Term 2 is a very busy term for everyone as students will be undergoing further assessments and teachers complete semester one student reports. All students have been introduced to study skills techniques this year and it is expected that they are using these strategies in preparing for their respective assessment tasks. Best wishes to all students as they finalise their semester one studies.

Welcome to our new member of staff, Mr Stubbs (TAS teacher).

The Year 7, 11 and 12 tutoring afternoon has been a big success this year with many students attending each week. Parents are reminded to encourage their children to attend this very helpful hour of tutoring in the Library.

Congratulations to our talented athletes and swimmers. PPHS was crowned zone champions in both swimming and cross country. We wait in anticipation for the results of our school athletics team when they compete at the zone championships.

Year 11 review reports were sent to all parents at the end of last term. It is hoped that all students are encouraged to continue to focus and maintain their learning to ensure successful senior studies.

Well done to Mr Goman and Ms Tarasenko and their team of student and staff helpers for the marvelous Anzac day ceremony. It was as usual, a highly respectful ceremony and we were pleased to have so many invited guests attend, including our Director of Public Schools (Bankstown Schools), Jan Green who witnessed the wonderful talents and leadership skills of our students and staff.

National Sorry Day, 26 May 2014 - National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June 2014

“National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians. National Reconciliation Week at PPHS is focusing on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Parent teacher night is on Thursday 26 June for parents of 7, 11 and 12 students. We are currently investigating an on-line booking system using our school student management software (millennium). More information will be sent very shortly and in the meantime please save that date (the attendance of parents is critical to the success of the night).

Congratulations to Mr Millican and the ‘Open Girls’ cricket team on being crowned NSW state champions for the second year in a row and the third time. This is the first time ever, a Sydney school has won the Open Girls Cricket, Marie Cornish Shield back to back. Picnic Point High School has now become the equal second most successful school in the history of this competition which is a fantastic achievement.
What’s On - Term 2

Wed 4/6  Science Competition
Tues 10/6 SRC Induction Workshop
Fri 13/6  Immunisation Day
Tues 17/6 Year 7 Bully Busters
Mon 23/6 Year 9 Brainstorm Productions (P1)
Wed 25/6 Zone Athletics

P & C News
Monday 19th May was our most recent P&C meeting and my first as President. The meeting was well attended.

You may have heard recently in the news that the P&C Federation will be reformed by legislation and an administrator with the intention of creating an efficient, transparent and accountable organisation to represent the interests of public school parents and communities. These changes to the Federation will not change the way Picnic Point High School P&C operates. As more information comes to hand I will report back to you.

Mr Negroh advised that the school has engaged the services of School E-News to facilitate a more streamlined and effective way of communicating to parents via email. I would encourage you to support this system by keeping your email details up to date.

At a recent canteen committee meeting, a decision was made to increase the prices on some of the menu items. A copy of the updated price list is included with this edition of the Pic News.

At the AGM held in March the position of P&C Treasurer was left unfilled with Fiona Gray in caretaker mode. I am happy to report at Mondays General Meeting the position of Treasurer has been elected and accepted by Vanessa Beck. I would like to welcome Vanessa to the Executive of the P&C. On that note I would also like to thank Fiona Gray for her dedication and hard work in her role of P&C Treasurer for the last 5 years.

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend the P&C meetings. These meetings are a great way of being involved and knowing what’s happening within your child’s school. The next scheduled meeting is Monday 16 June 2014.
Kelly Macdonald - P&C President

Student Leadership Report
SRC Elections
The SRC elections will be held on Friday 23rd May 2014 in the hall during period 2.

The nominees for each year group (7 to 10) will have to present a short speech to the entire leadership group. The leadership group will then elect 2 boys and 2 girls from each year group to represent their year for 2014-2015

Good luck to all the nominees
Mrs Kaur

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### Michel's (Revesby) Student of the Month 2014 March

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<td>8 Sarah Allouche</td>
<td>Consistent and determined work in all classes</td>
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<td>9 Lachlan Barbagallo</td>
<td>For his conscientious effort in Industrial Technology – Timber. Lachlan is motivated, independent, skilful and determined in all aspects of the course.</td>
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<td>10 Alexandra Mandle</td>
<td>For her conscientiousness in the Environment Group</td>
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<td>11 Michael Howe</td>
<td>For participation in extra curriculum activities and representing school in a NSW state swimming competition</td>
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<td>12 Taylah Leung</td>
<td>For dedication to her studies in Ancient History</td>
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<td>Taking initiative and approaching leadership roles with enthusiasm</td>
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<td>8 Thomas Bush</td>
<td>Conscientious approach and excellent dedication and effort in all classes.</td>
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<td>9 Perri Rowe</td>
<td>Excellent dedication and effort to her English studies</td>
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<td>10 James Ruck</td>
<td>Improvement in his engagement and attitude towards school work</td>
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<td>11 Shayla Rangi</td>
<td>Great contribution to Basketball Knockout.</td>
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<td>12 Ryan Mackey</td>
<td>For excellent leadership and academic application.</td>
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# PICNIC POINT HIGH SCHOOL P&C CANTEEN

## PRICE LIST TERM 2 2014

### HOT FOOD
- Chicken & Corn Roll 1.50
- Hot Dog with sauce 2.00
- Hot Chicken Roll 3.00
- Sausage Roll (lowfat) 2.00
- Meat Pie (lowfat) 2.50
- Potato Pie 2.80
- Macaroni Cheese 3.00
- Lasagne (order only) 3.00
- Fantastic Noodles 2.00
- Tomato Sauce Portion 0.20
- BBQ/Sweet/Sour Sauce Portion 0.30
- Spinach & Ricotta Roll 2.00
- Hash Browns (term 2 & 3 only) 0.80

