Netball, the Junior Boys Basketball and the Junior Boys Volleyball on a great competition and on winning the Grand Final. All teams are to be commended on their sportsmanship during the term, and a thank you to the teachers who coached a Grade team.

Term 2 Grade sport is now off and running. Again, we have filled all the junior teams with a couple of sports fielding two teams, filling in for other schools, and we have a greater number of senior teams filled this term. Good luck to all involved in Grade Sport.

Our students have had great success in Zone and Regional teams. Congratulations to:

Ben Taylor for Regional Baseball
Tracey Wright for Regional Tennis
Mary Molloy and Belinda Anderson for Regional Cricket
Ryan Nagle and Chelsea Cook for Regional Golf
Tara Edmiston, Angeline Pavlovic and Kacey Hanna for Zone Soccer
Tom Kovacs and Anthony Costa for Zone Soccer
Shelby McCaw, Brittany Durrant and Erin Barnes for Zone Netball
Stacey Hayward, Tahlia Burke and Georgia Anderson for Zone Touch, with Stacey making the Regional team
Jayden Okunbor, Dylan Butler, Fatu Togagae-Faanu and Michael Tasker for Zone League
Ibrahim Raf Raf and Jayden Okunbor for Regional League
Joshua Bryant and Mitchell Gray for Regional AFL
Ibrahim Raf Raf for Regional Rugby Union
Congratulations to all students on their efforts over the term.

T. Northall and C. Worthington -Talented Sport Report

The talented teams within the school have been competing in a number of competitions in recent weeks.

The Open Girls cricket team ventured to Bathurst for 3 days to play in the State Finals. Our semi-final match was against Callaghan College. We lost the toss and were asked to bat and at drinks we were 2-80 off 20 overs. Mary Molloy made 26 and Ashleigh Gardner went on to make 65 with Ashlee Miller making a super 32 and helping us to a very good total of 148. Callaghan had one very good batter who gave a chance first ball which we failed to take and she went on to hit 102no and win them the match with 2 overs to go. Unfortunately, our fielding didn't support our good bowling and indicated the need for us to do a lot of work in this area if we are to compete against the best teams in NSW. In the playoff for 3rd and 4th we lost to Hunter Sports High School after dropping far too many catches once again. The experience for the girls was invaluable and shows us the quality of the cricket that is played in the final series. The team's behaviour and commitment was fantastic and with all players available again next year, I think we might be a very good chance to improve on our 4th place in the State.



In Touch Football our Open Boys and Girls both lost in the Regional semi-finals in close games. The Year 9/10 boys and girls teams have both qualified for the State Finals at Liverpool and we wish Mr Smith and the players the best for the competition being held on Friday 11th of May.

I Water Polo, our boys had to pull out of the trip to Raymond Terrace to play in the State Final series due to a number of injuries and boys unavailable due to other commitments. This is the first year in a long time we have not attended the Raymond Terrace Finals but the boys were Regional Champions once again and continued our dominance in that competition.

Mr Millican

Honouring our ANZACs

On Thursday the 5th of April our School held its annual ANZAC Day Service. As is the tradition at PPHS our Service proved to moving and significant.

Among our many visitors was former student Michael Bainbridge. Michael who is a serving member of the Special Forces took pride of place at the front of the service. Michael

was thanked not only for his attendance at our service but also for the service to our nation which he continues to give.



This year the theme of the key note speech was remembering the 70th anniversary of the attacks on Darwin. The School Captains gave a detailed and moving speech honouring the memory of those who served, fought and died defending Darwin in 1942.

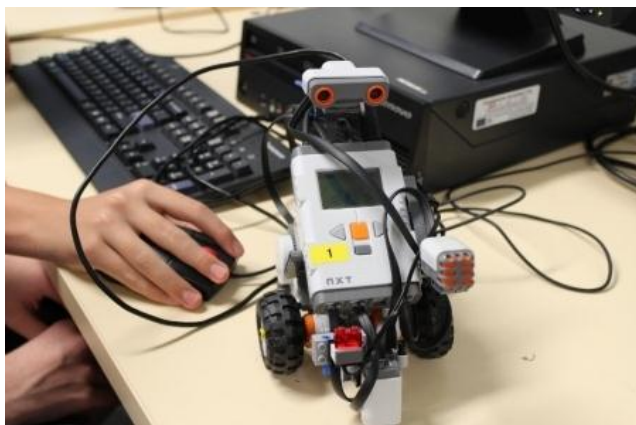


However, we also aim to give our students a quiet time to reverence the member the memory of fallen Australians. I am pleased to be able to say that we achieved our goal again this year.

