

1 November 2021

Good afternoon Parent/Carers

This week sees us in Week 5, the halfway point of the term. We had a huge day of recognition and celebration last Friday (World Teacher's Day, Day for Daniel, Bandana Day and Under 8's Day). Thank you to our P&C for the morning tea provided to acknowledge the tireless work done by our teaching staff each and every day.

### **Playground Reminder Slip**

In order to maintain kind, safe playground spaces our PC Way committee have developed a new strategy for our staff to maintain a consistent approach to minor incidents as they occur.

Starting today, we are introducing a simple reminder slip for students on the playground. Staff will continue to follow our PC Way flow chart ensuring that CONNECTIONS are made, CONSISTENCY is shown and COMMUNICATION is clear. However, in circumstances where minor incidents are on-going or our approach is ineffective, students will be issued with a 'Reminder Slip'. This slip will be completed by the staff member on duty and followed up by the student's class teacher. As parents and carers, you may be contacted by your child's teacher if there are on-going incidents where slips have been recorded.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or administration if you have any questions regarding this new initiative.

### **2022 Booklists**



Schoolstuff.com.au is our Booklist supplier for 2022. Schoolstuff are booklist specialists who pride themselves on their customer service.

**[Click here to download a copy of year level booklists for 2022](#)**

### **Ordering instructions sheet**

For any queries you may have regarding booklists, call them direct and their friendly call centre staff will be happy to help you.

For more information visit [schoolstuff.com.au](http://schoolstuff.com.au)

### **Edwardson Drive Carpark**

The construction works for the new General Learning Buildings are proceeding on schedule, with completion middle of December 2021.

In the finishing months at this project, many resources and tradespeople will be involved on site, requiring additional car parking for construction employees.

While every endeavour will be made to have parking condensed on the site where possible, Construction Parking will start to encroach on the Edwardson Drive car parks at the Eastern end, closest to the entrance of our access into site. I have marked on the drawing below.



Dickinson Constructions are openly contactable to answer any questions or concerns that you may have at any stage of the project. The management team for this project and their details are as follows:

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We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience and cooperation while these works are being undertaken.

## QParents

In January 2022 Picnic Creek will be offering families the opportunity to utilise QParents. Family life is becoming busier all the time and having a secure app that you can access at anytime from your smartphone, iPad/ tablet or computer provides versatility to cater for the busy lives we lead. What information can I access? QParents provides families the ability to enter absences, update contact information, update medical information, pay school invoices, view excursion information and access school reports. QParents provides the convenience of having all of this capability at your fingertips.

How is QParents secure? Parents are provided with a unique invitation code. You will then be required to provide 100pts of identification that is entered online. If a parent does not qualify with 100pts of identification you will be asked to contact the school office for support. For more information please download a copy of the factsheet using the link below.

**[Click here to download a copy of the QParents Fact Sheet](#)**

If after reading this information your questions are not answered please do not hesitate to contact our Administration Team. Please email [office@picniccreekss.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@picniccreekss.eq.edu.au).

### **Changes to the Finance Window in 2022**

From 2022 we will be making a change to our Finance Window days of operation. To ensure that we continue to align to the Department of Education's recommendation with reducing cash in schools, we have made the decision to reduce our operation down to one day per week. Therefore, when we return to school in January 2022 our Finance Window will be open on Friday's from 8:00am – 9:00am only. We offer a number of other options for making payments to the school and they include BPoint, QParents and setting up a regular Centrepay deduction that can be utilised for payment of the Student Resource Scheme.

### **Canteen will be operating with two cashless days in 2022**

With the success of the introduction of Cashless Tuesday in our Canteen this year we have decided to expand this to include an additional day next year. From 2022 Tuesday and Thursday will be Munch Monitor orders only. We will not be accepting cash or EftPOS on these days. If you haven't already got a Munch Monitor account please click on the link to register [Munch Monitor | Register to Set Up Account](#). Please be aware that all orders must be completed by 8:30am, no late orders can be accepted.

### **Dental Health Week Competition Winner – Thanks to the Dental Van**



“Congratulations to Alicia who attended the dental van here at Picnic Creek SS during Dental Health Week this year. Well done for looking after your smile so well, by brushing twice daily, flossing, eating healthy and visiting the dentist. Thank you to all students who utilised the free Dental Van while it was here at Picnic Creek SS. The free Oral Health Service is available to all families, year-round, and will return to Picnic Creek SS for Term 3 in 2022. If you missed booking an appointment ring 1300 300 850 to follow us to our next school at Coomera SS.”

## Uniform Shop Hours – Additional hours for your convenience

 <b>UNIFORM SHOP BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING HOURS</b> 		
DATE	DAY	TIME
1/11/2021	MONDAY (Prep 2022 only)	8.30AM - 2.45PM
2/11/2021	TUESDAY (Prep 2022 only)	8.30AM - 2.45PM
3/11/2021	WEDNESDAY (Prep 2022 only)	8.30AM - 2.45PM
4/11/2021	THURSDAY (Prep 2022 only)	8.30AM - 2.45PM
5/11/2021	FRIDAY (Prep 2022 only)	8.30AM - 2.45PM
6/12/2021	MONDAY	8.00AM - 10.30AM
7/12/2021	TUESDAY	8.00AM - 10.30AM
8/12/2021	WEDNESDAY	1.30PM - 4.00PM
9/12/2021	THURSDAY	1.30PM - 4.00PM
17/01/2022	MONDAY	9.00AM - 3.00PM
18/01/2022	TUESDAY	9.00AM - 3.00PM
19/01/2022	WEDNESDAY	9.00AM - 3.00PM
20/01/2022	THURSDAY	9.00AM - 3.00PM
21/01/2022	FRIDAY	9.00AM - 3.00PM
24/01/2022	MONDAY	8.00AM - 10.30AM
25/01/2022	TUESDAY	8.00AM - 10.30AM
27/01/2022	THURSDAY	1.30PM - 4.00PM
<b>RETURN TO NORMAL TRADE FROM WEEK 2 TERM 1 2022</b>		
1/02/2022	TUESDAYS EACH WEEK	8.00AM - 10.30AM
3/02/2022	THURSDAYS EACH WEEK	1.00PM - 3.30PM

### Leaving Picnic Creek/Enrolling for 2022?

Preparation for the 2022 school year has begun and we would encourage any families leaving us at end of year to inform the office in writing/via email as soon as possible. This will enable us to accurately prepare the class lists for our current students as well as to facilitate a smooth transition for you to any new school as required. We are expecting our classrooms to be at a premium in 2022 and would encourage any friends/family you know that haven't already enrolled to do so as soon as possible.

Our feeder High Schools (Foxwell State Secondary College and Pimpama State Secondary College) require enrolments to be completed now to facilitate transition on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## Dates to Note:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – P&C meeting 6.00pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – World Tuckshop Day – Thanks Nic and team for your efforts each and every day.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - World Kindness Day

Regards

Donna, Susan, Bel and Hannah



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