

THE POINT

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Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8 Picnic Point High School Update

4 December 2020

Rewards Day

Picnic Point High School held their annual Rewards Day on Wednesday 2nd December which saw 60 students across all year groups attend this incursion in the school hall. This event is a fantastic way to celebrate the achievement and recognition of our amazing students here at PPHS. The students were very excited to join in the festive spirit by watching an all time favourite Christmas film "Elf". There were many laughs throughout the film and smiles on the face of all students as they were able to relax and unwind after an interesting 2020. End of year Rewards Day for 2021 is already in the planning stage and all students are encouraged to hand in their merit awards and passports throughout next year.



Mr Stayte & Mrs O'Brien
Social Sciences

Aboriginal Garden

The Aboriginal Garden at Picnic Point High School was finally completed yesterday. Our Indigenous students took great pride in completing their project and thoroughly enjoyed learning about their culture and heritage. A big thank you to Ms Thorne, Ms Wolstencroft, Ms Harding, Mr Clamovski and all of the Aboriginal student mentors who played an important role in providing the platform for our Indigenous students to thrive as learners and members of the wider school community.



Mr Montague & Mr Arvanitis
Aboriginal Education Coordinators

Coming up @ PPHS

Social Media

Website:

www.picnicpt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Facebook:

Picnic Point High School Official

Twitter:

@picnicpoinths

WEEK 9	
Monday 07.12	Yr 10 Senior Prep Workshops
Tuesday 08.12	
Wednesday 09.12	
Thursday 10.12	
Friday 11.12	Presentation Day

WEEK 10	
Monday 14.12	
Tuesday 15.12	
Wednesday 16.12	Last Day for Students
Thursday 17.12	School Development Day
Friday 18.12	School Development Day

Lateness Process

In Week 4 of Term 1, Picnic Point High School implemented a new SMS procedure to support students to maintain good attendance and reduce lateness. The parents and carers of students who are late to school with no explanation now receive a notification SMS and a request for an explanation. This new procedure has proven successful. Continuing with our goal to enhance learning opportunities and reduce the lateness numbers further, those students who are late three times without justification will be issued with an After School Detention and parents/carers will be contacted to discuss the situation. This procedure will begin in Week 9. If students are late to school, it is important parents and carers provide an explanation.

Ms Marquis
Head Teacher Student Wellbeing

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	so from Kindy to Year 12, they have missed...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks or nearly 1 term weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...
Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!!

NSW Children's Parliament 2020

There were 91 young people representing 89 NSW electorates that participated in the NSW Children's Parliament on 29 October. Due to COVID-19, the event was held online rather than at NSW Parliament House. Participants heard from a panel of Members of Parliament and had the opportunity to ask questions of the MPs.



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The program was an opportunity for young people to receive training in advocacy.

Participants prepared a one minute speech about an issue they were passionate about that affects children and young people in NSW. They delivered their speeches in small groups to both government and non-government decision makers.

Sophie Edwards of Year 10 represented the East Hills electorate and chose to speak about the importance of honouring women's voices and histories in the Education system. You can view a recording of Sophie's speech here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/oxjvp7g9p6p7ofn/SophieEdwards-EastHills.mp4?dl=0>

Mrs O'Brien
Supervisor of Girls



Christmas is coming...Ho ho ho

**YOUTH
PARLIAMENT**

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We believe in the power of inspired young people



MTC Youth Frontiers Program

During Semester 2, representatives from the MTC Youth Frontiers program mentored 8 Year 10 girls each week, to support them to develop their self-esteem, communication and teamwork skills, as well as their connections to community. The students completed two community projects - creating art packs for other students and supporting Elouera, a horse rehabilitation facility in Bringelly. The lolly guessing competition was a great success, raising \$160 for Elouera and the students made 20 art packs. Congratulations to all the students for achieving their goal and making a difference to members of our community and a big thank you to Dannielle and all the fantastic mentors from MTC.

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Head Teacher Student Wellbeing



PE Sport Coaching

On 18 November 2020, Year 11 Sports Coaching underwent First Aid training for their Certificate III. The day consisted of student learning how to perform CPR correctly and basic First Aid principles such as the correct way to bandage and manage different injuries. Overall, the students enjoyed the day and were great ambassadors for our school.

