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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Presentation day at the Revesby Workers Club this year was an amazing success with over 1000 in attendance. This event showcased and celebrated the wonderful talents of students, staff and parents. We continued with the highly contested Dux of the Year awards for all years in 2015 and congratulations to the following outstanding academic achievers presented at our awards ceremony:

Dux of Year 7, 2015 - Riley Meredith
Dux of Year 8, 2015 - Isabella Rennie-Surra
Dux of Year 9, 2015 - Thomas Bush
Dux of Year 10, 2015 - Mitchell Tran
Dux of Year 11, 2015 - Annie Zhai
Dux of PPHS 2014 - Emily Rotziokos



Riley



Isabella



Thomas



Mitchell



Annie



Emily

We farewell Mrs Michele McGregor who is currently president of the School Council, as this will be her last year as president. Some of her involvement and support for our community includes:

- joined the P&C in 2003 and became P&C Vice President for 4 years (2008-2011)
- started on the School Council in 2005 and was elected President of School Council since 2006 until 2015
- served on many staff merit selection panels and Year 6 into Year 7 selection panels.

We all thank Michele for her wisdom and support throughout the many years at PPHS. It has been invaluable!

This year we also thank and farewell Mr Sassine, Mr Newmarch, Mr Mackinder and Mrs Peterson who have secured positions in other schools and Mr Schomberg who will retire from the Deputy Principal position. On behalf of all members of PPHS community, I thank Mr Schomberg for his dedication, loyalty, wisdom, kindness and support he has given to our whole school community.

This year has defined us as a stronger learning community, a year when we adopted a renewed approach to school improvement. All groups within the school community were surveyed and the data has been used to identify areas of priority for school improvement.

A real focus in 2015, across the school, has been innovative teaching and learning, enhanced literacy programs that can make a bigger difference and leadership development to improve learning outcomes and school culture.

At PPHS we continue to support an environment that brings together diverse social, learning and cultural backgrounds into a school whereby we all learn together, accept each other and embrace all that is special and unique about Public Education.

I extend very warm and sincere best wishes to all students, staff and parents and thank them for their commitment to learning at Picnic Point High School this year. We all look forward to the successes and opportunities that 2016 will bring to all members of our school community.

I remind all families that if your child will not be attending on the first day of school in 2016, I will need a letter to confirm the official first day of attendance at school in 2016, to ensure that a position remains available in the year group.

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Deputy's Report – MRS SHERRY

Planning is well underway across the whole school for the quality teaching and learning activities that will be taking place in 2016.

This is a good opportunity for both staff, students and parents to reflect on our year. Throughout the year students have been setting weekly goals during roll call. Reflecting on the progress of those goals and whether they were SMART goals is essential at this time. Throughout 2016 students will be focused on learning about writing SMART goals with resources in their diary to support this. They are encouraged to establish goals for the term which could be met by achieving smaller weekly goals throughout the term. In 2015, staff also worked on their own Professional Development Plans setting three goals for the year. With reports having been handed to students, parents and their children are encouraged to reflect on their year at Picnic Point and set goals for their academic achievements in 2015.

Recently, I had the pleasure of accompanying Social Inc students to view Matilda at the Lyric Theatre. I was extremely proud of the enthusiasm and respect all participants showed throughout the excursion, with all students working together and supporting each other. This was also recently displayed during the Say Hi day activities and also the Touch Football game between our Year 12 students and our Special Education students. The inclusion of all students and the respect that our student body has for each other is a fantastic thing to witness. Following the Matilda theme will be a performance by our Musical Theatre sport group led by Mrs Gourlay and Ms Mulley at the Presentation Assembly. It has been great to watch the performance come together featuring our singers, dancers and actors in one performance. I am looking forward to the final production at the assembly.



Once again, I would like to thank the staff, parents, community and students in supporting the success of the various extra-curricular programs and teaching and learning that has occurred at Picnic Point High School throughout 2015.

I look forward to an amazing 2016 as we continue to achieve our School Plan Strategic Directions for 2016.



Deputy's Report – MR SCHOMBERG

As I mentioned in my last report this has been an extremely busy term and things seem to be increasing in intensity as we head towards the end of another year at Picnic Point High School.

It was great to see so many different students receiving invitations to the Deputy's morning teas, with students achieving top twenty ranks for the first time and students making significant academic improvements. Some students have improved 60 positions in their year group and this is quite a commendable achievement. Once again we have published lists of our top 50 students and those who have made significant academic improvement and all students should be congratulated on their fantastic results. We are also about to look at the comparison of Year 9 students' results as part of their Personalised Education Plans. I am really looking forward to seeing how many of our year 9 students have improved and achieved their learning goals for this year. This program will continue into Year 10 next year and will begin for next year's Year 9 students.

This is my final Deputy Principal report for PIC-News as I will be retiring early in the New Year. Over the years that I have been at Picnic Point High School, I have had the privilege of working with so many wonderful children and their families. Picnic Point High School has been a huge part of my life and my career (Science Teacher 1988 – 1991, Science Head Teacher 2002 – 2009, Deputy Principal 2009 – 2015) and I will be leaving with so many wonderful memories.

I have witnessed huge changes in the school over the years with improvements to our facilities as well as improvements in student outcomes whether that be in the areas of sporting, performance or academic pursuits. Of particular note are the school's Student Leadership Program, the continual improvement in academic performance by the students in all years but especially in the HSC year that keep on happening year after year.

I would also like to acknowledge the amazing staff that I have worked with over my years at PPHS. Their true dedication to and passion for their profession and genuine care for the performance of their students is quite inspiring. I would like to wish everyone a most enjoyable break and wish you all the best for your future. I will keep in touch during my retirement, but am committed to looking after my grandchildren and working on getting my golf handicap down below 10.



Term 4 2015



Wed 16/12 Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Term 1 2016

Thu 28/1 Years 7, 11 & 12 Return to School

Fri 29/1 Years 8, 9 & 10 Return to School



Michel's Revesby

Student of the Month

November 2015

	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Xander Tavita	Excellent effort and participation in each of his subjects.
8	Joseph Ollino	For his consistent initiative and dedication to his work.
9	Tiffany Nguyen	Consistent and excellent application and results in all subjects.
10	Ethan Bowmaker	Consistent and excellent application in Mathematics and PDHPE.
11	Brandon Peters	For his consistent effort in Maths.



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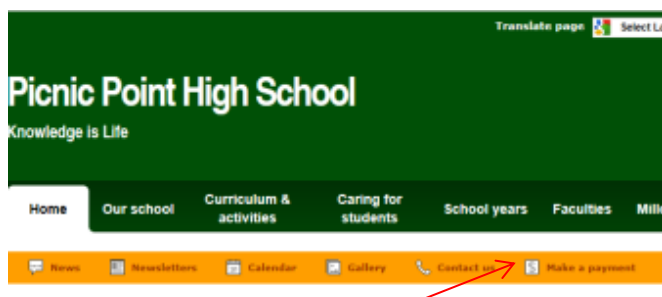
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PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

If you have not yet used the new Parent Online Payments system (POP), you are able to make online payments to the school with Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards.

On the Picnic Point High School website there is now a "Make a payment" tab.



By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. From the initial Westpac QuickWeb page payers will complete the necessary details, some of which are mandatory (**marked with an ***), before confirming the payment details and completing the payment. A receipt can be printed from the payment page and/or be emailed to the payer. Further details and an attached parent/carer instruction booklet was emailed out at the beginning of term. Should you need to refer to this it can be found under Previous Correspondence on the website under Our School, Newsletters and Notes, View Newsletters & Notes.



