PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Term 4 Week 5

Congratulations to all of our year 12 students on the completion of their HSC examinations. 13 years of schooling have led to this point in time. On behalf of the whole school community, we are proud of you and we wish you all the best as you start the next chapter of your lives.

Last Friday marked school counsellor recognition day. We are very fortunate at Picton High to have such a great wellbeing team that work hard to support all of our students. Part of the this team are our school counsellors. They do a fantastic job every single day providing support and guidance to a large cohort of students. Thank you.

The year life ready camp will be taking place this coming week. This will be an exciting opportunity for our student, where they will partake in a range of activities preparing them for Year 12 and life after school. Thanks to our staff for giving up their time to provide a great experience for our students.

The Simpson Prize is a national research competition for Year 9 and 10 students which focuses on the service of Australians in World War One and World War Two. The 16 winners and runners-up, two from each state and territory, will travel to Canberra to participate in a 3-day study program in March 2026. The 8 winners will then travel to an overseas destination for an extensive commemorative study tour culminating in Anzac Day ceremonies. This year, Andie Stanton and Neve Byrne, two of our dedicated Year 9 students have worked hard to produce an academic essay in response to this year's question. Both students have produced well written and thoroughly researched essays incorporating a range of historical sources and perspectives. We wish them luck in this competition.

Please be reminded of the next P&C meeting which will take place this Wednesday at 5 pm on site at Picton High School. All parents are welcome to attend. The P&C have supported our students with the purchase of many resources including the many items supplied to our Duke of Edinburgh students who will be out in action hiking this Thursday and Friday. It has been a while since this program has been run at Picton, which is exciting due to the invaluable skills the participating students gain from it. Thank you to Miss Simone Lyndsy for the 12 months of preparation leading into this week coming as well as our P&C for supporting the program.

What's happening in the TAS classrooms this term:

Year 7

Students are completing their last rotation in TAS - either Digital Technology, Timber, Metal or Engineering

Year 8

Students are finishing off their final unit for Technology. They will then round out the year by designing and hand sewing Monster Toys made from different coloured felt.

Year 9

Food Technology - submitted their final assessment task where they were required to plan a party and decorate cupcakes that could be served at their party in the unit Food for Special Occasions.
Child Studies - submitted their final assessment task where they were required to design and create a model for a nursery with all the requirements.
Timber - are ready to submit their major project - the step stool.
Metals - are ready to submit their major project - the BBQ
Graphics - continuing working through CAD program OnShape.

Year 10

Food Technology - submitted their final assessment task where they were required to design a food truck and cook a dish that they will serve from their truck.
Child Studies - are currently presenting lessons tailored to children teaching them about different cultures.
Timber - are ready to submit their major project - the step stool or bedside cabinet
Metals - are ready to submit their major project - the BBQ.

The Week Ahead

Monday 10th November

U15's water polo

Gardens and Picnic Support Unit excursion – Ms van Diemen

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Yr 7 2026 Support Unit transition day

Wednesday 12th Nov – 14th Nov:

Yr 12 2026 Life ready Camp

School Spectacular Production Team

Thursday 13th November:

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hike

Warragamba Dam excursion 9T

The incredible Journey of Child Refugees – Stage performance excursion 7E

Friday 14th November:

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hike

9/10 Elective History Excursion

Grocery Shopping Excursion – Support Unit

Year 7 Swim Program

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