### SPECIALS
- **Available Monday**
  - Chicken Burger, lettuce & Mayo 2.50
- **Available Tuesday**
  - Pizza 1.80
  - Spring Roll 0.50
- **Available Wednesday**
  - Hamburger (low fat) 3.00
  - Chicken Burger, lettuce & Mayo 2.50
- **Available Thursday & Friday**
  - Hot Dog with Cheese 2.50
  - Pizza 1.80
  - Chicken Nuggets: 3 for 1.20
  - Oregano Pizza 2.00
  - Cheese Pizza 3.00
  - Mast & Cheese Pizza 4.00

### SANDWICHES
- Served on White, Wholemeal or Soy & Linseed
- Bread 1.60
- Vegemite 2.80
- Tuna 2.80
- Cheese 2.20
- Tomato 2.20
- Roast Chicken Meat 2.80
- Salad (Lettuce/Carrot/Tomato/Beetroot/Celery) 2.80
- Ham 2.80
- Egg (Plain or Curried) 2.20
- Bread Roll Extra 0.20
- Lebanese Bread Extra 0.20
- Plain Bread Roll 0.50

### EXTRA FILINGS
- Mayonnaise 0.20
- Lettuce 0.30
- Tomato 0.70
- Beetroot 0.40
- Cheese (low fat) 0.70
- Chicken Meat 1.20
- Salad 1.20
- Mustard 0.20
- Egg 0.70
- Ham 1.20

### SALADS
- Salad Box - Tomato/Celery/Carrot 3.50
- Alfalfa

### DRINKS
- Bottled Water 600ml 1.20
- Milk 300ml 1.40
- Milk 600ml 2.00
- Oak Milk 300ml Flavours 2.00
- Oak Milk 600ml Flavours 3.00
- Cans Diet Soft Drinks 1.80
- Bottles Diet Soft Drink 600ml 2.80
- Deep Spring Mineral Water 2.20
- Juice 375ml 2.00
- Juice 500ml 2.50
- Breakas 1.80
- Iced Tea (varieties) TBA
- Appletizers 2.00
- Staminade 2.20

### ICE CREAMS
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- Custard Tart 2.00
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- Pretzel (savoury varieties) 2.50
- Red Rock Chaps 1.00
- Rice Crackers/Pretzels 0.80
- Cookie Chunks 0.60
- Sumo Mini Cookies 0.40
- Seasonal Fruit 0.80

Other snack foods available, range and prices vary – check canteen menu board for these specials.

* All prices subject to change without notice
Year 9 Report
The year is flying past; it is hard to believe we are already half way through Term Two! Thank you to Ms Kourouche and Mrs Wolstencroft who looked after Year 9 whilst I was Relieving Head Teacher Welfare; they both did a fantastic job.

Our next formal assembly will take place in Week 6. Any students wishing to be chairperson at a Formal Assembly in the future or perform are encouraged to see Ms Kourouche.

Congratulations to Lachlan Barbagello and Perri Rowe – Student of the Month for March and April. Well done to the many Year 9 students who demonstrated their amazing track skills at the recent Athletics and Zone Cross Country Carnivals. It is wonderful to see so many Year 9 students achieving great things in the classroom and representing our school in extra-curricular activities.

Many Year 9 students continue to submit merit certificates and completed passports. Keep up the good work! Please see the Year 9 notice boards outside B15A and the English Staffroom to view the points tally list – the list is updated regularly. Students will soon be invited to the Term Two Rewards Day: Laser Tag and Ten Pin Bowling.

Year 9 are currently completing assessment tasks and half-yearly examinations. This is a very busy period of time, especially after the recent NAPLAN examinations. Reports will also be issued shortly, so it is a timely reminder for students to do their best in every class. I look forward to reading these reports soon.

All Year 9 students will be viewing a Brainstorm Production called ‘Cheap Thrills’ on Monday, June 23, 2014. This is a compulsory part of the Picnic Point High School Welfare Program. Payments are due to the front office by Friday, May 30, 2014. We trust this play will be valuable for all students.

A reminder to all students and their families, that attendance at school is compulsory. Students must arrive to school on time every day and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours, wherever possible. All absences must be explained by providing a note and a medical certificate to the roll–call teacher on the first day the student returns to school.

Mrs S Morris

Year 8 report
Year 8 has been very busy this semester. We have had lots of achievements in the areas of academics, sport and the Arts. We have had students represent at the state level in swimming. Year 8 are also well represented in the Contemporary Music Ensemble. The vocalist performed at the Sydney Town Hall on Monday the 19th of May. Two of our Year 8 instrumentalist, Matthew Blight and James Butler have been selected to attend the Senior State Music Camp in Week 8 this term.

Year 8 were also involved in Cyber Bullying Program where students were well informed on all issues relating to Cyber bullying along with ways to deal with the situation and this has been followed up in both PDHPE lessons and PMW lessons.

Students are in the processes of having ongoing tests and assignments currently so should continue to use their diary every day and organise their time efficiently to be best prepared to achieve their best results.

Mr Smith

Programs
Social Inc. Cake Stall Fundraiser – 28th March 2014
We would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support on Friday, the 28th March.

It was greatly appreciated by all the students who are involved in the program and we hope that you all enjoyed the yummy treats.

Social Inc. group at PPHS has achieved its goal. We have raised $400 and all funds will be going towards Social Inc. activities.

Social Inc. Leadership Conference – 3rd April 2014
On Thursday, the 3rd April six students - Samantha Micheletto-Harte, Sruti Janakiraman, Paul Dilonardo, Kate Smalley, Taylor Dawson and Kiarne Bitz attended the Social Inc. Leadership Conference at Northcott Disability Services in Parramatta.

Thank you so much! We couldn’t have done it without your support.

Monika Bray
We connected with like-minded students, teachers and volunteers from other schools around Sydney to share ideas and discover how WE can make a difference at our school regarding inclusion.

