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Palmers Island Public School Newsletter



Whats On

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
FRIDAY
17 SEPTEMBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MONDAY
4 OCTOBER

STUDENTS RETURN TERM 4
TUESDAY
5 OCTOBER

BOOK FAIR & BOOK
CHARACTER PARADE
WEDNESDAY
3 NOVEMBER

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Welcome to week 10

This week we have seen the return of 100% of our student population. Staff and students are happy to be back to 'normal'.

Thank you to our families for your support in what can only be described as another unusual time. We appreciate your massive efforts whilst you were juggling work, other children and commitments all whilst ensuring your child was engaging with their schooling.

We are hearing so much positive feedback from families about learning from home experiences. Families have also reported increased satisfaction with the refined operations in comparison with our first lock-down experiences.

I must also thank the staff for their amazing response to the lock-down and restrictions. I wish them a well earned break.

This week we have had all hands on deck to complete student assessments. Literacy and Numeracy based assessments will give staff individual student data to measure the impact of our time away from school. Staff will use this information to tailor student learning experiences for term 4.

COVID UPDATE

As of this afternoon we have been notified that Lismore will go into a 7 day lockdown. People who visited lismore from the 7th September also come under these stay-at-home restrictions (as per level 4). Please note that students are eligible to still attend school. Information is developing in regards to Glenn Innes. Please check your local news channels for more information.

If your child or a member of your household becomes infected during the holiday period please contact me immediately via class dojo.

Holidays

I wish all our families an enjoyable and safe break. Students and staff return on Tuesday 5th October.

Mr Burgess Return

Welcome back Mr Burgess this week, you were missed by all. I would like to thank Ms Lotz for her fantastic work particularly through out lockdown.

If you know of any families looking to start their child in 2022 please share this information with them or for further information please get them to contact our office. We are accepting enrolments now.

Our Pre-Kinder transition program is getting ready to start in Term 3. We look forward to welcoming our new enrolments to Wednesday 1/2 day lessons through-out the term. In Term 4, our PreKinder students will participate in full day readiness programs so they are fully integrated and ready to start at day 1 in 2022.

Book your tour today!

Palmers Island Public School

Join our Small School with specialist teachers, caring nurturing environment providing opportunity and to all students.

Our Pre-Kinder Program runs throughout term 3 & 4.

Pre Kinder Program 2021

TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

CONTACT US
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DATE CHANGE

Saturday 16 OCTOBER

With the growing COVID restrictions, the P&C is rescheduling the Family Fun Day. This way we are doing our bit to make sure our school and community are COVID safe. We thank everyone for their support and understanding.



BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Please keep helping out as we get ready for October with donations of chocolates and supplies for baller jars.

Chocolate Wheel; donating chocolate bars like Mars, Snickers, Cherry Ripe etc

Baller Jars; we supply the jars and you send in anything to fill the jars like bag lollies, pair socks, stuffed toys, nails, paper clips, pencils anything that fits in a jar

PLEASE DROP ALL CHOCOLATES OR BALLAR JAR GOODIES TO THE OFFICE

MORE INFO ABOUT THE BAKE SALE, RAFFLES AND VOLUNTEERING WILL COME OUT CLOSER TO THE EVENT.

COVID-Safe School Operations

Overview

Guidance on mask wearing

<p>Level 1</p> <p>School operating in a COVID-safe/ COVID-normal way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools can operate in a COVID-normal way Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on-site QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors COVID safety plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events) Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines Community use in line with broader Health settings SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational Community Language Schools operational P&C on site Additional cleaning measures in place Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.
<p>Level 2</p> <p>COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors</p>	<p>As per Level 1, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (including parents and carers) Mask wearing recommendations Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only Assemblies must have COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents/ carers are allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursions within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.
<p>Level 3</p> <p>COVID-safe; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors</p>	<p>As per Level 2, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask wearing requirements Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted No assemblies No excursions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services) No uniform shops No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) No Community Language School on site Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are required for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.
<p>Level 4</p> <p>Learning from home encouraged, schools are open for families who need it</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community use (except early childhood services) No canteens Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

CLASSROOM NEWS - MR LITTLE & K/1/2

WEEK 10 - Term 3

Hello from K, 1, 2,

Thankfully, at last as a class, we close out the term. We are all working together to test and gather data about our students to make the best of Term 4 for every child. Kindies, Ones, and Two's are completing phonological and numeracy assessments. It's gratifying to see that there is so much retained from the year of learning. Well done to all students who have soldiered on in one way or another through the lockdown. The learning packs, filled with art and books display how much students love their learning and how busy they have been in the lockdown.

