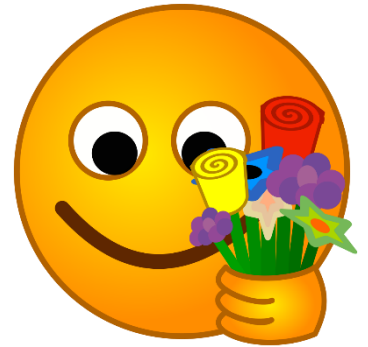


# Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Rel Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

## Welcome to Week 3



Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for 2021 and a special welcome to new families joining our community. I hope you were able to enjoy the break and spend quality time with friends and family.

We were excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students to Pallamallawa Public School for their first full day of school last Friday. There were no tears and all classes have settled very quickly.

We are currently planning to hold a Meet the New Families afternoon, into our School Community (with COVID-19 restrictions) and will provide further information.

If you have any concerns or there is something you feel the teacher should know about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the office to organise a phone or formal meeting.

The Department of Education's guidelines remain very similar to last year in regard to COVID-19 and these include:

- Students and staff who are unwell should remain at home. Any person with even the mildest flu-like symptoms should undergo a COVID-19 test immediately and send the negative result to the school before returning. They must not return to school until they are symptom free. Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get retested for COVID-19.

- Parents and carer's are only permitted on site if they have an appointment with a member of school staff. If you wish to speak with or arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher, please call the school office and a message will be passed on to them.

### Calendar 2021

#### Feb

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** Swim Carnival

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** Tennis

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** Assembly 2.30pm

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** Tennis

#### Mar

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** Swim School

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>** Swim School

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** Swim School

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>** Swim School

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** Tennis

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** Tennis

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** Assembly 2.30pm

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** Tennis

#### Apr

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>** Last Day Term

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** Good Friday - Public Holiday

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** Staff Development Day

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** Students return to School

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** Cross Country-TBC

#### Sept

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** Public Speaking-TBC

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Excursion- Coffs Harbour

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Excursion- Coffs Harbour

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Excursion -Coffs Harbour

#### Oct

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>** School Photo Day

#### Dec

**8<sup>th</sup> Wed** Presentation Day-TBC

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Last Day Term

- All visitors to the school site, including parents and carers must sign in using the NSW Health QR code displayed on the school gates or in the office along with normal sign in procedures.
- We will continue to provide hand sanitizer, remind children to wash hands regularly and continue cleaning resources after use.
- A physical distance of 1.5m must be maintained by all adults on site or while waiting outside the school.
- Students and staff are not required to wear face masks. However, they are permitted to do so if they wish.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle that can be refilled to school each day as we are trying to limit the use of shared bubblers.
- Assemblies will be held with parents.

We are in the process of purchasing a LED Sign to replace the existing sign. We will be able to display photos and rolling events on the new sign.

*Sharyn Pidgeon*

*Relieving Principal*

### **Staffing for 2021**

Relieving Principal/Instructional Leader-AP/Kinder & Year 1 Classroom Teacher:

Sharyn Pidgeon

3-6 Classroom Teacher: Justine Hazell

Year 1 & Year 2 Classroom Teacher: Alanah Radka-Wager

RFF/ Learning Support/Classroom Teacher: Chelsea Irvine

School Administration Manager: Desley Hodge

Casual GA: Dean Caccianiga

JOSS Cleaner: Tracey Baker

Canteen Coordinator: Trish Fox

Uniform Coordinator: Nicole Rigby

### **Kindergarten**

Welcome to our three new kinder students:

Charlotte, Jaxon & Savannah.



## **New Classroom Teachers**

We would like to extend a warm welcome Miss Radka-Wager and Miss Irvine to our school community.

Miss Alanah Radka-Wager is the Year 1/Year 2 Classroom Teacher.

Miss Chelsea Irvine is the SFLM/ RFF/Learning Support/ Kinder/Year 1 Classroom Teacher.



