

Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 5th August 2021

Rel Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

Calendar 2021

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Thurs 5th Jumpstart
Transition

Fri 6th Trawalla Nut Farm
Excursion

Thurs 12th Jumpstart
Transition

Mon 16th P & C Meeting at
Rigby Park @ 3.30pm

Thurs 19th Jumpstart
Transition

Mon 23rd- Fri 27th
Book Week

Thurs 26th Jumpstart
Transition

Sept

Sat 11th Rockin' the Rec
Ground Fundraiser -TBC

Fri 17th Last Day of Term
Oct

Mon 4th Public Holiday

Tues 5th Staff & Students
return to School

Thurs 7th BAMB Art Visit

Mon 11th- Wed 20th Kids
Creating Space Visit

Tues 12th School Photo Day

Tues 19th Yr 6 Transition to
WHS

Welcome to Week 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Education Week

The theme for Education Week 2021 was Lifelong Learners. It celebrates education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school and continuing their learning journey into adulthood by learning a trade, entering university or TAFE or joining the workforce. Lifelong learning would not be possible without the support and commitment from all our staff and their dedication to your children.

We hope to celebrate Education week and have an open classroom afternoon where students will join in with parents in STEM activities later this term or Term 4.

Sharyn Pidgeon
Relieving Principal

Literacy and Mathematics in Years K-2

Students in K-2 have been enjoying a range of activities to improve their literacy skills. One of their favourite activities is our shared reading time where students have the opportunity to read a book to their fellow classmates. They have also been exploring the purpose and structure of persuasive texts and have begun writing their own.

For mathematics, students have been learning about addition, subtraction and place value. Students use a combination of small group learning and games to compliment this. Some of the games we have played recently are add and subtract the Lego tower, addition connect four and place value match.

We have also been improving our music skills through learning about beat and practising our new favourite song 'Tapping on my Sticks'. Well done everyone!



Jumpstart Transition Program

This week in Jumpstart we learnt all about the letter "L", through exploring "L" sounds, reading a book about a lion and getting creative by crafting our very own lion plate craft.

We developed our fundamental movement skills in PE playing Tee-ball and developed our knowledge of healthy foods and life skills by cooking fried rice.



Sport

Students are enjoying sport this term learning about Gymnastics, they have one more week before they transition to touch football for the rest of the term.



Trawalla Nut Farm Excursion

The whole school will be going on an Excursion to the Trawalla Nut Farm on Friday 6th August. (Weather permitting)

Students are to wear old clothes, hat and boots (Mud 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.

Public Speaking Night-**New Date**

Our Annual Public Speaking night is postponed to the new date of Wednesday 27th October in Term 4. (COVID-19 Permitting).

Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary

A big thank you to the Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary club for the box of books that arrived at our school, your generosity is very much appreciated. The students cannot wait to start reading these books.



Coffs Coast Adventure Centre Excursion-**Postponed**

The Coffs Coast Excursion has been postponed to Term 2, 2022 due to the COVID-19 restrictions that are in place. The date will be confirmed when we have been allocated a date for 2022. Thank you for your support.

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.

School App-**Reminder**

Just a reminder to parents to download the FREE School App to keep up to date with what's going on at school and any emergency notices that we may need to put out.



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

Parents please be reminded that the COVID-19 virus is spreading throughout the states. **Non essential visitors are not permitted in schools.** 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.

BAMM Creative Kids Pack-Reminder

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 and return to school as soon as possible. If you need another note please ring the office.



P & C Committee-Helpers Needed

The P & C committee need helpers for the fund-raising event they have in September. (COVID-19 permitting)

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

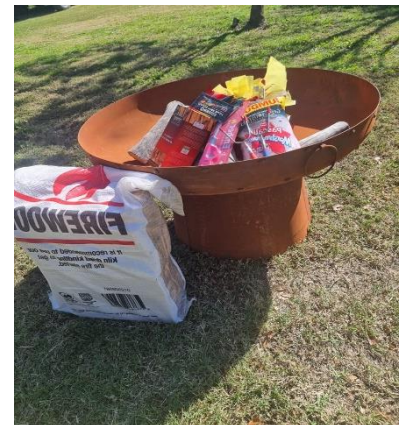
Rockin' the Rec Ground Event - Saturday 11th Sept 3pm - till Late (Note the change of date)

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**

The P & C are currently holding a Father's Day Raffle consisting of a FirePit Package:

Fire Pit, Marshmallows & Holders, Kindling, Coloured Fire, Camp Oven and much more!

Tickets are \$10 each and be purchased from students and online via P & C Facebook Page.



P & C Meeting Monday 16th August, 3.30pm at Rigby Park. (COVID Restrictions will apply)

Thank you for liking and sharing our Facebook page, where you will find exciting things happening in and around our school. <https://www.facebook.com/Pallamallawa-Public-School-109487817952262>

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