The conference featured Don’t Dis My Ability Ambassador & Comedian Darian Brown, workshops on speaking up, analysing Annual Inclusion Survey results and learning how to lead great groups. We also contributed to the very first Social Inc. song with the assistance of the incredible Song Division.

Monika Bray

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**Year 11 Study Skills ‘Advanced Strategies for Success’– 31st March 2014**

This study skills day was run by an organisation called Learn4Life Education that offers seminars to students who wish to learn how to study more effectively. Learn4Life visited our school on Monday the 31st March and presented interactive workshops that encourage students to become independent learners.

The ‘Advanced Strategies for Success’ program for Year 11 focused on skills that help our students effectively manage their workload. The core workshops were presented using different texts and included Stress Management and Exam Preparation.

The feedback received from students on completion of their study skills sessions was very positive. We would like to thank Nicola Dingle and Janita Loughhead for their time and presenting the sessions.

Monika Bray, Year 11 Adviser.

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**Mitchell Boaro’ thank you to Mr Negroh for assisting us in IO M2, Mrs Bray’s class.**

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**Peer Support Report**

The Year 7 Peer Support Program throughout Term One

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Georgia Gale
Heidi Seeto
Kaleisha Aislabie
Theodore Totsis
Sam Dib
Monique Larkin
Lachlan Bligh
Chloe Arkey
Alexis Freitas
Katlin Macdonald
Georgia Abou-Haidar
Alana Cox
Shontelle Swinfield
Eryn Dimopoulos
Jake Macdonald
Antonia Mangos
Nicholas Rose
Cameron Blight
Anna Bui
Chris Fartek
Emma Peake
Annie Zhai
Lauren O’shea
Mary Karaolis

Peter Markantonatos
Daniel Morris
Maddison Pike
Elly Georgiou
Chloe Burgess
Louise Stace
Jake Capes
Zoe Ward Brown
Luke Dilonardo
Alex Jackson
Chelsea Cook
Lachlan Ryder
Ellie Pieters
Kayla Patterson Barrie
Dyllan Ott
Shaylie McWilliams
Hayley Millar
Alison Martyn
Stella Lee
Veronika Lesko
Sam Mourad
Thomas Grozdanovski
Amber Langdon
Cameron Single
Congratulations to all our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders!

Ms Stavros - Head Teacher Welfare
Talented Sports Program

The talented sports program for 2014 has been in full swing in semester one. The implementation of the Gym program has continued to see success and this year as part of the program students have received training shirts which look great and the students have worn them with pride while being busy improving their overall strength and endurance up to two times a week.

The success of their time in the Gym has contributed to success on the field. The Girls KO touch team won their way through to the central venue with a convincing first round win. They then finished first in the pool play to match up with Bass High School in the Semi-final of the region. The girls played very well although going down by 2. Most of the same girls are now in preparation for 9/10 competition at the end of the year.

The boys also had a solid win first up and went undefeated through the round play at the Regional carnival. In the semi-final the boys played their best game of the day to win convincingly. In a tight fought game in the Regional final the boys went down to once again Bass by one try. The boys, however, now progress to play in the top 20 of the state.

Mr Smith - Talented Sports Program Co-ordinator.
Anzac Day Ceremony
Mr MacDonald was working as a department manager at a retail store in Bonnyrigg when three men entered the store and requested to speak to the store loss prevention officer. He was unaware that they were unhappy with the officer following a minor altercation earlier in the morning. As he was speaking with them the undercover loss prevention officer approached and identified himself. The men requested him to go outside with them, before an argument ensued and they began to assault him.

Mr MacDonald was pushed aside by one of the men as the other man grabbed his colleague by the shirt. As Mr MacDonald called for help, he pushed one of the offenders away and managed to keep the two other men on the ground which allowed the victim to run away and hide elsewhere in the store.

After the offenders got up, Mr MacDonald warned other staff and customers to stay back as he followed the men and ordered them outside. When the offenders departed through the back exit and headed to their trucks, Mr MacDonald prevented staff and customers from leaving the store for their own safety. When Mr MacDonald attempted to get a vehicle description and one of the men fired two shots toward where he and others were standing.

Later, two other men followed the offenders in their vehicle to a residence in a nearby suburb and they called 000 and gave location updates of the offenders to the police.

Governor General Ms Bryce said in a statement:
“Today’s announcement of national bravery awards recognises the heroic actions of those amongst us who have placed the safety and lives of others before their own. We are privileged to have such role models in our society, and it is an honour to be able to recognise their acts of selfless bravery and thank them publicly for their brave actions”.

The Star of Courage has been awarded to Mr MacDonald for his actions displaying conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril.

Mr MacDonald was the only person this year awarded the Star of Courage, Australia’s second highest bravery award, only 142 Star of Courage awards have been given out since the Australian Bravery Awards were established 1975.

Champion for a Cause
Ashleigh Gardner who is in Year 12 decided to be brave and shave off all her long hair in order to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Ashleigh shaved it all off on Tuesday the 15th April on her 17th birthday.

Ashleigh raised a whopping $1100 for the cause.
First Grade Player of the Year
Gordon opening batter Mary Molloy was crowned the Kingsgrove Sports First Grade Player of the Year.

Mary Molly has participated in 6 CHS carnivals (2 wins with Sydney South West); 5 All Schools carnivals (3 wins with CHS 1s) and 3 final four trips to Bathurst for knockout (2 wins). All these extra opportunities to walk to the crease, enjoy time in the middle and keep her bowling alive have enriched her development so much.

It was a great way to finish, as her last three scores of 65 no; 51 no and 55 no - 171 without dismissal are probably her best undefeated streak in any form of cricket.

Mary is the only player to win this award while still in the NSW Combined High School system. Well done Mary!

Term 1 Rewards Day Barbeque
On Thursday 3rd April, Picnic Point High School celebrated the Term 1 Rewards Day Barbeque. This event helped congratulate and commend 60 students who have achieved silver or bronze level on the merit system. The fantastic weather was a beautiful backdrop to the delicious free sausage sizzle and soft drinks the students enjoyed for lunch. The 60 students varied from Years 7 to 12.