I must say I miss the morning books and afternoon workout sessions. It was amazing to see so many who have really engaged in the digital learning and on the Zoom sessions. I have definitely learned a lot in the lockdown which I'm looking forward to bringing into our class. (#1: more wheel of workouts)

Thanks to all the parents for keeping your children safe and in good spirits in these strange times. Have a great holiday everyone. See you next term.

Kind regards,
Mr Little



CLASSROOM NEWS - MR BURGESS & 3/4/5/6

WEEK 10 - Term 3

Welcome to week 10. I want to say a big thank you to all the parents and students for their continued effort during the lock down period. I've heard nothing but good reports from the staff and students during this time.

While I did have a fantastic break, it was great to be back at PIPS and see all the students smiling faces. Students have been excellent this week after lockdown and have transitioned really well back into routine. Our class has been completing diagnostic literacy and numeracy testing to help monitor the progress of students during their time away from the classroom.

I hope everyone has a well-deserved break and comes back recharged ready for our final term of the year.

Regards,
Mr Burgess and Talulah



CLASSROOM NEWS - MRS ESSEX

WEEK 10 - Term 3

WHAT ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING?

Welcome back for Week 10 for term 3. It has been a hectic term for all - especially our students.

We are taking this week to take stock of the students' wellbeing by simply 'checking in', creating warm safe classrooms and returning to predictable routines.

Supporting student mental health and wellbeing is a prerogative for PIPS. Currently, Mrs Simmons is running a course that both myself and Mrs Wiseman are attending - the course explores the kinds of issues that students may face, and looks at different perspectives, possible causes and approaches that schools can adopt to better identify their students' needs and support them.

Developing our students' wellbeing is part of our National Curriculum. It is defined in the General Capabilities - these capabilities encompass knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that will assist students to live and work successfully in the 21st century.

The mental Health and Wellbeing course will provide guidance for us to better support our students to develop skills like, recognising and regulating emotions, developing empathy for others and understanding relationships, establishing and building positive relationships, making responsible decisions and working effectively.

These general capabilities are essential skills in becoming a confident and creative individual, with a sense of self-worth, who is able to make a positive and lasting contribution to their family, those around them, and society as a whole.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to contact us.



COMMUNITY NEWS



CREATIVE ART KITS \$120

Use your \$100 creative kids voucher to purchase

The Creative Art Kits for kids at home have been very popular. I will continue to create the kits for families who love having quality creative educational activities and materials for their children.

In the kit I have included a 6 lesson program with instruction and worksheets + all materials which includes Watercolour disk set, brushes, paper, air dry clay, glue, coloured collage paper, woodless pencil set in tin, sharpener and eraser + oil pastels.

Order now by contacting Kerrie 0488 070 069
info@yambaartspace.com

Active Kids & Creative Kids Vouchers

The **Active Kids** program is a NSW Government initiative that encourages kids to be more physically active. Two \$100 vouchers can be claimed each year by parents and guardians of school children aged 4.5-18 years. The vouchers can be used for enrolment fees in sport and active recreation. The second voucher is now available and is ready to be claimed and used!

The **Creative Kids** program provides a \$100 voucher per calendar year for school children aged 4.5-18 years. Vouchers can be used for tuition costs for performing & visual arts, dance, coding, languages, literature, music and other eligible creative and cultural activities. Engagement in creative activities benefits children's interpersonal, intellectual, social and emotional development.

Find an Active Kids or Creative Kids provider on the Service NSW website or ask your local activity provider if they accept the vouchers.



Ideas for Active Kids Vouchers:

Skating	Rugby League
Bowling	Rugby Union
Martial Arts	Basketball
Horse Riding	Futsal
Swimming	Table Tennis
Surf Life Saving	Tennis
Athletics	BMX
Golf	Gymnastics
Cricket	Hockey
Netball	Rowing
Soccer	Dance
Touch Football	Orienteering
Many other sports and recreations	

How to claim your voucher



1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account



2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab

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3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)



4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

COMMUNITY NEWS

YAMBA NIPPERS INFO DAYS



SIGN ON - PROFICIENCY - UNIFORM

Sat 11th Sept 9am - 12.00 noon

Sun 19th Sept 9am - 12.00 noon

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**Season Starts
Sun Oct 3rd**



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have fun & meet new friends!**

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