MESSAGE FROM THE P & C



We have entered December and the countdown is on for Christmas. For many of you it is going to be a busy couple of weeks wrapping up the year and getting ready to celebrate Christmas with friends and families.

The P & C met for the last time this year on Monday 16 of November 2015 and the Executive team would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents and teachers who have provided their support throughout the year.

The P & C meetings are an avenue through which parents can be informed of school activities and direction as well as having an input into school related matters. At our last meeting parents had the opportunity to workshop the structure and content for next year's Year 7 students and parent's transition into high school. Over two pages of ideas were discussed and captured which the school will work with to produce a program on how the Year 7 Parent Information night can be used to provide information to parents. The school will work with parents early in the new year to help with the development of the program. If you are interested in contributing to the program, please contact Liz Grueninger on 0426 230 330.

Year 7 Orientation – Book Packing

The P & C would like to extend a big thank you to Carol Wilde for organising the Year 7 book packing on Friday 27 of November 2015. We had 8 parents who volunteered to help put the packs together.

P & C Approves the Renovation of the School Canteen

At the November meeting the Canteen Committee presented an investment proposal to the P&C to renovate the Canteen to improve and streamline the time it takes to serve the students.

The changes include a re-organising of the internal layout to enable serving from all 3 windows, new commercial oven, commercial 1000l upright freezer, additional pie warmer, new bench tops and screens.

The P & C approved \$35,000.00 to sponsor the proposed changes. The Canteen Committee is working with the numerous contractors to see if the changes can be completed in time for school resuming in 2016, or alternatively in the break after Term 1.

Canteen Volunteer Thank You Dinner

Just a reminder to the Canteen volunteers, the "Thank You" dinner will be held on Tuesday 8 of December and if you have not RSVP'd please contact the Canteen before Friday 4 December 2015.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the P & C Executive we wish all families a very happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous 2016. The P & C look forward to seeing as many parents at our first meeting on Monday 15 February 2016.

Elizabeth Grueninger
P & C President



WHITE RIBBON EVENT AT PICNIC POINT HIGH SCHOOL



This year students at the school were formally addressed at the Week 7 Year Assemblies on the importance of the White Ribbon Campaign. The male prefects delivered a powerful script to all of their peers. Following this event, students were given the opportunity to come to the canteen at lunch time for a series of days and write positive messages on white ribbons. Ms Karavias and the female prefects issued raffle tickets to any students who participated in this activity. Students will be in the running to win 2 prizes which will be drawn at morning assembly. These messages will be displayed in the school to remind students about the importance of respect, tolerance, positive peer relationships, to name a few. Below is the script which was delivered by the male prefects.



SCRIPT

"Good morning peers. We are here today to present you with information about the WHITE RIBBON FOUNDATION.

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women. Its goal is to make women's safety a man's issue too. Originating in Canada in 1991, White Ribbon is now active in more than 60 countries.



White Ribbon Australia observes the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day, annually on November 25. White Ribbon Day signals the start of the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence against Women, which ends on Human Rights Day (December 10).



Violence against women is a serious problem in Australia where:

- Domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children.
- One in three women has experienced physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by someone known to them.
- One in four children is exposed to domestic violence, which is a recognised form of child abuse.

Research indicates that:

- There's increased risk of mental health, behavioural and learning difficulties from childhood exposure to in the home violence.
- Children exposed to violence in the home are at an increased risk of going on to commit or experience violence.
- Domestic violence impacts an employee's ability to perform tasks in the workplace.

But there is hope, because research also shows that:

- Building greater equality and respect between men and women can reduce attitudes that support violence.
- Social policy initiatives addressing gender inequity are central to reducing violence against women.



The White Ribbon Foundation has created a campaign focussing on the education of young people on the issue of violence against women. Students are part of the battle plan and the following clip has students from Endeavour Sports High, Gymea Bay Primary School, Belmore Boys High School and Woollooware High School, explaining the White Ribbon Campaign.

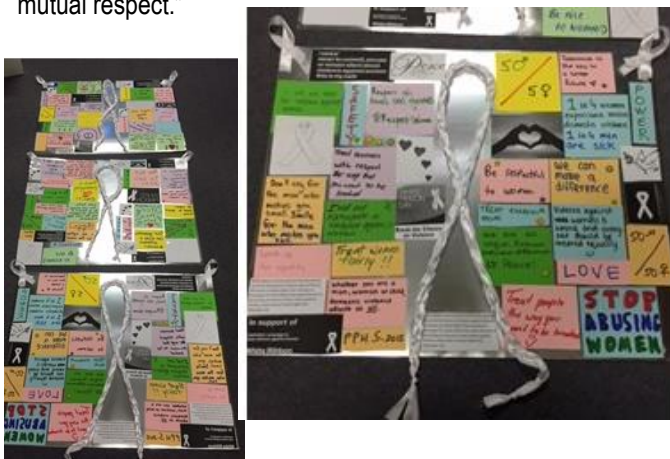
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=2&v=kTGtBfLBMZw>

So how does this relate to us as students at Picnic Point High School?

The White Ribbon Campaign is about recognising the positive role that men play in preventing violence against women. It fosters and encourages male leadership in the prevention of violence against women, based on the understanding that most men are not violent.



We encourage you all to take a moment and think about your peer relationships. Male and female students of PPHS, consider the way we interact with each other, whether we display respect for our peers. Let's make a difference and foster positive relationships that are built on acceptance and mutual respect."

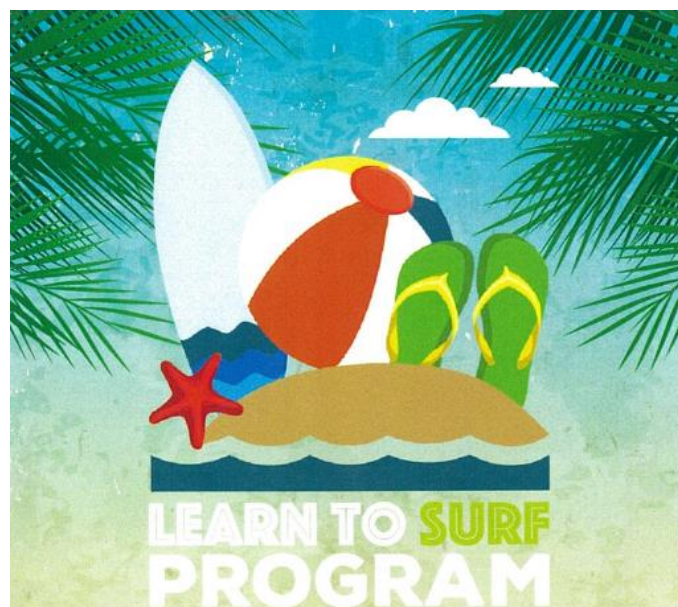


Students were encouraged to join in activities held at the canteen at lunch time on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 November. White ribbons were available and students were encouraged to write a personalised message about respectful behaviour. Every student who participated received a raffle ticket and was in the running to receive a prize.

Ms Karavias
Girls Supervisor



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## LEARN TO SURF PROGRAM

As part of the bus to beach program, Council is also offering the opportunity for young people to learn how to Surf! This is available to young residents aged between 12-24 years.


