From Queensland Police Services - Nambour Road Policing Unit

Nambour Road Policing Unit is currently planning Operation Jump Street II. As you would be aware, Operation Jump Street first commenced in 2013 after receiving an increase of traffic complaints around schools during peak periods.

Once again this operation will consist of plain clothes Police Officers from Nambour Road Policing Unit performing covert patrols of the streets surrounding your school. These patrols will be complemented with personal covert video surveillance in an effort to aid police in evidence gathering for court purposes.

All plain clothes Police Officers will be carrying official Police identification and will present this identification to any person they may wish to speak with. If any person requests to see police identification then Police will present their identification for inspections.

During this operation, Police will again be targeting the following traffic offences:

- Illegal Parking In No Stopping Zones / Drop Off Zones
- Double Parking
- Parking On Footpaths
- Parking In Bus Zones
- Drivers Using Hand Held Mobile Phones
- Seatbelt Offences (Driver and passengers including children)
- Crossing Double/Single Continuous Dividing Lines
- Any Other Breaches Of The Road Rules

As mentioned before, Police will be gathering evidence for court purposes through the use of personal covert video recorders. This practice will help to eliminate the need for Police to interview drivers when breaches of the road rules are detected. Most enforcement action will be taken at a later time through the course of the post.

There will be zero tolerance on any breaches detected during this operation, meaning that if any breaches are detected, offenders can expect action to be taken against them.

The officers of Nambour Road Policing Unit appreciate your assistance in helping us to create safer roads around your school.

Mark Johnston
Senior Constable
Student Behaviour Profiles

Many of you should have received a copy of your child’s Student Behaviour Profile and their results from their first behaviour reflection for this year. The students in Yrs 1-7 rate their own behaviour from a scale of 1 (Rarely) up to 5 (always). Teachers also use these rating scales to assess the behaviours of each student.

These behaviours are taken from our school’s Behaviour Matrix and are grouped according to our Code of Conduct: Safety, Learning and Respect. These behaviours are very important in enabling all students to learn at school, be safe and be treated respectfully at all times and are listed on your child’s Behaviour Profile.

It is important to stress that if your child achieves a rating of 3 they are regularly demonstrating appropriate behaviour, which we expect of all our Palmwoods State School Students. Gold and Silver Behaviour Levels are something to strive for, not something we can realistically expect all or even most children to achieve. However by informing children of our expectations and what they need to do to improve we are empowering them to consciously make better choices.

Self-Reflection by students and Teacher Assessment of behaviour occurs 3 times each semester. For this semester (half year) assessment of behaviour occurs Term 1 Week 6, Term 2 Week 3 and Term 2 Week 9. The final assessment as given by the teacher (Term 2, Week 9) will determine whether a student has attained a Gold or Silver level for their behaviour for that semester. The purpose of this is to give children a chance to improve on any behaviour where they are not performing as well as they could. The Student Behaviour Profile states what each student needs to achieve in their behaviour to attain a Gold or Silver Level.

Obviously, some teacher ratings may differ from the student ratings. Teachers discuss any differences with each child and explain reasons for the difference. Students may also have particular behaviours as personal goals to work on in the classroom and/or playground to help them improve.

If you have any concerns with your child's behaviour as highlighted by their progress on their Student Behaviour Profile, please arrange to see your child’s teacher to discuss these concerns. It is proposed again this year that Gold and Silver Level Students for Semester 1 will have a Movie afternoon and for Semester 2 will have a water slide due to the warm weather. We are very fortunate and make no apologies that our school does have very high expectations for student behaviour, and that our students and families respond very favourably to it. It sets our students up for success in life.

Peter Wilson/Allan Petts
Principal/Deputy Principal

Maths Masters Club

Has something come up in your child's maths homework that has you scratching your head?
Are you looking for some help to help your child understand Maths concepts?

Then come along to Maths Masters club every Wednesday morning 8am-8:30am in the LOTE room (opposite the library).

Teachers will be on hand to explain processes or answer questions you may have about your child’s maths learning. Starts this week (12/3/14)
Art and Science of Teaching

I don’t think many people would argue with the fact that there is both an art and a science to teaching. In order to explain topics and to stimulate, motivate and inspire learners, teachers require subject specific knowledge and whole lot of “Pizazz!”

The teachers at Palmwoods operate within a framework for effective instruction called “The Art and Science of Teaching” (ASoT). The ASoT framework provides a structure around ten instructional design questions:

1. What will I do to establish and communicate learning goals, track student progress and celebrate success?
2. What will I do to help students effectively interact with new knowledge?
3. What will I do to help students practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge?
4. What will I do to help students generate and test hypotheses about new knowledge?
5. What will I do to engage students?
6. What will I do to establish or maintain classroom rules and procedures?
7. What will I do to recognise and acknowledge adherence and lack of adherence to classroom rules and procedures?
8. What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships with students?
9. What will I do to communicate high expectations for all students?
10. What will I do to develop effective lessons organised into a cohesive unit?

