

We are back into our normal routine this week and homework has been sent home.

Have a great week. Ms Clare

Years 5/6

Homework

Spelling homework this week will be the sound “ch” as in chicken, “tch” as in match, “sh” as in shell, “ch” as in chef, “ti” as in station and “ci” as in musician. In maths Year 5 are looking at Multiplication – 3 digit by 3 digit and Year 6 are looking at order of operation. Please get the home reading journals up to date and send in for checking.

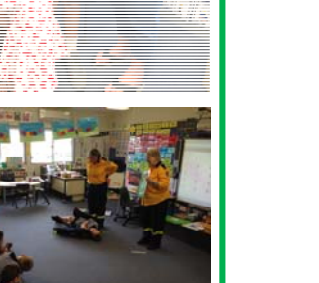
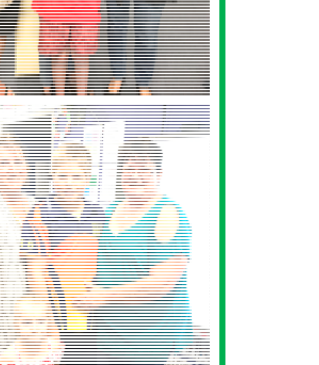
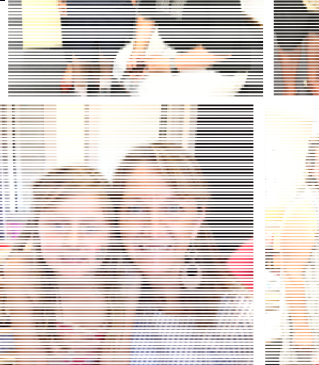
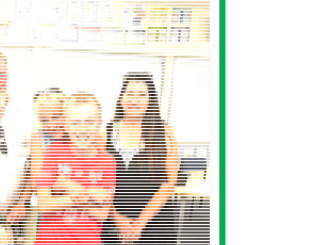
Working with Clay

The creations look amazing! The children are almost finished putting the final touches to their artworks.

Chrome Class

Mr Kelly spoke about the Chrome Class applications with the Year 6 students. Applications for the 2018 class are now open. Students need to email Mr Kelly to receive an access to the website, this will allow them to upload their applications. Closing date for initial enrolment is Monday 6th November. Final upload closes 20th November.

Regards, **Kath Hardaker**



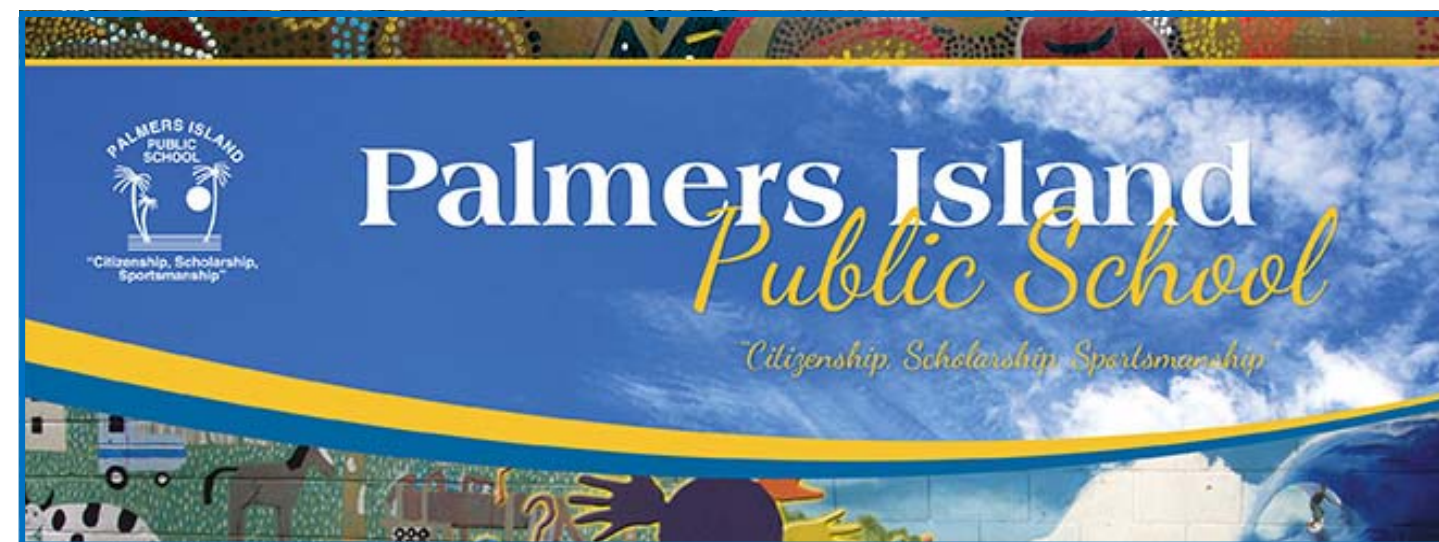
P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 1st

November, 6pm at the

Yamba Bowling Club.