The barbeque took place at the front of the school hall, allowing the students a private lunch and a wonderful opportunity to be congratulated by their fellow peers, Year Advisers, Assistant Year Advisers, Deputies and the school Principal.

The Welfare Team strongly encourages all students to continue to commit themselves to their learning and achieving merit points. We all look forward to the Term 2 Rewards Day where students will enjoy a day out, bowling and playing laser tag in Darling Harbour in the last week of term.
By Ms Kourouche - Year 9 Assistant Year Adviser

Student List for Rewards Day Term 1
Year 7
Bates, Nathan Rennie-Surra, Isabella
Herlihy, Hana Probert, Kristy
Wilkinson, Daniel Billington-Urquhart, Liam
Bownaker, Zach Driver, Cameron
Monaghan, Zoey Sullivan, Thomas
Thompson, Tanisha

Year 8
Yue-Lap-Wan, Brian Webber, Genevieve
Bickerstaff, Jennifer Levar, Brianna
Lecce, Samantha Allouche, Sara
Whitley, Connor Nguyen, Tiffany
Yan, Rhea Fartek, Matthew
Pham, Andrew Duveya, Leon
Okunowski, Teisha Coote, Peter
Alterator, Shiralea El-Zein, Sana
Rasera, Michael Wood, John
Bush, Thomas Linabury, Nathan
Ta, Nicky Vernon, Katie

Year 9
Luong, Sabrina Klimczak, Sean
Papagianopoulos, Daniel Cowell, Thomas
Petsalis, Billy Phan, Kenny
Atkins, Emma Donoso, Chevelle
Alexakis, Thomas Brutovska, Lauren
Colley, Luke McCauley, Sarah
Pollock, Jamie Potter, Lillian

Year 10
Barnes, Lucas Cook, Brandon
Homaisi, Feros Nitis, Feros

Year 12
Hall, Tayla Yue-Lap-Wan, Michael
Carmichael, Samantha Ismay, Jack
Le, Dai Lim, Kevin
Christofides, Marie

‘Autumn Daze’ Prefect Fundraiser
Wednesday, May 14 was a bright, sunny autumn day...perfect day for a fundraiser! And as it turned out, a perfect day for a slice of pizza and a can of soft drink! The Prefects organised another successful ‘Daze’ fundraiser [following on from the amazing ‘Spring Daze’ gelato fundraiser].

The Prefects would like to thank all teachers and students for their ongoing support for these fundraisers – it’s always great to see everyone relaxed, enjoying some yummy food, listening to some great music and just enjoying their lunch time! We raised $660, which is an amazing amount and we’re looking forward to donating this money back to the Student Leadership Program.
Picnic at Centennial Park

On Monday the 12th of May 2014, Social Inc. students from PPH and Sir Joseph Banks High School participated in a whole day “Get together” outdoor activity at Centennial Parklands, Sydney.

This stunning park was opened in 1888 and has 189 hectares of formal gardens, ponds, grand avenues, statues, historic buildings and sporting fields.

Our students enjoyed exploring the area, playing games, walking and bird watching. We also could not do it without one of the quintessential Australian activities - the outdoor barbecue!

The day was great and all students deserve to be praised for their commitment and outstanding behaviour. Well done everyone!

Monika Bray, Social Inc.
Reminder to Parents - School Communication

Picnic Point High School would like all Parents and Carers to have regular access to electronic communication the school produces like PIC NEWS, notes, notices, reminders etc. The school will now distribute these types of communication through various means including e-mail, push alerts, school website and school mobile app and tablet app.

To assist in the distribution of these electronic copies of school communication we ask that Parent and Carers please provide the school with an updated E-Mail address(es) at picnicpt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, download the app at http://apps.schoolenews.com.

The school calendar can also be accessed from the school website

Mr O’Mullane

Battery Recall Affects All Year 12 Students

This battery recall affects all Year 12 students with DER laptop (green)

I will be giving all year 12 students a handout, next which provides them with instructions on how to test their laptop battery, and obtain a replacement. If you have any questions please give me a call on Ext 119.

Chris King - DER-NSW Technology Support Officer
Digital Education Revolution - NSW
SPORT
Regional Swimming Carnival
39 swimmers from Picnic Point High School represented the Bankstown zone at the 2014 Sydney South West regional swimming carnival. All competitors rose to the occasion and performed extremely well. Three relay teams and three individual students from Picnic Point High School made it through to the following round of competition. In total 15 students from the Picnic Point High will progress to the NSW state swimming carnival representing the Sydney South West region. Congratulations to all regional swimmers on your efforts.

Well done to the following state swimmers:
Individual event representatives;  Rebbecca Hughes, Liam Sansom and Chevette Carnegie.
Relay Team competitors:
Under 13 Girls Freestyle relay team
  Kristy Prober
  Emaison Beck
  Jessica Hilley-Hulme
  Carley Parmaxidis

Under 13 Boys Freestyle Relay Team
  Calyp Nguyen
  Brad Cooper
  Robert Russell
  Costa Kardoulias.

Under 17 Boys Medley Relay Team
  Zac Hatzis
  Matthew Bennett
  Peter Markantonatous
  Michael Howe

Zone swimming carnival report 2014
An increased number of students from Picnic Point High represented the school this year at the zone swimming carnival. All representatives from the school displayed a high level of sporting ability, maturity and outstanding team spirit. The demonstration of talent from our swimmers produced amazing results, enabling Picnic Point High School to be named 2014 Zone Swimming Champions. More than half of the schools representatives qualified to further represent the Bankstown Zone at the Sydney South West regional swimming carnival. Congratulations to all swimmers!