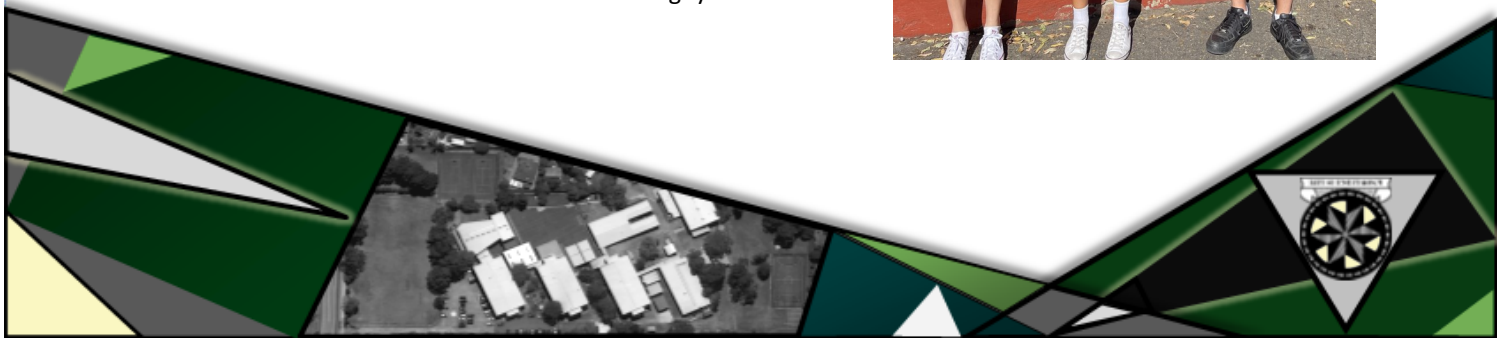
Mr Arvanitis
PDHPE



Students of the month October



Year 7	Dylan Petrovski
Year 8	Blake Rowlands
Year 9	Karen Bennett
Year 10	Natalie Beby
Year 11	Kevin Nguyen



SWEET SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

This summer get involved in a range of FREE fun activities including:

- @YOUTH Open Day!
- Pizza and Paint
- Learn to surf
- Bus to Bundeena
- Archery and Laser Tag
- Mega Movie Night

Registrations open **Wednesday 16 December, 5pm.**

For more details and to register, call **97189848**, email **BYRC@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au** or visit **cb.city/BYRC**

All participants must adhere to the BYRC COVIDSafe Plan.



BYRC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM 2020/21



December

21 @YOUTH Open Day!

- Food truck **When:** 1-5pm
- Ice cream bar **Who:** Ages 12-18 years
- Live music **Where:** BYRC



22 Belmore Fun Friends party!

- Dance party **When:** 5-8pm
- Photo booth **Who:** Ages 8-12 years
- Where:** BYRC



January

12 Belmore Fun Friends Open Day

- Sporting fun
- Japanese moss balls
- Cake decorating

When: 10am-5pm
Who: Ages 8-12 years
Where: Meet at BYRC
FREE snacks provided.

12 Learn to Surf Cronulla Beach

When: 9am-3pm
Who: Ages 12-18 years
Where: Meet at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown at 9am sharp
FREE lunch provided.

13 Pizza and Paint Hosted by That Art place

When: 5pm-8pm
Who: Ages 12-18 years
Where: Meet at BYRC
Food and activities provided.

14 Bus to Bush Bundeena

When: 9am-5pm
Who: Young people and their families
Where: Meet at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown at 8.40am.
The bus will depart at 9am.
Cost: \$10
FREE BBQ lunch provided.

18 Self defence A's Dojo

When: 11am-5pm
Who: Ages 12-18 years
Where: Meet at BYRC
Bring a packed lunch.

19 Archery and Laser Tag Olympic park

When: 11am-5pm
Who: Ages 8-12 years
Where: Meet at BYRC
Bring a packed lunch.

