

# PALLY NEWS

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Issue 7



## Ms P's UPDATE

Dear Parents,  
What a lovely time of year, Autumn is. Ms Hodge took this amazing photo of our students playing in the Autumn leaves!

## HOME SCHOOL LIAISON VISIT

The Department of Education is currently driving improved attendance across all schools.

### The hashtag #Everyday Matters#

is being used to promote positive attendance. Last week I had a visit from our Home School Liaison Officer who regularly checks on student attendance. He analysed specific student attendance rates.

We currently have some students who regularly have a single day off school and is sick.

They have been red flagged and the HSLO is monitoring these students. After 2 single days parents must produce a medical certificate. After 2 consecutive days absent parents must also produce a medical certificate. The HSLO will be also monitoring students who don't attend school during school excursions. Lets continue to work hard to achieve improved attendance!

### #Everyday Matters#

## COLA SHADE SAIL

Our shade sail has been completed and students are enjoying playing underneath the shaded area. The Shade sail will be so Awesome in the summer time. Thank you to our hard working P & C for providing the shade sail over the playground equipment.

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SUCCESS

## Ms P UPDATE CONT'D

### WARM CLOTHING

As we have no more second-hand jumpers to give to students we will be making phone calls to parents to bring a jumper up to the school.

The Department of Education policy states all students must wear a hat to play outside. NO HAT, NO PLAY! due to health regulations, Pallamallawa Public School will not be loaning students hats to play outside with.

### INTENSIVE GIRLS GROUP PROGRAM

An intensive girls program will commence week 2 term 3. This program will consist of all girls and they will be working on building positive relationships with other girls here at school. The girls will build skills when dealing with conflicts and peer pressure and standing up for yourself and others.

This is a 5 week program aimed for the girls here at Pallamallawa Public School who can sometimes be not nice to each other. This program will be followed up with a resilience program afterwards.

### LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Commencing term 3 will be a K-2 lunch time Lego Club (Monday); a Ukulele club (Wednesday) and dance club (Thursday) for 3-6 during second lunch. These clubs are optional. Normal play time will still be available to all students.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding parent/teacher interviews which will be scheduled with teachers to discuss student progress. Year K-2 will be with Ms Pidgeon week 1 Term 3 and Year 3-6 with Mrs Hazell week 2 term 3. Interviews will be face to face or via telephone. Appointment booking sheets will be sent home tomorrow with students.

## CANTEEN UPGRADE

Renovation construction on our canteen will begin with an upgrade on the 10th July. Once finished students will be utilising the new kitchen for cooking lessons.

### WALK 'N' TALK TRACK

Construction on our new Walk 'N' Talk track has commenced. This track is being built for student wellbeing and exercise. There will be 5 exercise stations placed around the track for students to use. We will also be using the Walk 'N' Talk track for bike and scooter fun days.

### ASSEMBLY

We conducted a whole school assembly on Friday 2nd June. Congratulations to all our award recipients. Every student has been working hard with their work. Students have been learning the Macarena Dance and performed this at the Assembly. Well Done to you all!





## STEM DAY AT CROPPA CREEK

Pallamallawa PS joined with Croppa Creek and Gravesend Schools to continue working on the combined schools STEM projects, we are learning about story boarding, the rule of thirds and Garage Band. These are all skills we will use for our promotional films at the end of the year.



## COMBINED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Pallamallawa PS will be joined by Gravesend PS and St Joseph's Schools for our annual combined athletics carnival on Friday 23rd June. Some events have been run at individual schools before Friday due to time constraints and the large number of students in some events.

The Carnival will commence at 9.30 am. The P&C will be running the canteen on the day.



## JUMPSTART

Over the past three weeks our Jumpstart students have been working on the Letters 'J', 'K' & 'L', making some amazing Jelly Fish and some High Flying Kites and a Hungry Lion with Eleven pieces of hair on his face. Well Done to you all!



## COFFS COAST EXCURSION

The whole school will be going on a four day excursion to the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th August. Permission notes have been sent home, these need to be completed and returned to school along with deposit money.

The school has sent out a link to the parent portal for you to complete your child details, medical requirements and Assumption of Risk consent. If you are unable to complete this at home, you are welcome to come to the school office and see Ms Hodge and she will set you up on a computer to complete this task, as it is a requirement to be completed online by the Adventure Centre. The link will be sent out by email this week.



# School Community Charter

**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

## What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



## Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school



We create collaborative learning environments

We all play our part

We work in partnership to promote student learning

## Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

[education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

## Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

## Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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School Community Charter

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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## CALENDAR 2023

**Jun**  
**Tues 20th** STEAM Day - Gravesend  
**Thurs 22nd** Jumpstart Transition  
**Fri 23rd** Combined Athletics Carnival  
**Thurs 29th** Jumpstart Transition  
**Thurs 29th** NAIDOC Day  
**Fri 30th** Bounce Fitness Excursion  
**Fri 30th** Last Day of Term  
**Jul**  
**Mon 17th** Staff Development Day  
**Tues 18th** Students Return  
**Thurs 20th** Jumpstart Transition  
**Thurs 27th** Jumpstart Transition

Pallamallawa Public School

*See You All There!*  
**Combined Athletics Carnival**  
**Friday 23rd at PPS**

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