

Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 22nd July 2021

Rel Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

Calendar 2021

JUL

Thurs 22nd Jumpstart
Transition

Fri 23rd Heferen Shield
Moree

Trawalla Nut Farm Excursion

Wed 28th Healthy Harold

Thurs 29th Jumpstart
Transition

AUG

Thurs 5th Jumpstart
Transition

Thurs 12th Jumpstart
Transition

Thurs 19th Jumpstart
Transition

Mon 23rd- Fri 27th

Book Week

Thurs 26th Jumpstart
Transition

Sept

Sat 17th Rockin' the Rec
Ground Fundraiser

Welcome to Week 2



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 3

It was great to begin the term together last week. The school calendar is filled with as many opportunities as possible for our students. Despite some changes due to the COVID restrictions, we are happy to be moving forward, business as usual. I thank all parents for supporting us to follow the restrictions by waiting outside the school fence of a morning and afternoon. If you do need to enter the school, please use the QR code provided at the school office and pop on a mask. We expect these restrictions to remain in place until at least the end of the month.

Attached to today's Newsletter is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data - Parent Information Sheet. We will be completing this data collection this week at school.

Please familiarise yourself with the information provided. If you wish for your child to not be included in the collection, please notify the school in writing by Friday 23 July.

Have a great week

Sharyn Pidgeon
Relieving Principal

A Reminder to all Families

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result or after 10 days if a test cannot be taken and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

COVID-19 symptoms can include:



If your child is sick, keep them at home and get them tested for COVID-19.

COVID-19

Parents please be reminded that the COVID-19 virus is still active. We all need to abide by the policies and guidelines of the Department of Education.

- QR Code-Check In at School Office
- Hand Sanitise
- Social Distancing

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they have recovered. If they have flu-like symptoms they need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period and present a medical certificate. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for a least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Trawalla Nut Farm Excursion

The whole school will be going on an Excursion to the Trawalla Nut Farm on Friday 23rd July. Students are to wear old cloths, hat and boots for the day. They will need to bring along a packed morning tea and water bottle. They will also need to bring a plastic bucket and gloves to collect the nuts. Unfortunately, due to the new restrictions regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, no parents can attend the day. Thank you for your support.

BAMM Art Gallery

Our Students welcomed Julia from BAMM Art Gallery last Thursday School. The students enjoyed painting and decorating a garden pot, they created some fabulous works of art! We would like to thank Julia, BAMM for an amazing morning.

BAMM Creative Kids Pack

Julia from BAMM has kindly offered to organise a Creative Kids Pack, from the vouchers on offer from Service NSW. In order to take up this fantastic opportunity, you will need to complete the note that was sent home last Friday and return to school as soon as possible.



Sport

Sport will be held on a Tuesday afternoon for this term. Students will be taking part in sessions in Gymnastics for the first 5 weeks and Touch Football for the rest of Term 3.

Coffs Coast Adventure Centre Excursion

We have finalised numbers for our Term 3 excursion to the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. If parents could start making payments for the cost of the excursion, including the In-Water Experience with the Dolphins (8yrs and over) and payments for the 4 parents attending the excursion. Listed below is the link for the registration portal, where you will have to fill in all relevant information for your child: Including Assumption of Risk (without the Assumption of Risk consent, students are unable to participate in camp activities), dietary and medical details. This will need to be done for parents that are attending the excursion as well.

Link: <https://ccac.venueregistrations.net/1985-k-6>

We have sent home paper registration forms as well, as we realise some parents do not have good internet access. If you complete these forms and return to school, we will upload the information for you.

At this stage the excursion will be going ahead. If COVID-19 restrictions postpones the excursion, it will be changed to a new date.

Heferen Shield Moree

We would like to wish Jesse, good luck in his events tomorrow at the Heferen Shield Carnival in Moree.



Public Speaking Night

Our annual Public Speaking night is postponed at this stage and a new date in Term 4 will be determined.

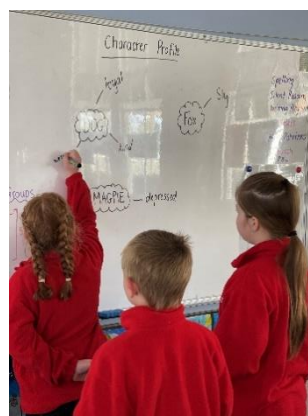
Literacy in Years 3-6

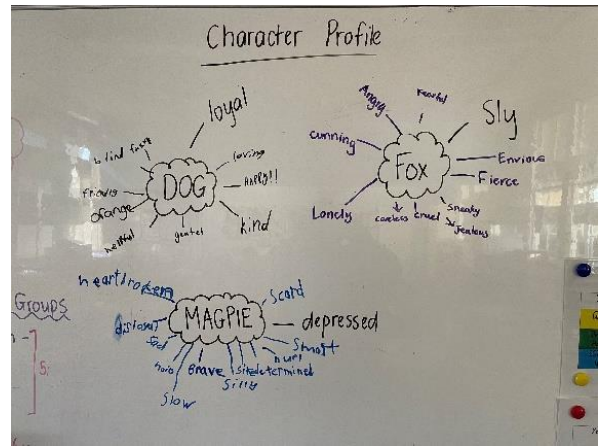
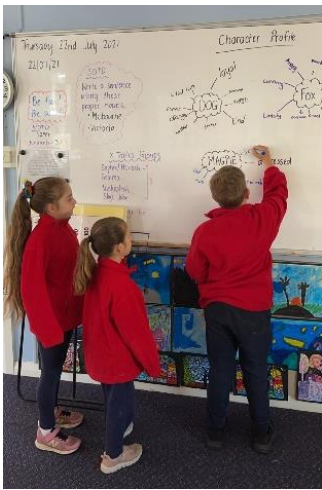
Years 3-6 have been learning about how to interpret and infer from text. We are looking in particular at the picture book "Fox" by Margaret Wild. It is a story about the relationships between three characters and centres around the themes of love and belonging, temptation, risk and betrayal and friendship.

One of the elements that we are looking closely at is the characters themselves- what personality types are they and what drives them to do what they do in the story? We used the text and illustrations to help us determine this as well as the students own prior knowledge and experiences.

Students were placed in groups and had to brainstorm the personality traits of the three characters. These were discussed as a whole group and the students had to then relate the describing words they chose back to the story- essentially using the clues of text and illustration to justify their choices.

The students are working very well and are coming up with some intuitive vocabulary and ideas. Well done everyone!





Jumpstart Transition Program

This week in Jumpstart we learnt all about the letter J, through exploring J sounds, reading Jellyfish books and getting creative by crafting our very own Jellyfish artwork.

We explored numbers and counting through playdough and developed our mathematical thinking and life skills by cooking pancakes.



Attendance Award

Student that attend school every day will go into the draw to win a prize at the end of weeks 5 and week 10. The prize will vary each draw.

Concerns or Issues

If you have any concerns or issues, parents need to speak directly to the Principal. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

P & C Committee-Helpers Needed

The P & C committee urgently need helpers for the fund raising event they have in September.

Helpers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up at the following:

Rockin' the Rec Ground Event - Saturday 11th Sept 3pm - till Late (Note the change of date)

If you are able to help, or know a community member that would like to help out at any of these events, **Please contact Trish Fox on Mobile: 0428 539 620**

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