Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 24th June 2021

Rel Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

Calendar 2021

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Fri 25th Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area Excursion Fri 25th Last Day of Term JUL Mon 12th Staff Professional **Development Day Tues 13th Students return to** School Thurs 15th Jumpstart Transition Thurs 15th BAMM Art on Track Sat 17th Rockin' the Rec **Ground Fundraiser** Thurs 22nd Jumpstart Transition Wed 28th Healthy Harold Thurs 29th Jumpstart Transition AUG Thurs 5th Jumpstart Transition Thurs 12th Jumpstart Transition Thurs 19th Jumpstart Transition Thurs 26th Jumpstart Transition

Welcome to Week 10



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Good morning to all,

During this term our students have been involved in a wide range of events, activities and opportunities. The whole school participated in Cross Country and Athletic Carnivals where they all strived to do their best and respectfully represented their school with honour. Excursions to North Star school and BAMM Art Gallery in Moree were met with positive participation from our students. NAPLAN and Check In assessments were also conducted. Our dress up Pirate day and Bike/ Water Safety days were a success. The students were also part of the National Story time from Space where an astronaut read a story to the students. Success also came by way of everyday learning in the classroom. All teaching staff have attended extensive Professional Learning in building teacher capacity in developing, implementing and analysing evidence-based programs with which we have seen improvement in student outcomes for our learners. Our students have become happy respectful learners wanting to come to school each day.

We will celebrate NAIDOC Day this week with a visit to Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area where the students will learn about why this place is so special. The theme this year is 'Heal Country' which means a call for stronger measures to recognise, protect and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples culture and heritage. We also are building a Yarning Circle where students will come together to have yarns and lessons on core values of Belonging, Respect, Friendship etc.

This term saw many visitors to our school with both the Variety Bash and Royal Flying Doctors Rally visiting us for some delicious meals and good friendly banter. I want to give a big thankyou to my staff, parents, P & C, canteen and community members who have given their time and commitment to the school in the running of activities for all our students. In past newsletters I have emphasised the importance of good school attendance and the positive impact that can have on your child's learning. With this in mind I would like to reinforce that all students are expected to attend school every day.

If students miss 2 days or more due to any illness then parents must provide a medical certificate. If you child is absent for more then 1 day due to a commitment elsewhere then an explanation form will be sent home to parents to fill in and it must be returned to school the next day.

At Pally school I believe we offer a wide range of lessons, activities, opportunities and interests catered to suit your child's learning and abilities.

As we come to the end of this term, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed for Term 3.

Sharyn Pidgeon Relieving Principal

BAMM Art Gallery

Our Students joined Bullarah Public School at the BAMM Art Gallery on Friday 4th June for the Lionel Lindsay Exhibition.

Julia from BAMM took our students on an interactive journey through the various exhibits where the senses were used to enhance the appreciation of various artworks. The students enjoyed every aspect and created some fabulous works of art!

We would like to thank Julia, Chloe and BAMM for an amazing day.





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 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.

<u>Athletics Carnival</u>

Our school Athletics Carnival last Thursday was a wonderful opportunity for our students to demonstrate sportsmanship, their athletic ability, and have a great time. We were very proud of the encouraging approach and participation all students took at each opportunity. Thank you to the staff who assisted on the day to ensure the smooth running of track and field events.

Student Reports

Student reports have sent home to all families on Monday afternoon. Parent Teacher Interviews will be organised this week for interviews to take place following the school holidays. Parents can contact the school at any time if they have questions regarding their child's learning and wellbeing.

Rural North Intensive Support Model

All small schools in the Barwon CoS including Pallamallawa has been selected for the Rural North Intensive Support Model project for a period of 15 weeks. This project is designed to give strategic support for schools and principals regarding Literacy and Numeracy.

Presentation Day Book Awards verses Vouchers Note

Parents could you please the complete the note that was sent home and return to school. We would like your opinion on whether what was more suitable to your child: the vouchers verses chosen books for Awards for Presentation Day.

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.

Regional Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to Jesse Rigby who qualified for the Regional Cross Country at Coolah. Jesse ran a great race under trying circumstances. Well Done Jesse!



Home Reading

We are very impressed by the home reading efforts across the school. Please continue reading at home each night during the holidays for a chance to win a new book from our special book collection. Students have received their first book rewards. Well Done and Happy Reading!



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
- Hand Sanitise
- Social Distancing

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they have recovered. If they have flulike 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.

<u>P & C Committee-Helpers Needed</u>

The P & C committee urgently need helpers for the fund raising events they have in the next few weeks.

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

Rockin' the Rec Ground Event - Saturday 17th July 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**



Have a Safe and Restful Holiday! Students return to School on Tuesday 13th July 2021.