



# PIC News

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## CALENDAR

Dec 13	Presentation Day
Dec 16	All Students last day of Term 4

2018	
Jan 30	Years 7 & 11 & 12 return
Jan 31	Years 8 & 9 & 10 return

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## Principal's Editorial



Year 12 have just completed their HSC Examinations and we wish them all the very best whilst they anxiously wait for their results.

The Year 12 Parent Dinner, Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, Formal and Prefect Induction were an outstanding success. Congratulations to Mrs Sherry, Mrs Morris, Miss Kourouche, Ms Davila and the hard working office staff for these events.

A huge and sincere thank you to our Year 12 teachers who selflessly gave up their time for our students before, during and after our last school holidays to improve student preparation for the HSC Examinations. Teachers at PPHS always make students and their learning a number one priority!

This term we welcomed students from Milperra, Padstow Heights, Padstow North, Padstow Park, Panania, Panania North, Picnic Point, Revesby South and Tower Street public schools who participated in the school's Transition program. Students have enjoyed visiting our school and participating in the programs and lessons offered by the school. Year 6 Students have been given a small taste of what it is like to be in a high school setting.

The P&C have made a decision to provide significant funding to support the redevelopment of the front of the school hall and a number of other projects which will definitely improve student engagement in their learning. The money raised over many years by the school's very active P&C to improve the teaching and learning opportunities for staff and students is very much appreciated. We are extremely grateful and acknowledge the P&C's on-going generous efforts, in helping to make PPHS an even better place to teach and learn.

Presently the senior executive, staff, parent representatives and student representatives are developing our new school plan for 2018-2020. This plan will guide the way we operate and will focus on high expectations for all in their learning! Additionally, we are in the process of budgeting our resource allocation for 2018 in a way which directly supports every student growing as active and engaged learners. We are excited and looking forward to 2018 as we will then begin to implement our planning into effective teaching and learning practices.

The students at our school are to be commended also for their generosity of spirit. Over the past term various groups of students have banded together to support others in the wider community. Support has been given to our sponsor child Wendy and the "polished man" initiative was well supported.

Congratulations to NRL Community Award Winner, Courtney Baxter Year 12, Young Person of the Year. What an outstanding achievement! We wish her every success in her future endeavours. At this point I would like to advise you that the annual school presentation day will be held at Revesby Workers Club on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December starting at 12.30pm. This day gives us the opportunity to formally recognise and celebrate student achievement. I am looking forward to seeing our whole school community gather together on this day in support of the effort that award recipients have demonstrated throughout the 2017 school year.

As this is the last edition of PIC News for the year I would like to extend my warmest thanks and appreciation for your continuing support as I have transitioned in the Principalship. I sincerely hope that the holiday season is relaxing and filled with joy. I look forward to working with our school community in 2018, in the pursuit of excellence in Teaching and Learning at Picnic Point High School.



## Deputy Principal Report

Mrs Sherry



As we move rapidly towards the end of 2017, it is time to reflect on the outstanding achievements of our students and staff at Picnic Point High School. Year 10 students have finalised their curriculum patterns for Stage 5 and are currently participating in a variety of workshops to prepare them for their senior schooling. I would like to thank Mr Bleyerveen for coordinating the workshops and all staff who are assisting in delivering or participating in the learning. Students will begin 2 weeks of work experience from Week 8 with staff monitoring and supporting them during this time. A Parents are encouraged to seek assistance at any time from the school if they have any concerns about their child's attendance or placement at work experience. Students have received their curriculum patterns for 2018 and conversations at home between



parents and students about making the HSC understand the demands and requirements of each course, especially our VET courses where students are required to attend work placement is of utmost importance to ensure successful outcomes in the HSC. This week we celebrated the achievements of our top twenty students at the conclusion of the Year 10 assessment schedule and also our top ten students who showed significant improvement in their results. Students names are published later in the newsletter for our top fifty students in the year. Students are wished all the best in their work experience placements and are encouraged to demonstrate to their employers the skills and knowledge that they have.

Year 12 students saw the culmination of 12 years of education last Friday evening with their school formal that was held at Dolton House Hyde Park. Students prided themselves with enjoying the company of their fellow students with both current and previous students in attendance. It was a lovely evening for both students and staff to celebrate the conclusion of their schooling. They are wished all the best in their future endeavours.

### Student Safety

Community of the following in relation to Student Safety, as of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Parents are reminded to drop all students outside school gates and do not drive inot school grounds between 8.00am & 9.00am or between 2.00pm & 3.30pm

All students are to use the pederstrain gate on Kennedy Street when leaving school grounds from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.



## Deputy Principal Report

Mr Baczynskj



The end of the year heralds a time of celebration and congratulations. This will culminate in the school's Presentation Day where students will be acknowledged for their year-long commitment, dedication and successes. Along with receiving reports, this is a great time for all students to reflect on what they have achieved in 2017 and what plans they may make to improve in 2018. The prospect of opportunities for 2018 are growing as the new School Plan is developing with a concerted effort on curriculum diversity, high expectations and raising standards even further across the school.

I have been fortunate over the last week to witness the tremendous amount of Picnic Point HS talent that continues to grow in the Creative and Performing Arts area. I attended the School's Spectacular which is the showcase for public education and will be televised on Channel 7. PPHS was represented by several students who displayed enough talent to be selected to participate in this elite event. This was followed on Tuesday by the MADD night at the school. Here was an example of public education at its very best. The performances not only displayed the range of student talent within the school but also included students from all year groups and all areas. The developing drama program was on show and the final performance from the Year 12 Extension Music students was outstanding. Extension Music is another addition to our high quality, broad curriculum at PPHS

On the subject of Year 12, the students are displaying a wonderful commitment to their courses. This is inclusive of their study periods where practically all students are actively studying in the library. Some subjects have already completed an assessment task and students are encouraged to reflect on their learning, develop plans and study patterns to ensure continued improvement. They have quickly taken on the role of the eldest student leaders across the school and are modelling excellent standards for others to follow.

Finally, as the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of the parents who have supported their children and the school over the duration of this year. It is comforting to know that you approach the school if you have a concern and are willing to work with us to make improvements and further support the students in their growth and development. From the very basics of supporting the high standards expected

of aspects of teaching and learning, community support ensures that Picnic Point HS remains one of the most desirable schools in South Western Sydney. I am acutely aware of my good fortune in being able to work in such a high quality school and with wonderful students. Thank you for the privilege, have a wonderful holiday period and send them back to us full of energy and the excitement that comes with a new school year.



