PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWS

TERM 3 WEEK 5

As we start Week 5 today, there would be some nervous Year 11 students awaiting the results of their senior leadership speeches. Congratulations to all of the students who put themselves forward as leaders of the school, vying for School Captain, Vice Captain, School Prefect or Sports Captain. Results from this voting process will be communicated over the next week. Good luck everyone.

Congratulations also to our SRC students who were out visiting all our Primary Schools throughout last week talking to them about what to expect as they start transitioning to high school.

Last Thursday, major projects were due for our year 12 students. Well done to all of students for their hard work and diligence over the course of the year working on both their major projects and portfolios. I look forward to seeing them on display in our front foyer once they have been marked.

Last week, we celebrated Science Week across the school where our students have been involved in a number of fun activities and experiments in the science classrooms and at lunchtimes. The week started with an experiment being conducted on our whole school assembly which certainly captured everyone's interest. I look forward to the Science Fair that is being held this week and judging the fantastic projects that have been made by our students.

We have been receiving a number of positive emails of late praising our students out and about in the community wearing their uniform with pride and working in with our primary schools at a number of events. Our aim is to continue having high expectations around uniform and behaviour so our students continue to have a positive impact amongst the wider community. Any students out of uniform or placed on deputy principal monitoring cards will be required to attend lunchtime reflections. Please encourage your child to wear the school uniform every day and complete the monitoring cards and reflections if they are issued. Of late, there have been a few students not attending these and have been issued with a formal caution.

Our subject selection night for Year 10 students moving into Year 11 next year will be held on Tuesday 26th of August starting at 5:30 pm in our school hall. You'll be provided with information about the subject selection process and other relevant information that regarding University, Tafe and other educational/vocational pathways.

Please be reminded that the Term 3 P&C meeting will be held this week, Wednesday 5:30 pm on site at Picton high school. I encourage all those that can attend to come along.

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What's happening in the Support Unit this term?
You may not be aware that at Picton High School, we have 11 Support Unit classes onsite.
Please find an outline of what students will be focussing on this term.

Stage 4
English- From Page to Stage (Romeo & Juliet)
Maths- Rates, Ratios and probability
HSIE- History this Semester- The Ancient World (w1-5) & Ancient China (w6-10)
Science- Cells and Classifications
PD/H/PE- Changes in Me / Invasion Games
Art- Portraits
Music- Film Music
Language (Auslan)- About Me
Tech Mandatory- taught/ programmed by main stream teachers

Stage 5
English- Speculative Fiction
Maths- SE9- Equations/ Indices SE7/8- Financial Mathematics
HSIE- History this Semester- Change Makers
Science- Materials
PDHPE- The Equality Equation/ Invasion Games

Stage 6
English- Novel Study
Maths- Maths and Literacy for Workplaces
HSIE- Ancient Rome
Work and the Community- Career Readiness
Visual Arts- Portraits w1-5 & Self Directed Exhibition w 6-10
Health and Movement Science- Lets Talk About Sex/ Net & Court Games

THE WEEK AHEAD

Check in Assessment yr 7,8 & 9 all week (Mon 18/8 – Fri 22/8)

Monday 18/8
Write a book in a day 2025
Wednesday 20/8
Yr 7 2026 Enrichment testing
Yr 9 Outdoor Ed – Glenrock Reserve - Miss McPhee
Yr 9 Outdoor Ed – Sugarloaf Creek Trail – Miss Lindsay
Thursday 21/8
Science Fair
R.A.G.E Program
Friday 22/8
Society & Culture HSC Study Day

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What's happening in the TAS faculty this term?

Year 7

Have moved into their newest rotation - would either be Timber, Metals, Forces or Digital Technology.

Year 8

Midway through their Food & Agriculture unit - some classes studying food, others agriculture. Halfway through the term they will switch to the new unit.

Year 9

Child Studies

Started unit called 'Newborn Care' where they will learn the ins and outs of caring for a baby - including safe sleep, bathing, feeding and changing nappies.

Food Technology

Finishing off unit called Food Selection and Health, then moving into unit called Food for Special Occasions.

Timber

Just finished off their serving tray practical, about to start the designs and marking up for their next project - a foot stool

Metals

This unit the class will be building a BBQ for a campfire!

Graphics

Students are participating in a Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) unit where they use OnShape to draw a dragon.

Year 10

Child Studies

Studying the unit 'Play and the Developing Child'

Food Technology

Finishing off a unit called Food Equity, then moving into a unit called Food Service and Catering.

Timber

Just finished off their serving tray or trinket box practical, about to start the designs and marking up for their next project - a bedside table

Metals

This unit the class will be building a BBQ for a campfire!

Year 11

Exploring Early Childhood - Promoting Positive Growth

Food Technology - Started unit 'Food Quality'

Design and Technology - finalising their mini major project: Upcycled furnishing item

Construction - finalising all their online competencies and work placement on the online platform 'Evidence Central'

Hospitality - finalising all their online competencies and work placement on the online platform 'Evidence Central'

Year 12

Finalising their last unit in preparation for their upcoming HSC Exams!

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