**Tuesday 12 January 2016 (\$10 registration fee)**  
Meet at 69 The Mall, Bankstown at 9.10am to catch the free bus to Cronulla Beach

Bus departs Bankstown at 9.30am sharp  
Bus departs Cronulla at 3pm (Expected to arrive in Bankstown at 3.45pm)

**FREE LUNCH: 1 - 2pm**  
All participants must accompany Council staff on the bus to and from Cronulla Beach.

\*\* Registration is essential and spots are limited  
\*\* The \$10 registration fee for the surfing program must be paid to Council's Customer Service Centre by Friday 8 January to ensure participation in the program. Registrations that have not been paid by this date, will forfeit their spot.

Register online at <http://2016surfprogram.eventbrite.com.au> or call 9707 9605.




## BANKSTOWN'S FREE BUS TO BEACH

Bankstown City Council is providing free buses to Cronulla Beach for young people and their parents/ guardians on the following days:

- Tuesday 12 January 2016
- Tuesday 19 January 2015
- Thursday 14 January 2016
- Thursday 21 January 2016

**BUS 1 and 2 will depart from the following pick up points**

- 9am - The Roundabout Youth Centre, Helen Street cnr Carlingford Road, Sefton
- 9.15am - Greenacre Area Community Centre, 171a Waterloo Road, Greenacre
- 9.30am - 69 The Mall, Bankstown (on Paul Keating Park side, opposite Lincraft)

**BUS 3 and 4 will depart from the following pick up points**

- 9am - Panania Railway Station, Panania on Weston Street side
- 9.15am - Revesby Railway Station, Revesby on Blamey Street side
- 9.30am - Padstow Railway Station, Padstow on Howard Road side

**All buses depart Cronulla Beach at 3pm SHARP and return to the pick up points above. This is a free bus service only. Council does not provide supervision.**

Bookings are not required; the program operates on a 'first come, first served' basis.

For full conditions and warnings visit [www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/youth](http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/youth) or contact 9707 9605.





## PROGRAMS

### YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

On December 3 2015, Year 6 students from across the area came to Picnic Point High School for a day to learn all about high school life.

In the morning the students and their parents arrived, moving into the hall where they got their school packs that they'll use in 2016. Following that was a brief assembly where the students were introduced to their year advisor, Mr Dannaoui and other members of staff.



The Year 6 students were then dismissed into their Peer Support groups where they met new friends, played games and had LOADS of fun. These groups were led by Year 9 students who were chosen to take on the role by their teachers. In these groups, the Year 6 students learnt new things about people in their group, who shared common interests and also were given the opportunity to ask their peer support leaders anything they wanted to know about the school.



After recess on the front oval, the Year 6 students were then taken to their demonstration classes to see what it's like inside the classroom at Picnic Point High School.

Year 6 students also had to complete the MYAT test that would assist in finalising their classes for next year.







On behalf of Year 9 peer support leaders, we enjoyed the day and enjoyed getting to know the Year 7 students of 2016 and can't wait to see them again.

Written by Jacinta Black & Matthew Blight. ☺



### MATILDA THE MUSICAL AND SOCIAL INC.

On Wednesday 9 December, students from the Social Inc. Program have attended the Lyric Theatre to watch 'Matilda the Musical'.

'Matilda the Musical' is the multi-award Winning musical from the Royal Shakespeare Company, inspired by the genius of Roald Dahl. It tells the tale of a brilliant girl unappreciated at home and school and the power of imagination. The story line was so beautifully presented that it captured our students' attention for the entire time of the show.

I would like to congratulate our students on their immaculate school uniform and exemplary behaviour on the day. Merry Christmas and have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

**Monika Bray**  
Social Inc. Co-ordinator



## "SAY HI" DAY



### Mad Dogs and Englishmen

Previously I thought (as Noel Coward wrote) that only "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun" but how wrong was I!

Social Inc. students at PPHS went out in the midday sun last Friday during the heat wave that descended on Sydney to celebrate the annual 'Say Hi' Day.

Although the temperatures were testing, this did not stop students from PPHS and Sir Joseph Banks, Broderick Gillawarna and Carolyn Chisholm Schools from joining Social Inc. in a fun day that included performances by students, the Horizon Theatre Puppetry Workshop and a magic show, followed by a BBQ and lots of cooling drinks and ice blocks.

A highlight for the students was a visit from Lloyd Perrett who is a very likable first grade football player from the Bulldogs Football Club. The Bulldogs have been supporting 'Say Hi' Day for four years now and it is always great to see the students' interest and appreciation.



Underpinning our annual 'Say Hi' day is the 2013 and 2015 grants that were given through the ClubsGRANTS program by Bankstown City Council for which we are very grateful.

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These grants help us promote social inclusion that encourages students to celebrate differences and foster friendships between students with disabilities and their mainstream peers.



**Mrs Bray**  
**Teacher Special Education**  
**Year 12 Adviser**



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## YEAR 9 PEER SUPPORT

On the 18 and 19 November, 60 Year 9 students started their training to become Peer Support Leaders to the future Year 7 students of 2016.

We started with splitting up into 3 separate groups. In the classroom we played many fun games and did activities that helped us learn about communication, empathy, problem solving and planning. We got to know other people that we had never met before.



After group activities, at the end of the day, we all gathered in the hall to play more games, reflect on what we had learnt that day and practise our leadership skills in a pretend peer support session.



On the Thursday we had the privilege of getting a free sausage sizzle and a can of drink for lunch. Overall it was loads of fun and will help us to lead the new Year 7's when they arrive for Orientation Day.

Matthew Blight and Nicky Ta





## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

### BELONGING PROGRAM

On Wednesday the 28 October our Indigenous students represented Picnic Point High School at the 2015 Belonging Program. The students respectfully observed a performance by elder Walangari Karntawarra at Panania Public School.

Picnic Point High School students were commended for their excellent behaviour on the day and for being positive and actively involved.



### 2015 Mentoring Program Catch-Up Lunch

Congratulations to all the staff and students involved in the 2015 Mentoring Program. It was great to see everyone come together again this week to discuss the progress they have had over the course of the year.

We hope that you enjoyed the pizza as much as the conversation. We look forward to working with you again in 2016 and wish you a very happy holiday season.

### 2016 Edible Native Garden

The Aboriginal Education Team is proud to announce the extension of last year's gardening project.

After the immense success we had in 2014, the team has moved ahead with Phase 2 – the edible component.

Students in Years 7-10 are getting involved and adding an edible component to our garden which is quickly becoming an engaging external learning space. Students will complete this work during their incursion on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.



We invite the whole school to come and check on our progress at the end of the year and invite you to make use of this space in 2016.



### SRC REPORT – TERM 4

The SRC has had quite an eventful term and we have held a fundraiser, helped a child in need and are looking to shortly be making improvements in some areas of the school.

The SRC recently donated \$500 dollars to World Vision for the schools sponsor child Wendy with help from Year 7 to 12 over the course of a few days. Wendy is a young African child who is 11 years old and part of the Zambian community. Some students from PPHS generously donated large amounts of money in notes while others put in a gold coin towards Wendy and thanks to this we have been able to provide Wendy with extra support to ensure she gets an education and has funds for food, water and clothes.

Last Friday the SRC held a fundraiser for I Say Hi day, we set up a slushy machine at both recess and lunch and Say Hi Day was a day that Social Inc. organised to say hi to people with a disability.



The SRC worked as a perfect team running the slushy stand. It was really, really hot. The temperature on the day soared up to an enormous 41 degrees and we were outside for almost 4 hours. However the SRC feel the need to support the school in all its activities and therefore worked tirelessly to make this event a success.