## Deputy Principal Report

Ms Stavros



Term 4 began with the Year 7 and 8 Parent Information Morning Tea which provided parents/carers an opportunity to listen to a variety of speakers on ways how to best support their child at school. The feedback from the families who attended was very positive and is presented below. I am looking forward to organising more parent information sessions during 2018 so that we continue to build effective partnerships and in turn support the learning and wellbeing of our students.

Prior to the session					At the end of the session			
Minimal	Adequate	Strong	Very Strong		Minimal	Adequate	Strong	Very Strong
11	20	7	4	<b>High Expectations and Growth Mindset</b> with Mr Bleyerveen	0	3	18	24
4	26	8	4	<b>Literacy at PPHS</b> with Ms Garrett-Meade	0	9	22	15
4	24	7	6	<b>Cybersafety</b> with Senior Constable McManus	0	4	18	24
6	20	11	2	<b>Wellbeing - Managing Anxiety</b> with Jennie Dang from Headspace Bankstown	0	2	25	14

This morning did not meet my needs	1	2	3	4	This morning fully met my needs
	Nil	nil	9	37	

**Year 7** have now completed their first year at high school and it has been a really enjoyable and rewarding year full of new learning experiences. Many students have worked consistently and have received merits and completed many merit passports. This has allowed for many Year 7 students to be invited to the school's Rewards Days, including a fun day out to Jamberoo!



Classes are currently being finalised for Year 7 next year. We have changed the structure for Year 8 2018 by providing one Extension class and six mixed ability classes. This structure is due to some of the innovative changes we are initiating at PPHS with the implementation of our new School Plan 2018-20.

The results of this year's **Year 8** students will directly inform some of the class placements in each subject next year. In Year 9 2018, the classes are no longer set as the same for all core subjects. Head Teachers work with their faculty teachers to construct classes for each subject, meaning that students are likely to have a different combination of peers in each class. As always, improved levels of performance may make it possible for students to move to a higher class in subjects that choose to grade their students.

The Deputy Principal morning teas have been conducted for Semester 2. Once again the highest achievers and biggest improvers of each year group were represented at this event. Please refer to page 5 of PIC News for the list of students invited to the Semester 2 Deputy Principal morning tea.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of our Year Advisers. Students often do not realise the time that Year Advisers spend looking after their year group. The Year Adviser's ongoing effort to support the wellbeing of each student is greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and I am looking forward to working with everyone again next year in 2018.



# Deputy Principals Morning Tea



**Year 7:**

Ruby Allison, Ashleigh Barton, Meghan Battams, Kenzie Benson, Lois Boot, Kayley Butler, Zack Carter, Destiny De Wet, Eden Dumalovski, Sophie Edwards, Jack Gallagher, Danae Godinez, Mya Greige, Luke Hallowes, Mona Hinoura, Clara Hoang, Esther Kocsi-Thwaites, Shi-Qi Li, Owen Millar, Julie Nicolson, Tara O'Gorman, Emily Papagianopoulos, Emon Peng, Oskar Skowron, Drew Steinfurth, Josephine Tanamal, Holly Uzzell, Monique Vong, Daniel Walsh, Tony Wong, Blake Woods.



**Year 8:**

Angelina Allagiannis, Meghan Blackburn, Gemma Borkowski, Sarah Bray, Erin Campbell, Zac Cantrill, Felicity Earl, Jacalia Fenton, Riley Hayward, Zak Kilan, Kevin Le, Ronan Leishman, Hayley Linabury, Vivien Nguyen, Emily Parmaxidis, Jason Parmaxidis, Lara Ri, Lachlan Ritossa, Victoria Sakis, Zayne Saleme, Fabian Schlack, Jaxon Skead, Tamara Smith, Hanne Sorensen, Kayleen Tang, Dimi Tassis, Georgia Thompson, Benjamin Wedgwood, Nicolas Yung, Danielle Zidan.



**Year 9:**

Samantha Battams, Dylan Bennett, Hristijan Brdarovski, Jarrod Brown, Kristen Cuskelly, Renae Edmunds, Joanna Edwin, Ella Fletcher, Marina Gazilas, Harry Houllis, Mark Houllis, Charlotte Humphrys, Jaycob Isherwood, Michael Janceski, Peter Koletti, Mikayla Kuhn, Andrew Lyall, Riley Meredith, Tahlia Miller-Dietrich, Hanan Narvel, Connor Osborn, Luke Papagianopoulos, Vincent Pham, Georgia Piniros, Tegan Rare, Karen Rios, Kya Sparks, Felicity Steinfurth, Jessica Swibel, Xander Tavita, Sarah Tran Nguyen, Damon Trieu, Noah Vando, Adam Zidan

**Year 10:**

Phillip Au, Shae Avery, Nathan Bates, Hayley Baytieh, Celine Bull, Jack Dinsdale, Caleb Earl, Shakira Hall, Lauren Hallowes, Stephanie Le Bas, Samantha Lee, Chris Liu, Alyssa Lusted, Molly Miller, Vinh Nguyen, Dang Pham, Cameron Piniros, Daniel Porter, Isabella Rennie-Surra, Beckham Smith, Bill Strezovski, Leo Truong, Vatsal Vaswani, Kyle Ward Brown, Tim Warren, Mitchell Waud, Jasmine Zande, Ryan Zangari

**Year 11:**

Sara Allouche, Jasmin Avramovski, Gemma Bell, Thomas Bush, Isabel De Araujo, Patricia Eata, Emma Forster, Jessica Hilley-Hulme, Nathan Hillier, Anagha Janakiraman, Samantha Lecce, Abbey Leedow, Brianna Levar, Nathan Linabury, Sally Lindberg, Tahni McCaw, Tiffany Nguyen, Teisha Okunowski, Hayden Ormerod, Phoebe Payet, John Rorison, Ally Shumak, Ryan Solo, Rachel Stace, Tash Stengos, Jarrod Stokehill, Joshua Tyrell, Matthew Urban, Katie Vernon, Cameron Walsh, Connor Whitley



## Student Safety

Dear Parents/Carers

In the interest of general student and staff safety, all parents/carers are asked not to drive in and out of the school grounds to drop off students in the morning and to pick them up at the end of the day. Students should be dropped off and collected on Kennedy Street and encouraged to use the pedestrian crossing if they need to cross the road. We also ask that drivers do not beckon to students to cross the road, as this could result in a student running out into the road without first checking if it is safe.

In addition, students are not permitted to drive their vehicle into the school grounds unless they have been given specific permission to do so.

