

PALMERS PRESS

Palmers Island Public School Newsletter



Whats On

LAMINGTON DRIVE
ORDERS MUST BE IN
BY 2.30PM

FRIDAY
19 NOVEMBER

LAMINGTON DRIVE
ORDER COLLECTIONS
FROM 2.30PM - BUS BAY

FRIDAY
3 DECEMBER

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Welcome to week 6

Restrictions have been updated again this week around school presentation and graduation nights. We are working on the best solution for students and families and will communicate this information as soon as possible. These new updates have allowed for Piano to return this week and Scripture to return next week,

As we continue to operate on Level 3 restrictions, essential visitors only are allowed onsite. Masks must be worn by staff indoors. It is recommended that primary students wear masks indoors. COVID hygiene and cleaning measures are in place daily. Students and staff are not to attend school if they have the mildest of cold or flu symptoms and is recommended that they get a COVID test. If your child or a member of your household becomes infected with COVID-19, please contact the school immediately.

Book Week Fair and Character Parade

It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up for the book parade. In particular it was great to see parents attending from the the school gates whilst adhering to COVID safe practices.

Lots of fun was had at the annual dance off!

Hot Dog Day - Year 6 Fundraiser

Well done to our Year 6 students for organising a fun hot dog and icy pole day. The day raised \$60 to go toward finishing the chicken coop.

Lamington Drive

Our P&C are running a lamington drive. Lamingtons can be ordered online at pipslamingtondrive.eventbrite.com.au Be sure to get your orders in before 2.30pm, 19th November 2021. Collection of orders will be in the school bus bay from 2.30pm, Friday 3rd December. Thank you to the P&C for organising another great fundraising opportunity for our school.

PALMERS ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

LAMINGTON DRIVE

*Trays of traditional or sprinkles
\$15 per tray of 6*

ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AT 2.30 PM

COLLECTION FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER SCHOOL BUS BAY - 2.30 PM

ORDER ONLINE AT - pipslamingtondrive.eventbrite.com.au

All proceeds go toward completion of our school playground



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
66460114
PALMERSISL.P-SCHOOL@DET.NSW.EDU.AU



Accepting Enrolments now

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 has recommenced with Wednesday full-day lessons through-out the term. Our PreKinder students will participate in full day readiness programs so they are fully integrated and ready to start at day 1 in 2022.

Our Pre-Kinders have started to increase their participation within the K/1/2 classroom to familiarise themselves with their peers and classroom for next year.

Selective high school placement process for placement in Year 7 in 2023

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 are now open. Applications will close on 17 November 2021.

Find information about the application and placement process and apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

The application dashboard system enables parents to log in to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the High Performing Students Team through the system's 'messages' feature.

Parents having difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the High Performing Students Team by email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or by calling 1800 880 367.

Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Aurora College virtual selective school

Aurora College is the NSW Department of Education's virtual selective school. Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools - via the NSW Selective High School Test.

Connect locally, learn globally ...

Join the virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

Our school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally.

The 'bright lights' of Aurora learn with their classmates from across the state in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Aurora teachers are highly qualified and experienced subject experts with specialised training in delivering best practice learning and teaching to high potential and gifted students.

Applications for placement in Year 7 in 2023:

- open Tuesday 19 October 2021
- close Wednesday 17 November 2021

For further information, visit www.aurora.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 287 629.



For enrolment information, please visit:
<https://aurora.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment-information/>



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. 	<p>Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, except:</p> <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 6 - Term 4

Welcome to week 6.

I would like to thank students for their efforts with homework this week and last. The homework book Mr Little included in his absence will help students extend their knowledge of learnt concepts taught in class.

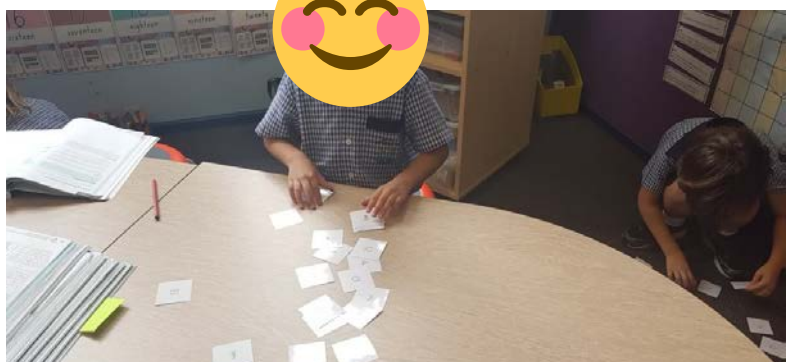
We are smashing through Initialit in both grade one and two and I am pleased with our progress! We have been working toward inferring in texts and using our real world knowledge to relate to new texts.