The SRC is looking forward to being able to make improvements in certain areas of the school like the girl's bathrooms. For a while now the girls' bathroom has had a damaged mirror that is not clear. So the girls in the SRC are very enthusiastic to get the opportunity to replace the mirror with a bigger and better quality that is unbreakable.

One successful event run by the SRC in semester one was raising money by selling sausage sizzles. This event highlighted the need for our school to have a commercial BBQ. The SRC are also looking into buying a new commercial BBQ to assist in future fundraisers.

We hope to continue supporting and making some improvements to our school in 2016.

**Dang Pham and Molly Miller**  
Year 8 SRC

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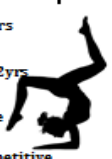
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ACADEMIC ORDER OF MERIT

The following students have been ranked in the top 50 in their year group. An asterisk (*) beside their name indicates a top twenty rank. Students who have made a significant academic improvement have also been listed. All of these students are to be congratulated on their outstanding academic achievement.

Year 7

Top 50

Perry Alexakis*, Samantha Battams*, Lachlan Benson, Ricardo Bolivar, Hristijan Brdarovski*, Jarrod Brown*, Sarah Butler, Jessica Cannon, Kristen Cuskelly*, James Davison, Renae Edmunds*, Joanna Edwin, Tayla Fartek, Marina Gazilas, Angie Genford, Teodora Gligurovska*, Imogen Green, Brandon Grueninger, Alice Haddon, Harry Houllis, Mark Houllis*, Charlotte Humphrys, Jaycob Isherwood, Melinda Iveli, Austin Johnson, Joshua Jury, Daniel Kayatz-Monahan, Luke Laurance, Andrew Lyall*, Tainui McFadden, Riley Meredith*, Maddison Metselaar, Alyssa Mullinger, Bella Nash*, Nikki Paglialonga, Luke Papagianopoulos*, Vincent Pham*, Georgia Piniros, Tegan Rare*, Karen Rios*, Lauren Setter, Jenna Sotiropoulos*, Kya Sparks*, Felicity Steinfurth*, Jessica Swibel, Justin Tran, Sarah Tran Nguyen*, Damon Trieu*, Noah Vando, Adam Zidan*

Significant Academic improvement

Adam Allouche, Ricardo Bolivar, Ella Frazer, Alice Haddon, Madison Halley, Lillian Hogan, Jayden Hunt-Jones, Jaycob Isherwood, Kristyn Locke, Helen Majstorovic, Tahlia Miller-Dietrich, Cheyenne Moir, Georgia Piniros, Damian Roscarel, Blake Sherry, Mitchell Small, Felicity Steinfurth, Xander Tavita, Hannah Websdale

Year 8

Top 50

Christina Argiropoulos, Phillip Au*, Shae Avery*, Nathan Bates*, Ashley Beitelis, Liam Billington-Urquhart, Lachlan Bogar, Jemma Brooks, Annabelle Buckley, Celine Bull, Liam Campbell*, Macy Carter*, Raymond Chan, Sharnee Cosgrove, Sami Croft*, Ebony Cross, Cameron Driver, Matt Endicott, Caitlin Fenton, Monique Galloway, Madeline Gordon, Lauren Hallowes*, Hana Herlihy, Kristen Jones, Paul Lambert, Stephanie Le Bas*, Samantha Lee*, Shi-Yao Li, Matthew Loy, Alyssa Lusted*, Caitlin Millar*, Molly Miller*, Joseph Ollino, Dang Pham*, Cameron Piniros*, Ethan Price, Kristy Probert, Cassie Reilly, Isabella Rennie-Surra*, Hayden Reynolds, Marcia Ribeiro, Lauren Riley, Ender Samuels*, Luke Scarlett, Emanuele Serra, Kirthen Shanmuganathan*, Beckham Smith*, Bryce Smith, Garrick Tischler, Tori Treanor, Tim Warren*, Jasmine Zande*, Ryan Zangari*

Significant Academic improvement

Aidan Aboulhaf, Joshua Adams, Brodie Benson, Tom Campbell, Brad Cooper, Jack Dinsdale, Daniel Dostal, Caleb Earl, Garrick Tischler, Zoe Zorbas

Year 9

Top 50

Andrew Ahern, Andrew Alexakis, Sara Allouche*, Jasmin Avramovski*, George Bakopoulos, Gemma Bell*, Jacinta Black, Matthew Blight*, Zac Borkowski, Tahlia Brackley, Emma Bray, Thomas Bush*, James Butler, Patrick Christodoulou*, Isabel De Araujo, Patricia Eata*, Matthew Fartek*, Emma Forster*, Tim Gray*, Phoebe Kleckin, Luke Knebusch, Samantha Lecce, Abbey Leedow, Brianna Levar*, Nathan Linabury*, Sally Lindberg*, Jessica Luth, Hayley Macdonald, Christos Mangos*, Calyp Nguyen, Nancy Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen*, Teisha Okunowski, Carley Parmaxidis, Phoebe Payet*, Andrew Pham, Hayden Sherry*, Ally Shumak*, Ryan Solo, Rachel Stace*, Tash Stengos, Scott Thompson, Matthew Urban, Katie Vernon*, Cameron Walsh, Harrison Walther*, Genevieve Webber, Bradley Wheeler, Connor Whitley, Joshua Williams, John Wood, Rhea Yan, Brian Yue-Lap-Wan

Significant Academic improvement

Lauren Branson, Johnathon Clunie, Sydney Dinsdale, Matthew Fartek, Jed Fletcher, Jessica Hilley-Hulme, Yousef Kahla-Dunn, Abbey Leedow, Jessica Luth, Lizi McLeod, Martin Nguyen, Teisha Okunowski, Andrew Pham, Ally Shumak, Shaheer Syed, Joshua Tyrell, Lachlan Zmoda

Year 10

Top 50

Thomas Alexakis*, Georgia Anderson*, Tess Anderson, Ben Armytage*, Emma Atkins, Jackson Bell, Ethan Bowmaker, Lauren Brutovska, Madeline Carroll, Ashton Challinor, Dylan Deegan, Hannah Eirth, Nathan Eirth*, Olga Gasteratos, Mazen Hammoud, Madison Harvey*, Jacob Hill, Audrey Hoang*, Jack Hughes*, Isabella Jury, Nikki Kayatz-Monahan*, Emily King, Sean Klimczak*, Tommy Lang*, Jaimie Loy, Sarah McCauley, Joel McNamara, Clarice Mok*, Christine Nguyen*, Hank Nguyen, Vincent Orogan, Pamela Papacharalambous, Daniel Papagianopoulos*, Billy Petsalis, Anthony Pham, Mark Pitchford, Hayden Probert*, Emily Reynolds, Ellen Rotziokos, Jess Setter, Victoria Spanos, Annalise Summers*, Naomi Tall, Jessica Tan, Bronte Tonks, Mitchell Tran*, Robin Tran*, Jade Vong*, Jonathon Vrtkovski, Aliah Walton*, Ryan Williams

Significant Academic improvement

Brianna Boaro, Dylan Deegan, Isaac Derbas, Jacob Dilonardo, Ethan Fa'amausili, Christopher Janceski, George Malek, Sarah McCauley, Emma Roberts, Aaron Stevenson, Joshua Weatherill, Aaron Wells



FACULTY REPORTS

ENGLISH

Hamlet Excursion

Congratulations to the 11 Advanced English 1 students for their excellent behaviour at the Hamlet Excursion on Monday 16 November to the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

You all modelled the respect and enthusiasm that Picnic Point High School students are famous for.

