

# Pallamallawa Public School

## Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Week 4 Term 3

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## Calendar 2022

### AUG

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> PSSA Small Schools  
Soccer Knockout Game

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jumpstart

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jumpstart

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Book Week

### SEPT

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Jumpstart

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Parade &  
Book Fair

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jumpstart

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jumpstart

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Public Speaking  
Night

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jumpstart

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of Term 3

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Ms P's Update

Welcome to Week 4! We are well into a very busy term of learning at Pallamallawa Public School and there are many more exciting events around the corner so please keep a close eye on the school's newsletter and app for updates.

### Attendance

Thank you to the parents who contact the school each day when their child is absent. Parents are required to contact the school each day for all absences. Parents are to state the reason for the absence. The Home School Liaison Officers will be visiting schools and unexplained absence or repeated absentee without an explanation will be investigated.

Sharyn Pidgeon | Principal

### Attendance Matters

Did you know that regular school attendance supports students to be connected, achieve their potential and increase their career and life options. Parents are legally responsible to ensure that their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and attend school every day it is open for instruction.

NSW Department of Education

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

## **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

The **HSLO** has been monitoring our school student attendance records and has noticed that some students seem to be consistently having Friday and Mondays off. This needs to improve. Thank you for your support.

## **Parent Contact - Changes to Travel Arrangements**

Any parent that wishes to contact the principal or teachers please ring the school office phone on 67549 2909 during office hours (8.30am to 3.30pm), or the school mobile :0448 498 346 after hours for emergencies only.

Changes to travel arrangements - **Parents are reminded that any changes to afternoon bus or pickups of your child, you the parent needs to contact the school.** Students can be confused, and staff need to be able to support with this.

## **Book Parade and Book Fair**

The theme for Book week is: **Dreaming with My Eyes**. Students are encouraged to come dressed up in this theme on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. The school will be having a book fair on that Friday in the school hall. Students and parents will be able to choose books to purchase from the scholastic books we will have on hand.



## **Public Speaking Night - Change of Date**

Please note the change of date for our Annual Sandra Parsons Public Speaking Award Night.

We have decided to go back to a night event, so you as parents have the opportunity to come and watch your child/children's speech. This is a very prestigious night, and a valuable learning tool for students to participate in public speaking in a local and welcoming environment.



## **Dogs on School Grounds**

We have had family pets on the school grounds lately. Please make sure your dog is tied up or in an enclosed area before your child comes to school. Thank you for your support.

## **Heferen Shield**

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Heferen Shield Carnival. All students displayed exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship and tried their best in all events. Jesse was successful in moving onto the next round in Tamworth. Well Done, Jesse!





## Education Week - STEAM Day - Nut Farm Excursion

Years 3-5 Inter-school Coding Morning. Students in the Year 3-5 class participated in a Coding Tutorial led by Mrs Todd and Mr Byrnes. The tutorials tied in with the Smart Home kits and Microbits that we have been using last term and consolidated a lot of our prior learning.

Mr Skye and his students from Croppa Creek joined us in our classroom for the morning and it was fun working with our friends from other small schools in our area.



The whole school went on our annual visit to the local Stahmann Webster Nut Farm. We picked up nuts, had a delicious BBQ lunch, picked up more some nuts. We went on an informative tour around the farm and went down to the river where students were able to try their luck at skimming stones across the water. We have some very talented students!

We would like to thank Dave, Renae and everyone at the farm for a wonderful day, lunch and their kind donation to our school.



Thank you to all of our parents and families that attended our Education Week Open Afternoon and Assembly. The Open afternoon on Friday, started with a picnic lunch in the K-2 classroom (the weather was unkind to us). Then after lunch, parents worked with the students. Our students were most excited having their parents in their classrooms. This was followed by an assembly at 2.30pm.

Merit Awards: Lincoln Gill, Jaxon Aitken, Isla Haley, Indy-Rose Simmonds, Mia Sharkey, Leah Connors, Annabella Aitken & Jake Hollands.

Sport Awards: Nevaeh Shoobridge, Jesse Rigby, Annabella Aitken and Logan Hollands, Aiden Gill and Sophie Sharkey.

Principal's Awards: Lincoln Gill and Isla Haley.

PBL Awards: Ebony Schneider and Aiden Gill.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.



### **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.

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