

16 August 2023



Good afternoon PC community

What another wonderful term this is shaping up to be.

Our String Ensemble recently took out 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod – Congratulations to all involved, students, family supporters and especially Mrs Morris for the work done to support this opportunity. It was great to have the successful team play for us as we entered our whole school assembly on Monday. Our Choir are also heading to Eisteddfod next Monday and we wish them well in their journey.

Interschool sport for our Year 5's and 6's finished up yesterday. I'm proud to report that all teams played well, demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and our Junior Rugby League team took out the final against Gainsborough State School. Again, many thanks to all staff who facilitated training, game days and to all students and families that supported.

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

In further staffing news, we celebrate the achievements of two of our long-term staff. Mrs Chantelle Eaton has been successful in a Senior Project officer role for the State to support reading initiatives in rural and remote areas and Mrs Elly Patterson has been seconded to our Regional team as a Senior Educational Officer. Both leave us on Friday to take up these new roles, they will be in these positions for at least the rest of the year and knowing what wonderful work they do, we anticipate they may be gone for a greater time. We wish both ladies all the best with their leadership journeys in these new roles and will miss them here at The Creek in their absence. We are currently recruiting to replace Mrs Eaton, whilst Mrs Corrinne Hodder will backfill Mrs Patterson.

As you are aware I had some unplanned leave last week, I'm glad to be able to tell you all went well with my surgery. Later this term I have some planned Long Service Leave so will be absent for the end of term festivities. Details of my replacement will be forwarded closer to the time.

### **SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

Thanks to those that have already completed the Survey sent to you. The School Opinion Survey is presented annually by the Department of Education and is an avenue for our parent body to provide feedback on the areas we have as strengths, as well as those you feel we can improve on. If you haven't already done so, please take the time (approx. 10mins) to complete the survey via the email received previously. Survey closes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**P&C NEWS**

Shout out to our P&C who are working hard to showcase their next Fundraising venture – our Colour Explosion is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep an eye out on the P&C Facebook page for details of how to register, fundraise and to offer your volunteering services on what is always a fun day.

**DATE TO REMEMBER**

Some further **dates to remember** in the coming weeks are as follows:

Monday 21-24<sup>th</sup> August – Prep and Year 1 swimming

Monday 21-25<sup>th</sup> August – Great Book Swap (*see flyer below*)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Book Character Dress Up

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August – Father’s Day Stall (*see timetable below*)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August – School Photos (*see timetable below*)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September is Gold Coast Show Holiday

Regards

Donna

**Picnic Creek State School**  
**is holding a 'Great Book Swap'**  
 Dear Parent or Caregiver,  
 2023's Great Book Swap is on!


**We need your support, we are asking students to:**

**1) Bring a favourite book that you no longer want**  
*Please drop off your book any time over the next two weeks*  
*There will be a box outside the Hall from Monday 7th Aug.*

**2) Bring a gold coin to school to purchase a book in Week 7**  
*(21st-25th August).*

Picnic Creek State School is participating in the 2023 Great Book Swap, a fundraising activity that shows a commitment to social justice, and a belief that reading opens doors to future opportunities and choices. It is a fantastic way to celebrate reading locally, learn more about Indigenous Languages and culture, while raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Our participation is a fantastic opportunity that will raise money to purchase culturally relevant books to children living in remote Australia. After all, how can you learn to read if you don't have access to books?

As a participating school we will have access to digital learning resources and to items such as language fact sheets, videos and maps for cultural learning. This opportunity will help us to learn more about First Languages and the diversity and richness of cultures.  
 Happy swapping!



greatbookswap.org.au

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST		WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST		THURSDAY 31 AUGUST	
TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS
8.35 AM	PA	8.35 AM	1A	8.35 AM	2C
8.50 AM	PC	8.50 AM	1B	8.50 AM	2D
9.05 AM	PD	9.05 AM	1C	9.05 AM	2E
9.20 AM	PE	9.20 AM	1D	9.20 AM	Student Leaders
9.35 AM	PF	9.35 AM	1E	9.35 AM	2F
9.50 AM	P/1	9.50 AM	1F	9.50 AM	2A
10.05 AM	PB	10.05 AM	3F	10.05 AM	2B
10.30 AM	M/T BREAK	10.30 AM	M/T BREAK	10.30 AM	M/T BREAK
11.15 AM	5A	11.15 AM	3A		
11.25AM	5B	11.25AM	3B		
11.35 AM	5C	11.35 AM	3C		
11.45 AM	5D	11.45 AM	3D		
11.55 AM	2/3	11.55 AM	3E		
12.05 PM	6C	12.05 PM	4A		
12.15 PM	6A	12.15 PM	4B		
12.25 PM	6B	12.25 PM	4C		
12.35 PM	6D	12.35 PM	4D		
12.45 PM	5E	12.45 PM	4E		



## P&C Father's Day Stall



### Class Timetable

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TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS
8.45 AM	2C	8.45 AM	PB	8.45 AM	3F
9.00 AM	2A	9.00 AM	PA	9.00 AM	1A
9.15 AM	2B	9.15 AM	PC	9.15 AM	1B
9.30 AM	2E	9.30 AM	PD	9.30 AM	1C
9.45 AM	2F	9.45 AM	PE	9.45 AM	1D
10.00 AM	2D	10.00 AM	PF	10.00 AM	1E
10.15 AM	2/3	10.15 AM	P/1	10.15 AM	1F
10.30 AM	M/T BREAK	10.30 AM	M/T BREAK	10.30 AM	M/T BREAK
11.25 AM	4A	11.25 AM	5C	11.25 AM	3E
11.40 AM	4B	11.40 AM	5A	11.40 AM	3A
11.55 AM	4C	11.55 AM	5B	11.55 AM	3C
12.10 PM	4E	12.10 PM	5D	12.10 PM	3D
12.25 PM	4D	12.25 PM	5E	12.25 PM	3B
12.40 PM	6D	12.40 PM	6B	12.40 PM	
12.55 PM	6C	12.55 PM	6A	12.55 PM	

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