All welcome!!



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Palmers Island Public School Newsletter 30 October 2017

Congratulations to our Students of the Week!

Principal News

It's been wonderful to hear the stories about the excursion to Coffs Harbour. Ms Clare and Mr Davies were very impressed with the facilities, activities and the exemplary behaviour of the children.

Visitors Sign IN

It is important and a mandatory requirement that ALL visitors to the school sign in. The visitor book is located in the office.

School planning 2018 – 2020.

Public schools in NSW are commencing planning for the next 3 year planning cycle from 2018 – 2020. The school plan outlines the priorities of each school and where resources are to be allocated. This is a time where we as a school community look at where we are and where we want to be headed over the next three years.

In planning for next year we need your feedback and input. This year we are asking 2 questions: What do we do well? and What can we improve? Please have a look at the survey coming home with today's newsletter. It includes a list of some of the things we have been doing or will do at school this year. When you start to list them you can see there are quite a few! I may have missed a couple so please add them in if you think of any. The second page has two spaces to answer the two questions.

All responses are treated confidentially - you don't have to put your name on it if you don't wish.. When you have completed your survey, send it back in to the front office at school. Each survey received will earn your family three tickets in the draw for our major raffle! Surveys need to be returned by Friday 10th November.

All parents and community members are invited to a meeting to discuss survey results and possible directions for our new school plan on Thursday 23rd November at 3:30pm.

Peer Support – Friday 3rd November

This Friday will be the last Peer Support lesson for 2017. I would like to congratulate the leaders for doing an amazing job leading their group through the activities. To celebrate each group will sit together for a shared lunch on Friday. Groups will meet on Tuesday to discuss what each child can bring along, could parents please discuss this with your child and offer some healthier suggestions.


Premiers Reading Challenge – Big Day Out – Thursday 9th November

The whole school has completed the Premiers Reading Challenge – awesome effort!! We will celebrate this achievement by going to the Yamba Cinema to see the PG movie “The son of Bigfoot”, we will then go the park for Chicken rolls and a



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- **P&C meeting ,Yamba Bowling Club**
Wednesday 1 November @ 6pm
- **Netball Clinic**
Friday, 3 November
- **5/6 Brisbane Excursion**
Monday, 13 – Thursday, 16 November
- **K/1 Currumbin Excursion**
Wednesday, 15 November
- **10 Day Intensive Swimming Program** 
Monday, 20 November— Friday, 1 December
- **Yr 6 Graduation Dinner**
Thursday, 7 November
- **Premiers Reading Challenge Big Day Out**
Thursday, 9 November
- **Life Education Van**
Wednesday 29 October
- **BIG 4 Class Parties**
Monday 4 December (*note change of date*)
- **Presentation Night**
Wednesday, 13 December
- **Last day of term**
Friday, 15 December



drink, prepared by the staff before heading to the beach for some sand play and beach games. The school is subsidising this excursion but still requires \$12 per child. Please return notes and money as soon as possible.

Fire Safety awareness

Last Thursday the wonderful team from the Wooloweyah volunteer bush fire brigade visited Palmers to discuss being prepared and staying safe around fire. Each class listened attentively, had a go with the fire hose and received a Fire Show Bag. Our volunteer organisations do a wonderful job supporting schools and the community.

Day for Daniel

Thank you for supporting your child to wear Red, Educate and Donate. Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day. We raised \$104.15 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Grandparents Day

It was great to see our Grandparents come in to share their stories with the children last Friday. We hope they enjoyed the day as much as the children and staff enjoyed their company.

Excursions

Only two weeks until our other class excursions. Please return notes and payments to the office to allow planning to be finalised. (*Thank you to those families who have finalised the payments and notes*) Excursion payments can be made at the office or online at <http://www.palmersisl-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

K/1 will be going to Currumbin Wildlife centre, 15th Nov

5/6 will be going to Brisbane/Gold Coast, 13th – 17th Nov. A full itinerary was sent home with 5/6 children.