If your child is unable to walk from Kennedy Street due to an injury, illness or other special circumstance, please avoid driving into the school between 8.20am – 8.50am and 3pm – 3.15pm (Mon, Wed, Fri)/2.10pm – 2.30pm (Tue, Thu). In this instance, we ask that drivers take extra care if any students/staff are walking on or near the driveway.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Prefect News

The end of Term 3 saw a happy, yet sad, farewell to our Student Prefects of 2017. They worked incredibly well as a team and set a wonderful example for the next generation of Prefects. Bronte and Daniel were outstanding School Captains and I would like to congratulate them on a brilliant job. They were more than ably assisted by Vice Captains Annalise and Luke. I am very proud of them all and appreciate their commitment and contribution to the school community.



I would like to introduce the new Prefects for 2018, pictured below



Back row, left to right: Thomas Bush, Cameron Walsh, Matthew Blight, Tim Gray, Connor Keen, Rachel Stace, Tash Stengos, Abbey Leedow. Front row: Emma Forster, Tahlia Bracklet, Rachel Iveli.



Captains and Vice Captains, left to right: Tash Stengos (V.C), Cameron Walsh(C) and Rachel Stace (C) and Tim Walsh (VC).

As with each new group, they were thrown in the deep end with the running of the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. Tash and Tim were the Masters of Ceremony and they executed this role with great presence and confidence. They have also completed their first fund raising project this term. They sold raffle tickets for two Military Bears and ran a sausage sizzle on November 10<sup>th</sup>, timing it with Remembrance Day. Altogether they raised \$455 which was donated to Soldier On. Currently they are preparing for their next big event – Presentation Day. No doubt they will all enjoy a break at Christmas and they will have certainly earned it.

Miss Davila  
Prefect Coordinator



**JULY  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**MICHEL'S REVESBY**

	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Kayley Bulter	For excellent results this semester and for her conscientious involvement in extra activities including The leadership program, the Musical and swimming.
8	Tamara Smith	For her consistent application and hardwork across a wide range of subjects.
9	Hanan Narvel	For her consistent effort and application in History.
10	Priscilla Spalding	For her vast improvement in effort and results across all her subject areas.
11	Samantha Lecce	For her consistent and dedicated approach to learning in Visual Arts.
12	Christine Huynh	For her exemplary work ethic in all subject areas and her dedication in preparing for the Trial HSC Examinations.



**AUGUST  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**MICHEL'S REVESBY**

	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Luke Hallowes	For excellent and consistent overall results in his Semester 1 report.
8	George Khabbaz	For working extremely well in Science
9	Elysia Hunt	For consistent effort and application in Elective History.
10	Thomas Pilon	For co-producing an outstanding and professional design plan to improve the school's facilities.
11	Steven Hrmich	For his consistent application and effort in Society and Culture.
12	Emma Roberts	For her exemplary work ethic in English Advanced and her dedication in preparing for the HSC Examinations.



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 <b>SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH MICHEL'S REVESBY</b>		
	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Sharnaie Vaughan	For an outstanding performance at the Year 7 Formal Assembly in Term 3.
8	Angelina Allagiannis	For her consistent application and positive improvement in Mathematics
9	Tyler Brady	For his hard work and consistent application to his studies in English.
10	Patrick Assaf	For an improved attitude to learning
11	Patrick Christodoulou	For his outstanding commitment to his studies in all subject areas.



 <b>OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH MICHEL'S REVESBY</b>		
	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Drew Steinfurth	For his participation in the English competition and for achieving excellent overall results this semester
8	Ellie Truong	For showing outstanding attention to detail and commitment to her studies
9	Balin Lusted	For his improved and proactive approach towards his study in Science as well as his outstanding and creative projects
10	Nathan Bates	For strong leadership skills and a proactive attitude to his schooling
11	Connor Whitley	For excellent effort and application in Ancient History

 <b>NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH MICHEL'S REVESBY</b>		
	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Josephine Tanamal	For achieving consistently excellent results across all subjects this year
8	Ryan Ashe	For increased application in Geography
9	Perry Alexakis	For his consistently high standard of work in PDHPE as well as for being the most improved in his Mathematics class this semester
10	Ryan Zangari	For continued application, interest, good humour and dedication to his learning
11	Brian Yue-Lap-Wan	For demonstrating a positive approach and consistent effort towards his studies in French Continuers

## Student Leadership Workshop

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 103 students from Year 7 to 11 participated in the second student leadership workshop for the year. The theme for this workshop was 'Be Brave'. The day was mainly run by Year 11 student leaders who organised presentations and games for us to do throughout the day.

The first thing we did was listen to Tash, Rachel, Matthew and James give a presentation on what it looks like to be brave. This was incredibly encouraging and very inspirational for us to hear from our older leaders. We then got to play a board game that was very fun and helped us get out of our comfort zone by doing different activities. We then did a role-play, acting out a scene of what bravery looks like. This was really fun as again, we got out of our comfort zones. The Year 11 students did a fantastic job of organising this part of the day.

The best part of our day was being reunited with our leadership camp leaders! We got to play some really fun games with them that made us use our communication and teamwork skills. We got to hear some of the leaders present to us how they believe we can be braver in different areas of our life, and to be brave, we need the support from the people around us. It is safe to say this workshop was one of the best so far. Thank you to all the teachers that helped organise the day.



Steph LeBas  
Year 10

## WHITE RIBBON EVENT & POLISHED MAN INITIATIVE

Following on from successful White Ribbon Day activities in 2016 and 2017, this year, Picnic Point High School has been working towards raising awareness on the importance of the White Ribbon Campaign in conjunction with the 'Polished Man' initiative. 'Polished Man' is aimed at empowering men to lead by example and show their support to stop violence against children. The combination of these two initiatives provides an opportunity for students to not only reflect on the notion of violence against women but more violence in society towards children as well. Our goal is to ultimately raise awareness about these issues and develop a better understanding of this societal concern. It is about encouraging and fostering harmonious relationships within school and beyond.

In order to achieve this goal, Kristen Jones of Year 10 and Tim Gray of Year 11, presented at all formal year assemblies this term about the importance of White Ribbon Day and the Polished Man initiative. Following this, students participated in a White Ribbon Making workshop and a polish one nail activity throughout Week 7 on the quad. We would like to thank the student leaders who assisted in these events and in particular Kristen Jones. The idea to combine the two initiatives was put forward by Kristen as she felt compelled to promote the importance of the Polished Man initiative within -Picnic Point High School.

Below is a copy of the script that was presented to students.

Good morning peers, we are here today to present you with information about the WHITE RIBBON FOUNDATION AND THE POLISHED MAN INITIATIVE.

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women. While, Polished Man is a global campaign trying to prevent violence against children.

