



PALINYEWAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 3

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Coming Up

Term 3 Week 3

Monday 10th August

Tuesday 11th August

Active After School 2:45

Wednesday 12th August

Thursday 13th August

Friday 14th August

Active Before School 8:30

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 17th August

Tuesday 18th August

Active After School 2:45

Wednesday 19th August

Thursday 20th August

Barrier Athletics Broken Hill

Friday 21st August

Active Before School 8:30

Term 3 Week 5

Monday 24th August

Environmental Camp

Tuesday 25th August

Environmental Camp

Toy Library – Tulney Point

Wednesday 26th August

Environmental Camp

Thursday 27th August

Friday 28th August

Active Before School 8:30

Focus Value

Be Polite

Consider Others & Show Your Manners

School Pride – Office Renovations



New Entrance



Mrs Strachan in her Office

Things have been very hectic in the Office Building at school for the last month. During the last week of Term 2 we had to move all the items and furniture from the Office building in preparation for the builders. Thank you to Keren and Kay, Rachel and Nicole who did a marvellous job moving things. During the holidays the school was teaming with builders, electricians, computer data specialists, air-conditioning mechanics, and painters! The office has been transformed into a practical, functional and professional building that we are very proud of. There are still a few small jobs to be completed and things to be moved back in. Our apologies for not sending out the Newsletter last week or any other small things overlooked. It has been very difficult to operate without an office set up or to find things that have been moved. Our school has certainly benefitted from Kevin Rudd's stimulus package and we are very proud of our "new" office. Please come and have a look when you are next at the school.

Naidoc Day

On Wednesday 8th July Pooncarie and Palinyewah Schools took part in Naidoc Day Activities at Palinyewah. We had guest staff from Buronga Public School and Department of Sustainability running sessions for canvas painting, Aboriginal story telling, bead making, didgeridoo playing and fire making. The students from Pooncarie and Palinyewah rotated around the activities really enjoying themselves and learning about Aboriginal culture.

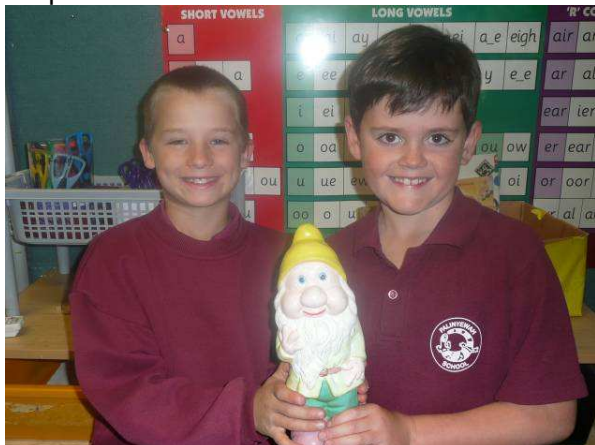
In the afternoon the Year 3-6 students took part in a soccer challenge with each school fielding two teams of 8 students who will play each other in a Round Robin. A big thank you to Ned, who umpired and helped the children with their soccer skills.

Thank you to Mr Mercer who organised the day which was enjoyed by all.



Collie Comes to Palinyewah

Collie the Gnome, who is the main character in Country Area Program's Interactive learning adventures, has come to visit our school. As a thank you for our participation in the programs and assisting during the video conference last Term we have been sent our own gnome. The K-3 class are very excited to have him in their classroom while they are doing their Collie's Helpers unit this term.



Student Reports & Interviews

Reports have all been sent out to students. Interview times are available this week and next week. Please return your slip to book an interview time or phone to arrange an interview if the times don't suit.

Active After school

This Term we have a few different things for Active After School. On Tuesdays we will be starting school at 8:50am and finishing school at 2:40pm. This is so we can take part in a video-conference session called Iki-Magic.

We had our first session last Tuesday which most children really enjoyed. It involved using a stick (last week we used newspaper rolls as our sticks hadn't arrived) and moving to music in actions or dance type moves. Our sticks have arrived this week so we are looking forward to the session. As the video session is only 30 minutes long the children will then take part in a game or activity afterwards

Our other Active Session will be held on Friday mornings as our presenter Chloe is unable to come any afternoon due to her university studies.

We will start the session at 8:30am on Fridays and finish school at 3:20 due to the late start.

If anyone has any fruit to donate for the Active After School sessions we would be very grateful.

Robert Trickey – Poet Visit



On Tuesday last week we had a visit from a poet, story-teller and ex-teacher Robert Trickey. He involved the children in storytelling and narratives before talking about poetry. There was certainly much laughter and excitement in the room. The students also had the opportunity to do some writing themselves. The teachers were also very impressed with the day. We purchased some of his resources and will look at him returning next year for a follow-up visit.

Salvation Army Dress Red Day/ Sausage Sizzle

A most successful day was held to help the Salvation Army. We raised over \$70 which will be sent to the Salvation Army. Well done everyone!

Environmental Camp

Plans are moving ahead for the Environmental Camp which is now only two weeks away.

We will be departing school at 9:30am to head down to Lake Cullulleraine. We will be taking a Bennetook Bus and Graham Wall will be driving. Pooncarie and Palinyewah schools will be meeting at Lake Cullulleraine. Students need to bring a packed recess, lunch and afternoon tea for Monday. On Monday both schools will visit Millewa Community Pioneer Forest and Historical

Village at Meringur.

Six staff from the NSW Environment Centres around the state will be running a rotation of environmentally based activities over Tuesday and Wednesday. The camp will be finishing at 3:30pm on the Wednesday and children will be picked up by bus and driven back to school. We will be back at school around 5pm so it would be much appreciated if parents could be there to pick their children up.

During the camp the children will be taking part in canoeing activities appropriate for their age. Even the K-2 children will have turns in the canoeing learning about safety and being accompanied by older able students. The co-ordinators do provide some PFD lifejackets but have requested that children may bring their own (named) especially smaller sizes. As we will be in water I have attached a water permission note. I have also attached a list of things to bring.

Successful Learning Conference

Mrs Wall attended the Successful Learning Conference in Sydney last Term. The key note Speaker was from America and it was very pleasing to find that Australian educational practices are well in place to cater for student learning in reading and spelling. There were also some interesting sessions on Autism and Student Behaviour. It is very useful to have the opportunity to look through current resources available and talk directly to the suppliers.

Food Handlers Course – Buronga Public School

We have received a notice that Buronga is running a Food Handlers Course next week on two evenings. We look like having two staff attending and if any parent is interested please let the school know. See the attached notice for further information.

P & C Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th August at 2pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Future Dates

Term 3

Wed 19 th August	UNSW Maths Test
Thurs 20 th August	Barrier Athletics Carnival
Monday 24 th August	Environmental Camp
To Wed 26 th August	
Sun 6 th September-	Canberra Excursion
Friday 11 th Sept	
Thurs 24 th Sept	Yrs 5 & 6 Rising
Friday 25 th Sept	Generations Leadership
Mon 28 th Sept-	Yr 5 Tech Camp
Tue 29 th Sept	

Friday 2nd Oct Last day of Term 3