



PALINYEWAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 1

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This Week

Term 1 Week 1

Monday 2nd Feb

Tuesday 3rd Feb

Staff Development Day
Small Schools meeting at Palinyewah

Wednesday 4th Feb

Students start school

Thursday 5th Feb

Friday 6th Feb

Term 1 Week 2

Monday 9th Feb

Tuesday 10th Feb

Wednesday 11th Feb

Thursday 12th Feb

Intensive Swimming Wentworth

Friday 13th Feb

Intensive Swimming Wentworth

Term 1 Week 3

Monday 16th Feb

Intensive Swimming Wentworth

Tuesday 17th Feb

Intensive Swimming Wentworth

Wednesday 18th Feb

Intensive Swimming Wentworth

Thursday 19th Feb

Friday 20th Feb

Small Schools Swimming
Carnival - Wentworth

Focus Value

*Respect for Everyone and Everything
(including yourself)*

Welcome to the 2009 School Year. We hope that everyone has had a safe, happy and **relaxing** holiday!

Intensive Swimming

The Intensive Swimming Program this year will be run at the Wentworth Pool on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th February and Wednesday 18th. We will be having two 45 minute lessons each day – 11:15-12:00 and 1:00-1:45pm. The instructors will be Mrs Wall, Mrs Farley, Mr Mercer, Miss Annita Keatch and Mr Tom Keatch.

Students will need to bring bathers, Fitted T-shirt or swimming top for swimming in, sunscreen, lunch and plenty to drink. Children are able to buy something small from the canteen after they have eaten their lunch. They will not be able to buy from the canteen after swimming.

We have hired a 12 seater bus from Benetook Bus Hire and will be able to transport most children in this vehicle. Mr Mercer will drive the bus. Mrs Wall will take her car and we will need one parent to assist each day.

To be able to use private cars the Dept of Education requires that the school:

1. Sights and copies driver's licence
2. Sights and copies car registration papers
3. Sights and copies private insurance papers
4. Has a completed Child Protection Declaration

It would assist with excursion planning if this paperwork could be

collected at the beginning of each year. I have copies of the Prohibited Employment Declaration form for parent volunteers who have not yet signed this. This form needs to be completed only once and is filed at the school.

Parents are also reminded that when transporting children for a school function that each passenger needs to have a working seatbelt and that speed limits and road rules are strictly adhered to.

Thank for your co-operation with these requirements.

The daily routine will be:

9-10am	School lesson time
10-10:30	Recess
10:30	Leave school
11:15	First swimming lesson
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Second swimming lesson
1:45	Students get changed
2:15	Depart pool
2:45	Arrive back at school
3:10	End of school



Small School's Swimming Carnival

Details for the Swimming Carnival are as follows:

Date: Friday 20th February 2008

Venue: Wentworth Swimming Pool

Time: 9:45am for a 10am start

Entrance Fee: \$1 for child swimming

Lunch: There will be pies, pasties and steamed dim sims, drinks and ice-creams available on the day from the canteen.

Please complete the attached permission form for the carnival. As most parents attend transport will be by private arrangement. If you are having difficulty arranging transport for your child please let us know. We are the host school for the carnival this year.

Working Bees

During the holiday the P & C organised three working bees to complete some jobs around the school. The staff and students would like to thank all the parents and community members who came to these and assisted - there were so many helpers from most families!! The visiting staff from Pomona and Pooncarie commented on how attractive the school looked. The students now have an amazing cricket pitch, we have a wonderful back fence, the bushes and old swing frame have disappeared, some sprinklers replaced, gate fixed, new wire around the weather shed and the shrub area near the Fire Station has been cleaned up.

School Learning Support Co-ordinators

The Sunraysia cluster of schools has been identified as an active and co-operative group of schools to take part in a new government initiative which was only announced late Term4. Each school is to be given some time and will have a School Learning Support Co-ordinator who will have access to online training in areas such as Learning Difficulties, Autism, Behaviour etc. These co-ordinators will form a network to support each other, share ideas and encourage communication across schools in our area.

After very careful consideration Jenny Wall will take on the role of School Learning Support Co-ordinator for the three small schools Pomona, Palinyewah and Pooncarie. This will not make many changes to our existing school routine but will provide benefits. The project is still so new that we are awaiting official confirmation and exact details as how it is to run.

At this stage the Classes will be run the same as last year. Mr Mercer will be teaching the Year 4-6 class (and Year 3 for some subjects) three days a week while Mrs Wall undertakes the training; working with children, groups or staff at our school, visits Pomona and Pooncarie for half a day each week.

Bus Passes 2009

Please be advised that your children will need to keep their 2008 Bus Passes for the beginning of next year until the new ones are issued. They should carry their bus pass in their school bags at all times. Students going into Year 3 will need to complete a form for the Ministry of Transport and return it to the school for signing.

School Lunches

Please find attached a lunch list with current prices. This year we would like to try using brown paper lunch bags to put the food into. It would be greatly appreciated if you could write the orders onto a bag for each child (money could be put into one lunch bag if there is more than one child).

A reminder that due to OHS reasons we will not be able to heat up Two Minute Noodles.

Future Dates

Term 1	
Wednesday 25 th Feb	Toy Library
Thursday 9 th April	Last Day of
Term	

Term 2	
Tuesday 28 th April	Staff Dev Day
Wednesday 29 th April	Students Start