

2017 Selection Procedures for Year 5 South Grafton Opportunity Class Placement in 2018

Applications opened online, Tuesday 26th April and close on Friday 12th May 2017. All applications must be made online by going to the following website: <http://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date. All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2018 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 26th July 2017. If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance please see the office or your class teacher.

P & C News

If you would like anything added to the P&C Meeting agenda please email pipspc2463@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



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This affects their concentration at school, mood, behaviour & energy levels. Some easy breakfast ideas, that only take a couple of minutes to make will fuel your child throughout the day include:

- * Smoothies: Mix any fruit with low fat dairy to keep them full
- * Muesli, fruit & yoghurt: you can make your own over the weekend & store for use throughout the week.
- * Toast: Toppers include avocado, beans or cheese & tomato
- * Overnight oats: just spoon out a portion in the morning. Frozen berries also work great!
- * Eggs and soldiers (toast)



Community News

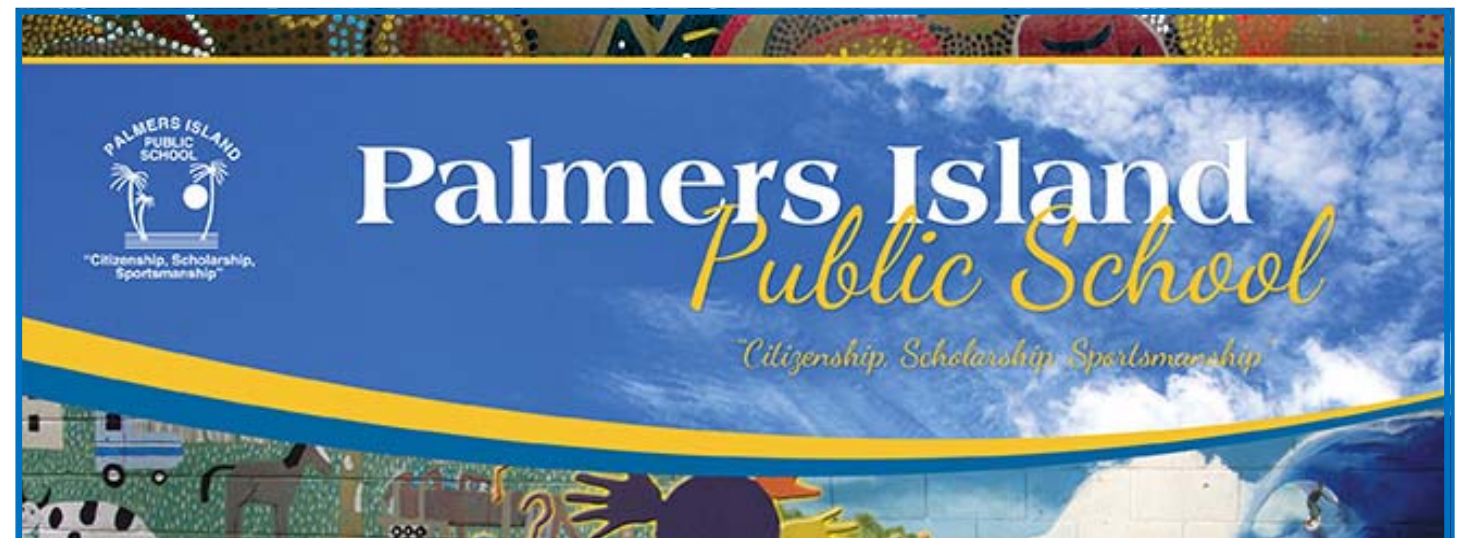
Maclean Sports Centre After Schools Sports starts now Only \$4 Per child

Days	Sport
Monday	After school Sports (Basketball) 4pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday	After school Sports (Soccer) 4pm to 5.30pm
Thursday	After school Sports (Basketball) 4pm to 5.30pm
Friday	Multi sports Picked on the day (netball, volleyball, basketball, soccer, Cricket) 4pm to 5.30pm



No bookings required just come down for a game today

For more information call
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Palmer's Island Public School Newsletter 2nd May, 2017

Principal News

Welcome back to Term 2. My family and I are excited to be welcoming a new baby in September.

I would like to welcome Ms Tranter to our school for the term. She will be taking students for Library and History lessons along with teacher relief, spelling groups and choral speaking.

Teacher Training

Ms Clare and Ms Davies are completing training today in Grafton. They have been replaced by Mrs Roberts and Ms Nguyen. Ms Hardaker and Miss Smith undertook the same training last year with expert teachers (Instructional Leaders) who provide ongoing mentoring and support over a 12 month period. We are very lucky to have this kind of training available in our area and at our school.

Mrs Searles, Mrs Groth and myself attended the mandatory launch of LMBS (the new computer system being implemented state wide) yesterday. The office ladies have an intensive 2 terms ahead of them undergoing fortnightly training and completing tasks to allow our school to be ready to 'Go Live' on the 4th of September. There will be actions along the way that will require some additional information from our families. The new system looks great however very different to what has been used for the past 20 plus years.