Violence against women and children is a serious problem globally:

- Domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children.
- One in five women and one in thirteen men have experienced physical and/or sexual violence as a child

- One in four children are exposed to violence and one child dies every five minutes because of it.

But there is hope, because research also shows that:

- Building greater equality and respect between men and women can reduce attitudes that support violence.

You may be wondering, 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 takes on and encourages male leadership in the prevention of violence against women, based on the understanding that most men are not violent.

The Polished Man campaign is an initiative to end violence against children who then have to live with the physical and mental consequences. It's a fundraising campaign that challenges men (and women) to end violence against children. We paint one nail to represent the 1 child that dies every 5 minutes as a result of violence.

Our generation can and must work towards stopping violence against women and children so that all parties can live in safety, free from violence and abuse.

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.

While you may or may not ever be subject to any of what we are discussing today, you can play a part in fostering harmonious relationships. Showing tolerance, inclusivity and acceptance are all key ingredients to positive relationships with people, so that you never fall into the cycle or statistic.

We would like for you all to take a moment out of your day to consider the importance of respect towards others and how others around you are being treated.

We will now watch a short video clip on the topic I have just discussed:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_OSAyvQ7oCY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OSAyvQ7oCY)

In order to show your support, we encourage you to join us this Thursday and Friday out on the Quad for a

white ribbon making workshop & a chance to polish one of your nails. Make your own white ribbon, wear it proudly on your PPHS uniform and show others that you support gender equality, positive peer relations and respect for all groups. By putting polish on one of your nails you are supporting the polished man initiative by showing your understanding of and support of stopping violence against children. That nail starts a conversation. A conversation that inspires spreading the message for all who wish to hear it.

Thank you for listening and we hope to see you on Thursday.

Mrs Trinity




## Maths Report

Year 7 students are currently studying Geometrical Figures and finish off the term with Data Collection. Parents of year 7 students can support their child by ensuring that all activities on Mathletics in the topic Equations are completed by week 9. It is essential that all students complete this topic as part of their ongoing revision. Could parents and caregivers please assist by ensuring that your child completes all of these activities at the end of week 9. If there are any technical difficulties please inform your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Year 8 students are currently studying Rates and Ratio and will finish the term with Linear Relationships . By week 9 students are expected to have completed Rates and Ratios on Mathletics. Could parents and caregivers please assist by ensuring that your child completes all of these activities at the relevant check point. If there are any technical difficulties please inform your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

### Mathletics Certificates:

Certificates achieved on Mathletics have been printed and was distributed during week 5 and 6 this term. Parents should be on the lookout for these certificates going home and encourage your child to complete as many of these activities as possible by Week 4 Term 4.

A merit sticker will also be issued for each Bronze certificate and two stickers for a Silver certificate. Achievement of a Gold certificate will result in a merit certificate being issued. Students are encouraged to complete all set activities to achieve some of the certificates.

### Year 7

- **Credit** – Meghan Battams, Kayley Butler, Drew Steinfurth, Guy Summer, Tony Wong, Alex Yang
- **Participation Certificates**- Rhys Brown, Sophie Edwards, Tara O'gorman, Kevin Yang

### Year 8

- **High Distinction** – Frederik Ding
- **Distinction** - Nathan Southon,
- Wilson Thai, Megan Tran
- **Credit** – Lachlan Ritossa

### Year 9

- **Distinction** – Riley Meredith, Damon Trieu
- **Credit** – Vincent Pham, Sarah Tran Nguyen, Noah Vando
- **Merit** - Luke Papagianopoulos
- **Participation Certificates** – Harry Houllis, Mark Houllis, Adam Zidan,

### Year 10

- **Credit** – Dang Pham, Kyle Single, Tim Warren, Phillip Au
- **Participation Certificates** – Paul Lambert, Joseph Ollino, Ender Samuels, Kirthen Shanmuganathan, Ryan Zangari

### Year 11

- **Merit** – Matthew Urban
- **Participation Certificates** – Andrew Ahern, Quan Le, Martin Nguyen, Andrew Pham, Brian Yue-Lap-Wan

Year 11 on a survey mission - not much luck with drawing a straight line



Discussing their finished intentions



Year 11 on a survey mission; not much luck with drawing a straight line.

A better attempt



Year 9 – constructing kites to develop an improved understanding of trigonometry practical applications.



Problems of the term: For every newsletter, there will be a math quiz for readers of all ages. The first three correct answers will receive a canteen vouchers, please send your solutions via email to [trieu.le@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:trieu.le@det.nsw.edu.au).

Junior Division: Melissa chose a positive whole number. She squared it, added 5 and then divided the answer by 3. Her result was 58. What number did Melissa choose?

Senior Division: Jack's great-grandfather was a mathematician. He was  $x$  year on 26 June in the year  $x^2$ .

How old was Jack's great-grandfather when he published his book, Cosmic Topology, on 26 June in the year 1973?

Both questions were sourced from 2017 Mathematics ICAS Competition.

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## English Report

The English Faculty has had a busy and productive term and as the year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate our students for their many successes.

First, congratulations to our debaters who had a challenging but rewarding year: Cheyenne Moir, Ella Frazer, Peter Koletti, Hayden Hull, Andrew Davison, Jack Pirie, George Khabbaz, Danielle Zidan, Sami Croft, Tim Warren, Jasmin Avramovski, James Butler and Rachel Stace. Debating is a highly skilled activity and we have many talented speakers who work together as a team, and have the ability to think on their feet and present an argument.

Congratulations to all the students who challenged themselves in this year's ICAS English Competition. Students are commended for their mature conduct and conscientious approach to the test. The English Competition takes place annually in 20 countries and over 980,000 students entered this year. Congratulations to the following students: Meghan Battams, Kayley Butler and Tony Wong in Year 7, Gemma Borkowski and Holly Wilmore in Year 8 and Tim Warren in Year 10 who received certificates and outstanding results.

Our Yr 11 students have made a very positive transition into Year 12 and have just completed their first assessment task. They are reminded to read their prescribed texts over the holidays to properly prepare themselves for the HSC year.

As the end of the year is approaching, we are reminding students to return all of their books. Students can return them to their English teacher or directly to the Faculty. We would like to thank students in advance for double checking and returning all texts as soon as possible.

The English Faculty would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break. Remember the easiest way to relax and transport yourself into an exotic location this holiday is to read a book.

