

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Week 8

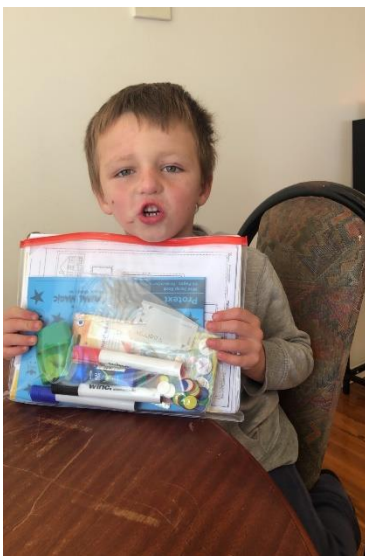


Thank you to everyone who continues to support the DoE guidelines for COVID-19 safety in our school. Our teachers and cleaner are continually wiping down surfaces and equipment and ensuring children are washing their hands and using hand sanitiser. Please remember to send a full drink bottle each day with your child as our bubblers are banned.

Kindergarten 2021 Orientation and Transition

Due to COVID-19 restrictions onsite Kindergarten orientation and transition activities remain on hold. While we cannot provide families with an onsite transition program, we are able to use other forms of communication to support families with children starting school next year. This has included:

- Kindergarten Packs - all students who are currently enrolled in 2021
- Kindergarten received their welcome pack last week. The pack provided families with more information about our transition to school program.
- Class Do-Jo App- in addition to our Pallamallawa Public School App we will be using the Class Do-Jo App to communicate Kindergarten-based information to parents and children during their transition to school.



Parent Survey

Thank you to all the families who responded to our parent survey. As a school we need to continually assess and reflect on our practices. The responses will help us to analyse and evaluate our current School Plan and help make informed decisions for positive changes in our next 2021-2024 School Plan.

Rock Wall Fun Day

Next Friday 18 September, between 11 am and 2pm, Pallamallawa Public school will be holding a fun day in lieu of our Excursion this year. Excursions have been cancelled due to COVID-19. There will be a Rock Wall, Jumping Castle, Face Painting and other events for students to participate in. There will be rotations so that all students will be busy. A BBQ sausage lunch will be provided by the school. It is also an out of uniform day. All students must bring their water bottles and a packed recess.



Check-in Assessments

Congratulations are in order for our year 5 students having recently completed the DoE Check-in Assessments. Whilst this is just one snapshot from one day for our students, the fast turnaround of the results means that the Instructional Leader and class teacher can meet and use this along with other school-based data to make decisions about programming for next term.

Initial findings from the Check-in Assessment data:

In Numeracy,

Strengths for students were Measurement and Features of shapes and objects.

Goals in Numeracy will be in relating to Units of Time and measuring time, an area that will be covered more extensively in Term 4.

In Reading our student's strengths lie in the processes of interpreting abstract or remote content and evaluating text for relevance to purpose and audience.

Goals in Reading are in continuing to develop skills in inferring meaning across a range of texts and citing evidence to support the inference.

(Year 5 - Jorga, Summah - Absent: Braythn & Vickashni)



Online Enrolment System

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday 14 September 2020.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an enrolment application online and at a time that best suits them.

Please see Desley in the office for extra information.

A Huge Compliment for Pallamallawa School

Pallamallawa Public School is an Early Action for Success school. K-2 reading and writing program focuses on our L3 Literacy, Language and Learning Program.

We are only one of two schools in the Hunter New England and Northern Tablelands regions to stay above state average with our reading for this year.

Miss Buckley and Ms Pidgeon would like to thank our parents for participating in our home reading program and valuing your child's learning.



SASS Staff Recognition Week

On behalf of the whole school community, the teaching staff would like to acknowledge and thank Des, Dwayne and Michael for all they do for our students.



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. We thank you for your support.

Reminder: What's on Next Week!