It was great to see our students leading the conversation during the Q&A after the production. A special mention to Alex Jackson for being a true leader and living up to his Captain's status on the day, offering assistance to a woman with a pram on the train, proving he is a real gentleman.

The verdict is in and you all agreed that seeing a production was a valuable experience that helped your overall understanding of the text.



**Very
valuable!**

**New
Perceptions**



**Helped us interpret
the play.**

Insightful.



Made you think!

**Raised further
questions
about the
play.**

**Made it easier
to understand**

**Shakespeare
intended for
his plays
to be
seen.**

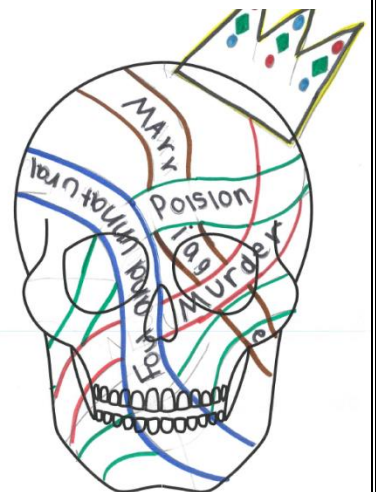
**The Q&A was
great.**



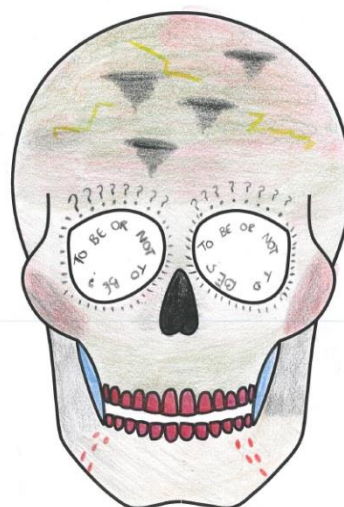
Since then you have been very busy bees, putting your new found knowledge to creative works in the classroom with your 'Pic My Line' photographic representations and your Shakespearean Skulls.

Kayla did a great job capturing the snake that now wears the crown, Claudius, and Hayley's Hamlet highlight the unrest in his mind's eye.

Shakespearean Skulls



CLAUDIUS



Hamlet

Pic My Line

Though this be madness, yet there is method in it – act 2 scene 2 – Polonius



You at home, can you guess these famous lines from Hamlet?



HSC English Paper One Study Day: Discovery 2016

Standard and Advanced English students will soon be receiving an excursion note for the HSC Study Day being held on the 26 February 2016. Please keep an eye out and get your permission note and payment in as soon as possible to secure your place.



Book Returns

A special message from the English Faculty

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Relax & Read

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— Stephen King

"A reader lives a thousand lives...The man who never reads lives only one."

— George R.R. Martin

Regards
The English Faculty

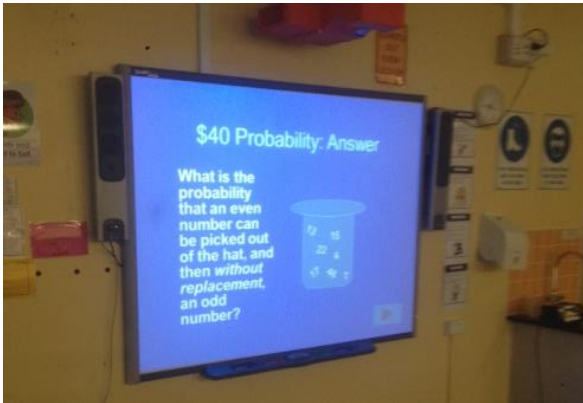


MATHEMATICS

In week 9 of this term we are trialling on-line testing using Mathletics for all students in years 7-9. This will be a multiple choice based test and cover all aspects of the relevant courses.

Year 9

Two year 9 classes were combined to have a firsthand investigation of on-line Math Jeopardy. Mr Dannaoui's 9O 5.2 and Ms Chen's 9G 5.1 class.



This activity divided students into groups of 2-3 students and they were asked to randomly pick questions that they could answer and correct responses were allocated as dollar amounts. The greater dollar amounts were attached to harder math questions. Students really enjoyed this learning game and found other means of challenging each other and working in teams.



Year 12

Year 12 have started their HSC course and have been extremely busy in Term 4. It is important that students do not fall in the trap of thinking it's a long way to go to final Higher School Certificate Examination; as one of the HSC terms is already closing to an end.

Mr Dannaoui



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## SCIENCE



Across all grades it has been a very busy time of the year with many students having completed their yearly Examinations in Science and are now involved in Project Based Learning (PBL) activities. PBL is a teaching method in which students explore and solve real-world problems and challenges assisting them to gain a deeper knowledge. This term students in grades 7-10 will work collaboratively to solve problems across the various topics. The students have also been engaged in many other exciting activities and experiments.

Year 7 has been exploring the scientific concepts of forces and energy found within common toys, rides or games in the topic the Science of Toys. Students have participated in exciting activities which include balloon and metho rockets as well as static electricity experiments. Literacy strategies have also been implemented across all classes and students were asked to make predictions, connect ideas and reconstruct text. The students have undertaken Project Based Learning where they designed efficient parachutes. This project allowed students to plan, construct, test and modify their design in order to improve the flight time of their parachute.



Year 7 parachutes

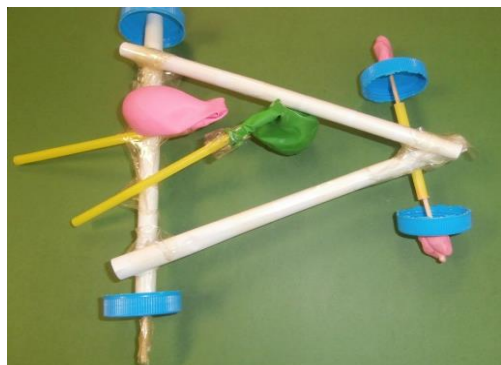
Year 8 has been studying the topic Marine Science and has been learning about the importance of the oceans, its ecosystems and various life forms. Students have also learned about density as well as pollution. Relevant experiments have included water analysis. An incursion during week 6 saw an environmental scientist from UWS take the students to Morgans creek to observe invertebrate communities. Students have developed various literacy strategies while learning about rip currents and beach safety.



Year 8 Incursion

Year 9 has been engaged in the exciting topic of forensics. In class they have been learning how to collect and dust for fingerprints as well as performing DNA analysis experiments. At the end of the term the students will be confronted with a mock crime scene where they will be able to use the forensic and problem solving skills they have learned throughout the unit to solve a murder mystery

During this term year 10 have been engaged in exploring concepts relating to motion and chemical reactions in the Top Gear topic. Students completed a project to design and test a balloon powered car. Other related experiments included comparing the energy in different fuels, constructing crash test dummies and performing exothermic reactions to simulate airbag deployment.



Year 10  
Balloon  
Powered  
Cars

Year 12 Physics students have looked at the physics travelling into space and returning to Earth safely including the scientific concepts of launching rockets. They are also analysing how time slows down the closer you travel to the speed of light.

Year 12 Chemistry travelled to UWS Parramatta campus to attend a lecture on Monday the 23 November. Students were able to hear first-hand from a practising polymer chemist about the work of Chemists in society and real world applications. The lecture provided a valuable reinforcement of the stage 6 content. Students observed several demonstrations and were able to produce their own polymer slime which they took home.



As always, student behaviour and participation was exemplary.

**Ms Taleski**  
**Science Teacher**



## HISTORY

### REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015



On 11 November just before 11 am, our whole school community, students and staff assembled in our main quadrangle for Remembrance Day.

