



Picnic Creek

STATE SCHOOL

Dear Picnic Creek families

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year. Congratulations to our staff for building such a caring environment which made students and parents feel so comfortable on the first few days. Even bigger congratulations to our 200 students who have embraced being in their new school, we are already so proud of you. As we enter Week 2 please see some updates:

Welcome

We are excited to welcome 2 new teachers and 1 teacher aide to Picnic Creek this week.

Miss Amy Llewellyn is the second teacher for Year 2. Amy has been teaching for several years and joins us from her recent school, Mackay North.

Mrs Bek Sheather is an additional teacher and at the moment is supporting across all classrooms, Bek has been a consultant for early years in South East Regional Office and before that a long term teacher at Pacific Pines SS.

Welcome to Jody who is the Prep teacher aide for Prep C, Jody has been a teacher aide at Arundel SS.

Pick up / drop off

We are very fortunate to have a drive through pick up and drop off area. This zone runs parallel to the school entrance and is for parents to do a quick stop and goodbye and move on. Please do not park and leave your car in these car parks. We will organise signage to help with the flow of traffic.

Waiting for your child to finish the day

Can we please ask that all parents waiting for their child/children to finish the school day wait in the Dot Zone. We understand your enthusiasm and excitement at looking in rooms to see how your child is going, this is however very distracting to the end of day routine. As soon as the 2.30pm bell goes you are welcome to go and meet your child at the classroom 😊

No animals allowed in Education Queensland Schools

Education Queensland has a no animals allowed on school grounds policy. We ask that you please do not bring animals on the school site. If you have an assistance dog please call in and let Sandy know, this is the exception.

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Student arriving late

If your child arrives at school after 8.40am they must come to the student counter for a late arrival slip before going to class. Class rolls are marked within classroom electronically before 8.40am

Student absences

If your child is going to be absent please let us know by 8.30am on the day they are absent. You can do this by ringing the absence line on 5671 9366 and leaving a message (this line is available 24/7), sending an email to office@picniccreekss.eq.edu.au or by ringing the office during office hours. If a student is marked absent on the morning roll without explanation, we will send a text message to the parent/carer. Simply reply to this text message with the reason for the absence e.g. sick. This will automatically link with the unexplained absence record for your child.

Instrumental Strings Program

On Monday students will enjoy a short music concert performed by our Strings Teacher, Mrs Losoda. This is to demonstrate to Year 3 to 6 students what types of strings instruments they can play this year. All students in these year levels will bring home information. It is a parent/student decision to take up the offer. Mrs Losoda will be available on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the program with parents during the Meet the Teacher session. She will be in the Dot Zone.

Meet the Teacher

Please find attached to this email a timetable for our planned Meet the Teacher sessions which will be held next Tuesday 6 February. This is an opportunity to meet with the teacher to hear about what happens in your child's classroom as well as school routines. We know that some parents are not able to attend in the selected hours, so each teacher will send home a PowerPoint of the information shared. Parents are also encouraged to make direct contact with teachers should you have any specific questions relating to your child.

Picnic Creek Website and Facebook Pages

We are pleased to provide below the links to our official school website and our new Facebook page. These are our two major forms of communication so please sign up.

<https://picniccreekss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/PicnicCreekSS/>

It has been a great few weeks at Picnic Creek, one of the highlights was definitely the Australia Day activities organised by our Year 6 students. Lots of fun, team building and school spirit. Well done student leaders.

Looking forward to seeing you all next Tuesday.

Shirley