PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 4 2026

Last week, our annual Swimming Carnival was held at Wollondilly Leisure centre and what a great day it was. I would like to congratulate all of our students who attended and contributed to the great atmosphere. Well done to all competitors and good luck for those who now move on to the zone level. I am looking forward to the Cross Country Carnival which is to be held on the 24th of this month.

Some of you may know one of our staff members that has been supporting our school and community for quite some time. Last Friday was Margaret Foster's last day working in her current role as a casual teacher as part of our wellbeing team. Margaret was previously the School Chaplain and has also taught in the classroom at Picton High. She has been tireless in her work supporting our students and parents during some tough and challenging times. I would like to thank her for the significant role she has played in her time at Picton and wish her all the best for the next chapter.

For those of you who have a child in Year 7, please be reminded there is a "meet the teacher" afternoon to be held this coming Tuesday starting at 4pm. This will be a good opportunity to meet some of your children's teachers in a casual setting. You will be able to get another snapshot of your child's progress at the Year 7,11 and 12 parent teacher night which will be held on Tuesday 31st March in Week 10. This year we are splitting the parent teacher information nights across two nights to accommodate parents being able to see more of their children's teachers. The Year 8, 9 and 10 parent teacher night will be held later in Term 2.

Although school has just begun for 2026, the transition process from Year 6 to 7 starts soon for our incoming Year 7 2027 cohort. If you have a younger child in Year 6 this year our information evening will be held on Tuesday 24th February at 5:30pm. This is not only an opportunity for your child to see the facilities at our school but also a chance to start meeting some of their peers as they transition from Primary to High School. Please contact our front office for more details or questions you may about Year 7, 2027.

Please be reminded that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. This includes at lunch breaks. If students are caught using their phone they will be required to hand it in to student central for collection at the end of the day. If your child purchases items from the canteen please ensure they have cash or a debit card as mobile phones cannot be used at the canteen.

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Please find an outline of events in the weeks ahead:

- Tues 17th Feb - Yr 7 Meet the teacher afternoon @ 4pm
- Fri 20th Feb - Yr 12 UOW Discovery Day
- Mon 23rd Feb - Yr 8 Bell Shakespeare Workshop
- Tues 24th Feb - PHS Cross Country Carnival
  Yr 7 2027 information evening @ 5:30pm
- Wed 25th Feb - Yr 10 Glenrock reserve Outdoor Education
- Fri 27th Feb - Zone Swimming Carnival
  Year 10 Vaccinations
- Tue 31 March - Year 7, 11, 12 Parent Teacher Night

Mr Luke Farthing
Principal