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# Principal's News

## Week 4 update

I would like to thank Mr O'Neill for relieving as Principal for me whilst I was on leave and to Mr McManus for relieving as Deputy Principal. I know the school holidays are well in the rear view mirror now, however I hope you had a chance to enjoy some time with your children and family.

Spirit Day was back bigger and better in 2026. This is an event our student leaders developed in 2025, and this year's leaders have built upon the successes of last year. Thank you to all our student leaders for their hard work planning and organising such a great day. There were some fun activities in the classroom and outdoor games as well. Our students were then treated to an exceptional number of performances from our talented students and staff. We are looking forward to seeing this event grow even bigger next year.

Congratulations to our U/16's girls relay team who came first in the 4 x 100m relay at the Sydney South West Athletics Carnival. They will now move on and compete against the state. Well done to:

- Khloe Harrison
- Suria Cras
- Aliyah Adjei
- Piper Dawson

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were involved in our annual check in assessments last week. These tests are designed to check progress on students' literacy and numeracy levels. The tests will continue into this week occurring on Monday-Wednesday. These results along with NAPLAN testing form a critical part of our literacy and numeracy program at Picton High School. It allows our team to adjust their lessons to work on areas that are identified for development. We have seen a significant shift in our overall average NAPLAN scores in the last two years which is why we have decided to keep the program running for all students in Years 7 through to 9. Thursday and Friday of this week coming will serve as catch up days for any students that have missed out on these

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## Week 4 update continued

Our student leaders are in action again this coming Wednesday as they host the Wollondilly Young Leadership Forum. This is an event that has run for the past 2 years and has been very successful in brining young leaders from our Primary Schools to Picton High working together on current issues within society. Our students will be leading this event again on Wednesday with distinguished guest including local MP's, the Mayor and Primary School Principals. Well done to our SRC leaders!

Our P&C meeting for Term 3 will be held in Week 5, Tuesday 18th August at 6:30pm onsite at PHS. All parents are welcome to attend.

Year 10 parents are invited to attend the Year 11 2027 subject selection evening on Tuesday 25th August @ 5:30pm in our school hall. Important information will be discussed in the hall prior to getting the opportunity to move around to the different faculties to see what is on offer. I strongly suggest coming along to this evening to help support your son or daughter in choosing the right subjects.

## What's happening in the weeks ahead

**10 August 2026**
Check In Assessments
SRC Year 6 Visits to Primary Schools
Entertainment Extension

**11 August 2026**
Check In Assessments

**12 August 2026**
Check In Assessments
Year 8 Gala Day
Wollondilly Young Leaders Forum 2026

**13 August 2026**
Check In Assessments (catch ups)
SRC Year 6 Visits to Primary Schools

**14 August 2026**
Check In Assessments (catch ups)
Wollondilly Arts Centre Excursion
SRC Year 6 Visits to Primary Schools

Mr Luke Farthing
Principal