We would like to thank the P & C for their generous support of all students attending excursions.

Life Education Van – Wednesday 29th November

The Life Education team provide a unique learning experience for children across NSW. Please send in the new notes and make payment if you have not done so already.

Swimming – 10 day intensive program – Monday 20th November – Friday 1st December.

Notes have been sent home for our swimming program in weeks 7 and 8. We always see amazing improvements in each child's confidence and ability during the program. Please volunteer to help out if you are able, help is always appreciated to make the experience positive for children.

League Tag

Mr Anthony Donovan will return on Wednesday 1st November and Tuesday 7th November to continue the skill building activities.

Opportunity Classes

Due to many interruptions coming up in the rest of the term, next week will be the last week of Opportunity classes. I would like to thank Mrs Doyle for her fantastic work and creative programs which have provided the children involved with opportunities to build skills and develop divergent thinking.

End of year Raffle

Please find tickets to sell attached to this week's newsletter. The P&C have gathered an amazing array of prizes for this year's raffle, more tickets available from the office.

Peaceful Kids

We will continue our whole school aspect of Mindfulness this week. Our relaxation is "Swings".

Kind regards, **Kath Hardaker**

School News

Years K/1

Welcome to week 4. I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend.

K/1 had a great week last week. On Thursday we participated in the Rural Fire Safety demonstration and discussion given by our local **Rural Fire Service**. We learned how to keep safe in dangerous situations that involve fire and were shown all about the equipment carried on their fire truck. We then had the fun opportunity of squirting the fire hose to knock over some drums. We sincerely thank the Rural Fire Service volunteers for generously giving their time to help educate our children about keeping safe around fire.

On Friday it was wonderful to see so many beautiful grandparents come along to our classroom for **Grandparents Day**. We all enjoyed listening about what it was like when they attended school. It was then a joy to watch the enthusiasm of the children as they were read to by the grandparents. Thank you so much to all who attended. It was a very special morning.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in the **Day for Daniel** fundraiser by wearing red and making a contribution to the Daniel Morecombe Foundation.

Last week we had great discussions about our favourite sports and the rules that are involved with that sport. This week our **NEWS topic** relates to caring for our surroundings. Students are asked to 'Draw a picture to show how you care for your class or school environment. Talk about this to the class'.

On **Tuesday**, we will be participating in our second **Footy skills** session and on **Friday**, we will be partaking in a **netball skills** workshop.

Once again, I ask if you have not already done so, please return the **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary excursion notes** so that I can finalise details. The excursion is **Wednesday 15th November**. If you need a replacement note, please let me know.

A reminder that **Library day** is on **Wednesday**. Please remember to pack library books and bags so that students have the opportunity to borrow from our fantastic library.

Hope you have a great week.

Kind regards, **Ms Davies**

Years 2/3/4

Here we are in week 4!

Last week was sensational! I am super proud of the 2/3/4 kids who went on camp. They were all well behaved and represented PIPS beautifully.

After the quickest bushwalk in history (children thought they were in a cross country race), we arrived at the **Coffs Coast Adventure Centre**. Activities included swimming, ball games, ga ga pit, fencing, sky wire, giant swing and commando course. The theme for our camp was **TEAMWORK and RESILIENCE**. So each student had at least one moment on camp where they were out of their comfort zone. For example we had some first time campers and children who faced their fear of heights! I was stoked to see the kids push themselves physically and mentally, and work as team to achieve their goals.

Students will be preparing a power point presentation about camp that they will then present to an audience on **Monday 13 November at 10.30am** in our classroom. Family members are invited to attend and then stay for lunch (if you wish to order food from the canteen please send in an order form with your child).

Please note that all photos will be sent home at a later date.

The students and I would like to thank Indiana (aka Justice's mum) and Kylie (aka Luke's mum) for assisting with private transport. Also to Ms Davies and Mrs Davies (aka Bryce's mum and wife) for doing a car swap! **A massive shout out to Bryce (thank goodness we didn't need the crutches) and Sarah (aka James's mum) for attending.**

Swings



- Slowly swing your body from side to side.
- Hold your arms out slightly from your body.
- Continually get slower.
- Finish by gently shaking tightness out.

