# Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Principal: Ms Sharyn Pidgeon

## Calendar 2022

## MAR Sat 26<sup>th</sup>

Riverina Redneck Car Rally Pally School Grounds/ Cola @ 3pm

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> NRL Players Visit APR

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

Fri 1st Assembly

@ 2.30pm

Mon 4th P & C Meeting

@ 3.30pm

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Hat Parade

@ 10.30am

Fri 8th Last Day of Term

**SAVE THE DATE** 

Mon 26th SPPD

Tues 27th Students return to sch

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Apr Mother's Day Morning Tea - \*Note the

change of date

# Welcome to Week 9



## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow how quickly the term has gone! We only have two weeks of school left before the holidays. Thank you, parents, for your support this term. It is great to see the students with bright happy faces and in school uniform coming in the gate every morning. Please remember to place your child's name on hats and all items of clothing that can be removed and lost. As we move into the cooler months, I would like to ask parents to ensure the students are encouraged to have a healthy and nutritious diet both at home and school. I look forward to seeing you all at our Easter Hat parade last day of this term.

Thank you to those parents who have jumped on board with our Reading Journey. Below are some tips:

## The process of learning to read

There is no magical formula for learning to read. Children learn in their own time according to their own pace. There is no critical age when all children should have mastered reading. This does not mean that you as parents sit back and do nothing. Children need ongoing quality experiences with books. Providing a regular reading routine at home assists children in their quest for reading success.

#### Some tips for home reading

- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud with your children everyday. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/ her choice.
- · The reader holds the book.
- During home reading time, turn off electronic devices and give each child ten minutes of your undivided attention.
- Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test. Reading time is only ten minutes so do some of the following: Keep the introduction short one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Read the blurb and talk about the author, talk about any unusual words, read a page here and there as your child flicks through the book, discuss the characters.
- If reading time is stressful, move the reading to a new location.
- · Find a reading time that works for your family.
- At the end of the 10 minutes, ask questions that encourage discussion, for example: What was your favourite part? Tell me about the characters. What do you think will happen next? What did you think about the setting? What do you like/dislike about this book?

- Encourage your child to read independently. A bedside light is one of the best enticements to read before going to sleep. After a short period of reading with you, the child can elect to continue reading independently.
- The less you interrupt the reading, the more you are supporting the readers independence, resilience and confidence.
- Avoid judging your child's reading with words such as 'good', 'excellent' or 'getting better'. Instead say things about the strategies your child uses when reading such as 'I like how you read on when you came to that difficult word.' 'I like how you changed your voice to be the voice of the character in the story.' 'I noticed that you reread the bit that did not make sense.' Independent readers pick and choose what they read. They are entitled to read some and reject others.
- Model what it means to be an enthusiastic reader. Create a home of readers where everyone reads. Talk about what you have read. Read aloud what makes you laugh and share it.

Enjoy Reading - it should be fun

Kindly, Sharyn Pidgeon Principal

#### In and around the Classrooms

In mathematics over the past couple weeks, Kindergarten has been working really hard on relating numbers to words and quantities, while years 1 and 2 have been focusing on addition and subtraction of one- and two-digit numbers.

When reading stories, all students are improving their comprehension and are becoming very skilled

at answering both literal and inferential questions.



Students in Year 3-6 have all been involved in external assessments or practicing for external assessments this week. Year 4 have completed their Check In Assessments which tests Literacy and Numeracy and then maps results in line with the progressions.

Year 3 and 5 have also experienced the NAPLAN Practice Test. This is a great tool for students to learn what it will be like on testing day when it comes around in May by making them aware of what to expect.

NAPLAN for 2022 will be held on May 10th-12th and tests Numeracy, Writing, Reading and Language Conventions.









#### PSSA Cricket Knockout

Aiden, Jake & Jesse were invited to play with Gravesend school in a mixed cricket team. The boys have been travelling to Gravesend for training. On Monday  $21^{\rm st}$  the Gravo/Pally(Yrs 3-6) side competed against Moree Public School (Yrs 5-6). The side played really well. Their coach was very impressed with the side's sportsmanship, leadership and conduct on the day.

Congratulations to MPS on winning the game!







#### Harmony / Anti Bullying Day

All students learnt about what bullying is and what to do about it during the day activities. Students discussed different types of bullying, what it looks like and then came up with ideas of what to do if they felt they were being bullied.









## Resilient Project (TRP)

The Resilient Project is going really strong. Each week students are taught lessons on how to be more resilient using the emotions of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness.

This week's lesson was on gratitude and what that means. The students were asked what they are grateful for and nearly all said 'Their families and Friends'.

#### Charles Dickens 'Oliver Twist'

Pally School travelled to Bingara on Wednesday to see "Oliver twist" at the Roxy Theatre. What a fabulous production and experience for our students. To add to our experience, we were met at the corner of the theatre by a character in police costume to usher us inside.

It was great for the students to view live performance and will be a springboard for many conversations in the classroom over the coming days.

Well done to the cast and crew for a thoroughly entertaining adaptation of this classic novel and musical. (See our School Facebook page for photos).

#### Mufti Day

We will be holding a Mufti Day on Friday  $1^{st}$  April. Students can wear casual clothes. The school will be providing a Sausage sizzle lunch for students. Gold Coin donation. All monies raised will be donated to a Lismore School.

#### Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding a whole school easter hat parade on Friday  $8^{th}$  April commencing at 10.30am under the cola. Students are asked to make their easter hats/bonnets at home and bring to school on the day. Parents and family members are invited to stay and enjoy hot cross buns for morning tea.



#### **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.



A little bit each week makes it easier to manage than a lump sum amount.

#### P & C

The P & C are asking for donations of cakes, slices etc these can be dropped to the school office on Friday 25th March or taken along on the day Saturday 26th, these items will be sold at a cake/drink stall, along with raffles and 100 club on Saturday 26th at the Riverina Redneck Rally at Pally School Grounds/Cola.



There will be a P & C Meeting on Monday 4th April, commencing at 3.30pm in the school grounds. All Welcome!

## Riverina Redneck Car Rally - Change of Venue

The Riverina Redneck Car Rally are raising money for children's charity 'Country Hope', they will be finishing their car rally adventure on Saturday 26th March at Pally and are camping overnight at Pally Fishing Park. They will be having a Presentation at Pally School Grounds/Cola from approx. 3pm, so come along and see all the different makes, models of vehicles that will be participating in the rally. There will be fun activities for children in participate in. Cake/Drink Stalls, Raffles and 100 club on the day.

#### Moree Mobile Library Visit

The Moree Mobile library will be parked outside the front of the school grounds on Monday 4th April 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.



#### Assembly

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



