

## Calendar 2021

### Feb

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Tennis

### Mar

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> P & C Meeting

3.30pm Rigby Park

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Inverell Excursion

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - 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

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Hat Parade-  
Morning Tea

### 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> - 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

# Welcome to Week 5



## Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Wow, we're already half way through the term!**

Students have been in their classes for just over three weeks now and are settling in well. The first few weeks of the school year are all about relationship building and for teachers to develop an understanding of their students and how they learn. Parents play an important role in the education process and the Meet the Teacher and New Parents night is a great way to develop that three way relationship so that parents have a good understanding about what is taking place in the classroom. Thank you to those parents who attended our Meet and Greet last Thursday.

As always, if you have any questions/concerns you would like to raise with the teacher, please contact the office to organise a phone call or meeting.

*Sharyn Pidgeon*

*Relieving Principal*

## Medication/Medical

Anaphylaxis, Asthma, or Allergic Reaction plans are required to be kept up to date along with any medication required to be kept at school. Please note that we are unable to administer non-prescription medications.

## School Attendance

This year we seem to be experiencing a larger than normal number of children coming to school late or requests to leave early.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that children do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps children learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives children time to greet their friends before class

- Reduces classroom disruption

Late arrival or early departures are recorded as a partial absence and needs to be explained by a parent. Any unexplained absences go directly to the HSLO to follow up.

Procedure for late arrivals and early departures: Parents must go directly to the school office to QR Code, complete sign in book and paperwork. Ms Hodge will then take your child to class or collect them from class and bring them back to school office. Parents are NOT to go the students classroom unless given prior permission by the Principal.

On occasions your child may need to be absent from school or go home early. Justified reasons include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral).

Parents must ring, email or send a note to school explaining why their child was absent from school. It is not the child's responsibility to tell a teacher why they were absent.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Last Tuesday, students in years K - 6 travelled to Warialda Swimming Pool for our annual Swimming Carnival with Gravesend and St Joseph's schools. It was a great day, all students participated and represented their school with smiles and pride.

### **Whole School Excursion**

The whole school will going on an excursion to Inverell on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. There will be NO teacher supervision back at school.

Students will be visiting the Best Nursery and Transport Museum.

Please return the permission note and money to school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



### **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.

### **4 Day Intensive Swim Program**

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.

## Assembly

Assemblies will resume on Friday 26<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.

## Kindergarten Success!

Congratulations to our new Kindergarten students for their wonderfully smooth transition to 'big school'. The Kindergarten students have done a spectacular job at settling in to Pally School.

Thank you to the P & C for donating to our kinder students a library bag.



## Tennis Whack

The whole school is enjoying Tennis as sport this term with some students displaying a natural ability to learning tennis skills.

Any students that have their own tennis racquet, would they please bring them to school on these days.

**Students will need to bring a water bottle to school to take with them.**



## 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.

**P & C Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at  
Rigby Park. Commencing at 3.30pm.  
All Welcome.**



**Reminder: Whats on at School!**