The English Faculty



# Science Report

## New Arrivals to the Department

In Science, this term we have been learning about marine science. Our teacher Mrs Marino decided that it would be fun to put a fish tank into our science classroom E46. 8O and 8Y Science classes had to complete training and have the responsibility to care for the fish and tank. So far, we have had a lot of fun setting up the tank, decorating and filling the tank with water and ager. The best day was the arrival of our new fish and placing them into our tank. The new fish are Hybrid African and Lionhead Cichlids. The fish have really liked their new place and their personalities are starting to appear each day.

We would really like to thank the generosity of Alan from Revesby Tropical Aquariums, Revesby who kindly made a donation fish and equipment for our tank.

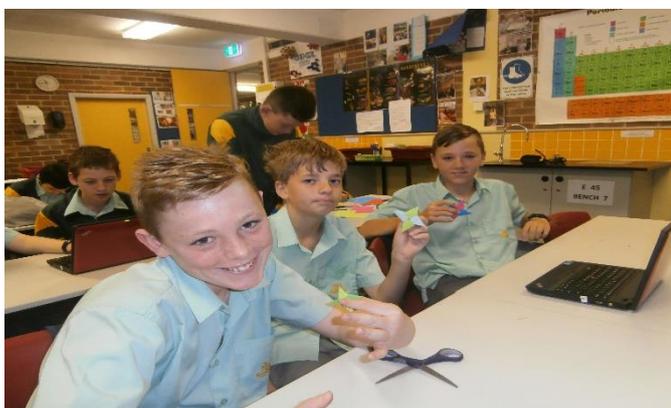
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Year 7 students are currently studying the topic The Science of Toys. During the topic, students learnt about various types of forces and energy and applied this knowledge to making and testing different types of toys through several projects and experiments.



Students making paper toys to investigate forces

Students learning about static electricity using the Van de Graf generator



Year 8 students have been studying the topic Marine Science and have been learning about the ocean and issues relating to marine environments as well as safety in the oceans. During the topic, students performed experiments to investigate properties of seawater such as its density and composition and have learnt about how aquatic organisms and how they interact with one another through the preparation of an aquarium.



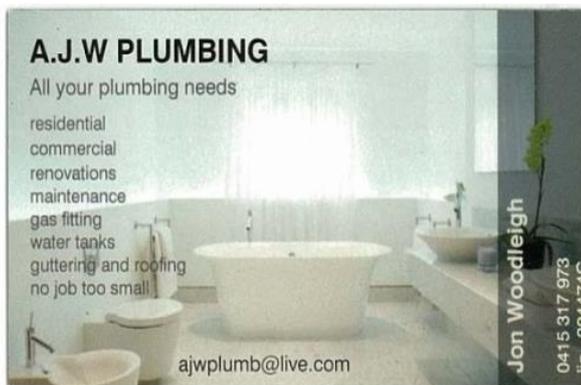
## Victor Chang School Science Award

We are so happy to announce that Thomas Bush has been awarded the 2017 Victor Chang School Science Award for his outstanding preliminary HSC science results. He has shown an outstanding work ethic and interest in science and is an excellent candidate for this prestigious award.

Thomas been invited to visit the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute to see first hand the remarkable work the researchers do on a day to day basis. It will be a great experience



Congratulations Thomas, we look forward to hearing all about your visit.





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## History Report

On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Year 10 students had the opportunity to travel to the Sydney Jewish Museum located in Darlinghurst. For the duration of Term 3, Year 10 have been learning about the severity of the Holocaust on Jewish people and other groups.

The excursion began with an introduction to the Holocaust and what the museum offered for students. Year 10 was separated into three groups, in which one would have the amazing opportunity to listen to a Holocaust survivor, 92 year old Eddie. Eddie discussed how he escaped death through his engineering skills and knowledge. He had a major influence on us all. Despite all of his difficulties in life, he was extremely content and wished for us to be grateful for everything we have in life. His life story and attitude was an inspiration for us all. Every piece of advice he offered was willingly accepted by students.

After taking a small break, the groups swapped and we were seated in a lecture room in which we had a discussion about the German side of the Holocaust and the effect on German soldiers and citizens. We were then divided into smaller groups to examine the Anne Frank exhibition. Here, we were taken on a journey through the life of Anne Frank and the Annex where her and her family lived in.

Following this exhibition, we were able to view primary evidence- original letters written by members of the Holocaust. This excursion allowed Year 10 students to gain great knowledge and an understanding about the Holocaust. It had a personal impact on all the students. Overall it was an amazing experience.

As previously reported, a select group of Year 8 and 10 students participated in the Australian History Competition earlier this year. Students achieved outstanding results and were presented with their certificates during morning assembly earlier this term.



The History faculty look forward to running both the Year 10 Jewish Museum Excursion and the Australian History Competition again next year. The History faculty wishes students, staff and families a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Poolman



## LOTE

### Year 7

Year 7 students have worked very well throughout the year and are now able to say their name, age, phone number, nationality and talk about their family members all in Japanese! Students will complete the Year 7 program with a case study of one of Japan's most popular movies, Spirited Away.

### Year 8

Year 8 students have completed a unit of work on the bombing of Hiroshima and have developed their own opinions on this devastating event. Students are now learning about cultural etiquette in Japan, including taking off one's shoes when walking into a house and the use of chopsticks at the dining table. Students will complete the Year 8 program with a case study of Howl's Moving Castle.

### Presentation Day

Presentation Day is on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Japanese award winners. All students are to be commended on their fine achievements in 2017! It has been fantastic to see the wonderful progress of all students in developing their knowledge

of the Japanese language and culture. We wish all of our students and families a safe and happy holiday.

### Japan Overseas Excursion

The Japan Overseas Excursion will be from September 30, 2018 to October 13, 2018! We have 17 students participating in this excursion and all families have received the official paperwork at the Paperwork Meeting on November 22, 2017.

### Fukuchiyama Seibi High School Visit to Picnic Point High School.

Seibi High School students are currently visiting our school. All host families are enjoying spending time with their Japanese students.

### Farewell Miss Wu

We would like to thank Miss Wu for her contribution to the LOTE Faculty for the past 2 years. Her energy, enthusiasm and dedication to teaching the Japanese language and culture has been outstanding! We wish her all the best in her permanent teaching position. Luckily for us, Miss Wu will still be joining us on our Overseas Excursion to Japan in September, 2018! ☺

**Did you know?** Christmas Eve in Japan is considered a romantic day for couples [similar to Valentine's Day]!

On Christmas Day, many families will indulge in a Christmas cake, but it is not a rich fruit cake. It is usually a sponge cake decorated with strawberries and cream on top!

メリークリスマス!

Ms Marquis, Mrs Morris and Ms Wu



## Social Science Report

As the end of term 4 approaches, all students continue to work hard in Geography, Commerce, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Economics.

