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Term 2 Weeks 1 & 2 Picnic Point High School Update

30 April 2021

Year 7 Camp

In March, Year 7 students participated in their first Picnic Point High school camp at the Tops at Stanwell Tops. The whole year group was split into groups of 20-25 students to complete fun and challenging activities. During the day our activities included the goliath/giant swing, go carting with a twist (we had to paddle our way through the race course!), survivor, high ropes, inflatable running course and archery. Our night time activities included silent disco and trivia. All these activities required teamwork and bravery. They helped us to build positive relationships and get to know each other.

There was so much food to eat, sometimes we would have 7 or 8 designated times to eat! We were pretty full which helped us to have so much energy to complete the activities. Each day came with its challenges, but overall, camp was amazing! We thank all of the staff at the Tops and a special thank you goes to all the teachers that were at the Tops for making it happen and assisting in making this one of the best camps yet!

By Clarice Martin and Hannah Porter Year 7







Social Media

Website:

www.www.picnicpth.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Coming up @ PPHS

WEEK 3	
Monday 03.05	
Tuesday 04.05	
Wednesday 05.05	
Thursday 06.05	
Friday 07.05	

WEEK 4	
Monday 10.05	
Tuesday 11.05	NAPLAN Online
Wednesday 12.05	NAPLAN Online
Thursday 13.05	NAPLAN Online
Friday 14.05	NAPLAN Online

ANZAC Day ceremony

The 2021 ANZAC Day ceremony was attended by Year 7 and Year 12. It is a time of commemoration for all the Australian and New Zealand men and women who have travelled, fought, nursed and died for their families, friends and the forthcoming generations of Australia and New Zealand.

Today, the ANZACs are a symbol of courage in the face of adversity. We commemorated the service of soldiers, sailors and aviators in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We were honoured by the presence of our guest speaker was Colonel Jodie Lording CSM from the Australian Army's 2nd Division Headquarters, who spoke about the ANZAC tradition in today' Defence Force. The ceremony can be seen of the School's Facebook web page.

Many thanks to Ms Gourlay and her Year 11 VET Entertainment for their excellent work, our Year 10 musical accompaniment and our

School Captains.

Mr Ang Head Teacher Social Sciences





Term 1-Wrap up!

Year 9 Learning - Term 1 2021 has been a busy and productive one in English. In Year 9, students participated in a variety of activities for an Area of Study on 'Justice'. This culminated in a multimodal presentation on how justice was displayed in their core text. Many students demonstrated a perceptive understanding of their text and they were able to present confidently and effectively. At the conclusion of the unit, some students in classes created their own Acknowledgement of Country, reflecting their developing understanding and respect.

Poetry in the Park - How do you remember lengthy quotes? Do you write them out? Do you read them over and over again? All of these are great ways of learning but what if there was something else you can do. English Advanced have been engaging with T S Eliot poetry interactively through recitals in the amphitheatre as a part of their studies. Students are to be commended on their enthusiasm and unique performances on the last day of Term 1.

We encourage all students to recite their texts to a parent, a carer, a pet or a peer as a fun way of remembering complex quotes and having fun with literature.







Budding baristas!

At the end of Term 1, Year 12 Hospitality enjoyed a day at The Coffee School in the city. They learnt some new skills and techniques in the art of coffee making and even attempted some latte art. Students will be practising their skills during service periods when 'The Deck' café is operating. Thankyou Jordan, for hosting us.

Ms Buller and Ms Waibel **Technology & Applied Studies & Careers Adviser**





The Street University, Ted Noffs Foundation - Student

This year Picnic Point High School have partnered with The Street University Liverpool [Ted Noffs Foundation] to set up a counselling service each Thursday at the school. This service supplements the current school counselling service, which will continue to support students.



The Street University service includes a focus on young people who have difficulties with their own or others' alcohol and other drug use. The Street University is a youth development project created by the Ted Noffs Foundation which provides various community based services [such as the counselling service] for people aged 12 - 25. The aim is to help young people harness their potential and to create positive outcomes for their lives and their community. Programs specialise in channelling young people away from personally destructive and anti-social behaviours towards improved self-esteem and social engagement. Free workshops are offered at the Liverpool Street University and cover dance, street art, DJ skills, beat production and artist development, recording studio sessions and graphic design skills. If you are interested in participating in a workshop, or utilising the weekly counselling service at Picnic Point High School, please speak to Ms Marquis, the Head Teacher Student Wellbeing.

Ms Marquis **Head Teacher Student Wellbeing**

Rewards Day

On Wednesday 31 March, Picnic Point High School held the Term 1 Rewards Day. A total of 60 students from Years 7-12 who had received the most points over Term 1 were invited to watch the movie 'Yes Day' in the Hall. Rewards Day is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students. Congratulations to all the students who were invited to attend the Term 1 Rewards Day!

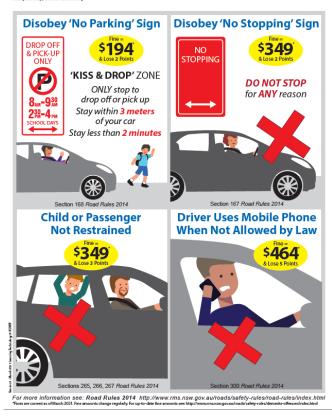
Ms Herbert **Creative & Performing Arts**





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Upcoming Sessions

Parents, Carers and Community Members in South Western Sydney are invited to attend a free mental health education session in Term 2.



headspace National is hosting mental health education sessions on ways to support a young person when you are concerned about their mental health.

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The sessions aim to:

- * Strengthen your understanding of mental health and the warning signs for suicide and self-harm.
- Strengthen your understanding and skills in how to cope and where to find help.
- * Build awareness of local services and the various support
- * Strengthen relationships between local area mental health services, local schools, headspace centres and other community cranications.

Need more information? headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au



Bankstown

Date: 20 April 2021 Time: 6.30 - 7.45pm Location: Online webinar Registration: <u>Click here</u>



Liverpool

Date: 11 May 2021

Time: 7 - 6.15pm Location: Venue to be confirmed. Refer to Eventbrite for details. Registration: <u>Click here</u>



Campbelltown

Date: 2 June 2021 Time: 6.30 - 7.45pm Location: Online webinar Registration: <u>Click here</u>



Education



School Website Service Newsletter

NSW Education Parent App



Introducing the NSW Education Parent App

We have pleasure in introducing you to the NSW Education Parent app.

The app is a companion to your SWS school website. It shows the news, events and school information you publish to your school website. For parents it provides:

- · The ability to add more than one school
- · The latest news from all of their children's schools in one place.
- Personalised school feeds to display information for selected year levels.
- Details of school events and the ability to add them to a calendar, and
- · Links to contact schools directly from their mobile.