



THE POINT

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Term 2 Weeks 9 & 10 Picnic Point High School Update

25 June 2021

History Elective Symposium

The Year 10 History Elective class have each been working on a Historical Portfolio that enables them to extensively research a specific aspect of history. These range from The Wild West to Amelia Earhart, from The Trojan War to The History of Animation, Henry VIII's wives to A Comparison of The History of Indigenous Canadians and Australians and more.

Students have recently participated in a symposium in which they presented their findings thus far. Each student produced a poster detailing why they chose the topic, their background knowledge, a creative piece and their proposal for a research essay.

These posters were on display in the Hall and the Year 10 Historians were able to exhibit their research to a variety of teachers, Year 10 students and their deputy, Mr Millican. During the speeches their passion and pride in their research shone through. Each student also answered questions that the crowd had about the direction of their research and what they had learned.

This symposium enabled students to appreciate the hard work of their peers and learn more about aspects of History that they had not previously considered.

Ms McGregor
History Faculty



Coming up @ PPHS

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WEEK 1– Term 3 (WEEK B TIMETABLE)		WEEK 2	
Monday 12.07	School Development Day	Monday 19.07	P&C Meeting
Tuesday 13.07	All students return	Tuesday 20.07	
Wednesday 14.07		Wednesday 21.07	
Thursday 15.07	Parent Teacher Night (Year 7 & 9)	Thursday 22.07	
Friday 16.07	State Cross Country Carnival	Friday 23.07	

Visit to NSW Parliament House

During May we were honoured to be invited by Wendy Lindsay, State MP for East Hills, to attend a Leadership Day at NSW Parliament House. Alongside fellow local school leaders, we received an extensive tour of the NSW Parliament House. During this tour we examined everything from the aesthetics of the Hansards in the Jubilee Room, the historical Parkes Room, press conferences in the Media Room and the political discourse of Question Time in the Legislative Assembly Chamber. We were able to learn from Margaret Beazley, Governor of New South Wales, about how she best utilises her leadership skills.

We also shared lunch with Wendy Lindsay where we were able to discuss local and relevant issues about our school and local community, as well as the responsibilities, rewards and opportunities that leadership can offer. Capping off an extraordinary day loaded with once in a lifetime experiences, we met with The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, State Premier, in her private office for an informal chat about her most recent visit to Picnic Point High School as well as our experiences in leadership. We would like to thank Wendy Lindsay for this wonderful opportunity to grow in our roles as school leaders of Picnic Point High School.

Written by:

Riley Hayward
Benjamin Wedgwood
Danielle Zidan
Hannah Bentley



Rider

A poem written by:
Oscar Sullivan & Zac Porter

An Irish man riding a bike
Risking his life
Holding nothing
Just a sharp knife

Getting shot in the leg
Getting shot in the arm
As wounded as he was
He was not in harm

Through no-man's land he will ride
To get the message to the other side
Generals ruled he had to abide
As scary as it was, he built up his pride

With war going through his mind
These times were tragic
Remembering gas that made friends blind
The things he saw, it was truly graphic

But when he came home
War was still locked in his mind
Bound and distraught by the thoughts
That he tried to leave behind

But when his family checked
If he was 100 percent
He would always stay silent
And would not connect

But when he got tired
And couldn't take it anymore
He drowned himself in sorrows
Using alcohol as a curer

But once he died
People remember his might
He was a person to remember
As they dwell into the night

Students of the Month - May



Year 7 Kobi Jeffcoat
Year 9 Charlie Bayley
Year 10 Liam Parsons
Year 11 Denis Plessas
Year 12 Jade Russell

SPORT REPORT

Zone/Regional Cross Country

On Thursday 27 May, the Zone Cross Country took place at Lake Gillawarna. Many of the students who competed were successful enough in making it to Regional Cross Country. In the 14 Girls age group we had an outstanding 5 placings. Eliza Marsh 1st, Ashleigh Irving 2nd, Emily Robinson 3rd, Mariah Tatham 4th and Kayla Barton 8th. Congratulations to the following students progressing to Regionals: - 14s: Cameron Poole and Jeremy Cannon. - 15s: Karen Bennett, Mya Donnelly, Elka Lucas, Natalia Stephens, Xavier Pinto and Salah Alkadamani. - 16s: Trinity Lembo, Joshua Iofrida and Ethan Pinto. - 17s: Rhiannon Shipley - 17+: Felicity Earl, Jack Wedgwood, Mitchell Clarke, Benjamin Wedgwood and Stephen Kallas.

The Regional Cross Country Carnival was held on Wednesday 9 May at Eastern Creek Race Track. Picnic Point High School was lucky enough to have 11 students who were successful in moving on to run at the State Cross Country Carnival which will be held in July. These students are: Tahlia Deas, Eliza Marsh, Karen Bennett, Mya Donnelly, Trinity Lembo, Rhiannon Shipley, Felicity Earl, Liam Venetoulis, Jack Wedgwood, Benjamin Wedgwood and Stephen Kallas (Age Champion for Multiclass event). All students who participated on both days should be very proud of their efforts.

Written by Benjamin & Jack Wedgwood



National Judo Championships

Deana and Marissa Finka (Year 10), who have recently competed in the National Judo Championships on the Gold Coast.

They competed in:

U18s (1st place-Deana and 2nd place-Marissa)

U21s (1st place-Deana and 2nd place-Marissa)

Opens (2nd place-Marissa and 3rd place-Deana)

Andrew Millican
Deputy Principal Year 10



SRC Report

In Term 2 of 2021, the new SRC class was formed with 26 students from Year 7 to 10. The group meets regularly and collaborates on projects within our school community. To support this style of learning, the SRC have developed the acronym C.H.E.F to keep us on track and to continue advocating for our community. These words are Connect, Humanity, Empower and Facilitate. We will be continuing to use these words in everything we do. Our next step is to organise ourselves in to four project groups and we are looking forward to working with our community in Term 3.

Abir Malaeb

Year 9 SRC



Careers Update

Students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 have enjoyed a series of Careers Talks on Thursday lunchtimes in the Library throughout Term 2. Guest speakers have come from organisations as diverse as NSW Police, Australian Defence Force, Western Sydney University, The ATAR (UAC), TAFE NSW and NSW Health.

Students have been asking the speakers some excellent questions as they learn about what it's really like to be in the Police or Airforce or work in a hospital. Students have also learnt about pathways into university and vocational trades and various campus locations (a big factor when travelling around Sydney!). Year 11 and 12 are particularly encouraged to attend upcoming career talks in Term 3 from ANSTO, University of Notre Dame, University of Wollongong, Australian Catholic University and University of Technology Sydney.

Ms Waibel
Careers Adviser



Careers Talks @ PPHS in 2021 Thursday Lunchtimes in the Library (E49)

please be prompt and bring your lunch along

Term 2

- 22 April – NSW Police
- 13 May – Australian Defence Force (ADF)
- 27 May – The ATAR and Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
- 10 June – Western Sydney University (WSU)
- 17 June – TAFE NSW
- 24 June – NSW Health



Term 3

- 15 July – Australian Nuclear and Scientific Organisation (ANSTO)
- 22 July – University of Notre Dame
- 29 July – University of Wollongong (UOW)
- 19 August – Australian Catholic University (ACU)
- 26 August – University of Technology Sydney (UTS)



Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

