It was a pleasure to take selected students to Wilton Public School for the Community of Schools Leadership Day. I was impressed with the way students joined with others and participated in all activities. Picton High School students were outstanding in the way they organized and managed groups. It is reassuring to know that developing leadership is a key focus of student learning.

For student safety I ask that parents please ensure all bike and scooter riders wear a helmet while riding to and from school. It is too late when an accident happens to wish you had insisted. Please check that bike helmets fit correctly and are worn correctly.

Last Thursday provided students in 2/3/4 the unique experience of working with puppeteers to learn about the different types of puppets and methods of presenting puppet shows. I was amazed with the quality of puppets that the students were able to produce in such a short time. Today the students are producing their show, learning how to speak and move puppets at the same time. A final performance will be held on Thursday 27th August in the Library. The time of the performance will be sent home so family and friends can attend.
As a result of our Athletics Carnival the following students have been recognized as champions for their age group. Kobe Julius – 6 Years Champion, Sophie Smart – 7 Years Champion, Isabel Mitchell – Junior Girls Champion, Daniel Gatt – Junior Boys Champion, Victoria Smart – 11 Years Girls Champion, Jack Cooke – 11 Years Boys Champion, Zoe Mooney – 12 Years Girls Champion and Brandon Irwin – 12/13 years Boys Champion. Congratulations to all students who received letters to participate in the Razorback Athletics Carnival to be held on Thursday 27th August and Friday 28th August. We hope you enjoy the experience.

This week is the culmination for students involved in the Performing Arts. Yesterday was our final dress rehearsal giving students the opportunity to watch all performances. Last night Miss Southwell and I transported choir members to Picton High to combine with other schools and tonight both the dancers and choir members will perform for a full house. Thank you to families who have supported students and to Miss Southwell for assisting with transport and supervision.

Last Friday saw all students participate in Backyard League with the support of NSW Country Rugby League. Students were kept active and involved in fun activities learning both ball and movement skills. Thank you to Jake for working with students.

Woolworths are once again running the Earn and Learn program. Every $10 spent in Woolworths entitles the shopper to one sticker. Collect your stickers, fill a Sheet and drop it in the Yanderra Collection Box at Tahmoor Woolworths or the School Office. Earn and Learn runs from 15th July to the 8th September 2015. The more stickers we collect the more resources we can buy for the school. To help you collect even more, Woolworths are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend*. The more you collect the more educational equipment you can redeem.

Thank you to families who have placed stickers in the collection box.
Congratulations to Lochlan, Lilly, Jordan, Mikayla C, Amelia Gi, Charlotte J, Katie, Charlotte G, Luke J, Cooper, Kaylee, Cody, Kayla, Daniel, Kallen, Tyler, Patrizia, Amelia Ga, Ryan, Zoe, Victoria, and Liam on receiving your Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Jordin, Aiden, Tristan, Sophie, Leah, Jason, Tuniaya, Jessica, Paige, Maria, and Tianna on achieving your Silver Award. Congratulations to Isabel on achieving your Gold Award. It is encouraging to see so many students being Respectful, being Safe and being a Learner.

Our respectful trophy winners for this fortnight have been Jordin and Maria.

Mobile Phones
While we understand that students may need a mobile phone for safety while travelling to and from school it is not necessary for students to have them at school. Students should be reminded that they need to use technology in a safe and respectful manner. Use of technology that is inappropriate will see it confiscated and the owner disciplined. Please access the Mobile Phone Policy on the school website.

Peer Support
Through peer support lessons children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way to maintain friends and build positive relationships. They will discover the importance to taking turns and consistent rules. Next week they will look at how to join groups and accept others. Children will also practice how to say no in a respectful way and cope with being told no. We ask that you discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

Canteen News
Our canteen opens each Monday and Friday with the support of a small group of parents and grandparents. If you can help on any canteen day please add your name to the roster. Our Sausage Sizzle meal deal will be held on Wednesday 26th August. All students should now have their order note. Please return notes to the office by Monday.

The canteen will be closed on the 28th August because there is no volunteers.
Community News
Our next family pub night will be held tomorrow night 21st August. Please put this in your diary and make it a family fun night.

The Fairy Garden has now been installed behind the play equipment. The students will certainly enjoy spending time in this area and letting their imaginations take them to different places. Thank you to Mrs Irwin for donating the mushroom seating for students. Please keep a watchful eye on our garden so that the plants can become established.

Our Father’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September. Gifts will range from $2 to $10.

Students enjoying the backyard league program.

Athletics Carnival Champions. Isabel Mitchell is missing from the photo.
2015 Assembly Awards Term 2

Week 4
K/1
Achievement Awards: Mikayla
Encouragement Awards: Amelia

2/3
Achievement Awards: Charlotte G
Encouragement Awards: Gabrielle

4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Amarli
Encouragement Awards: Brandon I.

Library
Lily, Patrizia, Zoe

Week 5
K/1
Achievement Awards: Tristan

2/3
Achievement Awards: Kallan

4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Zoe

Library
Lily, Victoria, Amelia.

THE NOT SO FRIENDLY FRUIT JUICE

Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, it lacks fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption.

Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:

Eat a whole piece of fruit instead.
Limit fruit juices to no more than half a glass per day.
Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the amount of sugar
It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.

DID YOU KNOW VEGETABLES ARE PERFECT FOR CRUNCH & SIP?

Green beans, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, capsicum and carrots make a great Crunch & Sip snacks. Sliced vegetables and store in a small container with dip or plain.
News

A thankyou to those students who came to our Read-a –thon last Thursday! Well done to Olivia, Zoe, Paige, Liberty, Tianna, Kaylee, Kallen, Cody and Luke.

This is our final week for the Premier Reading Challenge. Well done to those who completed it. You will receive the award when they arrive 4th term as well as a surprise. There are still quite a few students in year 5&6 that haven’t finished yet. Please give me your challenge sheet ASAP if you are finished!

Next week is actually **BOOK WEEK** but we will be holding our celebrations on **Thursday 3rd September**. Please start thinking about your favourite BOOK character to come dressed as. Remember the theme this year is: **BOOKS LIGHTUP OUR WORLD!**

Michelle Ainsworth
(Teacher/ Librarian)
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