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Last Friday saw high schools (and some truly funky parents) all over our state swathed in the power of the PURPLE…This colour chosen to signify and support Gender Equality and Diversity saw our local Picton College of Knowledge students stand together to acknowledge fair treatment, understanding and acceptance. Vibrant, powerful, wonderful. The purple we remove, to wash for the next time…the message to stay with us for life. Regardless of what we wear, these principles are the very core of humanity. And why wait till our teens to embrace them… Our K to 6 Thirrmere Primary School is the perfect place to develop and reinforce every life skill. Our children have rights to the intrinsic values that govern our lives…And with these rights come the responsibilities. Current conversation in our house right now is centred on choices and consequences. We are working on judgement, recognising the need for change and knowing when to walk away…not an easy lesson, but extremely crucial. For us adults too. Guiding our kids successfully means we also exercise the responsibilities that come with our rights…of respect for ourselves and others, of fair treatment and speech, of empathy, of giving and being the best we can. We owe it to our kids.

Parental rights were TOP of the Agenda at the recent P&C Federation AGM. Changes to future enrolment forms will see the removal of information about Ethics class availability. The motion to fight these restrictions was supported unanimously (all 48 votes). The Federation will continue to lobby the Department of Education as it advocates informed choice for all.

Informed choice is also the message for NSW Healthy Kids Association FRUIT AND VEG MONTH. Themed as Going Green, this great initiative promotes better for you food options and sustainability. Last week’s Light Up Book week Meal Deal ticked all the boxes with this baby…. and the chookies took care of the recycling! On behalf of the P&C, I say thankyou to all who supported our fabulous fresh and healthy lunch choices, many compliments have been received. On behalf of our parents, I say thankyou to Lee-Anne, Deb and Kathryn for their hard work and commitment to the best for our kids.

The best for our kids means we also no longer serve white bread in the canteen. All sandwiches and rolls are prepared using the softest, freshest wholemeal. Just a bit of extra housekeeping…we have had a few cases of missing lunches lately. We do have a policy that requires our admin to contact parents concerned. It is also often a judgement call on our volunteers as to provide lunch appropriately. We do not give out free food. We have found in the past that this gets kids ‘begging’, encourages kids to eat way more than they really need and is not fair when other kids have paid. Parents who have already provided food for their kids may also not be happy to know that they have been accessing extra at school. Please ensure your kids have their lunch or are aware of any plans you have to purchase etc. If you are experiencing any difficulties please let the office know! We have many ways of assisting in real need.

And to those who really need something utterly spectacularly amazingly awesome for Dad, Grandad, Pop, Stepdad, Uncle or Big Brother… This Thursday is Father’s Day Stall Day!!!!! The P&C will have gifts from $1 to $15. All classes will have a chance to attend. If you would like your child to participate, please send money appropriately contained.

For All
The
Hugs, help, homework, high-fives, headstands, handy work, most hugest heroic deeds
EVER, you
ROCK!!!

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY