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Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6 Picnic Point High School Update

20 November 2020



WELLBEING WEEK AN SRC INITIATIVE



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WEEK 7

Monday 23.11	Yr 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 24.11	Yr 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 25.11	Yr 10 Work Experience
Thursday 26.11	Yr 10 Work Experience
Friday 27.11	Yr 10 Work Experience

WEEK 8

Monday 30.11	Yr 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 1.12	Yr 10 Work Experience Year 6-7 Orientation Day
Wednesday 2.12	Yr 10 Work Experience Student Leadership Camp Yr7-11
Thursday 3.12	Yr 10 Work Experience Student Leadership Camp Yr 7-11
Friday 4.12	Yr 10 Work Experience Student Leadership Camp Yr 7-11

Togetherness Gathering

The 'Togetherness Gathering' took place in the amphitheatre area as part of Wellbeing Week celebrations. Our guest speaker for the day, Aunty Carol Brown, a local Indigenous elder, spoke about the importance of Indigenous history, culture and language as well as highlighting the benefits of respect and reconciliation. Rock painting, together with face/body painting took place throughout the day and was warmly received by all students. 'Buroinjin', a traditional Indigenous sporting game, also took place, much to the delight of the sporty students. All students are to be congratulated on the respect, responsibility and participation levels they demonstrated throughout the day.

Mr Montague and Mr Arvanitis
Aboriginal Education
Coordinators



Local Geography Students Excel in Australian Geography Competition

While it's been a challenging year for our students with the pandemic, PPHS is happy we were still able to give our students the opportunity to test themselves against students from all around Australia. 39 Geography students from Picnic Point High School tested their geographical skills and knowledge against over 65,000 students from all around Australia in the *2020 Australian Geography Competition*.

Picnic Point High School achieved results that were over 10% higher than the Australian average. This is a testament to our students who consistently work hard to achieve excellent results and the Social Sciences staff who encourage students to study Geography and consider careers in this field. A number of students performed well this year. One student gained a High Distinction, placing him in the top 8% of Australia. Other results achieved include 7 Distinctions and 8 Credits. We hope that these results inspire all students to participate in the Australian Geography competition in future years.

Mr Stayte
Social Sciences



Students of the month - September 2020



Year 7	Isabel McFarlane
Year 8	Eliezer Paul
Year 9	Rayanne Bazzi
Year 10	Cameron Herzog
Year 11	Vivien Nguyen



Year 9 Peer Support Training

Last week, 47 Year 9 students completed two days of training to become Peer Support Leaders. All students participated in a variety of activities to develop their leadership skills (including a challenging problem solving activity of designing an outfit made out of newspaper) and learn how to support the Year 7 students in 2021. Thank you to Mrs Morris and Ms Negroh for training our leaders and congratulations to the 47 students on your fantastic achievement!

K Marquis

Head Teacher Student Wellbeing



Cheap Thrills Brainstorm Production

Year 9 and Year 10 participated in a highly engaging one-man show in Wellbeing Week at PPHS. The "Cheap Thrills" show is designed for high school students and addresses risk-taking, substance use, resilience, mental health and choices. This fast-paced live performance is about that split second when we reach a crossroad, make a choice, take a risk and possibly change our lives forever. It looks at the potential impact of our choices on wellbeing and mental health.

Year 10 interacted really well with the performer, taking part in the show itself and also asking some really intelligent questions at the end of the performance. All the teachers present and the presenter himself commented on their excellent behaviour and engagement in the performance.

Denise O'Brien

Welfare Faculty