The following students were named Zone Age Champions at the Zone carnival:
- 12Yr Female: Samantha Croft
- 13Yr Female: Jessica Hilley-Hulme
- 14Yr Female: Chevette, Carnegie
- 15Yr Male: Liam Sansom
- 16Yr Female: Rebecca Hughes
- 16Yr Male: Peter Markantonatous
- 17Yr Female: Rhiannon Welfare

School Cross Country Carnival
The rain stopped and the 2014 Picnic Point High School cross country carnival began. All students in Years 7-10 and registered students in years 11 and 12 ran the school cross country course. Congratulations to all students who participated and put in an outstanding effort.

Well done to the following students who are the 2014 School Age Cross Country Champions:

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Open Girls Soccer Team
Round 3 Soccer Report: We Survive another day! Girls Pull through!
Well we did it. After a tough and controversial game, the girls were able to pull as one. We successfully defeated Liverpool Girls High School 3-1. Initially the whole team was shocked when a ball flew through and ended up in the back of the net. Liverpool Girls were one up on us. Being on the losing end didn’t last long when Maddi was able to get us on the score board. We all knew that a draw was not an option and played as hard as ever. Jess Burgees slotted a goal early in the second half to give us a 2-1 lead.

Some controversial goals inspired our team to become more motivated and cohesive in our play. The second half resulted in some more inspiring attacking raids. We finished the game 3-1. As the full time whistle blew a sense of relief had swung through the team. We had made it to the fourth round. Congratulations to all the girls in the team.

I look forward to our next game; hopefully we can play our very best. Thanks to Mr Sassine for coaching us. Hopefully we didn’t stress you out too much and to Mr Clay for driving the bus and encouraging us.

Marianna Konidaris
Quick words from the girls’ soccer coach
After a slow start, the girls followed the game plan. We changed our formation from 4-5-1 to a more simplistic 4-4-2. This provided Jess with the support needed to pressure Liverpool Girls defensively. Kyla King was able to eliminate their attacking raids, by pressuring their main attacking player. Against quality opponents we are going to fall behind if we don’t start more quickly. Thanks to Marianna Konidaris, who has supported me in managing the team! Looking forward to round 4! Thanks to Mr Clay for driving the bus and helping with the preparation.
Mr Sassine

Rugby League Report
Opens Boys – University Shield
Game 1 Vs Ashcroft HS -
After a convincing victory in Round 2 of the University Shield against Strathfield South High School we were next to meet Ashcroft High School.

Ashcroft is a renowned Rugby League School with a strong Rugby League program and a linkage with the Wests Tigers Development programs.

This was going to always be a very physical game, with a much bigger Ashcroft side looking to intimidate early. The Picnic Point boys met the challenge and worked hard in defence to obtain strong field position which forced a repeat set and an eventual try through a well worked play. We managed to continue our dominance of possession by sticking to a simple and robust game plan which saw Ashcroft become increasingly frustrated.

A tireless work ethic in defence by our forwards and a real team attitude kept us going into the break with a slight lead. We managed to continue to stay in the arm-wrestle and score well constructed tries through our ability to find the ground quickly and continue to push through the middle of their ruck. As our injury toll mounted significantly our boys continued to dig deep and ultimately seal victory to the delight of our watching fan-base (Mr Negroh and Mr Schomberg).

Picnic Point High School 22 – Ashcroft High School 18

Game 2 Vs Fairfield HS -
We were now in unfamiliar territory with progression through to the regional South-Finals. With a number of players injured from the first game who were unable to take the field for game 2 against Fairfield, we were playing catch-up footy from the kick off.

The boys had a never say die attitude and continued to play despite having no reserves. An unfortunate loss ended our campaign, but overall this year has been an extremely successful year for our Opens team. We are cementing ourselves as a real force in the Bankstown area and look to continue our progress in 2015.

A special thanks to Mr Clay for all his work in the preparation of the side and his unwavering support.

Mr Rawlings

Back to back State Champions
For the first time ever, a Sydney school has won the Open Girls Cricket, Marie Cornish Shield back to back. Picnic Point High School has now become the equal second most successful school in the history of this competition which is a fantastic achievement.

The girls travelled to Bathurst at the end of Term 1 to compete against Grafton South, Hunter Sports and Hay War Memorial High Schools for the title of State Champion.

Our semi-final was against a very strong Hay War Memorial High and we won the toss and elected to bowl. After a couple of early wickets Hay started to put together some good partnerships with their captain leading the way. They reached 3-60 at drinks and we knew we needed to dismiss their captain asap before she put together a big total. Enter Rachel Iveli in Year 8. She bowled a super delivery that was hit straight up in the air but our wicket keeper was unable to get around the stumps to take it. We thought that was our chance and we may have missed it. 2 balls later, Rachel bowled a not so great delivery which their captain smacked straight to our skipper Mary Molloy who took a fantastic catch above her head at full stretch.
We ended up dismissing them for 89 runs with Moesha Potter, Mary Molloy and Ash Gardner the other wicket takers with Stacey McDonald completing the innings with a fantastic catch behind the stumps.

Our chase started slowly but without incident till Kristen Dick was dismissed. Ash Gardner and Mary Molloy then put on 40 runs before Ash was out LBW. Mary continued on with Ash Miller and then Moesha Potter until eventually we passed them having lost 4 wickets. Mary Molloy finished 55 not out and Moesha Potter 2 not out.

This put us into the final against Hunter Sports. After winning the toss and bowling again we took regular wickets to dismiss Hunter for the same score as Hay – 89. Moesha Potter with 3-16, Ash Miller with 2-14 (as well as a direct hit run out) and Mary Molloy with 3-17 were the standout bowlers while Ash Gardner broke another record in a final by taking 5 catches as an outfielder.

