



PALINYEWAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1

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Coming Up

Friday 25th April

ANZAC DAY March Poon / Wentworth

Term 2 Week 1

Thursday 1st May

Friday 2nd May

Return Fish Diaries

Term 2 Week 2

Monday 5th May

Jenny/Tamie Austswim Training

Tuesday 6th May

Wednesday 7th May

School Photos

Thursday 8th May

School Cross Country

Friday 9th May

Term 2 Week 3

Monday 12th May

Tuesday 13th May

Year 3/5 National Testing

Toy Library

P&C Meeting

Mrs Farley at Conference

Wednesday 14th May

Year 3/5 National Testing

Mrs Farley at Conference

Thursday 15th May

Year 3/5 National Testing

Mrs Farley at Conference

Friday 9th May

Mrs Wall at Assessment Inservice

Focus Value

Be An Active Listener

It has been great to see all the students back after having a relaxing holiday. As usual we will be having a busy term with plenty of things happening!!



ANZAC DAY

This year ANZAC Day fell on the last Friday of the school holidays. Palinyewah was represented at the ANZAC Day Marches in both Pooncarie and Wentworth, and we have been very proud of the students who have marched.



The McMahon children in Wentworth

Active After School

After having a little break from the Active After School Program we are starting up again this Term. This term we will be running the Active After School sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45. Mrs Farley will be running the Tuesday session and Kirrily McMahon will be running hockey based activities on Thursdays. To fit the sessions in after school we will have to start school a little earlier at 8:50, as well as taking a little time off recess and lunch. Part of the Active After School program is to encourage healthy eating so any donated fruit items would be gratefully received. Please complete the attached form to allow your students to take part in the program this year.

National Assessment Program

In 2008 The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy will be introduced for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The purpose of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of these tests will provide useful information for teachers and parents. In particular, they will help inform teachers in their ongoing efforts to address the literacy and numeracy needs of their students. In NSW the NAPLAN tests will replace the Basic Skills Tests (BST), English Language and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) and Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP). The national assessment is designed to provide information on student performance across a number of levels of achievement. Please find attached a parent information sheet.

NSW Dept of Fisheries Visit

Hopefully the children have been completing their fishing diaries during the holidays and there have been some catches and entries!! ***These need to be returned tomorrow*** so that the Fisheries Department can collect the diaries and collate the information.



School Cross Country

The Murray Darling Cross Country this year will be held next Term at Euston on Wednesday 28th May. We will run our school cross country on Thursday 8th May and times will be sent in to the Small Schools group so that our team can be selected. Most of the children have been practising hard at school so we hope to see some good times.

We will run our Carnival when school commences at 9am. We hope that we can have some parents to help with transport to the Golf Club and around the track on the day. Please complete the attached permission note.

School Photos

School photos will be the morning of Wednesday 7th May (***next week!***). They will be done by Little Images the same photographic group as last year. Please find attached the photo information.

School Excursion

Plans are underway for a school excursion later in the year. The excursion is for Years 2-6 as it will involve being away from Monday to Friday. We will be travelling to Bendigo and Ballarat to learn about Gold Rush Days and early Australian History. We have a 28 seat bus with driver booked. Final costing and itineraries have not been completed yet as I am still waiting for some forms to be returned. I need to know an approximate idea of numbers so that I can finalise costing and how many parents will be able to travel on the bus. Thank you to the families who have returned their forms already.

New Display Board in Infants Room

During the holidays carpet was put up in the backroom of the Infants Classroom. This will make it much easier to display the children's work and it also looks much better. Thank you to Carpet Court who donated the carpet and to Rachel and Steven Strachan, Dean Richards, Brett and Tammy Martin and Tamie Farley for putting it up.



Jelly Baby Month

May is Jelly Baby month to raise money for diabetes research. Kirrily will have Jelly Babies for sale at the school at a cost of \$2 per packet.

University of New South Wales Tests

Please complete the attached note as soon as possible and return with entry fees if you wish your children to take part this year. I will need to send in entries Monday next week as the Science Test is at the end of May.

Year 6 Mother's Day Flowers

Once again the Year 6 will be selling Mother's Day flowers to raise money for their Canberra Excursion. Kirrily and Edna McMahon have been growing flowers especially for the Year 6 students – thank you so much! This year we will be able to choose from a bunch of chrysanthemums \$5 or a special bunch contained roses for \$8.50. Please complete the attached order form and return to school by Monday 5th May. Flowers will be available to pick up on Friday 9th May or the children can take them home.



