

Lyrebird



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES ACHIEVING SUCCESS | TERM 2 | WEEK 10 | 2022

Principal's Message

Term two is a school's main assessment term as students have been learning for nearly half a year. Teachers have begun writing their twice-yearly reports. We had the first of our parent teacher nights earlier in the term for years 7, 11 and 12. Parent teacher night for year 8, 9 and 10 will be very early in term 3 (week 2), after student reports are delivered. We have an online booking system of 10 min interviews. Notifications about the night will happen later in the term. On this same night the Department of Education will be conducting a survey of parent's views. I have attached some information from them. If you have time, please complete as the Department values your views.

You may be aware that our hall builders went into receivership. This has meant that we now have new builders and a delay in its completion. It had not affected us financially. I have not met with the new builders yet. I do not have a completion date. I hope it is before the HSC starts.

With the conclusion of our school Swimming and Cross Carnival several of our students have begun representation at CHS and State event. Our P&C also recognized our students' efforts at the last meeting.

Despite only recently opening, our school is already nearing capacity. We are constructing walls where once there were open spaces, creating classrooms where students can learn without being disrupted by noise around them. The first of two new rooms are nearing completion and I hope we can complete many more as our school continues to take in more enrolments. I estimate that in 2024 we will have an extra three classes as well as needing more teachers to teach them. We have already employed some new staff and we will introduce them to you next term. We are still about three teachers below what we need to cover all classes as well as needing many more temporary staff to cover teacher absences and leave. Our new government is working with all schools to try and fix this long-term issue.

Uniform

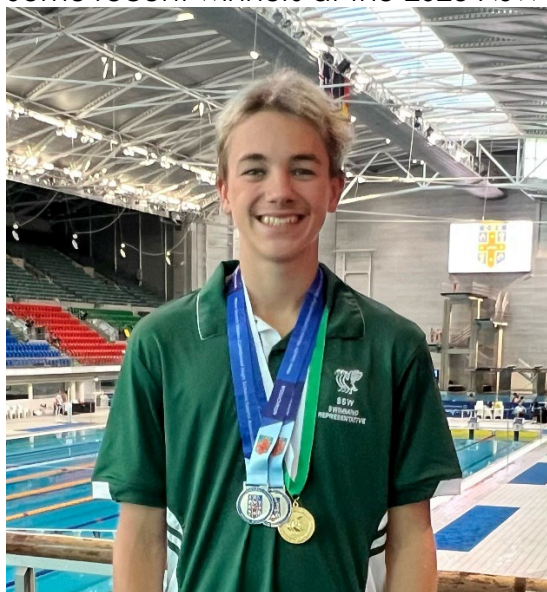
This year has only year 7 and 11 in the new uniform but it is encouraging to see many of the other years wearing it too. We are finding that too few students are wearing the winter tops and choosing to come out of uniform. As an inducement we have negotiated with the uniform suppliers to introduce a special winter offer. Please see the flyer attached.

Term 2 school photos



Senior Leaders Rheya and Eliza with our newly elected Member of Parliament - Judith Hannan at her swearing in ceremony.

Some recent winners at the 2023 NSW CHS Swimming Championships.



Brodie



Jayden



Our boys water polo team



Some recent Athletics Carnival photos



Our school Captain – Noah, receiving an award for student leadership at Sydney Townhall.

Contacts

For any questions or information about students please contact the appropriate deputy principal or year advisor

Year 7	Ms Amy Packer (year advisor – Ms Aitken, Mrs E Stewart)
Year 8	Tim O'Neill (year advisor – Ms McPhee, Ms Spicknall)
Year 9	Matt Tesoriero (year advisor – Ms J Stuart, Mr Miranda)
Year 10	Ms Amy Packer (year advisor – Ms Vujicic, Ms Dennehy)
Year 11	Tim O'Neill (year advisor – Mr Pearce, Mr Lamont)
Year 12	Matt Tesoriero (year advisor – Ms Stewart, Mr Velthuis)
Support Classes – please contact Deputy Principal Olga Tesoriero	

Survey on Parent Teacher Night

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) is constantly reviewing the condition and student demand of schools throughout NSW to anticipate their needs, whether it is to grow, adjust to meet contemporary teaching practices, or to find opportunities to implement other improvements. School Climate surveys are being conducted to better understand how students, parents/ carers, and teachers experience Picton High School.

Results from the surveys will help the department to better understand the perceptions of your school's strengths as well as opportunities for improvement.

As part of the project, students in years **7-12** will be invited to complete the survey during school hours, at a dedicated session on **Tuesday 25 July 2023**. Participation is anonymous and voluntary. Your involvement will provide valuable information that may guide and support the decision-making process for infrastructure improvements.

Separate surveys will be completed by staff and parents/carers. Surveys are available to complete until **Sunday 30 July 2023**.

A small team of staff from SINSW will be available to assist with the surveys during the scheduled sessions. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey or privacy issues, you can contact SINSW at sinsw.schoolclimate@det.nsw.edu.au

Farewell

This will be my last Newsletter to you. I notified my employers of my impending resignation this term. An employment process was implemented, and a new principal has been appointed. His name is Luke Farthing. He will introduce himself to you next term. Although my time at PHS was supposed to be only a matter of weeks, it turned into three and a half years. It has been a pleasure to work for our community and assist in the learning of so many students. I am confident that Mr. Farthing will take your students even further than I could. Hopefully without fire, flood and pandemics, the transition will be rapid.

Goodbye and best wishes.



Mr. Warren Parkes
Principal



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