PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 3

Happy Mothers Day to all the Mum's in the Picton High community. Thank you for all that you do each and every day! I hope you are up to something nice today. Please be reminded of our Mothers Day afternoon tea on Tuesday this week starting at 4:30. All Mums welcome!

Please find an update for Week 3 of Term 2.

A very busy week last week but an exciting one for a year seven students. Last Monday our year seven students headed off for their first camp in high school. They travelled up to the great Aussie Bush camp where they spent three days challenging themselves, building and strengthening friendships and having a good laugh. I would like to thank our huge team of teaching staff that went along for the camp to help make long lasting memories for our students.

Last year we had a student from Year 9 propose an idea to our executive team to increase seated areas in the shade. His idea was to build platforms around some of the big gumtrees around our school. This idea has now become a reality with a select group of year 10 students teaming up with the employment pathways program construction team. This project started on Friday and will run into next week ready for use by week 4. Thanks to Mr Jones, our HT secondary studies for bringing this proposal to life for Liam Wilson.

Our sports coaching students were out in action again last week assisting primary schools with their sporting carnivals. This is always a great opportunity for our students to gain experience and strengthen their skills whilst helping our feeder primary school excel in the sporting arena.

Our SRC organised activities for "Do it for Dolly Day" on Friday. This involved a classroom activity and lunchtime projects for students to get involved in. Well done to our student leaders for their continued hard work in promoting such important topics.

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TUESDAY 13/5 - SPORTS COACHING REFEREEING YR 11

WEDNESDAY 14/5 – WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 14/5 – U13 & U15 BOYS CITY CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

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What's happening in the English classroom:

Year 7

- 'Our Heroes' – In this unit, students examine what it means to be a hero and how different text types represent the concept of heroism.

Year 8

- 'Write Before Your Eyes'– In this unit, students engage in reading a range of quality texts to challenge their thinking, promote interest and enjoyment to support extended written personal response.

Year 9

- 'Poetic Purpose' – In this unit, students develop their appreciation of how poetry allows composers to experiment with language, form and style for a specific purpose and audience. Students study a collection of war poems and analyse the ways the texts affirm or challenge diverse and complex perspectives and experiences.

Year 10

- 'The Tragedy of Macbeth' – In this unit, students engage in an exploration of "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, exploring the language of Shakespeare through physicality and movement.

Year 11 English Extension

- Module - Texts, Culture and Value – 'Power and Morality – The Ambiguity of Evil' – In this module, students examine the ways in which aspects and concerns of texts from the past have been carried forward, borrowed from and/or appropriated into more recent culture.

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Year 11 English Advanced

- Module A – 'Narrative that Shape our World' – In this module, students explore a range of narratives from the past and the contemporary era that illuminate and convey ideas, attitudes and values. They consider the powerful role of stories and storytelling as a feature of narrative in past and present societies.

Year 11 English Standard

- Module A – 'Contemporary Possibilities' - In this module, students extend their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the ways that different communication technologies shape the ways that we read, navigate, understand and respond to digital, multimedia, multimodal and nonlinear texts.

Year 11 English Studies

- Module F 'MiTunes and text' – In this module, students develop a deeper understanding of how language is used in a range of song lyrics to express emotions, attitudes, ideas and themes related to the human experience.

Year 12 English Extension

- Elective 2 – 'Worlds of Upheaval' - In this elective, students explore and evaluate textual representations of the experiences of individuals and communities seeking unity, certainty, solace, justice or restoration in periods of significant social and political change and upheaval.

Year 12 English Advanced

- Module B – 'Critical Study of Literature' - In this module, students develop detailed analytical and critical knowledge, understanding and appreciation of TS Eliot's poetry. Through increasingly informed and personal responses to the text in its entirety, students understand the distinctive qualities of the text, notions of textual integrity and significance.

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Year 12 English Standard

- Module B – 'Close Study of Literature' - In this module, students develop an informed understanding, knowledge, and appreciation of Peter Weir's The Truman Show. Through their development of considered personal responses to the film in its entirety, students explore and analyse the ideas and characteristics of the text and understand the ways in which these characteristics establish its distinctive qualities.

Year 12 English Studies

- Module K – 'The Big Screen' – In this module, students develop a deeper understanding of and proficiency in the use of language and techniques related to films, exploring the ways in which language is used in the production, promotion, reception and criticism of films.

Down the track:

- Week 4 – Whole School Photo Day
- Week 5 – P&C meeting 5:30 @ PHS
- Week 6 - Parent Teacher Night - Tuesday 3rd June (2-7:30pm)
- Week 7 – Year 7 Immunisations
- Week 9 & 10 Trial HSC Exams

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