

Dear Clayton,

Happy holidays to our Picnic Creek students.



They have worked extremely hard and we are proud of their effort and enthusiasm. This term has been busy and we are grateful that a brief lockdown did not hinder too many special opportunities such as Year 6 Camp, Athletics Carnivals, NAIDOC celebrations, interschool sports, STEAM days, swimming and Picnic Creek's Got Talent.

Earlier in the year our annual P and C Colour Explosion was postponed due to weather. We are excited to share the event is now being held on the first Friday of Term 4. To begin our Parent Update, please see details below about this event.

P and C Colour Explosion Fun - *When: Term 4, Week 1 Friday, 8 October, beginning 1:30 pm.*

This fundraiser is to help cover the costs for a new bike shed installed at the school's back entry.

Fundraising

- Fundraising from the start of the year still stands, however if you are new to the school and would like to set up your child's fundraising page or donate head to; <https://myprofilepage.com.au>
- All children can participate in this colour filled afternoon, your child doesn't have to raise money to participate.
- Prize orders for children who have fundraised will need to be selected by Wednesday 6th October.
- If you have cash donations, these will need to be handed into the office on the day of the Colour Explosion. No late donations can be accepted.

Sausage Sizzle

- If you have ordered for the sausage sizzle for the event prior to rescheduling, you do not need to order again, these are in the system.
- If you would like to order for your child/ren, Munch Monitor will be open for orders from Friday 17th, 2pm until Monday 4th October.

- No cash orders for the sausage sizzle can be placed, only via Munch Monitor. There will not be any purchases available on the day, only children who have placed an order will receive a sausage and drink.

Colour Run

- Our sausage sizzle will start prior to the Colour Run and students will rotate through various activities with their class cohort.
- All students participating in the event will receive a pair of UV rated glasses to protect their eyes in case any of the colour powder gets near their faces.
- Students are able to wear their 'colour run' clothing to school this year. A white t-shirt and light-coloured shorts will show the best colour! It would also be a good idea to pack a towel.
- If your child attends an After-School Care facility, please bring a change of clothes.

Spectators are welcome to attend and watch the event this year, with social distancing in place.

Further details of the event will be communicated early in Term 4.

Parent Conduct Expectations

Our PC3 for our school community are: ***We Encourage, We Communicate, We Respect.***

As in any school, our students are naturally navigating ways to engage and solve social problems in appropriate ways. We pride ourselves in supporting students with this social learning and intervening with proactive measures, restorative conversations and when necessary a consequence.

At Picnic Creek State School, we have always valued creating and maintaining a positive school culture. We ask you to be mindful of the following reminders:

- If your child has been involved in a social conflict, as parents/caregivers it is extremely ***important that you do not approach or talk to student/s involved in the situation*** other than your own. Please only address concerns through either your child's class teacher or administration and work together with our staff to resolve issues or concerns.

- Respectfully, ***refrain from making negative comments about other school community members, including students and their family*** - in person, in writing or on social media.

QParents Coming to Picnic Creek in 2022

We are excited to share that in 2022 Picnic Creek will be offering families the opportunity to access a secure portal, QParents, that will give families access to information on Apple or Android devices. This allows families the flexibility to make payments, advise the school of their child's absence, update contact details, view excursion details and access report cards. It provides one access point to all of this information. Each parent is provided a unique identification code and this is the first step to setting up your account. When will I receive my code from the school? QParents is being introduced in January 2022. We are wanting to share information with families now so that you have an opportunity to have all of your questions answered prior to this being launched next year. For more information please see the attached factsheet.

Student Well-Being, Health and Nutrition

Wellbeing and nutrition impact significantly on student energy levels when accessing learning at school. Rebecca Sheather, our Prep C teacher, has recently found a fabulous website that includes a wide range of articles and modules for parents about health and wellbeing. Items include online safety, social and emotional wellbeing, health and nutrition. Please access the link below if you would like to learn more.



[Resources for Parents](#)

Browse our wide range of articles and modules for parents. You can also filter by topic and year!

www.lifeeducation.org.au

Enjoy the spring break and we look forward to seeing our students return to school on **Tuesday, 5 October** as Monday is a Public Holiday for Labour Day.

Take care and stay safe,

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