This was a formal opportunity to reflect on the moment 97 Years ago when Germany and her allies signed an armistice - a peace treaty that would end 4 years of brutal war.

Whilst Australia commemorates the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli this year, on Remembrance Day students were not bound to simply remember the conflicts of World War 1 but to reflect on all wars Australia has fought in.

Before we heard the words of the Ode of Remembrance, students were asked to reflect on the final words of the passage, those of 'lest we forget'. In doing this, they were asked to consider two questions. Firstly, what are they remembering? And secondly why is it important to mark this moment every year and continue to remember?

Following this the school observed one minute's silence. This was a moment to reflect on personal and collective perceptions of war and the sacrifices made in these moments.

Students acted admirably, demonstrating deep respect for this tradition. As such, I would like to commend them on their behaviour and conduct to mark this occasion.

**Mr Bleyerveen**  
**History Teacher**  
**Year 8 Adviser**





## TAS



**Year 12 Food Technology** is getting into the Christmas spirit. They used fondant and Christmas plunges to create these fantastic cakes.



**Year 9 & 10 Textiles Technology** has been busy making bags and cosmetic purses. Students purchased plain fabric that they decorated with fabric paints, markers and dyes, to create their own unique design.



Mrs Thompson  
TAS Teacher

As I sit here writing this article for PIC-NEWS I can't believe that it is already getting very close to the end of the year, it is amazing how fast it seems to go. What a year it has been in the TAS faculty with many great student achievements.

At this time of year we reflect and look back at the year that has just past and we celebrate all the student successes. I congratulate not only those students that have achieved excellent results in a course but for all those students that have constantly strived to achieve their own personal best.

Below are just a few examples of the great learning the students have completed throughout the year.







I would also like to congratulate Daniel Kotsapas on receiving a nomination to be considered for InTech 2016 which is a state wide display showcasing the best HSC Industrial Technology Projects in 2016. This is a huge achievement for Daniel. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Dass for his support and guidance of Daniel during the construction of his Major Project. Below is a picture of his pool table.



I would like pass on a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that has supported the TAS faculty throughout the year and look forward to your continued support.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Looking forward to a productive and fun filled 2016.

**Mr Burgess**  
**Head Teacher TAS**



## LOTE

### Preparing for 2016

The Japanese teaching and learning programmes for 2016 are now being finalised. In 2016, all Year 8 students will complete their mandatory 100 hours of Japanese through a single period of Japanese per week. Students who have elected to study Japanese in Years 9 and 10 should keep all of their Japanese workbooks from this year, as we will continue to use them throughout the Stage 5 course. Students in Year 11 and 12 will purchase new workbooks at the beginning of 2016, but should keep all of their previously used workbooks as materials for revision.

### Presentation Day

Presentation Day is on Friday, December 11 and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Japanese award winners. All students are to be commended on their fine achievements in 2015!

### Year 9 Japanese Excursion to the Nihongo Tanken Centre

On Monday, November 23 our Year 9 Japanese students travelled to Kirrawee High School to visit the Nihongo Tanken Centre. Students participated in a range of fun activities that were designed to improve their Japanese speaking skills. This excursion was also very valuable to students as they encountered Japanese cultural experiences within a 'traditional' Japanese house. In addition, students also had the opportunity to indulge in some Japanese cuisine by eating a traditional obento lunch.







Below is the excursion report from two students of the Year 9 Japanese class.

On Monday, November 23, 2015, the Year 9 Japanese class had the privilege of going to the Nihongo Tanken Centre at Kirrawee High School. The building was set out much like a traditional Japanese house, with shouji [rice paper wall screens], a tatami [woven straw mat] room, futon [mattresses], zabuton [cushions] and a kotatsu [table with heater underneath].

When we arrived, we were greeted by the Language Teachers, Mieko and Taka, who only spoke to us in Japanese the whole day! We were shown how to change from our shoes into our inside slippers in the traditional genkan [entrance]. We were then divided into three teams, aki [autumn], natsu [summer] and haru [spring]. In these groups, we completed activities throughout the day. Some of the activities included hiragana spelling, matching pictures with words, quizzes, charades, restaurant role-plays and dress ups, to name a few.

For recess, we had some juice, sweet and savoury rice crackers and Hello Panda chocolates. But our lunch was what we were all really waiting for, obento! The obento included rice, crumbed chicken, egg, tomato, cabbage, edamame beans, tuna sushi, potato dumpling, cucumber and little carrot slices shaped as flowers.

On the whole, the day was fun, packed with learning and a great experience. On behalf of the class, we would like to thank Mrs Morris for taking us on the excursion; we would love to go again!

By Isabel De Araujo and Jacinta Black



We would like to thank all of our students for their hard work during 2015. It has been fantastic to see the wonderful progress you have made in developing your knowledge of the Japanese language and culture. We wish all of our students and their families a safe and happy holiday.

メリークリスマス!

Ms Marquis, Mrs Morris and Mr Pirie



## SOCIAL SCIENCE



### ***Teaching our student citizens how to create a sustainable and fairer future for all***

Year 7 Geography completed their Yearly Examination during the first week of term 4. Students were tested on their ability to complete skills based questions and were also examined on their ability to write logical and informative extended responses. Year 7 are now continuing with their topic: Global Environments, and are focusing on Desserts and Rainforests in particular. We are preparing Year 7 for entry into Year 8 by revising geographical skills learnt this year. Students are reminded to keep book work neat and tidy, and to bring all materials to class (school diaries in particular).

Year 8 Geography classes have been working hard during the unit "Geographical Issues and the Role of Citizenship". As part of their studies, the students learnt about "Threatened Habitats/Species." We were very fortunate to be able to attend an excursion to Taronga Park Zoo. Year 8 are congratulated on their responsible behaviour on the day. They wore their uniform with pride and their behaviour was a credit to the school. Students enjoyed watching the Bird Show and walking around the zoo, seeing animals that are in need of protection, due to threats in the wild.

Year 8 has now completed their Yearly Examination and students were tested on their understanding of global inequality and threatened habitats. Skills based questions were also incorporated into the examination paper. Students are now studying the Global Issue- Human Rights in class. Most students are showing a genuine and mature interest in the topic as students find the topic relevant and applicable. They will also revise geographical skills in preparation for the Year 9 course in 2016.

Year 9 Geography completed their Yearly Examination during the second week of term 4. Students were tested on their understanding of natural hazards, types of communities and characteristics that make Australia unique. Students were examined on their ability to interpret skills based questions and their ability to write extended responses. Students are now currently looking at an Australian community as a case study. Students are reminded that the next several weeks at school are still very important. Students need to continue to work to the best of their ability during term 4.

Year 10 Geography completed their Yearly Examination during the fourth week of term 4. Students were tested on their understanding of Regional and Global links such as Migration, Foreign Aid and Defence, as well as Geographical Issues such as Coastal Management. Students were also tested on their ability to interpret skills based questions. Students will finish of the year by looking into Future Challenges. Year 10 will be at Work Experience in weeks 8 and 9. The Social Sciences faculty would like to wish them all the best.

With Year 11 starting their HSC this term, most students have again continued to improve their study habits and their attitude towards learning. The first set of assessments will take place from week 7 onwards and students are reminded that all assessment tasks completed from this term, will count towards their HSC assessment mark. During this important year, students need to look after their physical and mental health. We, the Social Sciences Faculty are always here to help. We have been providing feedback to students on their draft assessment tasks. We remind all students to get organised early and avoid completing assessment tasks at the eleventh hour.