For math, Go Math lessons are working well. Grade two are focussing on money. Grade one are also learning money concepts focussing heavily on distinguishing between cents and notes. Kindy are developing their knowledge of growing patterns using manipulatives.

Keep working hard K12.

Kind regards,

Miss Ellem & Mrs Wiseman



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

WEEK 6 - Term 4

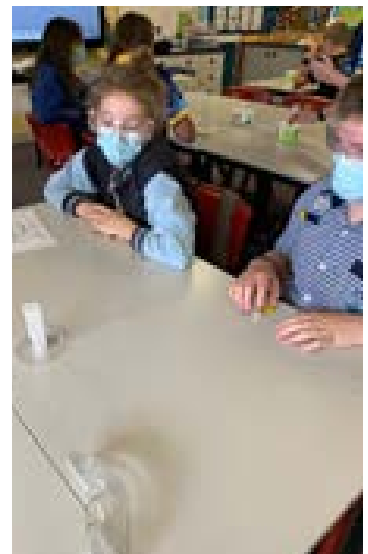
Welcome to week 6

Another fantastic week has flown past. Our year 6 students had a fantastic time during their final transition of the year before they're off to high school. The day was full of exciting activities including art, science experiments, and a geography tour of the school. We also enjoyed a barbecue lunch and finished the day with a Q&A from some current year 7 students.

It was great to see an incredible number of students in red to raise awareness for Day for Daniel. It is always important an important conversation to have with the students about being safe and how to react in an unsafe situation.

Mrs Bonnie returned our letters from Caroonia on Friday. The students were super excited to read their responses and learn more about their pen pals. Savannah was over the moon when she received a recipe off the chef to cook pasta. We will be looking forward to writing back and learning more about our friends.

Regards,
Mr Burgess



CLASSROOM NEWS - MRS ESSEX

WEEK 6 - Term 4

What is Squid Game? The FACTS

Info in this newsletter article is from [Cybersafetyproject.com.au](https://www.cybersafetyproject.com.au) and [Teachstarter.com.au](https://www.teachstarter.com.au)

Squid Game: Netflix record breaking series warning for parents and educators

Squid Game is officially Netflix's most streamed series ever. The South Korean production features characters competing in a series of games where failure results in death. Games played will be familiar to young people including Red light – Green Light, Tug-of-War and Marbles. Characters are systematically tortured and killed for the sadistic pleasure of a game master. Adults have sex, and there are threats of sexual violence: women are grabbed by the hair and beaten. Themes concerning the highs one gets from gambling, winning, or conning money are also a focus.

Teachers in Australia are witnessing children in primary school as young as 6 make reference to the show.

Children can access Squid Game via,

- Netflix
- YouTube (it won't show up on Kids YouTube)
- TikTok
- Instagram
- World in Roblox

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

It's inevitable that young people will come to learn of Squid Game. They may have come across it on Netflix or be encouraged to view the series by friends.

PLAN a conversation with your children to find out what they already know about the series, ask if they have seen any of the content and provide time and space to unpack how it has made them feel.

PREVENT access through using [parental controls](#) in Netflix to ensure Squid Game series does not appear on your profile. Use the primary account to ensure additional profiles cannot be created without the parental code.

You may also want to consider placing content restrictions for search on their devices using [Apple Screen Time – Family Sharing tools](#) or [Google Family Link](#).

PROTECT them by providing strategies for how they can respond to a friend who may try to expose them to the content or concepts. Keep an eye on the trend, monitor the situation, and discuss the topic with other parents in your child's friendship circle(s).