Our chase started very shakily. Kristen Dick and Ash Gardner were both dismissed for 0 and we were left in a very precarious position at 2-5. Mary and Ash Miller then set about getting us back into the game which they did superbly. With some quality shots and excellent running between the wickets we progressed to 2-62 at drinks needing 29 runs to win. The girls continued their chanceless partnership and eventually passed the score without losing another wicket. Mary finished on 51 not out while Ashlee was 28 not out. A very excited group of girls were then presented the Marie Cornish Shield by the Marie Cornish herself as well as commemorative medallions from CHS Sport.

I must congratulate the girls on their wonderful success and also the way represented the school and their families during the trip. Special mention goes to Mary Molloy for her leadership, support and encouragement of all the girls as well as her outstanding performance in both matches. Also, Ash Gardner and Ash Miller who made significant contributions in both matches and finally, Moesha Potter who had only bowled once in a proper game before the trip and ended up taking 5 wickets for 36 runs across the 2 games and was a fantastic contributor.

Well done girls on a superb achievement and for the fun and enjoyment along the way.

Mr Millican

Special Athletics at Campbeltown
On Tuesday the 6th of May 2014, students from two IO classes attended the Special Athletics Carnival.

All students actively participated in races and field competitions, such as 100m, 200m, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and javelin. Our students demonstrated great motivation and competitiveness.

Samantha Micheletto-Harte became our Support champ after coming 1st in the 200m and 2nd in the 100m races (17 Year old). Hayfa Nehme, our new Year 7 student, came 2nd in the 100 m race (12 Year old).

We would like to congratulate our students on their fantastic results and very good behavior.

Monika Bray
Faculty Reports
LOTE Faculty Report
Stage 4 Japanese
Year 7 have now completed a term of Japanese and all students are enjoying the opportunity to learn a new language. Our students are eagerly learning new vocabulary and even some Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji characters. We congratulate these students on their consistent effort and fantastic results in their chapter tests. Year 8 are also continuing their study of Japanese using their Hal! 2 Course and Workbooks. Our students are learning and revising vocabulary and grammar in each lesson and applying their knowledge in a variety of class activities – all students are currently learning how to discuss their weekend activities.

Stage 5 Japanese
The elective Year 9 Japanese class has recently completed their second assessment task of the year, focusing on all of the macro language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. Year 10 are also working consistently through their new Hal! 5/6 Course and Workbooks and learning a new script, Katakana. Last term, Year 10 completed their first assessment and have recently completed the Half-Yearly Examination. Some of our students are participating in the online program Language Perfect, to improve their speed and accuracy in recognising vocabulary. Congratulations to our students on your enthusiastic approach to learning Japanese!

Stage 6 Japanese
Year 11 have now completed Unit 1 and 2 of their Wakatta! Course and Workbooks and their first assessment task. Students are to be congratulated on their approach and positive application to Japanese Continuers course so far. They are now preparing for their second assessment task and some students are using the online program Language Perfect to practise vocabulary. Year 12 are also consistently working through the Wakatta! Course and are preparing thoroughly for their upcoming assessments, trials and the HSC. The HSC Speaking Examination for Japanese Continuers will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 and the HSC Japanese Continuers examination will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

Nihongo Tanken Centre: Holiday Workshop
In the April school holidays, our Year 12 students completed a two day workshop at the Nihongo Tanken Centre. This workshop focused on the development of the listening and speaking skills of each student. It also provided invaluable preparation for the upcoming examinations, including the HSC!

Japan Trip
The organisation of our school trip to Japan continues! We successfully ran the canteen at the Athletics Carnival and hope to continue the fundraising efforts until we depart in the September/October 2014 school holidays. We would like to welcome on board Mr Ryan Mackinder who will be accompanying us on the trip.

Library Report
Congratulations to Joshua Farr of 7G (pictured below), the first of our Year 7 students to complete the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge.

A thought-provoking study from London has found that children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, according to new research from the Institute of Education (part of the University of London). The study looked at how often a group of 6000 teenagers read during childhood and their test results in maths, vocabulary and spelling at ages 5, 10 and 16. They discovered that those who read books often at age 10, and more than once a week at age 16 gained higher results in all three tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

Reading for pleasure was found to be more important for children’s cognitive development between ages 10 and 16 than their parents’ level of education.

It was found that reading for pleasure had the strongest effect on children’s vocabulary development, but the impact on spelling and maths was still significant. It is likely that strong reading ability enables children to absorb and understand new information and affect their attainment in all subjects.

This study underlines the importance of encouraging children to read – even in the digital age.

Source: Reading for pleasure puts children ahead in the classroom, study finds, 11 September 2013, http://www.ioe.ac.uk/

Keep reading, try new authors and genres; it’s not just fun and relaxing but also great for your brain! The Reading Challenge finishes in August and you can collect a passport sticker for each book you finish reading.

Marion Aranjo - Teacher Librarian

English Faculty Report
It has been a busy start to the term with Half-Yearly Examinations taking place across Years 7 to 10 in the English Faculty. All students completed their Half-Yearly Examination in weeks 2-3.
In other news, we would like to congratulate the Year 11 Debating team as they were successful in defeating Team B from Sefton High School. The debate took place at the end of last term on school premises. The topic for the debate was ‘That all government schools should be co-educational’. Picnic Point High School was the negative team and put forward a strong case. Each member of the debating team spoke with conviction and confidence. The members of the Year 11 Metro Debating Competition team are Tayla Kelly, Kathryn Ricciardone, Ellie Croft and Isabella Bull. Congratulations to the girls on their fantastic win. The debating team will have their next debate against Team A from Sefton High School in the first week of June. We wish them all the best in this competition.

Also a reminder for all students to return their permission notes for the English competition, by the 16th of June. The competition will be held Tuesday 29th July.

Ms Kourouche

TAS Faculty Report
Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope that everyone had a very restful and well-earned break. Term 2 in the TAS department is shaping up to be another very busy term, with many different projects being undertaken.

