PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Term 4 Week 6

There has been a lot happening over the last week at Picton High. Our Concert Band did an incredible job representing Picton High School at Tuesdays community Remembrance Day service. Our students played with real pride and respect, and their performance was a beautiful tribute to those who have served. A special shout-out to Jayden Lindley, who played The Last Post for the first time publicly. It's one of the toughest and most emotional pieces to perform, and he absolutely nailed it under pressure! Thanks to Mr Madern, Mr Kean, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Wilkson for organising this significant and helping out on the day.

Year 11 students returned from a great 3 day at Camp on Friday looking exhausted indeed. I hear there were some great memories made as well as covering some important topics that make up the "Life Ready Course". Thanks again to Mrs Landow and Mr Miranda for creating a great experience for our students and to all staff that attended for assisting in a well-run camp.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme returns to Picton High! It was great to see a large number of students participating in their Bronze walk over Thursday and Friday of last week in the Royal National Park. I would like to thank the P&C for their contribution in supplying critical equipment and ensuring this program got up and running. Thanks also to Miss Lyndsay for bringing such a great program back to the forefront at Picton High. There will be communication shared with you early next year on how your child can get involved in this great experience.

We have had handover of the new classroom spaces at the top of E Block last week and will be ready to use from tomorrow. We are now waiting on the completion of the top of G block, Staff room, Library and top of A block. I would like to congratulate all of our students for being patient and safe as they navigate the hallways around these construction zones.

We are very excited for this Tuesday coming where we will have over 200 Year 4 students joining us from our 6 feeder Primary Schools. They will have the opportunity to engage in some of the High Potential and Gifted Education activities on offer at Picton High. Some of the activities on Tuesday will see students involved in drone flying, coding and robotics, elite physical fitness training, creative arts and problem solving. It looks to be a fun packed day for our local Year 4 students.

I would like to congratulate one of our Year 9 students Maddie McConachy who competed in the Pony Club NSW State Showjumping and Equitation Championships in Coonabarabran last week where she came away as a Double Champion. This required an amazing effort of speed, precision and absolute trust. Well done, Maddie!

The Week Ahead

Tues 18th Nov

HPGE Yr 4 Primary School Day

School Spectacular

Year 7 2026 PaLs transition Day

Year 7 2026 Support Unit Transition Day

Wed 19th – 21st Nov

School Spectacular Production Team

Fri 21st Nov

Stage 5 - Surf Camp Swim Test

Upcoming Dates:

Nov 26 Zone Sports Presentation

Nov 27 & 28 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hike 2

Dec 1 Catch up Immunisations

Dec 5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 7 2026 Transition Day

Dec 9 Sports Presentation Night

Dec 15 End of Year Excursions

Dec 16 PHS Presentation Day (AM start)

Dec 17 – 19 Yr 9/10 PASS Surf Camp

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