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Good morning/afternoon PC community

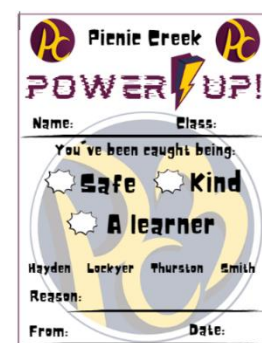
Welcome to Term 3. I trust you and your family have settled again into the school day routine. If you follow our school Facebook page you would recently have seen a graphic on The Importance of Coming to School on time. We have attached that for you again to underline the reasons behind this requirement.

You may also have seen in a recent Facebook post our new **Reading movies**. Please look out for weekly reading clips, every Wednesday, from our reading team. They are perfect to share with your children at home and we encourage you to join us on our reading journey.

### **PC Way – Positive Power Ups**

The PC Way Team are excited to see one of their initiatives being implemented this term. Our **Picnic Creek Positive Power Ups** are now in operation.

These will be handed out when students are 'caught' by a staff member being kind, safe and or a learner. This can occur at anytime and anyplace within school grounds.



These PC Power Ups are then going to be placed into boxes in each classroom and a few lucky students will have their name picked out at our fortnightly assemblies. These winners will receive a special morning tea with myself which has been named 'Picnic with the Principal.'

Following this all of the PC Power Ups will be counted and once a certain total is achieved a reward will be given. The first reward for Prep – Year 2 will be Dress Up Day and Year 3-6 Free Dress Day. Plenty of notice will be given for when the rewards days will be happening.

### **School Opinion Survey**

This term also sees the annual implementation of the **School Opinion Survey**.

The suite of *School Opinion Surveys* is undertaken each year by the Department of Education to obtain opinions about our school from families, school staff and students in target year levels (5, 6, 8 and 11). The surveys will help identify what we are doing well, and understand where we can improve.

Each school family will receive one email invitation from the Department of Education to complete the *Parent/Caregiver Survey*. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual's response can be identified by the school.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey. The survey can be completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection.

For Parents/Caregivers who do not have access to the internet school computers/tablets will be available. Parents/caregivers who experience difficulties accessing the survey can request a new survey from the *School Opinion Survey* team via email [schoolopinionsurvey@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:schoolopinionsurvey@qed.qld.gov.au).

It's important that as many parents/caregivers as possible complete the survey, so we would appreciate if members of this committee would raise awareness of this survey with other parents/caregivers.

The survey invitation will be emailed in the **week beginning 17 July** and it is titled *School Opinion Survey for parents and caregivers, 2023*.

Can't find your invitation? If your family has more than one parent/caregiver, check that they haven't received the invitation and/or check your junk email folder.

### Crossing Supervisor update

You may also have seen an additional **crossing supervisor** on the Amity Road crossing since we have returned from the holidays. I received a letter from transport minister Mr Mark Bailey to advise of this extra resource. Whilst I know many of you would have preferred the 2<sup>nd</sup> crossing on Edwardson Drive be manned we are at the discretion of Main Roads in how such resources are deployed.

### Every Day Counts

**Every Day Counts** has always been a message conveyed to maximise learning days. This term we are highlighting the importance of being at school on time. Please take the time to read the two graphics provided to further understand the implication of being just a few minutes late or in turn leaving early.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME**

- The first bell rings at 8.25am & students are in class at 8.30am sharp!!
- At 8.30am teachers set the plan for the day. Knowing what is expected supports a child to feel confident.
- 15min late every day equates to 10 full days of learning missed in a year!
- Learning starts at 8.30am every day - in class or with a Specialist Teacher.
- Arriving late or leaving early can be avoided. Set an alarm to wake up and a routine. If you want to avoid the traffic, plan for pick up at 2.40pm when congestion clears.

**Be a LEARNER**

If your child misses just ...	That equals.....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes	Half day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per week	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 ½ years

## Dates To Remember:

July 24-28th – Second week of Parent Teacher interviews to be held.

July 24-26<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 camp

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Out of Hours School Care Educator Day – please celebrate our wonderful Helping Hands team

July 28<sup>th</sup> – International Day of Friendship

Aug 1,8 and 15 – Cluster Sports – Year 5 and 6

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – P&C meeting 8.30am

Regards

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