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Term 3 Week 6-7 @ PPHS

2 September 2019

# Geography Competition—Mr Stayte

This year, Picnic Point High School enrolled over 45 students into the Australian Geography Competition and resulted in outstanding achievement for all students who participated. Two students were awarded a High Distinction, one student a distinction and four students were awarded a credit. In particular, special mention must be made to Euan Gullick from Year 8 who placed in the top 0.5% of all Year 8 students across Australia. This saw him place in the top 70 out of 14,000 Year 8 students. An outstanding achievement showcasing the hard work our students are completing in Geography inside and outside the classroom. Each year, Picnic Point High School is seeing increased numbers of students enrolling in this competition supported by amazing results. We hope to see more students participate in this competition for years to come. Congratulations to all participants.



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### Indigenous Cooking Workshop—Mr Montague

Students involved in the Aboriginal Education Program recently participated in an 'Indigenous Cooking Workshop' with local Aboriginal Elder Aunty Carol Brown. Students participated with great enthusiasm whilst cooking traditional damper and cake in the shapes of native animals.

Congratulations to the students for their participation on the day.

Mr Montague and Mr Arvanitis (Aboriginal Education Coordinators)





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## Year 10 History - A study of the Holocaust

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of August the Year 10 cohort, as a part of their study of the Holocaust were given the privilege of being able to visit the Sydney Jewish Museum and hear first-hand the experiences of Holocaust survivors. This ability to be able to speak with those that had been there and who voluntarily give up their time to keep these stories alive is one which shall stay with us forever.

We were split into groups and were given a tour around the museum by extremely knowledgeable guides who showed us some very eye-opening displays and provided us with real insight into the Holocaust that we would not have had the chance to hear in a regular classroom setting. Group one was given the honour to meet a survivor of Auschwitz, named Olga. She related to us her experiences such as having to illegally cross the Czechoslovakian border with her family and as a result of that going into hiding. Hearing this allowed us to feel an immense sense of gratitude for the life that we get to lead today. Group 2 also had the privilege of hearing from a survivor, Dasia, who was sent away from her parents to her relatives. She had to grow up pretending she was a Christian girl so as to never be caught. Her extremely emotional speech revoked the same feelings in us and was more real and confronting than simply hearing about these issues in class.

Overall, this experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that we feel very grateful to have had. Our knowledge of this horrific era in history was not only broadened to heights we could have never imagined but ensured that the stories and lessons from that era and the people who had to live it would never be forgotten.

By Danielle Zidan and Raahat Shaik





## Premier's Sporting Challenge—Mr Montague

The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge encourages students and staff over a 10 week period to participate in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits to develop their understanding of the importance of sport and physical activity.

This year, over 400,000 public school students took part in the challenge. Our school once again achieved a 'Gold' status as a high achieving school, with over 200 students and 27 staff members taking part.



Congratulations to Ms Tarasenko (staff winner), Mikayla Kuhn (female winner) and Cooper Simmons (male and overall winner) on their amazing efforts this year.