Mr Ang has been on military leave for most of this term. We welcome him back in week 9. We would also like to thank Miss Di Maio for taking on the role of Head Teacher in his absence.

Year 7 Geography students are continuing to work on the topic of "Place and Liveability" in which they assess influences on people's perceptions of the liveability of places all over the world. They consider community identity, environmental quality, and access to services and facilities as factors that make places liveable. Year 7 students have completed their Yearly Examination.

Year 8 Geography students have also completed their Yearly examination. Since the excursion to Taronga Zoo, students have finished their work on threatened habitats. They are now completing ICT tasks during class time on topics such as climate change and tourism.

Year 9 Geography students have been studying migration. In particular, they are considering the role of migration in Australia's urban future.

Year 10 Geography students have been working on future challenges for Australia. They have mainly considered human rights in this context. We wish all Year 10 students the best of luck in their upcoming work experience placements and look forward to seeing them in week 10.

Our elective Commerce students have engaged in a range of activities. Year 9 students have been studying travel. They have completed activities such as planning itineraries to tourist destinations. Year 10 students have studied the role of law in society. Students enjoyed their excursion to the Downing Centre where they observed the Local courts and District courts in action.

While junior assessments have now been completed, our New Year 12 cohort continue to work towards their assessments. It has been great to see so many students being proactive and coming regularly to see their classroom teachers to receive feedback on their extended response writing. We wish you all the best with your first HSC assessment tasks.

All the best to the PPHS community for the upcoming break. Stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Social Sciences Team



## Support Unit

It has been an extremely busy semester two for the students in Miss Martin's and Miss Negroh's class. Students have participated in a range of different activities such as School Spectacular, Say Hi Day, Blue light Disco, developing and maintaining the school vegetable garden and Community access. All these activities have allowed students to access a range of different social interactions and learning opportunities which have played a positive part in their development.

The year 12 students have been involved in work experience programs within the school setting and at Picnic Point Public School. Work experience has provided students with many benefits and has given them the skills and experiences to be valuable members of a workplace. Students involved in the work experience program should be congratulated for their maturity, effort and hard work.

Both classes had the opportunity to participate in an Oz Tag Gala day against Granville South High School Support unit classes. This initiative built positive relationships between students from both schools while attaining health benefits. It was a really fun day for all involved and our students took home the championship trophy at the end of the day.

Miss Martin and Miss Negroh would like to congratulate Matthew and Chad on completing year 12 this year. We would like to wish them luck and all the best in the future as they enter the workforce. We hope all their experiences through high school have equipped them well for their future. The current year 7 group should also be congratulated for a positive and mature transition into high school. Well done to everyone on positive and productive year!



# TAS Report

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.

Below are some photos of the Yr 7 textiles class projects where they had to design and construct tote bags.



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



Above are some photos of the Yr 11 Construction class that have been undertaking some concreting work around the school. These projects are teaching them fundamental construction skills and allowing them valuable hands on experience. I congratulate the whole class and the class teacher Mr Colbert.

At this time of year, we reflect back on the year that has past and we celebrate all 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.

I would like to pay particular mention to the following students that achieved excellent results in the ICAS digital Technologies Examination

**High Distinction**

Tim Warren

**Distinction**

Justin Tran

**Credit**

- Lachlan Ritossa
- Nathan Southon
- Noah Vando
- Charlie Munns
- Dang Pham
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- Ender Samules

Looking forward to a productive 2018.

Mr Burgess





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## PDHPE

As the year draws to a close we can take some time to reflect on what has been a huge year in PDHPE. The examination and reporting period has all but been completed for Years 7-10 and our new group of HSC students have commenced their courses with a lot of motivation and intent which is fantastic to see.

Year 12 are about to receive their first assessment task for the HSC course where they have to learn a new skill which has to be something they cannot currently perform. It is a great task that draws both the practical and theoretical aspects together as the students report on their progress through the stages of Skill Acquisition. Juggling 3 tennis balls, learning to hit an 8 iron in golf or perform drop goals Rugby League style, opposite hand tennis serves, walking handstands and opposite hand foul shots are just some of the skills on offer for students to try and master. It's a fun task and one that really challenges students physically and mentally.

In Sport Coaching our students have been to Picnic Point Primary in conjunction with the NRL Backyard League program to coach modified League to students at the school. The reports Mrs Finn has received from the primary school have been glowing in terms of the attitude of our coaches and the standard of the sessions they are providing. There are some photos from the morning sessions that have been included in this article and we hope to continue and extend our relationship with the primary school to incorporate more sessions as all students are getting a great deal out of the program.

To all the award winners in PDHPE, PASS and across the school in all subjects I extend our congratulations on a well-deserved recognition of the hard work and effort you have put into your subjects this year. To those who have worked hard and not received awards, hopefully you can be satisfied that you have put your best foot forward and set yourself up for increased success next year.

Have a great Christmas holiday and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Mr Millican



## Sports Report

During 2017 we have continued to gain some great results in sport with Samantha Battams and Jessica Hiley-Hulme having represented the Region in Water Polo. Our cricketers continue on with wins in their competition. We have had a successful year in Tuesday afternoon sport with a growing number of teams in Bankstown Zone competitions, and our knockout teams have again performed well.

As we come to the end of another year, we start the organisational process for 2018. This year, our registration for Tuesday afternoon Sport has changed. Students will now be required to log onto their student email where they have received a link to sport registration. Students will only be able to make one selection. There will also be a permission note for that sport to download, sign and return to school. We hope that you find this process easy and effective.

Thankyou to all parents and carers who have continued with their support of Sport at Picnic Point High School during 2017.

Mr Northall and Ms Worthington  
Sport Organisers



# CAPA

## Ultimo State Dance Festivals

The NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival is a thrilling season of dance performances, celebrating the talents of over 1,500 public schools students from Kindergarten through to Year 12. On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, a group of talented dance students from the PPHS Dance Company performed their contemporary work 'The Day-To-Day Prism'. In order to qualify for the festival, the PPHS Dance Company had to audition a contemporary dance work which had to include specific compositional elements to reflect the processes embedded in NSW Dance Curriculum. The development of the work was a collaborative process facilitated by Miss Frisina. The excellent execution of the intricate and the highly complex sequences in the work was noted by dance faculty of the Arts Unit. As a result, Picnic Point High School was selected by the panel to perform at the event.

perfect routines. Every student respects the discipline of dance which requires them to have high expectations and to strive beyond their natural capabilities. Because they have shown such maturity in their conduct both on and off stage, our students were specially selected to usher the event – helping parents and members of the public to their seats in the auditorium.