20 Bus to Bush Bundeena

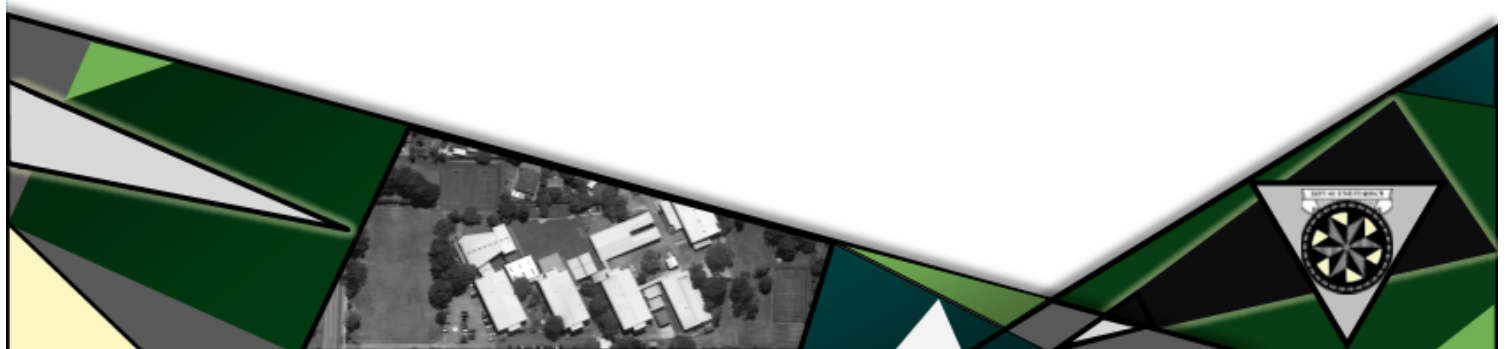
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Who: Young people and their families
Where: Meet at BYRC
Cost: \$10
FREE BBQ lunch provided.

21 Learn to Surf Cronulla beach

When: 9am-3pm
Who: Ages 12-18 years
Where: Meet at BYRC
Cost: \$10
FREE BBQ lunch provided.

22 Mega Movie Night Hoyts Bankstown

When: 6pm-11pm
Who: Ages 12-18 years
Where: Meet at Hoyts Bankstown
Two movies FREE popcorn and choc-top included.



HOW TO DISCUSS YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES OR REQUEST CHANGES:

The best way to resolve any issues that you or your child/children are experiencing with our services is to discuss it directly with your school in the first instance.

We encourage direct communication between the school and Transdev NSW and we will do our best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible. We are also more than happy to visit the school and meet with school staff, when necessary.

If you wish to lodge a complaint or feedback, please direct it via phone to 131500 or transportnsw.info to ensure it is lodged correctly. We will then be able to process it and respond to you as soon as possible.

We undertake an annual review of all school services, to help plan the timetables for the following school year. Schools may also request changes throughout the year.

While we carefully consider all requests, please keep in mind, that many of our school services are utilised by more than one school and are often linked with normal route services either before or after the school run operates. This means that some changes may not be possible in the short term, but will be considered as part of future network reviews.



USEFUL INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES:

Your 'school advice sheet' provides you with the current timetable of all your allocated school services.

This document is publicly available via our website – <http://www.transdevnsw.com.au/services/timetables/schools/>

If normal route services also operate at or nearby your school or home, you can access their timetables on our website or via <https://transportnsw.info/>

If you have any questions about your school services or any of our other route services, please contact us directly on 02 8700 0555.

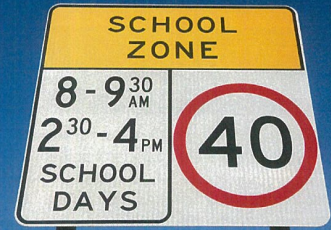
LOST PROPERTY:

If your child has lost an item on one of our buses, we will do our utmost to get it back to them if we find it.

Parents or students, can call us on 02 8700 0555 Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm excluding public holidays, or can submit an enquiry online directly via <https://transportnsw.info>

Please note: For safety reasons we may not be able to immediately contact our driver if they are on the road. However, we will contact them as soon as it's safe to do so.

www.transdev.com.au
(02) 8700 0555



SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

This information guide gives you everything you need to know about our services and how to get assistance when you need it.