Our HSC Business Studies, Economics, Geography and Legal Studies students have now completed their HSC paper. Congratulations to all students and enjoy your much deserved break! The Social Sciences Faculty look forward to your visits

**Miss Ngo & Mrs O'Brien**



## SUPPORT UNIT

### HORIZON THEATRE



Students from the Support Unit classes had the opportunity to participate in a four part theatre workshop at the Horizon Theatre at Wiley Park.



The Horizon Theatre is a non-profit, multi-arts organisation which provides access, services and opportunities for creative expression to people of all ages. Whilst at the Horizon Theatre, the students were able to develop & implement theatre in all its aspects. Maddie, Bob and Ben were great hosts, who showed the students many different things such as contemporary performances and visual drama to puppets, masks and pantomime.





The Theatre provides an exciting and challenging medium for children and young audiences through the use of wide theatrical styles and techniques including video, special effects, dance, sculpture, lighting, original music, digital media and mobile interactive performances.



At the workshops, students were working towards creating mini skits about all the different ways people can "say hi".



All students involved thoroughly enjoyed their time participating in the workshops at Horizon Theatre.

**Miss Negroh**  
Special Education Teacher





## SUPPORT UNIT – IO M2

It has been a very busy term for students from Mrs Bray's class. Students have participated in swimming classes each Tuesday at the Revesby swimming pool, attended a couple of bowling sessions at Revesby Workers Club and Community Access every fortnight and joined the acting classes at the Horizon Theatre in Wiley Park which concluded by producing the video 'Say Hi'. Mrs Bray's students also participated in the "Say Hi" Day that celebrates differences and promotes social inclusion.

Their excellent behavior has been most impressive and they should be congratulated for their effort. There is one more event this year – an excursion organised by Social Inc. to the Lyric Theatre to watch 'Matilda', the musical. We will report back to you on this next term ☺

Have a look at some of the photos ...



Mrs Bray, Mrs Clayton and Mrs McGregor wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a great holiday.

**Mrs Bray**  
Special Ed Teacher





## YEAR ADVISER REPORTS



### YEAR 7 REPORT

Hello this is Samantha Battams and Renae Edmunds and we are students of Year 7. We are here to tell you of our successful transition into high school and all the amazing experiences we had throughout the year.

Starting high school is quite a nervous experience but we soon learnt that it is an exciting place, full of many great learning opportunities and enjoyable experiences. Transitioning from primary school to Year 7 becomes an easy process at Picnic Point high with the assistance of kind staff and friendly students, we learnt our way around the school quite quickly and the teachers made learning a fun and enjoyable process and we are now ready to begin Year 8.

One of the main experiences of Year 7 was the camp which we attended mid-year. This was a great opportunity for us to get to know our peers and form many new friendships. Some enjoyable activities we did here were things like abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing, group bonding activities, giant swing, high ropes plus much more. At night we participated in a quiz night, storytelling by the fire and games in the forest helping us to form a bond with one another. They provided us with tasty and nutritious meals for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks throughout the day. We loved this experience and have many memories that will last forever.

Bully busters were an act that came to our school to perform a play to the Year 7 students. This performance really opened up our minds to bullying, helping us to understand the effects that one can have on bullying. Many forms of bullying were demonstrated in this act including physical, emotional and social. The Year 7 students including the both of us came away learning something and this refreshed our thoughts on bullying.

Peer support was another great program offered to us in our transition to Picnic Point High School. We were selected in small groups with two Year 10 leaders. We participated in fun activities and began to know more about our peers and the school.

The police youth liaison officer program gave our year the opportunity to listen to a couple of well-respected police officers/senior constables who explained to us the use of social media and forms of breaking the law that we may not know about. They told us about the dangers of using social media, how to keep private and watch out for people we may not know. We walked away with a lot more knowledge and thoughts about keeping safe on social media and watching what we say or send to others.

Coming into high school we had no idea how it would be, but as we are making our way into Year 8 we have discovered that Year 7 is a very enjoyable and educational year which is to be looked forward to by coming years.

**Samantha Battams and Renae Edmunds, 7E.**  
**On behalf of Mrs Robinson**  
**Year 7 Adviser**

### YEAR 8 REPORT

The 2015 Year 8 group has experienced a lot this year; we have created new friendships, reconciled relationships and have made memories that will last a lifetime. It's hard to focus on one highlight as there have been so many, but one that clearly stands out was the Year 8 trip to Taronga Zoo. The trip was chaperoned by our lovely Year 8 geography teachers and other staff members. This trip was made so memorable due to our 'close' encounters with Meer cats, hilarious visit to the gorilla enclosure, the outstanding bird show, and the enchanting elephants.

Another subject was introduced to Year 8 this year called BMW, this subject focused on our feelings, opinions, and the way we communicate with each other. Halfway through this subject we split into gender oriented groups to discuss gender-based issues. Both groups focused mainly on social based issues such as assertiveness and communicating. We had a bunch of dedicated teachers who patiently listened to all our ideas and problems and helped us create a solution.

Although our time as Year 8 students is coming to an end the friendships, relationships and feelings will forever be changing, but we will all have these fun memories to come back to and reminisce on. But just like the famous quote 'you can't have a rainbow without a little rain' we are sadly saying goodbye to our beloved assistant year advisor Miss Kyriacou. Miss Kyriacou has been there for all of us when we needed it most, we will miss her as our assistant year advisor but congratulate her on her new position as the 2016 Year 8 advisor. Next year is the start of a whole new journey as Year 9 students, a time to make new memories and make new friendships amongst ourselves.

**Sami Croft & Celine Bull**  
**On behalf of Ms Kyriacou**  
**Year 8 Adviser**



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## YEAR 10 REPORT

As we quickly approach the end of the year, I would like to congratulate Year 10 students on the positive way they have completed junior high school. Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to study a variety of subjects and participate in many whole school events. I know that all students returning to Picnic Point High School for Year 11, 2016 are looking forward to the challenging yet rewarding nature of senior school.

### Year 10 Alternate Program

The Year 10 Alternate Program will run on **Monday, December 7, Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9, 2015**. The Year 10 Alternate Program is **compulsory**. During the program, students will participate in a variety of workshops run by Optus, CommBank, Legal Aid, NRMA, the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and complete Team Building, Personal Training and Cyberbullying sessions. They will also complete modules from the 'All My Own Work' program, mandated by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards [BOSTES]. Students cannot begin Year 11, 2016 without attending these sessions and completing the necessary assessments. Normal timetabled lessons will resume from Thursday, December 10 through to the end of the school year.

### Year 11 Crossroads Camp

The deposit and paperwork for the Year 11 Crossroads Camp are due by **Monday, December 7, 2015**. Payment can be made at the school office or via Parent Online Payment. If you have any concerns or questions about Year 11, 2016 camp, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

It has been my pleasure to support Year 10 through their final year of junior school at Picnic Point High School. Ms Kourouche and I look forward to working with our students again next year.

**Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!**  
**Mrs Morris**  
**Year 10 Adviser**



## YEAR 12 REPORT

On Friday 13 November students from Year 12 (2015) concluded their high school education with a great formal ball organised by Ms Shlom and Mr Sassine at the Dockside venue at Sydney's Darling Harbour.

The event was a great success as all attending students enjoyed their time socialising and dancing. Happily all Assistant Year Advisers, Ms Shlom, Mr Nikolovski and Mr Sassine, joined in to say their last good-byes to their favourite group of students.

