

PARENT UPDATE – TERM 3 WEEK 6 2021



Dear Parent/Carers

Thanks to all for your flexibility and ongoing support with all the changes to our regular routine that has been imposed upon us by the recent COVID situations in Qld and with the closing of the NSW border. Despite these challenges, children are continuing to learn and grow, albeit in different ways to the previous norm. We were very happy to welcome all students back to face to face learning on the 9th of August.



As in previous weeks we will eagerly await the announcement from the Premier and the Director General of Education on Sunday (22nd August) with regards requirements for schools moving forward. We will share these with the community once known.

Book Week

With the current uncertainty around COVID restrictions we have made the decision to postpone Book Week at Picnic Creek until *30th Aug – 2nd September*. During the week students will experience activities around many books that they may or may not have encountered before. **On Tuesday 31st August, we invite all students to dress up as a book character of their choice for the day.** Please note this is not to be an onerous nor expensive task. We are not awarding prizes for the best costume, rather acknowledging the characters and books that our students enjoy.

School Photos

Restrictions pending, Master School Portrait (MSP) staff will be in attendance at Picnic Creek for our annual school photos on ***Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September***. Envelopes for ordering school photos should be coming home today. The preferred method for placing orders is via their online portal using the Shoot Key Code from the student order envelope. PLEASE NOTE: cash orders are only to be brought to school on the day your child/ren have their photos taken. These will be handed to the photographers. No monies will be collected prior by classroom teachers or administration staff. Sibling photos are available via direct bookings with MSP, please collect a 'Sibling' order envelope from the office.

 SCHOOL PHOTO SCHEDULE  WEDNESDAY 1 & THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER			
WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER		THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	
TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS
7.35 AM	ALL STAFF PHOTO		
8.35 AM	PA	8.35 AM	1A
8.50 AM	PB	8.50 AM	1B
9.05 AM	PC	9.05 AM	1C
9.20 AM	PD	9.20 AM	1D
9.35 AM	PE	9.35 AM	1E
9.50 AM	PF	9.50 AM	1F
10.05 AM	2A	10.05 AM	3A
10.15 AM	2B	10.15 AM	3B
10.30 AM	M/T BREAK	10.30 AM	M/T BREAK
11.10 AM	2C	11.10 AM	5D
11.20 AM	2D	11.20 AM	4A
11.30AM	2E	11.30AM	4B
11.40 AM	2F	11.40 AM	3C
11.50 AM	6B	11.50 AM	3D
12.00 PM	6A	12.00 PM	3E
12.10 PM	6C	12.10 PM	3F
12.20 PM	5/6	12.20 PM	4C
12.30 PM	5A	12.30 PM	4D
12.40 PM	5B	12.40 PM	Student Leaders
12.50 PM	5C	12.50 PM	

Enrolment Pack Pick up Times

We unfortunately had to cancel our Open Day planned for this week. We will be offering the following times for families and community members to collect an enrolment pack next week.

Monday 23 August – 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 25 August – 11.00am to 12.00pm

Thursday 26 August – 9.00am to 10.00am

Staffing Update

I will be taking some long service leave at the end of this term. In my absence Mrs Susan O'Brien has agreed to be Acting Principal. Thank you Susan.

Mrs Penny Maher will step into the Assistant Principal role for Year 2 and 3 backfilling Mrs O'Brien's position. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Maher to the leadership team.

Uniform Shop



**UNIFORM SHOP
UPDATE**

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To help minimize the Covid-19 transmission risk at our school, the uniform shop will be closed for the time being. Orders may be placed online, however, items will be packed and available for collection once shop operations resume.

Visit our online store to place your order.
www.wearitto.com.au

wearitto smart clothing centres 

P&C News

Regrettably P&C have made the difficult decision to cancel the proposed Father's Day stall this year. Again, due to COVID restrictions to school sites a volunteer run shop front is unable to be facilitated. Classes will still prepare gifts leading up to the day, though some may wish to make additional purchases from the commercial shops.

Fire Ants

The National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program needs your help to find where fire ants are. We ask that you check your property and report on 13 25 23 or ants.daf.qld.gov.au if you find any suspicious ants in your yard. Fire ants

- have a coppery-brown coloured head and body with a darker abdomen
- are 2-6 mm in size and have multiple sizes within the one nest
- nests have no obvious entry or exit holes
- are very aggressive when their nest is disturbed
- sting multiple times
- stings usually develop into a blister
- can cause allergic reactions in some people when stung. Seek medical attention if an allergic reaction occurs.

Fire ants can seriously affect our lifestyle, environment and economy. It is important to remain vigilant and check your yard and neighbourhood regularly to help eradicate fire ants from your community.

Please discuss fire ants with your family and the risks they pose. If you see ants you think could be fire ants or a suspicious nest, please report it to the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program on 13 25 23 or visit ants.daf.qld.gov.au

Look. Report. Treat. Together we can eradicate fire ants from Australia.

Date Claimer

Please note Friday 27th August is Gold Coast Show Holiday and Friday 3rd September is a Student Free Day. School will be closed on both days.

Please make alternative arrangements for your children.

Regards

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Staff and students of Picnic Creek State School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn, teach and play.