It was very heartening, from a teacher's perspective, to see the genuine care that our students displayed to others (whom they didn't know). However, I wasn't the only person who noticed. Both Michele Austin (the festival coordinator) and Bankstown Sports Club staff were very impressed and noted the great reputation the dancers have contributed to our school.

Miss Frisina

## Bankstown East Hills Dance Festival

On the 30th October 2017, the Picnic Point High School Dance Company also performed at the Bankstown East Hills Dance Festival, stealing the show with three distinct items – the 'Libertango' (modern dance), The 'Day-To-Day Prism' (contemporary dance) and 'Hairspray Medley' (Musical Theatre Jazz dance). The versatility of our dancers was evident from their performance which was impressively consistent across all three dance styles. The Dance Company is a truly dedicated and hard-working group who meet twice a week (sometimes more) outside of class time to learn and



Schools Spectacular 2017



Schools Spectacular 2017 'OWN THE MOMENT' was an incredible success for Picnic Point High School this year. Twenty five students participated in Schools Spectacular across seven genres of the Performing Arts consisting of the following:

- Combined Dance Ensemble: 10 students
- Combined Drama Ensemble: 5 students
- State Dance Ensemble: 4 students
- Millennium Marching Band: 3 students
- Core Choir: 1 student
- Featured Dancer in Tap and Jazz: 1 student
- Featured Artist: 1 Alumni Student

Students of our school represented Picnic Point throughout the whole show and all students were **prominently featured in their segment. Isabella Rennie-Surra Yr10 was a Featured Dancer on the Main Stage in two Segments – Feel this Moment and Moments from the Theatre**; Charlotte Humphrys performed on the Main Stage as part of the Core Choir; Rachel and Melinda Iveli, Isabella Rennie-Surra and Ellie Bull performed in the Segment - **How Does a Moment Last Forever**. This segment concluded the first half of the show and was choreographed by our previous Dance Teacher – Ms Kirralee Mulley. James, Sarah and Kayley Butler performed in the Millennium Marching Band which presented pre-show entertainment as well as performing on the Main Stage during Interval. Five students – Matthew Blight, Renee Hewson, Phoebe Kleckin, Christos Mangos and Joshua Williams played lead roles in the very first inaugural Combined Drama Ensemble for Schools Spectacular in the segment – **Fantastical Moments**. Ten students – Jessica Atkins, Monique Dunn, Renae Edmunds, Melinda Iveli, Kya Garvey, Teodora Gligurovska, Tegan Rare, Cassie Reilly, Lauren Setter, Shania Summers, played a featured role in the Final segment of the show – **Beyond the Waves**. Students performed on the main stage with the Featured Artist creating a rippling water effect with their stunning wing props. And finally, one of our very own Alumni – Cooper Dallimore was a prominent Featured Artist throughout the show, particularly the Musical Theatre genre. We would like to congratulate all of the participating students on being outstanding

ambassadors for Picnic Point High School. We were so proud to hear many compliments given to our s throughout all rehearsals and performances students on their professionalism and work ethic throughout all rehearsals and performanes.

Ms Tarasenko and Ms Frisina



# CROWN THE MOMENT



# Canterbury Bankstown Youth Awards

This year Picnic Point High School had several students who were nominated for their outstanding achievements for the Canterbury Bankstown Youth Awards. The awards recognised the excellent achievements of students aged between 12 and 18 for Academic achievement, Community involvement, Creative and Performing Arts, Inspiration, Leadership and Sporting Achievements. Several of our students were selected as finalists and were invited to attend a special Awards Ceremony held at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre.

Holly Wilmore of Year 8 was selected as a finalist in the sporting category for being an Australian Finalist in Baton Twirling in Australia where she went on to compete in Croatia.

Hana Herlihy of Year 10 was selected as a finalist in the Sporting category for her outstanding achievements in Rugby and for competing in an International Athletics Event in Canada earlier this year. Hana competed in Sprints, Shot Put and Triple Jump and was awarded a Bronze and Silver medal in the Triple Jump event.



Renee Hewson of Year 11 was a finalist in the Creative and Performing Arts Category. Renee is a part of the Bankstown Talent Advancement Program and was the lead role of Tracey Turnblad in "Hairspray" the musical at PPHS. Renee also volunteers her time teaching drama to high school students as well as at the Bankstown Arts Centre.

Sarah MaCauley of Year 12 was a finalist in the Leadership category and went on to win the award. Sarah is an active participant of the 2016-2017 Prefect Body at Picnic Point High School. She regularly partakes in leadership opportunities, as she guides and mentors younger students as part of the Student Leadership Program.



Congratulations to all our nominees on their continued outstanding achievements!



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## Taronga Zoo

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of September, Year 8 went to Taronga Zoo. First, we took a one and a half hour bus ride from school to the zoo where we were organised into class groups. 8E was put in a group with 8G.

The first animals we went to visit were the giraffes. We saw 3 of them eating leaves from a basket hung by a giant pole. Next we went to see the red pandas which were sleeping and hanging from the trees. We also stopped by for a quick look at the hippos and otters.

At around 11:00, all the classes met to go to see the seal show where the area was packed to the brim with us, other schools and regular visitors. They presented 5 or 6 seals to us and we were all amazed by their tricks. They swam so smoothly and we were so shocked at what they could do. They all had such unique talents and they were all so cute. At the very end, one seal even did a backflip. This was probably one of the best parts about the whole trip.

After the seal show, we went to see the gorillas, we saw about 4 of them and they looked like a family. The biggest one, assuming it was the dad, was walking around and picking at this block, the next one, the mum was carrying a baby and was probably feeding it, and the child one was eating a giant leaf and it was really cute. Later, we went to see some tigers but, before we saw them, we got to experience a fake airplane ride to another country that seemed like Thailand. There were all these fake shops and motor bikes decorated around the place, then, we sat at the exit and ate our recess. Further on, we went to see the elephants. We saw some Asian elephants getting washed by the zoo keepers and they were all very cute. After that, we made another pit stop at some more monkeys, there was one that was tangled in the net and it was really cute.



inally, we took a long trip back to school where we were all tired and hot because the bus was really humid. Overall, the trip was pretty fun except for the heat.

Lara, Kayleen & Angela 8E



# Rewards Day BBQ

On Thursday 21st September, Picnic Point High School held our Term Three Rewards day BBQ. Rewards day is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students who are on the silver and gold level of the Merit System. A total of 60 students from years 7-12 were invited to enjoy a free sausage sandwich and a can of drink to reward them for all their hard work. Congratulations to all the students below who were invited to attend the Term 3 Rewards Day!

