Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful start to term three with lots of enthusiasm and interest in our new units of work. During Science lessons students will be involved in a unit called “Under my Skin” where we will be learning about internal organs and their functions. During Creative and Practical Arts students will be involved in sewing activities with Mrs Lawrence in preparation for the Wentworth Show. Mr Astill will be teaching a unit about Antarctica during HSIE and focusing on digital literacy during a portion of lessons. Sporting opportunities will continue this term with Athletics and Cricket lessons on Mondays and Thursdays. Students need to wear sports uniform on these days. Appropriate shoes are important for your child’s comfort and safety during sporting activities.

We will also be planting some seeds in our garden this term and hope we can grow some goodies to use in the kitchen when we cook with Annie.

Communication

Newsletters will continue every fortnight this term and will also be on our school website if you happen to misplace your paper copy. Starting this term I will also send an email each Monday to let you know what is happening during the week, any changes that may have taken place since the previous newsletter or new events that may have come up.

Strong links between school and home is advantageous for your child and their level of engagement in education.

I wondered why somebody didn’t do something, then I realised, I am somebody.

Thank you to the P&C and parents who have been busy working towards improving our school. The P&C pie drive was a huge success with a total of $640.40 being raised for Palinyewah School. This fundraising will assist with payment of our new sports shed. We received a generous order from Jamesville Station. Thank you also to the parents who donated their time and equipment at the working bee days in the holidays preparing the site and laying concrete for the sports shed. Your efforts and expertise are greatly appreciated by the staff, students and school community of Palinyewah. It was wonderful to see some of our past students, Jack and Sam Seaman at the working bee helping.
Education Week 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world". The same slogan has been adopted for this year and the poster art modified for our 60th anniversary.

Open Day Palinyewah 2014

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| 12.00  | Early lunch – SRC selling hot dogs
Lunch time meeting in the Library for parents interested in school camps – 12.30pm. | All            |
| 1.00   | Outdoor games                                                             | Adam Astill    |
| 2.00   | Conclusion of celebrations                                                |                |

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NAIDOC Day is an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC celebrations are part of the Department's commitment to acknowledge, recognise and value Indigenous histories and cultures, nurture and value Indigenous leadership and staff, and embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in all aspects of schooling and training.

On Wednesday 16 July Palinyewah Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day with Wentworth Public School at Wentworth. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including making jonny cakes, painting, dance, decorating clapping sticks and throwing boomerangs. The students appreciated having a number of local community members presenting and running activities where they were able to learn more about Aboriginal culture. Palinyewah staff and students would like to thank Trish Jones for organising such a wonderful celebration.