PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWS

TERM 3 WEEK 4

ANOTHER BUSY ONE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF AS WE CELEBRATED NAIDOC WEEK AT PICTON HIGH. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR JUNIOR AECG STUDENTS AND OUR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM FOR THE ORGANISATION AND PLANNING OF A SUCCESSFUL WEEK. WE STARTED OFF WITH A WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY WHERE PARENTS WERE ARE ABLE TO JOIN US AND BE PART OF THE JUNIOR AECG BADGING CEREMONY AND THE UNVEILING OF OUR NAIDOC RUGBY LEAGUE JERSEYS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARENTS WHO COULD MAKE THE MORNING TEA THAT FOLLOWED. THE WEEK ENDED WITH OUR BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS IN ACTION AGAINST ORAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL COMPETING FOR THE ANNUAL NAIDOC RUGBY LEAGUE CUP. UNFORTUNATELY THIS YEAR WE DID NOT RETAIN THE TROPHIES WITH BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS GOING DOWN AGAINST A FIERCE OPPOSITION. IT IS REALLY NICE TO SEE THE RELATIONSHIP FORMING BETWEEN BOTH SCHOOLS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS CONTINUE. BOTH THE BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT AND THE WAY THEY REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL. THANKS TO ALL OUR PARENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO JOIN IN THE ACTION ON FRIDAY. I AM SURE YOU WOULD AGREE IT WAS A NICE WAY TO HEAD INTO THE WEEKEND.

OUR SRC AND SENIOR STUDENT LEADERS WERE IN ACTION ON MONDAY TAKING CHARGE IN THE WOLLONDILLY YOUNG LEADERS FORUM. THIS IS AN EVENT WE DEVELOPED LAST YEAR AND HAS CONTINUED FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING. THIS EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER ALL THE STUDENT LEADERS FROM OUR 7 FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WORKING TOGETHER, USING DESIGN THINKING AND CHALLENGE. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE UP-AND-COMING LEADERS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMING UP WITH SOME GREAT IDEAS AND PRESENTING TO THE WHOLE GROUP AT THE END OF THE DAY.

STUDENTS ACROSS YEARS 7-9 HAVE STARTED PARTICIPATING IN THE NSW DOE CHECK IN ASSESSMENT. THIS TESTING IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SNAPSHOT IN TIME OF OUR STUDENTS READING AND NUMERACY LEVELS. THE INSTANT RESULTS WE GET FROM THIS TESTING INFORMS THE FOCUS AREAS FOR OUR LITERACY AND NUMERACY LESSONS AND MORE WIDELY, ALLOWS OUR TEACHING STAFF TO UTILISE EXPLICIT STRATEGIES ACROSS THEIR DIFFERENT KLA'S. THIS WILL REMAIN A FOCUS AREA FOR US AND IS EXCITING TO SEE HIGH GROWTH DEMONSTRATED IN OUR YEAR 9 NAPLAN RESULTS FOR BOTH READING AND NUMERACY.

THE TERMLY P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST AT 5:30PM. PLEASE BE REMINDED THESE MEETINGS ARE HELD EACH TERM DURING WEEK 5. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR P&C FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. IN RECENT TIMES WE HAVE HAD DONATIONS TOWARDS BUSES FOR CAMPS, PIE WARMERS, CONVEYOR BELT TOASTERS FOR BREAKFAST CLUB, JERSEYS FOR OUR SPORTING TEAMS AND MONETARY AWARDS FOR YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND OUR FORMAL ASSEMBLY.

A REMINDER FOR OUR YEAR 10 PARENTS THAT SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING WILL BE IN WEEK 6, TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST STARTING AT 5:30PM IN OUR HALL. THE PROCESS HAS ALREADY STARTED WITH STUDENTS SUBMITTING A MOCK SELECTION, ALLOWING US TO IDENTIFY WHAT SUBJECTS HAVE THE MOST INTEREST. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION DURING THE EVENING IN WEEK 6.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCIENCE CLASSROOMS?

- YEAR 7 ARE CONTINUING WITH THEIR STUDY OF FORCES AND HOW THEY INTERACT WITH THEIR DAILY LIVES.
- YEAR 8 ARE STARTING THE TOPIC "ALL ABOUT ME" IN WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SYSTEMS IN THE HUMAN BODY.
- YEAR 9 ARE CONTINUING WITH THE TOPIC "DISEASE". THEY HAVE FINISHED STUDYING THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM AND ARE STARTING TO EXPLORE INFECTIOUS AND NON INFECTIOUS DISEASE.
- YEAR 10 ARE STARTING THE TOPIC "LIGHTING THE UNIVERSE" WHERE THEY WILL EXPLORE HOW WE HAVE DEVELOPED AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNI

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 11/8-15/8:

SRC PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

CHECK IN ASSESSMENT YR 7,8 &9

WEDNESDAY 13/8:

P.A.R.T.Y FOCUS GROUP

YEAR 12 VISUAL DESIGN MURAL

THURSDAY 14/8:

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY HSC MAJOR PROJECTS DUE

ART GALLERY VISIT – ARCHIBALD PRIZE

FRIDAY 15/8:

YEAR 11 SPORTS COACHING GALA DAY

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