



THE POINT

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Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10 Picnic Point High School Update

16 December 2020



As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

We have distributed a COVID-safe summer pack to each student. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house.
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen.
- Meet in small groups.
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow.
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the NSW Government website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

From all of us at Picnic Point High School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.



Students of the month November

- Year 7 Sarine El Osman
- Year 8 Maria Zervas
- Year 9 Yousif El Cheikh
- Year 10 Julie Nicolson
- Year 11 Tamara Smith



Coming up @ PPHS

Social Media

Website:

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

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Picnic Point High School Official

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@picnicpoinths

WEEK 1B -	
Monday 25.01	School holidays
Tuesday 26.01	Australia Day—Public holiday
Wednesday 27.01	School Development Day 1 Pupil free day
Thursday 28.01	School Development Day 2 Pupil free day
Friday 29.01	Year 7,11,12 ONLY Year 7 Transition Program

WEEK 2A -	
Monday 01.02	All Students return— Years 7-12 Yr 7 Transition Program
Tuesday 02.02	Yr 7 Transition Program
Wednesday 03.02	Yr 7 Transition Program
Thursday 04.02	Yr 7 Transition Program
Friday 05.02	Yr 7 Transition Program

Year 6 Orientation Day

On Tuesday, December 1, we welcomed Year 6 students to our school for their Orientation Day. Students had the opportunity to listen to the Principal, Year 7 Deputy Principal, Ms Tarasenko and the Year 7 2021 Adviser Miss Roubaie. They also met the Year 9 Peer Support leaders. During period 2 and period 3, students learnt about the iThrive program which commences next year and completed the MYAT test. At lunch, the first Year 6 versus Peer Support soccer match was held. After lunch, the Peer Support leaders worked with all Year 6 students in their first peer support session. All students enjoyed the opportunity to visit Picnic Point High School, meet their teachers and make some new friends. Thank you to all staff for supporting the newest members of our school community on this very important day!

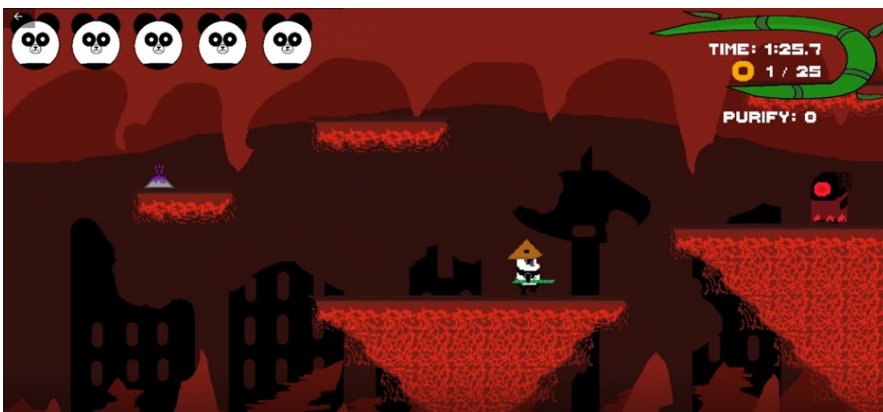
Ms Marquis Head Teacher Student Wellbeing



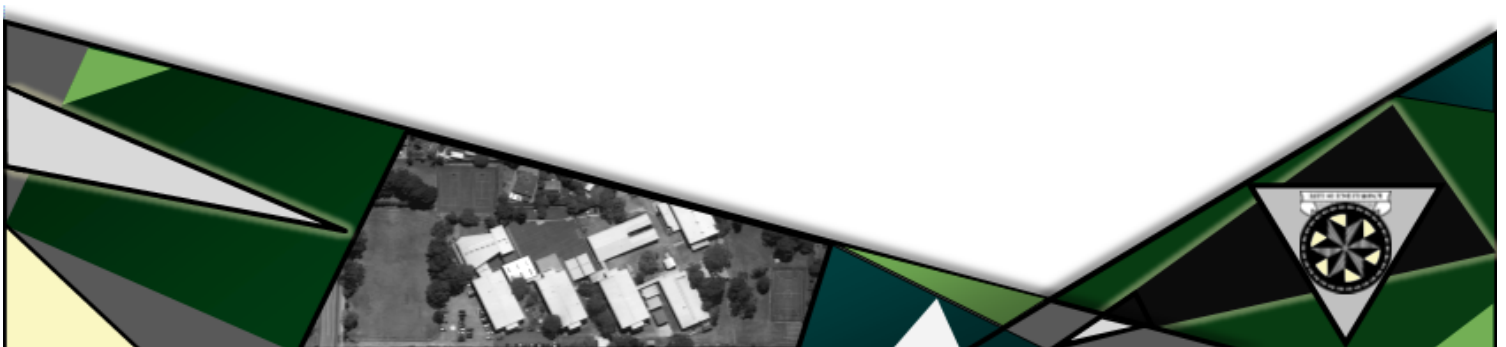
Nomination for InTech, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Projects developed by HSC Industrial Technology students

Year 12 student, Justin Tran, has been rewarded for his Major Project effort this year by being nominated for InTech, the combined exhibition of HSC Technology projects at the Powerhouse Museum in 2021. Justin designed and developed a 2D platform game based on Unity Engine. Both his Portfolio and Major Project were highlighted for his production in game design.

Below is a screen shot of a portion of Justin's game design.



Mr O'Mullane TAS computing Teacher



Congratulations Brooke!

Brooke Hunter has been placed 10th in the U13 girls Shot Put at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships. She was so excited to be representing Picnic Point High School for the first time. A wonderful result!

Mr Silburn
Carnival Coordinator



Wellbeing Week

In week 6 this term, the Picnic Point High School community participated in Wellbeing Week, a student led initiative to promote awareness of mental health and provide a positive school environment that supports the wellbeing of all.

Staff and students were invited to complete a survey to reflect on the week. Students identified a variety of activities as their favourite, ranging from the performances on the deck, to the dunk tank and the togetherness activity with Aunty Carol and then having the opportunity to take part in a traditional indigenous game and face painting. 55% of students surveyed stated that Wellbeing Week was useful for them. Students also provided ideas for future wellbeing events. Staff also identified many positive aspects of the week particularly the 'high level of student engagement' and 'the feeling of whole school togetherness'. 90% of staff agreed that Wellbeing Week was an important event for the school and they also provided insight to develop this event in the future. We look forward to working with the student leadership team to create the next wellbeing event in 2021.

WELLBEING WEEK

AN SRC INITIATIVE



Ms Marquis
Head Teacher Student Wellbeing



Gratitude Gathering

The Prefect Team organised a Gratitude Gathering to celebrate the conclusion of a challenging year. This event was aimed to provide an opportunity for the school community to come together and celebrate what they have to be thankful for. This event included secret gratitude messages, Christmas themed attire, a gratitude chalk wall, snow cones and some Christmas carols to set the mood. The Gratitude Gathering was a successful tribute to the perseverance and resilience that students and staff have exhibited throughout 2020.

Mrs Mitchell
Prefect Coordinator
History Teacher



Picnic Point Student Leadership Program

A couple of weeks ago, 60 students participated in the annual Student Leadership camp. Over the course of 3 days both students and teachers participated in numerous trust and team building activities, bettering their leadership abilities. These students stepped out of their comfort zones whether that be facing their fear of heights or making new connections. Everyone joined in on all the activities, encouraging others to do their best or taking the leap of faith themselves.

2020 has been a very difficult year and because of this amazing memorable camp it has given us something positive to look back on.

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Year 10