Show Day Holiday

All students received a note last week regarding the half-day show holiday tomorrow. Please be aware that buses will not run at the 12pm pick up time. School will operate as normal until 12pm when the public holiday commences.

Small Schools Cross Country

Ms Hardaker, Mrs Wicks (practical student) and Ms Tranter will meet students at the Small Schools Cross Country in

PIPS Cross Country Champions



Students awarded at Assembly of Excellence



Missing from picture: Sam and Luke McIntyre

2 May 2017



- **Maclean Show Day Half Day Public Holiday—School closes 12pm**
Wednesday, 3rd May
- **Small Schools Cross Country—Illuka**
Monday, 5th May
- **NAPLAN**
Tuesday, 9th—11th May
- **ICAS**
Digital Technologies
Tuesday, 23rd May
Science
Tuesday, 30th May
- **Debating workshop - Alstonville**
Tuesday, 16th May
- **School Photos**
Wednesday, 17th May

School Banking Day
is Tuesday



Illuka on Friday. Please return your permission notes along with travel details before Thursday. Remember your sunscreen, plenty of water and mozzie cream. A canteen will be running on the day.

Pre-Kinder

Mrs Doyle and the Pre-Kinder students enjoyed an exciting day exploring the school with a tricky treasure hunt. They created some wonderful art pieces and had fun getting to know one another. We look forward to seeing these students back on Friday Week 3.

Opportunity Classes

Students will be asked to nominate themselves to their classroom teacher for this term's Opportunity Classes. These classes will focus on Visual Arts and Coding / Robotics this term along with Writing for Year 4 and Year 6. These classes rotate each term and aim to provide opportunities to students displaying skills and high interest in a variety of curriculum areas. Classes are limited in number and are a mixture of students from K-6. Mrs Doyle will commence these lessons in Week 4.

PSSA Tryouts

Congratulations to Liam, Che and AJ who participated in the North Coast Rugby League tryouts last Friday. They were up against tough competition and unfortunately didn't make it through to the State league. Well Done boys for getting so far and demonstrating wonderful sportsmanship.

Students have been asked to nominate themselves for soccer and touch football PSSA tryouts. Notes will go home today if you are interested. Remember there are no age groups, it is open for all year 3-6 students, it is not a Gala Day and for students who wish to gain selection to the Northern Rivers Team.

School Photos

Our school photos have been scheduled for Wednesday 17th May. Order forms have been sent home today.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics commences next week on Friday and runs for six weeks. This will be our sports program for this period. We would like to thank Malika and the Sporting Schools Program for making this a cost free activity.

Calmer Kids

Cranes will be running their latest program, Calmer Kids on Thursday 18th May. Parents and caregivers will learn strategies for calming the anxious child, reducing melt-downs and teaching your child to self-soothe. The program is suitable for parents with children aged 5—15yrs.

Naplan

The Nation-wide assessment NAPLAN will run from the 9th-11th May for students in Years 3 & 5. Students will undertake Literacy and Numeracy activities.
Kind Regards, Ellie Wiseman

School News

K/1/2 Class News

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to term 2! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

This term we welcome Ms Tranter to the PIPS team. She will be taking the class for History and Library each Wednesday.

Don't forget that Wednesday is the half day public holiday for Maclean Show Day and the school will only be open until 12pm, and there will be no bus running at pick up time 12pm.

Kind Regards, **Ms Davies**

3/4 Class News

Welcome back to term 2! I hope you all had an amazing Easter break with your family and enjoyed this slice of paradise we call home.

I am very excited to be working with the 3/4 class for the remainder of 2017. My short journey at PIPS has come full circle as I am back to where it all began.

I enjoyed working in the classroom last term with Miss Smith and will be running Literacy and Numeracy sessions as per normal. Of course, I will put my own spin on things and look forward to watching the children learn and grow.

Thank you to Bryce for all of his hard work and dedication as he works as our teacher aide for term 2. We welcome Ms Tranter to the PIPS team. She will be taking the class for History and Library each Monday. Mrs Wiseman will continue to work with the class on Friday for PDHPE, Gymnastics and Assembly.

Homework will be sent home in week 2. I hope to see lots of "Hat Tricks" again this term!

Year 4 will attend writing groups with Mrs Doyle on Monday and the Code Club will meet with her on Monday also. Coding will be implemented into our class program and we will continue to practise our items for the Eisteddfod.

If you have any questions or concerns I am available to meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons by appointment or can be contacted via Class Dojo.

Kind Regards

Ms Clare

5/6 Class News

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. I would like to welcome Mrs Leona Wicks to our class. Mrs Wicks is completing her practicum with our class over the next 5 weeks.

We will start homework this week, please note that this is due back to school on Thursday. In spelling we are looking at the sound 'u' as in umbrella and 'o' as in monkey. The maths worksheets are looking at the statistics and probability strand where children need to collect, analyse and present data.

Our week will be short with the Maclean Show Day on Wednesday and Small Schools Cross Country on Friday. Children are asked to be at Illuka by 9:45am to walk the track.

NAPLAN

Children in years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessments on 9th, 10th and 11th May. To help prepare the children we are completing practice tests in class.

Kind Regards, **Ms Hardaker**