The Prefects conducted their final duty by presenting awards to some very special students, who were recognized as winners of some very important competitions. Samantha Micheletto-Harte received 'The Best Dress' award, Nadine Homaisi – 'The Best Tan' award, Nathan Anderson – 'The future PM' award and 'The Most Likely Couple to Marry' went to Tayla Kelly and Aaron Gilbert. This is all I remember ..... of a fabulous night to remember ☺....

I would like to acknowledge and thank all Assistant Year Advisers for their tireless and dedicated work in supporting our students during 2010- 2015. Your effort has been much appreciated by all Year 12 students 2015 and myself. My thanks goes as well to P&C for their amazing support throughout the years and their final gift to my students – the coach transport to and from the venue on the night. Lastly, I thank Mrs Sherry and all attending teachers for their time and commitment to supporting Year 12 students.

I wish everyone best wishes and Merry Christmas.

**Mrs Bray**  
**Year 12 Adviser**





## SPORT REPORT



### 7/8 TOUCH FOOTBALL

The 7/8 Boys and Girls Touch Football teams have recently competed in the NSW Touch Association All Schools Competition. Both teams went through undefeated in the Sydney South West regional qualifiers, playing extremely well and winning all matches convincingly.

The State Finals were held in Bathurst on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015, where both teams would play four games in a pool based competition. The boys came up against tough competition all day. They tried their hardest in all games and improved with each match as the day went on.

After a dominant victory in the first game, the girls fought hard in the next three games for two draws and one loss. Unfortunately results in other matches didn't go our way which meant the girls missed out on the quarter finals by one point. A special mention must go to Shayla Broughton who scored 7 tries across the four matches.

Congratulations to both teams on their effort, not only on the day but also the hours spent at school training each week. Thank you also to Lachlan Bateman, Liam Bow (Year 11) and Tahni McCaw (Year 9) for their assistance during training sessions and on the day.



## CRICKET REPORT

The Open cricket teams have had mixed success over the last 4 weeks. The Open Girls played Leumeah High for a place in the Regional Final. Bowling first we had Leumeah 4-67 off 20 overs (we were playing 4 quarter cricket due to the heat) and went in to bat hoping to have a lead at the 20 over mark. Unfortunately, we lost all 10 wickets in 19 overs and were dismissed for 44. Angie Genford opened the batting and showed what a great player she is going to be as she remained not out on 20 and carried her bat through the entire innings without losing her wicket. Our bowling was really solid and was led by Angie and Hannan Narvel who are a quality opening attack and they were well supported by Jamie Pollock, and Miriama Potter who took 2 really good wickets. The girls will only get better and better as the majority of our team are in Year 7 & 8.

The Open Boys took on East Hills Boys for a spot in the Regional Final and had to play without one of our key players in Hayden Probert. After asking East Hills to bat we had them in trouble immediately through quality bowling by Nathan Simmons (5 overs 1-1) and Mitchell Edmunds (5 overs 0-6). They were well supported by Tom Bush and Josh Sullivan who both took 3 wickets each. We ended up dismissing them for 60 off 33 overs. Our batting started a bit shaky losing 2 early wickets but Mitchell and Josh showed their class putting on a partnership of 52 in 14 overs to get us home quite easily.

We now play Camden in the Regional Final in Week 11 and hopefully we can emulate our feats of last year and get through to the Final 16 in NSW.

**Mr Millican**  
Head Teacher PDHPE



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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR



### BANKSTOWN EAST HILLS DISTRICT DANCE FESTIVAL

On Tuesday October 25 and Wednesday October 26 over 50 students performed at the Bankstown East Hills District Dance Festival at Bankstown Sports Club.

Students from Years 9, 10 & 11 Elective Dance classes as well as members of our Jazz Showgroup and Junior and Senior Dance Companies performed five routines over the two performance nights. All students performed exceptionally well and we received many positive comments from both audience members and staff from other participating schools.

Congratulations to all students involved and thank you for your effort and commitment to the Picnic Point Dance Program throughout 2015.



*Reflections* – Junior Dance Company



*Americano* –  
Jazz Showgroup



*Hold* –  
Senior Dance Company





*Legally Blonde – Year 10 Elective Dance*



## KEYBOARD EVOLUTION PROGRAM

7E and Charlotte Humphrys were entered into a competition that is run by the Keyboard Evolution program that the students learn in Music in Year 7.



7E Music was entered into the 'Whole of Class Performance' playing 'Viva La Vida' and Charlotte Humphrys was entered into the 'Open Division' playing 'Inanay' - a piece from the Indigenous component of the program.

I am pleased to say that both entries were the winners in the two categories! It's quite a big achievement that we should win in 2 of the 3 Keyboard Evolution categories since many schools across Australia enter. Charlotte has only begun learning the keyboard this year as well which is also a great achievement.

For winning the 'whole of class performance' - we have won a Casio Keyboard valued at \$1200. Charlotte has also won a Casio watch for winning the Open Division.

A big congratulations and thank you to Mrs Gourlay for entering her 7E Music class in this competition.

Congratulations to all students in 7E for achieving at such a high level and being so engaged in learning.



### Keyboard Evolution Winners

#### New to Keyboard

Taila McCluskey & Carley Beecher - Year 7  
Livingstone Christian College (QLD)



#### Open Division

Charlotte Humphrys - Year 7  
Picnic Point High School (NSW)



#### Whole of Class Performance - Picnic Point High School (NSW) - Viva la Vida





## SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2015

This year 13 students from our school have been selected to perform as part of the Combined Dance segment at the 2015 Schools Spectacular. Throughout October and November, these students have participated in a number of rehearsals to prepare for their performances on the 27th and 28th of November. Congratulations to these students, as well as Imogen Wallace and Emily Reynolds who have been involved through the State Dance Ensemble and Company program.



Music students Sarah Butler and James Butler have also been involved, playing in the marching band. Congratulations to all students for the hard work throughout rehearsals and performances. The show will be aired on Channel Nine at 7pm on Saturday the 5th of December if you would like to see some of our performers in action!



Students working hard in rehearsals at the Netball Centre, Sydney Olympic Park

Ms Mulley



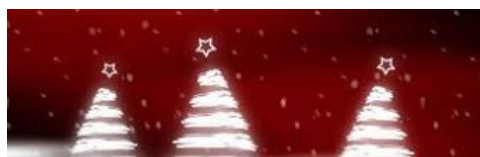
## MUSICAL THEATRE

This term, a new sport group was offered for students to partake in. Over 50 students from Years 7 – 10 chose to be a part of the Show group.

They have been working hard throughout rehearsals to produce a performance of "School Song" from Matilda the Musical. Students have been workshopping and developing their skills in acting, dancing and singing.



Year 7 students Audrey Hicks-Withington and Bree Roberts-Dominey in rehearsals





## TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Friday 4 December, our Special Education students had a friendly game of Touch Football against our Year 12 students.

The result was a 3-3 draw, with Hayden Walker from Year 12 winning Man of the Match.



## GOLD MEDAL FOR MITCHELL BAILEY

Congratulations to Mitchell Bailey who won a Gold medal for Australia and took the title of Oceania Junior Champion 50m prone at the Sydney Olympic Shooting Centre.

He shot a personal best (best score since Germany) and broke two Oceania records (qualifier and final) in the process.



Mitchell Bailey on the Top Podium as the flags are raised to the Australian National Anthem



**Have a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Safe and Happy  
New Year**

**Years 7, 11 & 12 return  
Thursday 28 January 2016**

**Years 8, 9 & 10 return  
Friday 29 January 2016**



