

Pallamallawa Public School

Newsletter 16th February Week 4 Term 1

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Calendar 2023

FEB

Friday 17th Assembly at 2.30pm

Wed 22nd Parent Jumpstart

Meeting at 9am

Thurs 23rd BAMB Visit

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Fri 3rd Assembly at 2.30pm

Thurs 9th Jumpstart

Transition Program

Thurs 16th Jumpstart

Transition Program

Thurs 23rd Jumpstart

Transition Program

Wed 29th Are We There Yet?

Thurs 30th Jumpstart

Transition Program

Fri 31st Cross Country

Gravesend

APR

Thurs 6th Jumpstart

Transition Program

Thurs 6th Easter Hat Parade

Thurs 6th Last Day of Term

Mon 24th Staff Professional

Development Day

Tues 25th ANZAC DAY -

Public Holiday

Wed 26th Students return to

School

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Ms. P's Update

Welcome back to school for 2023, and a special welcome to our families! I hope that everyone in our community had a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and that you had time to relax and connect with friends and family. Teachers were excited to meet their classes last week and to begin sharing a range of fabulous learning experiences they have planned for them. We have several additions to our staff this year. We welcome Ms. Leah Elliott and Ms. Hazel Palmer as classroom teachers.



School Starting Time

School begins promptly each day at 9.00am. It is extremely important that students are at school and ready to begin their learning at this time, so it is a good idea that students make sure they are on the school grounds at least 5 minutes prior to this time. When students arrive at school, they should place their schoolbag on their bag hook and make their way to the playground where a teacher will be on duty from 8.30am.

Back to School Vouchers

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, and stationery. Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers. You can

apply for and access your vouchers in your Services account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre.

Each voucher can only be redeemed once. If the transaction is less than the total value of the voucher, the remaining balance is forfeited and cannot be used in another transaction, e.g., if the transaction is for the textbooks costing \$17.00, the remaining \$34.00 is forfeited. To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023. For more information and to access all vouchers, visit the Service NSW website <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/concessions-rebates-and-assistance/vouchers>.

Communication

The school app will continue to be our main platform to communicate information to our community.

Please follow the steps below to download and turn notifications on for the app:

1. Visit the App Store (Apple phones) or Google play store (Android phones).
2. Search for Pallamallawa Public School.
3. Go to settings within the app - turn notifications on for Newsletters

The school Facebook page and Newsletter will also continue to be used for communication.

Kindergarten 2023

Our new Kindergarten students are off to a flying start here at Pallamallawa Public School. It has been truly amazing to witness their growth in independence already. Now we see our Kindy students absorbing new routines, learning new friend's names, exploring the playground, tackling lunch boxes, and taking it all in their stride. On behalf of our team, we would like to extend our thanks to the families for their support in what has been a very smooth transition to 'Big School'.

Introducing... 2023 School Captains and Leaders

Student Leadership is an important feature of our student's education at Pallamallawa Public School. Whether it be through being a School Captain or Leaders, there are many opportunities for our students to hone their leadership skills whilst building a sense of community at school. Our 2023 School Captain and Leaders are preparing to run their very first assembly on Friday afternoon, one of the many leadership responsibilities they will undertake this year.

K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabus

From the commencement of 2023, our K-2 teacher and APC & I will implement the reformed and new K-2 English and Mathematic syllabus documents. The new curriculum will give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life, and work in a complex and fast changing world. Here at Pallamallawa, we have been preparing for the new curriculum with the purchasing of resources and engaging in teacher professional learnings around the syllabus documents and units of work. We also recognize the existing quality programs we have at the school such as Smart Spelling and the Diagnostic Synthetic Phonics program. This year, while our teachers are engaging with the new curriculum, we will also incorporate these programs to ensure consistency during this period of change.

Sharyn Pidgeon | Principal

Staffing for 2023

Principal - Teaching Principal: Sharyn Pidgeon
Assistant Principal CI / 3-6 Classroom Teacher: Justine Hazell
K/1/2 Classroom Teacher: Leah Elliott
Rural Experience Teacher: Hazel Palmer
School Learn Support Officer: Madelyn Penfold
School Administration Manager: Desley Hodge
General Assistant: Dean Caccianiga
IT Coordinator: Dwayne Nolan
JOSS Cleaner: Debbie Grant
Canteen Coordinator: Nikkita Christensen & Jessica Page

Kindergarten

Welcome to our two new kinder Students :
Alexis and Digby with Ms. Elliott



School Captain and Leaders

Pallamallawa Public School staff and students wish to congratulate our school captain and leaders for 2023.

Captain: Leah Connors

School Leaders: Sophie Sharkey & Nevaeh Shoobridge



Jumpstart Parent Transition Meeting

On Wednesday 22nd February the school will be holding a parent session

commencing at 9.00am **who will be enrolling their child at Pallamallawa Public School in 2024.**

Please contact the school office to have your name and details put on the list to attend this meeting.

Library

Library will be held on a Tuesday this 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.

Transport NSW

Primary students in NSW could be entitled to free or concession travel to and from school. Free or subsidised travel is available for eligible students through: School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and or School Drive Subsidy. Parents are encouraged to go onto the Transport NSW website to check and apply online: <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>

Permission Notes

To assist with school organisation, we will be sending home this Friday, the following notes for completion and return to the school office. We have streamlined the permissions notes into the following.

- General Excursion Note
- Child Protection Lessons
- Drug Education and Road Safety Lessons
- PG Rated Movies
- Permission to Publish Student Work
- Permission to Publish Student Image
- Prescribed Medication and Panadol

These notes are all on the same piece of paper but must have a signature for each section.

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.



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.

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>

Drumming Sessions – Ms. Hazel Palmer (Afterschool)

Tuesday afternoons from 3.10 to 4pm at Pallamallawa Public School Hall for Term 1.

These sessions are open to Pallamallawa Students only, starting from Tuesday February 21st.

Light refreshments will be served before the session. Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. A permission note has been sent home for participation in these sessions.



The next P & C Meeting is Monday 20th Feb at 3.30pm. All Welcome



Curriculum Reform Fast Facts

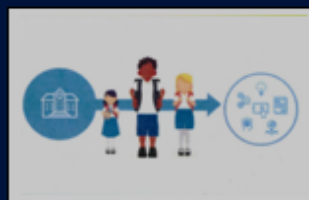


Welcome to 2023! Each newsletter I will be sharing some facts about the curriculum reform with you. Keep an eye out for parent information sessions throughout the school year.

Ms Pidgeon - Principal

1. What is the Curriculum Reform?

The first comprehensive review of the curriculum since 1989 has been completed. NSW has chosen to go to a state-based curriculum for K-12 students. This reform aims to ensure what we are teaching is relevant to the 21st century learner by 'streamlining' the curriculum. The new syllabus documents are research based and implement evidence-based pedagogy (principles that guide practise).



2. Implementation Timeline

2023:

K-2 English and Mathematics

2024:

3-6 English and Mathematics

2025:

K-6 Science & Technology, HSIE, PDHPE and Creative Arts

3. Decodable readers

A decodable text is one that can be read using the alphabetic code. For example sounding out c-a-t then blending the sounds to make cat.

The use of decodable texts is now mandated in the K-2 English syllabus. At PPS we have purchased a large amount of decodable texts for in class use and as home readers where appropriate.

