

# Pallamallawa Public School

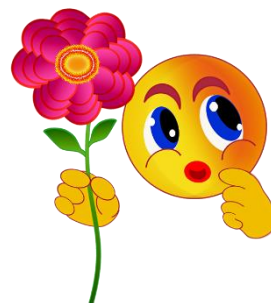
Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Rel Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

## Calendar 2020

**Nov**  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>** Learn to Swim Program  
**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>** Learn to Swim Program  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** Learn to Swim Program  
**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>** Learn to Swim Program  
**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** Learn to Swim Program - Fun Carnival  
**Dec**  
**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** P & C Meeting @ 3.30pm in Rigby Park  
**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Presentation Day 10am  
**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Graduation Luncheon  
**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of School

# Welcome to Week 6



Dear Parents and Caregivers

**COVID-19 Update:** Non-Essential parents are not permitted on school grounds. Assemblies are allowed to take place, however, no parents are allowed to attend. P & C meetings are allowed to resume at school with strict guidelines. Only after school is finished and no children allowed on site. Must follow COVID-19 guidelines. Swim schools are allowed to take place with strict guidelines.

## School Planning

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have been involved in completing surveys and providing feedback for the Situational Analysis. Your feedback has been very valuable and important to us, we are in the final steps of our evaluation period. We will publish some of the feedback from surveys in the following weeks. The feedback has been really positive so far which has been pleasing to receive. The feedback around "What would we change" was mostly around connecting with other schools. Further community consultation will take place either late this term or Term One in 2021, as we form our new Strategic Directions and 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan.

## Presentation Day-Award Ceremonies

This year we are unable to have a whole school Presentation Night as in previous years. This year, the award ceremony will be held at school for students and 2 parents only during the day, commencing at 10am.

**Unfortunately, we are unable to have children/siblings attending this event. Further information will be shared with you if there are any changes.**

## **Staff Development Days Term One 2021**

The NSW Department of Education has announced that there will be two Staff Development days at the beginning of Term One 2021. The start date for students in Kindergarten - Year 6 will be: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

## **Before and After School Care Survey**

Just a reminder to all parents to complete the **Have your Say** survey by **Friday 27 November 2020**, for Before and After School Care. You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>

## **Head Lice**

The school has been informed that a student has been found with Head Lice. Please check your child's hair for any Head Lice or Eggs, and treat their hair accordingly before they return to school.

## **Warmer Weather**

The weather is warming up now, please make sure your child has a Water Bottle with them each day, their School Wide Brim Hat and sunscreen if possible. Also students need to be aware that with the warmer weather, that there are snakes moving about looking for water.

## **Learn to Swim Program**

The Learn to Swim Program will go ahead in Week 7- Monday to Friday. A Fun Swim Carnival will be held on, in the last session on Friday. Due to COVID-19 rules and guidelines No parents, carers or community members are allowed at the pool. Students who are turning 8 years next year or older and can swim 50 metres will be timed to see if they can qualify for Zone Swimming Carnival next year.

## **NAIDOC Week**

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week which saw classes undertake a variety of activities including baking delicious Lemon Myrtle and Black Wattle Seed Scones, artwork that will be hung in our office foyer and Story time.

## **Remembrance Day**

Staff and Students paid their respects to our fallen soldiers on Remembrance Day.



## UNE Morning

The students enjoyed a visit from UNE Science Discovery team who engaged our students with two science activities this year. Students learnt about their Brain and how it works and how to care for our brain. The students also learnt about the Solar System and how far from the sun each Planet is. They then graphed the planets in order from the sun on a huge number line on the oval.



## PBL Core Values....

This week's PBL Core Value is **Show Respect**. Students will be participating in PBL lessons about **Show Respect: Show Good Manners**.

## Crossing Safety & Pick Up of Students

Parents need to be aware that it is illegal to drop students at the front gate on the crossing. The 40km/h speed zone needs to be followed. A number of parents have been exceeding the 40km speed limit. Be aware Police are now patrolling the area.

We ask parents when collecting students to be mindful that students need to be supervised and not running around out the front of the school. This is a safety issue and we thank you for your support.

## HSLO-Attendance

The school is required to contact HSLO (Home School Liaison Officer) about concerns of a student's attendance. It is a requirement that students attend school every day.

Pallamallawa Public School Attendance Policy states after two days absence, Parents are required to contact the school in writing or by phone to explain the absence and or a medical certificate is required. We thank you for your support.

## **For SALE**

The School has some iPads for sale to students and local community members. Gen 4 iPads only \$75.00 each (No Charger available) It will be first in best dressed - No Holds.



**Reminder: What's on in the next couple of Weeks!**



**Update Parents:  
P & C Meeting 7<sup>th</sup>  
December at  
3.30pm in Rigby  
Park.**