

Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 24th February 2022

Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

Calendar 2022

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Wed 9th 3-6 Netball Gala Day

Fri 11th Assembly

@ 2.30pm

Fri 18th Harmony & No

Bullying Day

APR

Fri 1st Assembly

@ 2.30pm

Welcome to Week 4



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome Parents

It has been an absolute delight to see the children's smiling faces entering the school gates ready to learn each day as we move through term 1. Our students have settled in well and our teachers have crafted wonderful learning environments and engaging programs to cater for our students' learning needs.

We look forward to exploring our programs further with parents at the upcoming Meet the Teacher sessions. (More information to follow)

I had the opportunity to welcome the first P&C AGM and meeting onsite for this year last week. The P&C welcome all new parents and carers to come along to the meetings held 1st Monday of each month. It was great to see our community connecting in person once again.

COVID-smart Settings Updated

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic - especially prioritising safety and learning. The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

The updated settings include:

- We will continue the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for twice-weekly testing of students and staff until Friday 25 February.
- From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school will provide each student and staff member with 8 RAT kits per student and staff in schools.
- Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now freely available and accessible in the community.
- Masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers in primary schools until Friday 4 March. This means that from Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory for all staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.

From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. Our school will consider activities such as assemblies and other gatherings in the

coming days. We will let you know if these can proceed with our school in a COVID-smart way. All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process. Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term
Sharyn Pidgeon | Principal

Focus on Learning in Classroom K-2 Kindergarten

Welcome to our kinder student: Georgie

K-2 have been enjoying their first few weeks of school and have been settling in nicely to a new school year. They have all been excited to learn new skills and work together. K-2 have been working particularly hard on their mathematics skills and are proud to put these skills to use when completing individual and hands on activities.

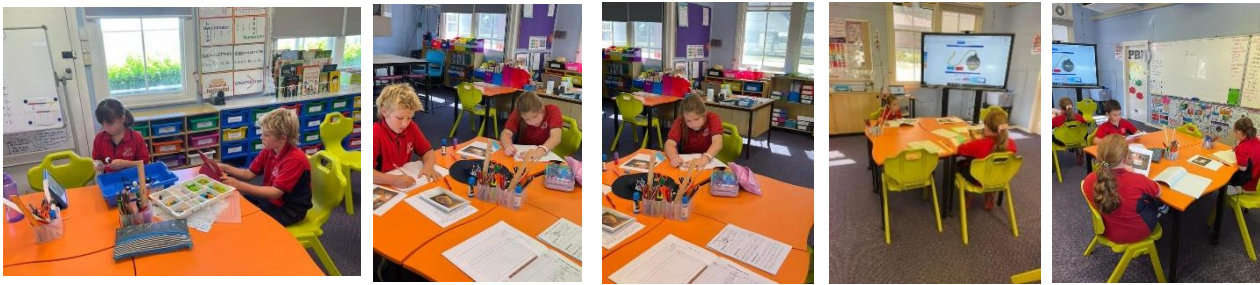


3-6 in the Classroom

What a great start to the year for the 3-6 Class! Everybody has settled in well and eager to start their learning journey for 2022.

We have been busy in all subject areas and are looking forward to an amazing year ahead with lots of learning and fun. I would particularly like to welcome our Year 3 students also and hope you have enjoyed the big leap into the primary years so far!



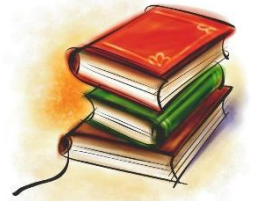


Assembly

The next assembly will be on Friday 11th March, commencing at 2.30pm, all parents, carers and community members are invited to attend.

Library

Library will be held on a Friday this term. All students borrowing a book will go into the draw for a \$20 Scholastic Book Voucher each 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.



Sport

Sport will be held on a Friday.

P & C Canteen

There will be No canteen until further notice.

Dubbo Excursion

The whole school will be going on an excursion to Dubbo to visit the Royal Flying Doctors Service Visitor Centre and to Taronga Western Plains Zoo for an overnight ZooSnooz on Thursday 19th May and returning on Friday 20th May.

Students that are not going on the excursion will be required to present to school each day for normal school learning. Permission notes will be sent home next week. Any questions please ring the school office.

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, change email addresses 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. **We still have a couple of notes that have not been returned yet.**

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.



Moree Mobile Library Visit

The Moree Mobile library will be parked outside the front of the school grounds on Monday 7th March from 11.30am to 1.30pm. The mobile library and customer service facility will give the community greater access to book collection, printing and Wi-Fi services as well as the ability to make payments like water, rates and animal registrations and any queries about council related issues. So, pop on down and see Tian and utilise this wonderful service.



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Pallamallawa Public School
would like to cordially invite
all mothers, grandmothers, aunts,
families and community members
to our

Mother's Day Morning Tea!

Morning tea will be held at the
school on

Friday 6th May 2022 at 10:30am



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au



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www.jossgroup.com.au



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