# Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

#### Calendar 2022

# MAR Mon 14<sup>th</sup> P & C Meeting @ 3.30pm Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Harmony & No Bullying Day Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oliver Twist Performance-Roxy Theatre Sat 26<sup>th</sup>

Riverina Redneck Car Rally APR

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mufti Day - Sausage Sizzle

Fri 1st Assembly @ 2.30pm

Fri 8th Easter Hat Parade

@ 10.30am

**SAVE THE DATE** 

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May Mother's Day

**Morning Tea** 

# Welcome to Week 7



# Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fortnight we have had. The challenge of Covid seems to have been pushed to the back of our minds whilst many schools and families around us deal with flooding and destruction.

I have had a student come and ask me can we do something to help some of the students in the schools that were badly impacted. We will hold a Gold coin Mufti Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April with all proceeds going to support a school who have been severely impacted. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our school communities impacted by the floods.

# The Reading Journey

PPS will be going on a Reading Journey and parents and carers can support us with this important initiative. Shortly all students will be sent home a reading journal where they are to be encouraged to read every night. They can read their readers, library books, magazines or their own books.

As parents and carers, you make a significant difference to your children's reading journey. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated. It has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing. It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for the reading success and ensures that reading is given the priority it deserves. Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve.

As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and set the tone for how reading is valued. Fear, anxiety, stress and humiliation have no place in the reading experience. The 'payoff' for reading together has to be worth coming back to night after night after night. When reading together is the best time of your children's day and the best time of your day, it is worth turning up. The right book infused with fun, laughter, and love goes a long way in creating life-long readers who in time recall with joy being snuggled on the lounge with you and their favourite book.

# The Benefits of Reading With Your Child

Parents and carers who read aloud with children in a secure, safe and comfortable context motivate their children to read

Parents' perceptions, values, attitudes, and expectations play an important role in influencing their children's attitudes toward reading, and subsequent literacy development. When

children share a book with someone who makes them feel special, the attitude that reading is pleasurable is transferred to other reading encounters.

# Relationship Building

At the core of reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together. It only takes ten minutes a day to build this relationship.

# Children's Reading Improves

The research is conclusive: When parents successfully support their children's literacy learning from an early age, everyone benefits. When teachers and parents work together to support children's reading and academic success, learning outcomes for all children improve.

# Children's Self-Esteem Improves

Knowing someone cares enough to take time out of a busy schedule to give you undivided attention around a book makes a significant difference to how students perceive themselves as learners and readers. When parents show an interest in their children's learning, children respond positively.

# Reading Unites Families Through Shared Stories

When a family reads together, stories form a common ground for communicating. Stories bind families and help students makes sense of where they fit in the world. Not only does parent involvement have a specific and profound impact on children's reading, but also on children's language and literacy learning in general. It is through interactions with parents and carers that children learn new vocabulary, seek clarification of new understandings, and learn to comprehend their expanding worlds. Talk is the key to reading and writing success. Talking with children (walking to school, at the table, in the car, bedtime) has a significant effect on literacy learning in general.

Kindly, Sharyn Pidgeon Principal

#### In and around the Classrooms

For the past three weeks K-2 has been delighted to welcome student teacher Miss Bronte Marshall into the classroom. They have enjoyed all of her lessons and the fun that she has brought with her. She has helped all students improve their writing and has been working hard with Kindy on learning and writing numbers.

We will miss you Miss Marshall!



Students in Year 3-6 have been busy learning how to code Microbits. Microbits are a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology. Each student has access to one of these and attaches it to their laptop and then proceeds to write a small string of code that instructs the Microbit to light up with images and text. We are excited to learn what else we can do with this technology!











PBL Value

This week's PBL focus is Be Responsible.

# **Hand Ball Competition**

The students have been participating in a Handball competition each recess and lunch breaks. This competition was highly regarded by all the students, who had even been practising at home. Finals were held on Wednesday. The Handball Champion was Jake. Congratulations







# <u>Mufti Day</u>

We will be holding a Mufti Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The school will be providing a Sausage sizzle lunch for students. Gold Coin donation. All monies raised will be donated to a Lismore School.

# **Lollies**

No lollies are allowed/permitted at school. Parents please do not send any lollies to school in your child's lunch box. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Charles Dickens 'Oliver Twist'

The school has been invited to attend the Performance of Oliver Twist at the Roxy Theatre, Bingara on Wednesday 23rd March. The cast consists of students and staff from both Warialda and Bingara Schools. Students will be travelling by bus. The cost of the excursion is \$10.00.



#### **Dubbo Excursion**

Parents that would like to start paying off the Dubbo Zoo Excursion, we have implemented a payment system where you can make payments each week towards the cost of the excursion.

# P & C Meeting

There will be a P & C Meeting on Monday  $14^{th}$  March, commencing at 3.30pm in the school grounds.

# P & C Canteen

Thank you to the P & C and Trish & Emily for the Hot Dog and Paddle Pop Day last Friday. Staff and students all thoroughly enjoyed our Hot Dog Lunch.

# **Assembly**

The next assembly will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, commencing at 2.30pm, in the school hall. Parents, grandparents, and community members are welcome to attend

# Riverina Redneck Car Rally

The Riverina Redneck Car Rally are raising money for children's charity 'Country Hope', they will be finishing their car rally adventure on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Pally and are camping overnight. They will be having a Presentation at Pally Pub, so go along and see all the different makes, models of vehicles that will be participating in the rally.

# Moree Mobile Library Visit

The Moree Mobile library will be parked outside the front of the school grounds on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 11.30am to 12.30pm. 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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