Mr. Goman HT History

Computing Studies Report

It has been a busy time in Information & Software Technology this term. Students in Year 9 are working for the very first time on the Lego Robots, getting to learn what they can or cannot program the robotic to do.



The enthusiasm of the students is very high as they learn and play with these new devices for the very first time at school.



Students in Year 10 are also busy as they undertake their programming exercises this term. They started working with QBasic to learn the basics, and are now working on Visual Basic programming exercises.



Shortly the students will get the opportunity for the first time at Picnic Point High School to begin developing Android Apps which they will be designing for the Android Phone platform which they can then download and install.

Mr O'Mullane - Home Economics Faculty

Best Buddies

CAKE STALL FUNDRAISING
is going to be held on Wednesday, 23rd
May at recess and lunch



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Reminder

To Parents - Pic News

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

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e-mail address of picnict-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au ,
02 9772 1700 or via letter.

Zone Swimming

The Picnic Point Swimming team that competed at the Zone included 43 students across all age groups. There were some excellent performances on the day including 52 first places; 31 second places; and 15 third places across all events entered. A huge congratulation's must go to the following students who broke records on the day;

Tara Edmiston (14 years):	100m Butterfly
Rebecca Hughes (14 years):	200 Individual Medley
	100m Breaststroke
	100m Backstroke
Peter Markantonatos (14 years):	100m Breaststroke
Matthew Bennett (15 years):	100m Breaststroke
Jordin-Lee O'Connell (15 years):	100m Butterfly
Ben Fletcher (16 years):	100m Breaststroke
Zac Hatzis (16 years):	100m Backstroke
Samantha Abbot (17+ years):	100m Breaststroke
	100m Backstroke
	100m Butterfly
Daniel Wilson (17+ years):	100m Backstroke
	12X50 Knockout Relay

The following students also were awarded Bankstown Zone Age Champion which is a tremendous result:

Age	Champion:
12	Chevelle Donoso
14	Rebecca Hughes Peter Markantonatos
15	Jordin Lee O'Connell
16	Rhiannon Wellfare Zac Hatzis
17+	Sam Abbott

To top of a great day of swimming Picnic Point were crowned School Champions, with both the girls and the boys beating the closest rival school by in excess of 500 points. Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the day's events.

Regional and CHS Swimming

41 students from Picnic Point High School were selected to compete for the Bankstown Zone Swimming Team at the Sydney South West Championships. The Bankstown Zone

finished 3rd overall, and in the school point score Picnic Point High finished 4th overall which is an excellent achievement.

The following students gained selection to compete at the CHS Championships:

Individual events:

Liam Sansom	(13 years)
Rebecca Hughes	(14 years)
Matthew Bennett	(15 years)
Rhiannon Wellfare	(16 years)
Jordan Grochala	(15 years)
Zac Hatzis	(16 years)
Samantha Abbott	(17+years)
Brandon Grochala	(17+years)
Daniel Wilson	(17+ years)

Relays:

14 years girls 4x50 Relay
15 years boys 4x50 Relay
16 years boys 4x50 Relay
Open boys 4x50 Medley Relay
12-19 years boys 6x50 Relay
12-19 years 12x50 mixed Knockout Relay

At the CHS Championships **Samantha Abbott** was named age champion for the 17+ girls. Both she and **Brandon Grochala** were selected to compete at the NSW All Schools Championships. This is an amazing result for both students and the whole school community should be extremely proud.

Lauren Martin - Carnival Organiser

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival was held on the 7th May at the Crest Athletics Centre. Thankfully the weather was fine and provided the platform for an excellent day of competition. Throughout the day the level of participation was extremely pleasing and many of the performances of the students were outstanding. Six records were broken at the carnival by **Shannen Caffrey** (2 records), **Kyla King** (2 records), **Daniel Koliopolous**, and **Maddie Pirie**. Congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champion and the Hankin House for winning the House Point competition;

Age	Girls	Boys
12	Madeline Carroll	Ethan Bowmaker
13	Emily King	Liam Sansom
14	Stacey Hayward	Luke Parmaxidis
15	Kyla King	Mathew Simpson Jayden Okunbor
16	Mary Molloy	Opal Pesnan Blayde Foley
17+	Shannen Caffrey	Jackson Okunbor

House	Points
Hankin	1344
Murphy	1251
Doohan	1193
Slater	769



