



Picnic Creek

STATE SCHOOL

13 August 2018






Dear Picnic Creek families,

Six months down the track and we have welcomed many new families to our school community. In January, we opened with 195 students and our latest figure stands at 275. We feel extremely lucky to have the facilities to allow for continual growth, with buildings and additional classrooms completed in advance of original timelines. As we roll into Week 5, the half way mark of term, please see key messages below:

Term 3 – School Improvement Agenda

At Picnic Creek, we stand by our commitment to ensuring **'every student is succeeding'**, not just academically but as rounded, happy and confident people. This belief underpins the strategic thinking and key projects our team are working towards this term. For your information, these include:

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EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDING

				
Identity School Motto Official opening AEDC collection NCCD collection Resource Centre	Community Attendance Early Years partnerships Volunteer Induction Student Voice P and C events	Teaching and Learning Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum process Mathematics Yearly Overviews Reading cycles Data conversations Deep Learning trial units Whole School Review	Research and Development F and P ILR Assessment within AAP Deep Learning Berry Street Well being	Policies and Procedures Support for learning framework Student Behaviour Plan 2018 Enrolment Plan 2019 Prep transition Evacuation

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School Review

Next week our school will engage in a school review process. Experienced educators from the department's School Improvement Unit conduct the reviews. Approximately a quarter of all Queensland state schools are reviewed each year. The reviews are about providing schools with quality and independent feedback, tailored to the school's context and provide valuable opportunities for self-reflection and improvement. In addition to the data collected from recent staff, family and student 'School Opinion Surveys' the review feedback will support our strategic planning and ensure we continue to strive for excellence as a school.

Student Attendance

Our student voice has shown enthusiasm in support of ensuring students are at school every day. A Year 5 student has been working on a competition for the creation of a school slogan for attendance and there are many other ideas in the pipeline. As a family, please work together to ensure coming to school every day is valued and encouraged. Success at school starts with attendance!



Reading @ PC

A key priority at our school this year is the teaching and learning of reading. All students at our school engage in small group guided reading sessions with an adult 2-3 times per week. Teachers and support staff track and discuss student progress every 5 weeks. If you would like feedback on your child's reading, please make an appointment with their class teacher. To add value to our reading focus, it is great to see a large percentage of students engaging in our Home Reading Program. We thank you for encouraging your child to read at home. Working together in partnership can only enhance the success our children will experience with reading.

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 14 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P and C Meeting (6pm) in Staff Room – All welcome
Wed - Thurs → 15 th -16 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start Smart Incursion (Commonwealth Bank)
Mon – Thurs → 3 rd – 7 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming
Thursday 23 rd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Brigade Educational Visit (Year 1)
Friday 24 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Character Parade (P-6). Further details to come
Tuesday 28 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Open Morning for prospective enrolments
Wed – Fri → 12 th – 14 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Camp

Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards
Susan O'Brien
Acting Principal