Students that undertake practical subjects will produce a series of projects, food items out of their chosen medium. The materials and food used for these projects incur a cost payable by the student. Please ensure that this payment is made in a timely manner.
Below are some photos of the Year 12 Community and Family Studies class getting to know the new virtual babies that were purchased for the school by the P&C. These virtual babies will be used to give the students a more hands on experience for the HSC module “Parenting and Caring”. I know the students were very excited to get them and I would like to thank the P&C for their generous donation allowing the faculty to purchase these valuable learning resources.

The Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber class have their Major HSC practical project due on the Thursday 7th of August at 3pm, so during this term it is vital that they make the most of every opportunity to allow themselves ample time to successfully complete these projects and accompanying portfolios to the highest possible standard.

If you have any further inquiries regarding student learning please do not hesitate to contact me.
Paul Burgess – Head Teacher TAS

Year 7 Technology
Year 7 Technology Mandatory have been busy in the kitchen - preparing their signature dish as part of their assessment task this term. As you can see, we have had some wonderful and delicious results. Well done year 7!

Alison Buller - Technological and Applied Studies Faculty
Science Report

Students in Science have been studying a wide range of topics this semester, from the Science behind fire to the genetics of life. The introduction of the National Curriculum in Years 7 & 9 has meant that we have been teaching our programs from a more contextual angle. This means we focus more on teaching content framed with a perspective of how Science works and relates to the world and our lives. Some of the topics we have started this term include Year 9: Destruction – a focus on the Earth’s dynamic movement and Year 7: Water fit enough to drink – a look at basic particle theory and chemistry concepts involved with water.

Patrick Lawrence Year 10 models that gummy bears work for modelling genes in DNA.

Year 8 is working on Ecology with some Science classes growing their very own ecosystems (see pictured below). Year 10 looked at the models and theories that drive Chemistry last term as well as acquiring the kind of practical skills and risk assessment needed to control chemical reactions (see Chloe Burgess). Year 10 continues on this term with looking at how genes work to make us unique and the controversy of biotechnology for our lives today (see Patrick Lawrence).

Mr Robinson’s Year 8 class learn what it takes to grow their own mini ecosystems in a jar.

Khodar El-Zein Year 8 uses scientific apparatus to boil a leaf before chlorophyll extraction.

A reminder that the Science Competition will be on the 4th June.

Miss Elwell – Science faculty
Computing Studies Report

The year 12 IPT class was lucky enough to attend Petersham RailCorp training facility to participate and gain a greater knowledge in simulation activities, programs and equipment which we are now studying in our Multimedia System's topic. After a long, crowded train ride everyone was eager to have some fun.

As we have a large IPT class we split up into smaller groups to experience various technical simulators they had at the facility. For my group, we started by watching a train driver in training overcoming certain scenarios and obstacles on the Waratah simulator. This simulator had a mock up cabin, three projectors which were displayed on a large curved wall giving a real life experience.

After having a turn on the Waratah simulator, we were able to go to a more advanced simulator which actually took us off the ground and caused movement to make the experience more surreal.

The technology was amazing with large screens providing three-dimensional graphics of passengers, amazing sound and touch screens for the driver to "check on his passengers". In this simulation, Mr O'Mullane derailed our simulation train causing the cabin to move around. Towards the end, we were lucky enough to have a chat from two amazing staff members who let us know a bit more about the technologies used and future job opportunities. After having another turn on the Waratah and the older Tangara simulators it was time to head home.

All in all it was an amazing opportunity and everyone had a fun time.

Juanita Halls - Year 12 IPT

Maths Report

Mathematics Competitions:
The Mathematics Faculty will be entering a number of students from Year 7 to 12 into the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) and the ICAS Mathematics Competition conducted by UNSW during August. Students participating in the AMC are selected based on the students’ performance in the 1st Semester Mathematics results. However, all students are encouraged to participate in the ICAS competition. The AMC is a fun competition with many of the problems set in situations familiar to students and showing the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives. The problems are also designed to stimulate discussion and can be used by students as springboards for investigation. Entry forms will be available from Week 8 and we look forward to the success of our students in these competitions.

Ashleigh Gardener, Mellissa Duncan and Emily Fraser (Year 12) performing a radial survey as a component of the Mathematics General 2 course.

Mathematic Quiz Edition 3 2014:
Congratulation to Emma Forster of Year 8 for being the winner of the Mathematic Quiz Edition 2 with the correct answer of 361, 529, 784.

This month's question
The school bells at Picnic Point Primary School and Picnic Point High School ring at intervals of 45 minutes and 60 minutes respectively. Both bells ring at the same time at 9.00 am. When is the earliest time, after 9.00 am, that both bells will ring at the same time?

Entries can be submitted to trieu.le@det.nsw.edu.au
Mr Le – Head Teacher Maths

Year 12 Business Studies
All students have been encouraged to download the Cambridge Business Studies App. This App provides the students with the essential practice needed when attempting exam styled questions. This allows the students to work on their examination technique.

Furthermore, students need to be attempting past HSC questions on a regular basis. Students must be submitting a piece of work each week to attain teacher feedback. This is essential as it allows them to develop their writing style. Their Finance Task is due in Week 6.

Mr.Sassine
CAPA Report
IN CONCERT 2014
On Monday 19th May, the Contemporary Music Ensemble Singers performed at The Sydney Town Hall at In Concert as members of the 900 piece Combined DEC Secondary Choir. This year, In Concert featured the internationally renowned award-winning vocal ensemble The Idea of North.

Over the past two months, students have been learning repertoire before school each Wednesday morning and participated in two combined rehearsals for Sydney metropolitan schools. On the day of the performance, students participated in a whole day rehearsal working with The Idea of North, NSW Public Schools Symphony Orchestra and the full 900 piece Choir.

This has been a unique and exciting opportunity for our students. Congratulations to all of the students that participated – your commitment and dedication to learning the repertoire was evident through your confident singing at the Concert.