## Year 7

Lois Boot, Stephanie Coburn, Beau Collins, Danae Godinez, Zain Khodraga, Brendon Lecce, Trinity Lembo, Mackenzie Marshall, Georgio Minas, Julie Nicolson, Emily Papagianopoulos, Daniel Rasera, Payton Tahata, Josephine Tanamal

## Year 8

Meghan Blackburn, Jessica Boatwright, Gemma Borkowski, Jacalia Fenton, Jessie Frazer, Steven Kallas, Edward Le, Kevin Le, Mahsen Narval, Jason Parmaxidis, Emily Parmaxidis, John Patti, Ben Gallagher, Angela Ri, Lara Ri, Paige Roche, Fabian Schlack, Kayleen Tang, Dimi Tassis, Ellie Truong, Benjamin Wedgwood, Jack Wedgwood, Spiro Zepedis

## Year 9

Jessica Cannon, Chelsea Elliott, Hayden Hull, Austin Johnson, Danielle Moon, Nicholas Ngo, Damian Roscarel, Nicholas Tesoriero, Peter Koletti

## Year 12

Sean Klimczak, Sarah McCauley, Christine Nguyen, Anthony Pham, Robin Tran, Jessica Tan, Aliah Walton

Mrs O'Brien



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## About PPHS Dance Company

The Dance Company Dance rehearses two mornings a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:30am. During Semester 1, the dancers successfully auditioned for Schools Spectacular and Regional Dance Festival.

### Rehearsal Process

In preparation for our performance at Regional Dance last term, PPHS Dance Company needed to create a dance composition based on a concept. Our process involves improvising and selecting shapes that represent an idea and using these as motifs to construct phrases of movement. As the choreographer, Miss Frisina initiates this process by teaching students a phrase of movement. She then divides students into small groups so that they can work together to manipulate the movement and create a variation of the original phrase. By the end of a rehearsal, one phrase has the potential to become several phrase that can be sequenced in the space. As a result, of using this process, the dance company has come up with a complex piece called *'The Day-To-Day Prism'*.

### Blurb about the work:

*Our daily routine conditions us to stay on time, in line and up to date. 'The Day-To-Day Prism' imagines time as an enclosure - a structure imposed upon the individuals occupying each measure. In this dance work, submission to the prism is described in geometric movement patterns and sequences that create distinct and thus, unavoidable physical barriers representing time. This work considers the possibility of unsubscribing from such a force - is it possible to escape this structure?*

### What we are working on this semester:

Sharing creative authorship in the development of the work has really shaped the dance company into a team and this was reflected in the dancers' excellent performance at the festival. As a result, the dance company has been nominated by The Arts Unit to perform at The State Dance Festival in September, which showcases exceptional dance ensemble pieces.

This semester, we also look forward to performing in The Bankstown East Hills District Dance Festival, Schools Spectacular and the school's MADD night, which will keep us busy developing more work!

I would also like to acknowledge the students dedicating additional hours to the extra-curricular dance program at State Dance Festival. They include Rachel Iveli of Year 11, Ellie Bull and Isabella Rennie-Surra of Year 10 and Melinda Iveli of Year 9. These students rehearse at The University of New South Wales every week and will be performing additional works at State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular.

A special Congratulations goes to Isabella Rennie-Surra who has been chosen to be a featured dance artist in the 2017 Schools Spectacular.





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# Year 12 Graduation

And just like that, 6 years have passed and the timid and tiny students who began in Year 7, 2012 have now graduated as mature, young adults, officially the Class of 2017. At the end of Term Three, parents, teachers and the wider Picnic Point High School community, celebrated the achievements of Year 12 at the Parent and Student Dinner, the Big Day Out and Graduation Day. The end of their schooling was celebrated with an extravagant evening of amazing food and non-stop dancing at the Year 12 Formal on November 17. Our students have also completed the HSC Examinations to the best of their ability and we eagerly await their HSC and ATAR results.

It has been an incredibly rewarding experience to oversee the education and welfare of these fine individuals for the past six years and we will miss them dearly. On behalf of Miss Kourouche, we wish our graduating Year 12 students the very best for the future. We hope they don't forget us, we certainly won't forget them!

Mrs Morris



# School Uniform Changes for 2018

In 2018 there will be changes to the girls' uniform and the sports uniform.

It will be compulsory for Year 7 and Year 11 to be wearing the new girls' uniform.

It will be compulsory for Year 7 to wear the new sports uniform.

Dresses will be phased out and will no longer be available in stores or at the school from the second hand sale.

Below are photos of the new uniform for 2018

Girls Year 7-10 will be wearing a lemon blouse with green piping



Girls Year 11 - 12 will be wearing a white blouse with green piping, no pocket and a cross over tie the same material as the skirt



The female prefects will be wearing the blouse with a prefect cross over tie the same as the one above but it will be striped the same as the male prefect tie.

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If your child has chicken pox, measles or mumps or is suspected of having an infectious illness please contact the school immediately. This will allow the school to assess the probable contact and therefore exposure to other students and staff to the disease. Notification can then be given to parents and medical specialists.

As a school community we value your support in relation to the well being of all of our students. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

*Sharon Byron*

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### Women's Health Matters!

As women, we are always busy taking care of things from the house to the children and other loved ones. But when did you last have your women's health check? **Too busy!** It is important to look after your health in order to look after others! **Do you need it?** Women's health issues are very common and important to deal with, for example, breast cancer and cervical cancer can occur at any age and is the most common cancer in women in Australia. **If I have had my HPV vaccine- do I still need a pap smear?** Yes, although the HPV vaccine against cervical cancer covers 70% of HPV types causing cervical cancers, there is still the risk of cervical cancer. **Worried about getting a health check?** Rest assured as at Bankstown Women's Health Centre we appreciate the sensitivity of certain health issues and have bulk-billing women doctors specialised in women health checks which are confidential.



At Bankstown Women's Health Centre, our health checks cover pap smears, breast checks, contraception, pregnancy, post-natal checks, STI screening, urinary tract infections, menstrual problems and treatment as well as menopause management for older women and managing depression and anxiety. For more information, visit our website at [www.bwhc.org.au](http://www.bwhc.org.au) or for further enquiries and to book an appointment today- please contact 9790 1378 or email [bwhc@sswhs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bwhc@sswhs.nsw.gov.au)

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

**Years 7, 11 & 12 return  
Tuesday 30 January 2018**

**Years 8, 9 & 10 return  
Wednesday 31 January 2018**