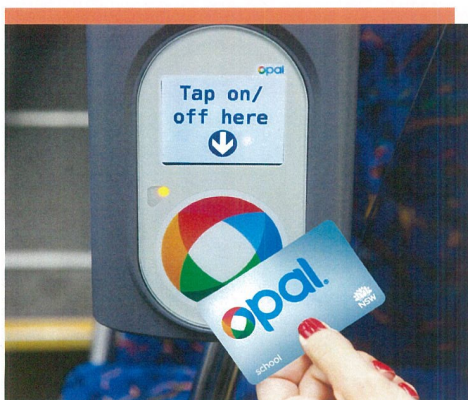
SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

Transdev NSW supplies your school with school bus services for eligible students. Parents or students over 16 years of age, must apply for a **School Opal or Child/Youth Opal card** from www.opal.com.au before starting school. Please note that Transdev NSW has no involvement in this process.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TAPPING ON AND OFF - WHY DO STUDENTS NEED TO?

It's essential for all school students to travel with a valid **School Opal Card or Child/Youth Opal Card** so that we can understand customer travel patterns and can adjust the services provided if necessary.

Every time a student TAPS ON and OFF, they are counted on our service - when they don't, they are invisible.



Transport for NSW watch our school service patronage closely to monitor the need for services and those seen with low patronage may be withdrawn.

Together with our drivers, Customer Experience Ambassadors and other Transdev NSW staff, we ask that you encourage your children to have their Opal cards ready and **TAP ON and OFF** every single time they board our services.

The better data we have, the better we can service your school adequately. This is especially true if you or your school believe that you have capacity issues with your current services.

Please also see our 'Code of Conduct' document for students on buses, published by Transport for NSW.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP?

We ask that all parents ensure that their children have a valid Opal card for travelling to and from school each day and encourage them to **TAP ON and OFF**.

To apply for a **School Opal card**, you will need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible:

- **Years K-2 (Infants)** - No minimum distance.
- **Years 3-6 (Primary)** - 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- **Years 7-12 (Secondary)** - 2km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

If you do not meet this criteria, your child/children will need to carry a **Child/Youth Opal card** with funds loaded onto it.

It's important to remember that the **School Opal card** is only for travel to and from school on school days and doesn't cover travel to After School Care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school,



so it's a good idea to get a **Child/Youth Opal card** for personal travel.

WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING?

We are working closely with schools to improve Opal compliance and encourage students to **TAP ON and OFF** every time.

Where possible, we are encouraging schools to implement priority boarding for students with Opal cards and those without a card to board last.

Please note that our drivers are expected to ask students to TAP ON and OFF as part of their duties.

We will also be conducting random visits to schools to reinforce this message to students. Please encourage your child/children to **TAP ON and OFF** every time they ride.

We believe that a consistent and unified message from our drivers, schools and parents will help to change student behaviour.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Behaviour on buses

- Use appropriate language not offensive or racist language
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) - unless for medical reasons or the bus operator gives written permission.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Do not push or shove other people
- Do not bully or harass other passengers or the driver
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers.

Safety on and near buses

- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Remain in your seat - do not move around the bus unnecessarily
- If standing, remain behind the front passenger seat and keep a secure hand hold at all times
- Keep bags and other items clear of the aisle
- Do not allow any part of your body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Wait for the bus in a quiet and orderly manner - including at bus interchanges
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line
- Wait until the bus stops before moving to get off the bus at your designated stop
- Cross the road where and when it's safe to do so, use crossings/traffic lights where available.

Legal considerations on buses

- Wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Obey the law that bans smoking on buses
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised - report any damage, e.g. graffiti and window etching, to the driver
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment and signage
- Do not leave rubbish on the bus, or at bus stops or interchanges.

Using bus passes:

- Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and to Authorised Revenue Protection Officers, NSW
- Police Officers or bus company representative when requested
- Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose - do not lend your pass to other students or borrow a pass from them
- Swipe or 'dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
- **If issued with a School Opal card, always tap on when boarding and tap off when leaving the bus.**

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of bus travel passes, banning students from travelling on buses and/or police prosecution and court action.

(Source: Transport NSW - The School Student Transport Scheme
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/>)