Ms Suzy Tarasenko – Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts
VISUAL ARTS

Year 7
Students have begun their introduction to Visual Arts in high school by looking at the elements of design and experimenting with a range of media.

After completing an assessment and homework task based on the elements of design and the theme of bugs, students are currently focused on completing an artwork incorporating their understanding of the elements, by creating an interesting composition and by using mixed media.

Year 8
Students have been creating many artworks in a variety of media and forms. Focusing on the components of the Structural Frame; the elements and principles of design and composition, students have been experimenting with media in their representation of bugs. They have also created the structure of an insect’s body in ceramic, which will be embellished using an eclectic combination of sculpture materials and found objects.

The 2D artworks will be combined in a group activity incorporating landscape features and the habitats and life-cycle of their insect. Australian artist John Wolseley has been our main artist of study to inspire the students to create their abstract interpretations. Students have been also looking at the history of landscape painting in Australia and other landscape artists such as Michael Nelson Tjakamarra, Fred Williams and Arthur Streeton.

Year 9
The first term for the Year 9 elective class was based on the subject matter of ‘water’. By critically studying how water has been represented through a variety of artists, cultures and styles and by looking at the artworks of Whiteley, Hokusai, Hockney and Shemesh, students began their composition for a lino print. Students created a variety of lino prints and utilised different printmaking techniques to achieve these excellent results.

Year 10
Ceramics and Ancient Greek surface design has been focus for the Year 10 elective class. They have developed personal symbols and decorated their pots incorporating a variety of methods. Whilst they are being fired in the kiln the students have begun their next program of study in digital media. Students have been taking photographs and have started learning how to manipulate these images using Photoshop.

Year 11
Self-portraiture is one way to challenge students out of their comfort zones and that’s exactly what has been occurring in Year 11 Visual Arts. Students have started their preliminary course of study by looking at the history of portraiture conventions and artists throughout history such as Da Vinci, and the more modern and contemporary artists of Bacon, Whiteley and Parr. They have produced a range of self-portraits which reflect this broad area of study and have produced realistic, distorted, expressive and abstract self-portraits in a variety of media such as pencil, charcoal, oil sticks, ink and paint.
Danny Derbas

Kathryn Ricciardone

Lyla Truong

Sophie Ventouris
Kira Vanags

Cassandra Favorito

Breanna Baker

Ellen Rotziokos

Sabrina Luong

Courtney Stamos

Year 9 Lino Prints
Year 10 pots

Year 12 have been inspired by their recent trip to Art Express and have their heads down and are busily focussed on achieving their best for the HSC Body of Work. They have been developing their understanding of contemporary artistic practice by studying the many forms it involves and by looking at artists, Parr, Piccinini, Do Ho Suh, Gladwell, Henson, and Rrap to prepare them for their upcoming written assessment.
Excursions
Years 9, 11 and 12 Art Express
Students from Visual Arts and Photography, Video and Digital Imaging were able to view the annual Art Express exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW). This popular exhibition showcases some of the highly successful Body of Work produced by HSC students of 2013. For some students this was their first experience of the AGNSW and they were very impressed, “Miss, these artworks are really good!”

Year 9 were particularly impressed to see both the Australian historical colonial and impressionist landscape paintings that they have been studying in class, not to mention the “real-life” Picasso!

The senior students were equally impressed at the standard of work created by students of their age at Art Express. This has inspired many in the making of their own Body of Work.

This experience reinforced the importance of taking our students to gallery settings with many students requesting more similar outings for the future.

Year 11 Photography, Video and Digital Imaging – Sydney Exposed
Students were armed with their “old school” film/analogue cameras and ready to shoot photographs representing Australian culture on their trip to the city on Wednesday 15th May.

After looking at the inspirational works of Max Dupain and identifying the varying aspects which make up our culture the students were focussed on capturing a stunningly composed photograph with reflected this. Students are currently developing their films and eagerly choosing which photograph they will create for their enlargement in the darkroom.

Their journey encompassed Circular Quay and the Opera House, a ferry trip to Luna Park and foreshore, then another ferry trip to Darling Harbour and a walk through the city centre. Look to future Pic News to see their results!

Mrs Peterson - CAPA

History Report
Students at Picnic Point High school are invited to select an additional History course as part of their Elective subjects for Year 9 and 10. The Elective History course allows students to study a range of historical periods and thematic units which can assist them to improve their understanding of historical issues. As part of their work this semester, students in Year 10 History Elective have been undertaking a thematic study focusing on the “History of Forensics”. The study involves looking at advancements in forensics and the impact they have had on law enforcement in Australia and around the world. Students recently spent enjoyable lessons learning about fingerprint analysis and were invited to try it for themselves.

Year 7 Camp - 2014
This year the Year 7 students went to Stanwell tops recreation centre for 3 days.

We learnt many new and exciting things. When we first arrived we were split into 7 groups in total for all of our activities. There were multiple activities that everyone participated in, such as the giant swing, orienteering, bottle rockets, archery, the rock wall, abseiling, peer support and many more fun and engaging events.

One of our favourite activities was the giant swing where I got to see Ms Kyriacou take a huge leap of faith and go to the highest level of the swing.

On camp one of the night activities included a talent show which featured great singing, dancing and some fantabulous twerking which was the most amusing act of the night. On the night some of us clearly had great talent while others clearly didn’t. However, we all just wanted to have a laugh! After the talent show we had a disco, which was also fun.

We had separate blocks of cabins, one being an all boy block and the other all girls. I personally loved the cabins because everyone had their own shower, toilet and my personal favourite was the big mirrors which were only in the girls cabins. Something us students will never forget is the black, shiny and slimy leeches which we all had a fair share of.

Overall, Year 7 Camp 2014 was a successful, fun and adventurous getaway for all students including teachers and we all had a blast!
Sami Croft and Lauren Pless (7R)
Year 7 Camp 2014