CLASSROOM NEWS - MRS ESSEX

WEEK 5 - Term 4

Knowledge is Power – here at PIPS we are keeping an eye on the games the students are playing

Understanding the different games that are featured on the show is going to be helpful for you (and us) in order to pick up on behaviours before they get out of hand. Here are some of the games that are played throughout the Squid Game series:

- Red Light, Green Light
- Marbles
- Tug of War
- Round circles of honeycomb with shapes on them

So, understanding how that game is referenced in the show is really important. Some of these may be popular games that mean no harm, but if they are playing a game and instead of just being 'out' the eliminated players are pretending to die – this could be an indication that children have been exposed to the show.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.





COMMUNITY NEWS

Uncover tales of mystery, intrigue and discovery

SUMMER READING CLUB

Explore the Summer Reading Club online and at your local library
1 Dec 2021 — 31 Jan 2022

visit your library or head to crl.nsw.gov.au to join the challenge

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JOIN THE FUN AT THE YAMBA TRI



The Yamba Triathlon returns to town on **Sunday 5 December 2021.**

We want you to join the multi-fun!

The McDonald's Kids Triathlon is built for 7 - 12 year olds. Encourage the kids to Tri something new and challenge themselves to swim 100m, ride 3km and run 500m.

All Kids Entries \$50



Yamba Triathlon Festival

www.yambatri.org



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

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Claim your \$100 voucher here

2 x S/M Puzzles or
1 x LARGE Puzzle

www.kidzjigz.com.au



*Creative Kids Vouchers Accepted

Nutrition Snippet

FRIDAY NIGHT FAKEAWAYS.



Our 'fakeaways' are good for health and for the wallet!

- Easy pizza - you have to try this recipe to believe how easy it is!
- Mixed salad - make the meal complete with this simple salad

3.5 of your 5 veg serves!

For these recipes and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



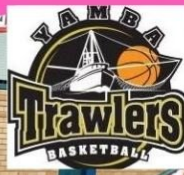
COMMUNITY NEWS



I AM A
GIRL
I CAN DO
ANYTHING
COME
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TRY

YAMBA BASKETBALL FUN FREE GIRLS SKILLS SESSIONS

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2021
RAYMOND LAURIE SPORTS CENTRE
78 ANGOURIE RD
10:00AM - 12:00 NOON
AGE 6-15YRS



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<https://www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl/>



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29TH NOVEMBER - 28TH DECEMBER

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BALLINALIONSCLUB@BIGPOND.COM

SCAN QR CODE
FOR LINK TO
SHOW TRAILER



Fridays
From 5:30, 6pm start!
**All swimmers must now be
registered to swim**

All registered swimmers will receive a free club recording booklet!

Swimming club is a fun, family friendly environment
working on personal development & growth for individuals in
a supportive group environment on Friday evenings at the
Maclean Pool.

For more information please email
macmantarays@gmail.com
or call our super registrar Jess 0404 064 087

We ask that parents and supervisors follow covid safe practices by completing
pool check in and manta rays check in, and wear masks in amenities and keep
1.5m apart.

Information on membership & registration will be available on the night.
Dry Member \$26, Club Swimmer \$80, Full Comp Swimmer \$100
we hope to see you there!



Yamba Touch Football Junior Comp 21/22



Potential competition categories:
(depending on team numbers)

***Please note that this is a guide only- register
teams based on the ability of players**

Year 1 & 2 (mixed, girls or boys)
Year 3 & 4 (mixed, girls or boys)
Year 5 & 6 (mixed, girls or boys)



Wednesday Afternoons

5pm- 5:30pm

\$40 per player (6-12 years)

\$50 per player (13 years and older)

Register as a team

Competition runs

1st DECEMBER 2021 - 16TH MARCH 2022

Angourie Sports Fields

**Yamba Touch is an Active Kids Provider for the 2021
Competition**

Does your child have a team?

Step 1- Nominate a team manager to register the team. The team manager
will follow these steps:

- Google search: Touch Football Australia and click on their website.
- Click on 'Register' on the top right hand of the screen.
- Select 'Register a Team'
- Search 'Yamba' and select the division you wish to register in.
- Complete your details to register your team.

**Step 2- Let your team know the Team Name and that you have
completed the above process.**

To register as a player:

- Google search: Touch Football Australia and click on their website.
- Click on 'Register' on the top right hand of the screen.
- Select 'Player'
- Search your Team Name and select your team.
- Complete your details and payment.

Each individual player must register and pay before taking the field.