## **Canteen-Friday**

The canteen will reopen on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February for students. Parents please note change of day.

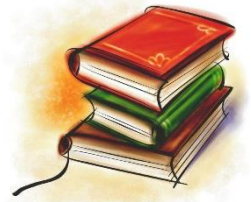
## **Commonwealth Student Banking**

Banking will resume on Monday. Bank Deposit books are to be left in the baskets supplied in the school office on Monday mornings and these will be handed out in the afternoon.



## **Library-\*Note change of Day**

Library will be held on a Friday this term. Parents please send your child with their library bag and books on this day. Any library books at home need to be returned to school.



## **Assembly**

Assemblies will resume on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 2.30pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend but must adhere to the COVID-19 Guidelines: Sign in with the QR code, maintain social distancing, and practice hand hygiene and not to interact with other people.

## **Tennis**

The school has obtained the services of Mrs Margie Buckley for 5 weeks to conduct Tennis lessons with all students on a Friday for Sport. Any students that have their own tennis racquet, would they please bring them to school on these days. We need a parent helper for these lessons. If you would like to volunteer on these Fridays, would you please contact the school office so we can process the necessary paperwork.





## Calendar Dates

In the Calendar, we have added the major events for the year. These dates are tentative and will be confirmed closer to the date.



## 2021 Home Reading Scheme

Homework and home reading will commence for all classes next week. This year we begin the Home Reading Scheme to encourage reading at home. Students will receive raffle tickets to go into a raffle draw upon each 20 nights of reading.

A raffle ticket will be drawn at each Friday assembly with the winning student choosing a new book from our wonderful collection of book prizes. Tickets not drawn will remain in the draw giving students an increased chance of winning the more nights they read. Students must remember to keep track of their reading at home by completing their home reading log with their homework.

*Some simple tips to encourage home reading:*

- \* Read aloud to your child or take turns reading

- \* Read texts that are of interest to your child

This could include short stories, magazines, a dictionary, an atlas and chapter books

- \* 10 minutes each night is enough

- \* Levelled readers sent home from school will be chosen by the classroom teacher for practice.

Your child will read more complex books at school with the support of the teacher

- \* Enjoy reading together. If it becomes stressful put the book down and try again tomorrow night

Happy reading and good luck



## Transport NSW

Primary students in NSW could be entitled to free or concession travel to and from school. Free or subsidised travel is available for eligible students through: School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and or School Drive Subsidy. Parents are encouraged to go onto the Transport NSW website to check and apply online:

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>

## **Swim Carnival - 4 Day Intensive Swim Program**

Gravesend, St Josephs and Pallamallawa Schools will be joining together for a swimming carnival on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at the Warialda Swimming Centre.

Students are allowed to bring money to purchase lunch, food items and drinks. Otherwise please make sure your child has a packed morning tea, lunch and water bottle on this day.

Parents are allowed to attend the carnival but must adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines. Sign in with QR Code, Maintain social distancing, practice hand hygiene and not mix with other parents or any of the students, other than their own.

**A combined permission note for the swimming carnival and the 4 day intensive swim program note was sent home on Monday, these need to be completed and returned along with the money as soon as possible.**

All students will be travelling by bus to the pool but may leave with parents after the completion of the carnival.

The 4 Day intensive swim program will commence on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Students will be participating in two sessions each day.

## **Permission Notes**

To assist with school organisation we have sent home the following notes for completion and return to the school office.

- Variation of School Routine - Walking Note
- Authority to publish - Media
- Updated Family Information\*\*
- Technology Hire\*

The school will only be asking parents to pay a \*technology hire fee this year of \$50 per student. This fee will help with the cost of updating and repairing our school laptops, iPads and other technology items.

Please complete the \*\*Updated family information note, as a lot of people update phones or move over the Christmas holidays and we need the correct information for our emergency contacts.

We appreciate your cooperation in the prompt completion and return of these notes to the school office.

## Reminder: Whats on at School!

