PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Term 3 Week 7

Thank you to all our Year parents that could make it to the Year 11 2026 Subject Selection information evening last Tuesday. I trust you were able to gain relevant information to discuss subject choices with your children. We will be following up this week with students that have not yet selected subjects however as of Friday most students had completed their choices online.

Last Friday our Stage 4 and 5 students participated in the inquisitive minds program. Students were exposed to a number of mathematical problems and were tasked to work together in their groups as they moved throughout the activities. Well done to all students involved throughout the day for the team work and problem-solving skills demonstrated and for persevering through some of the more challenging problems.

Tomorrow we will be announcing the school captains, vice captains, sports captains, and prefects for 2026 on our weekly assembly. Congratulations to all students who put themselves forward and being part of the process. A reminder to parents attending that it will start at 9:00am followed by an early morning tea.

This coming week the Department of Education stop and recognise the efforts of non-teaching staff in the system. We are very fortunate to have an exceptional team of SASS staff at Picton High. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication our non-teaching staff show every single day in support of our students ranging from SLSO's, office staff, our GA and farm hand. Thank you.

Please be reminded we have Special Religious Education (SRE) providers that come into the school every Friday and run Catholic Scripture. If you would like your child to be involved in this please find a permission note you can be completed via our school's website.

Although we are in the middle of Term 3 our end of Semester excursions will be fast upon us. We regularly remind all students on assembly of the expectations for students to be able to attend these. Once again at the end of next term there will be a range of venues our students will visit on the day, interacting with their peers and having a bit of fun doing it. Students who demonstrate ongoing positive behaviour, regular attendance and active citizenship will find themselves eligible to attend.

In Week 5 of every term our P&C meet to discuss all things school life and how they can work to support our students. At the last meeting there were several proposals put to the P&C to consider in relation to resources, subsidies and programs that support our students. All are welcome to join. Please find a message from the P&C below.

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Picton High School P&C Association

The Parents' and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of parents and citizens who work with the Principal and the school community to achieve the best possible outcomes for students.

The P&C Association assists the school in providing:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education.
    - An important part of the P&C Association's role is making decisions about the best allocation of the Voluntary P&C Contribution paid by parents each year. This small contribution enables the P&C to continue providing valuable resources and support for students. It helps us to avoid the need for more time-consuming fundraising activities such as BBQs or chocolate drives, which can place additional pressure on families.
    - **In2025 your Voluntary P&C Contribution has been allocated towards:**
    - Subsidising the cost of buses for excursions
    - Supporting Breakfast Club
    - Purchasing a pie warmer for functions in the hall

Purchasing Jerseys for sporting teams
Providing monetary awards for Year 12 Graduation

If you have not done so already, please consider paying your Voluntary P&C Contribution for your P&C to continue funding vital resources for students. We encourage all parents and carers to attend the P&C meetings and contribute to decision making. Meetings are held once a term in Week 5.

If you have any questions, please contact the school. We look forward to welcoming you at our next meeting.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1/9 – 5/9	Year 11 Interruption Free week (Examinations Wk 8 & 9)
Monday 1/9	2026 Senior Leadership Morning Tea
	Yr 12 AH Pompeii and Herculaneum session
Tuesday 2/9	Fathers Day Afternoon Tea (4:30-5:30)
Wednesday 3/9	Yr 9 FastForward Day
	Yr 8 Gala Day
	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed – Miss McPhee & Miss Lindsay SES Discussion
	Yr 9 Royal Botanical Gardens Ag Excursion
Thursday 4/9 – 5/9	Yr 10 Outdoor Education Camp
Friday 5/9	Miss Van Diemen's Support class excursion

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