Eisteddfod Verse Speaking

The school has entered the classes into the Verse Speaking sections at the Mildura Eisteddfod this year. Each class will perform two contrasting poems. The children have been given copies of their first poem to take home

and practise. It would be really great if parents could help them memorise and practise their poems. We have entered as this is a very good activity for improving oral speaking techniques, and for confidence in talking in front of an audience. The Verse Speaking Competition will be on Monday 2nd June. The Infants will perform in the morning after the Official Opening and the primary class in the afternoon session at 1:30pm

Attendance

In completing our Annual School Report it has come to the schools notice that our attendance figures have been declining over the last three years and are now below the state average. It is important that students attend school every day unless they are sick. Students need continuity of learning to reach their full potential. The following article was recently sent out to all schools in Western Region.

COMPULSORY ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

The Education Act 1990 requires the parents of children of compulsory school age to enrol them at a government school, or registered non-government school or to register them with the Board of Studies for home schooling. The Act also requires parents to ensure the regular attendance of their children at school. It is an offence for parents to fail to meet these obligations unless they can show they have a defence (for example, illness or accident).

The Department undertakes legal action in the case of parents who do not fulfill these obligations despite all reasonable measures being undertaken by school and regional staff to support them. From the beginning of Term 2, 2008 new procedures regarding the timelines and responsibilities for undertaking this legal action will take effect. Details of these procedures have been provided to School Education Directors. The new procedures strengthen the current support provided to schools to address attendance through the Home School Liaison program

Schools implement a wide range of strategies to support the regular attendance of students, including extensive contact with parents to resolve issues of non-attendance.

Where the school has taken all reasonable action to support the regular attendance of a student of

compulsory school age but the student continues to attend erratically, the matter should be referred to the Home School Liaison Program for investigation.

Possum Magic Excursion

On Friday 23rd May we will taking the children to see a Possum Magic performance at the Arts Centre. We will be requiring a bus driver for this day. We will have the Bennetook Bus here at school on the Friday morning but may needs assistance getting it back to Mildura on the Friday afternoon. If you can assist please let the school know.

Water Filter

During the holidays the new water filter was installed and is now in use. The Department has replaced the old corrugated tank, replaced the down pipes from the Office building and weather shed and installed the up to date water filter which contains three filters and ultra violet light.

P & C

Mother Day Raffle

A reminder that the Mother's Day Raffle tickets and money need to be returned to school by Tuesday 6th May. It will be drawn on the Friday morning.

Toy Library

The Toy Library dates for term have changed. They will now be coming on Tuesday 13th May starting at 11am due to the National Testing.

Bulb Orders

Bulb orders have arrived at school today and will be sorted and sent home as soon as possible.

Coomealla Memorial Club Donation

The Coomealla Memorial Club has kindly donated \$350 towards the cost of a refrigerator for student lunches.

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 13th May 12pm

Future Dates

Term 2

- Tuesday 29th April - Students return to School
- Monday 5th May - Mrs Wall / Mrs Farley at Austswim Course
- Tuesday 13th May - Toy Library
P & C Meeting
- Wednesday 7th May - School Photos
- Thursday 8th May - School Cross Country
- Tuesday 13th May - National Testing Years 3/5
Mrs Farley at Conference
Toy Library
P & C Meeting – 12pm
- Wednesday 14th May - National Testing Years 3/5
Mrs Farley at Conference
- Thursday 15th May - National Testing Years 3/5
Mrs Farley at Conference
- Friday 16th May - Mrs Wall at Assessment Workshop
- Friday 23rd May - Possum Magic Performance
- Wednesday 28th May - Murray/Darling Cross Country – Euston
- Thursday 29th - Broken Hill Principals Meeting
UNSW Science Test
- Friday 30th May - Quality Sports Pooncarie
Broken Hill Principals Meeting
- Monday 2nd June - Eisteddfod
- Thursday 5th June - Writing Workshop with visiting author
Tamie at Reading to Learn
- Friday 6th June - Writing Workshop with visiting author
Tamie at Reading to Learn
- Thursday 12th June - UNSW Spelling & Writing Test
- Friday 27th June - Small Schools Athletics Carnival -Dareton
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- Tuesday 29th July - UNSW Mathematics Test
- Tuesday 12th August - UNSW English Test
- Wednesday 27th Aug - UNSW Computer Skills Test