Our teachers plan lessons that address content in specific ways through interacting with new knowledge, practising and deepening, and provide students with opportunities to generate and test hypotheses based on their new knowledge. Clear information on student learning goals is provided through the use of Tuft sheets for unit work and individual learning goals. Feedback is provided regularly and this will be a focus for further professional learning for our teachers throughout 2014. Rules and procedures are taught through our Behaviour matrix and class routines. All of our teachers engage students through interesting activities and through the use of Kagan Cooperative Learning structures and setting high expectations in everything we do.

So, when teachers are teaching students new knowledge they will use terms like WALT (We are learning to) to share the Learning Goals of the lesson or WILF (What I’m looking for) when they share the expectations of the lesson in terms of Success Criteria. They will also explain the reason for the content of the lesson using TIB (This Is Because). They will also help students preview the new knowledge, chunk it into “digestible bites”, provide opportunities for students to elaborate on and use the new knowledge through carefully selecting the way students interact with the information and other students in their Kagan Groupings (Co-operative learning structures).

Please don’t hesitate to ask myself or any teacher about the ASoT framework, should you have any questions.

Happy effective learning,
Palmwoods State School will be holding our annual Cross-Country on Friday 4 April. Please note in the event of wet weather the Cross Country will be postponed until Friday 2nd May.

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The focus of the Junior School races will be on participation:

- Any Year 3 student born 2005 who wishes to race in their age group are asked to let their students teacher know as they are more than welcome to race.
- All Senior School competitors will be scoring points towards their house totals and winners of competitive senior races will be receiving Age Champion medals and place ribbons.
- Any Student who is interested in training over the holidays could participate in the something like following:
  - Running at the park with the dog
  - Cycling with other family members
  - Swimming in the pool
  - Boogie boarding at the beach

All parents and relatives are invited to attend and help cheer along our students. Morning Tea (Tea, Coffee & Cake etc..) will be available for during the Junior School races between 10am – 11am in the school Tuckshop for visitors to purchase.

Thank you
Kris Kearney
PE Teacher

**Child Healthy Lifestyle Program**

QLD Health is running a child healthy lifestyle program for children aged 6-12 years. This 10 week free group program is for families (parent and child to attend) who are experiencing challenges in maintaining their children in a healthy weight range.

We are looking for families who are keen to make positive lifestyle changes, and who are interested in attending a program locally.

Our Term 2 after school program will run every Thursday from 3.30-5.00 pm at Maroochydore High School commencing on 24th April. The group will focus on healthy eating, increasing physical activity, managing challenging behaviours, goal setting as well as a fun activity session for children.

If you are interested in attending this program or expressing an interest in future programs and services then please contact 5450 4766 (leave message) or e-mail SC-Child-Healthy-Weight-Team@health.qld.gov.au
Help us win a set of 10 iPads
Students and parents can help our school win a set of 10 iPads by collecting daily tokens from the Sunshine Coast Daily newspaper.

Students can bring their tokens in on a daily basis the office up until the final bell on Monday 31 March when the promotion ends.

BOOK FAIR
‘A cool place to discover hot books!’

‘A cool place to discover hot books!’ A Book Fair is coming soon to Palmwoods State School Library on Monday the 31st March, the last week of Term 1. The commission we receive in books from your purchases is directly returned to us in books. This ensures we can continue to offer the latest releases, current and popular books. Sometimes our books are lost or damaged and it enables us to replace these also. Therefore your support at our upcoming Book Fair directly benefits every child in the school along with encouraging and highlighting the importance of reading.

Victor Mijnarends
Teacher/Librarian

FROM THE CLASSES

Year 4’s Epic Camp

Camp was really good fun at Ewen Maddock Dam. We did many activities that involved height such as sky surfer and mid-ropes. We learnt how to be Junior Bear Grills by building a shelter for a storm that was approaching us. We also learnt how to create a good fire. We did team activities such as canoeing, low ropes and mid-ropes (some of these were lots of fun like Human Yo-Yo). Ewan Maddock Dam had such a beautiful sunset and the instructors were great with problem solving. We really enjoyed our camp.

By Hunter and Mikayla
PALMWOODS STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2014
7PM - STAFFROOM  ADMIN BUILDING

All P&C positions become vacant. If you are interested in nominating for the following positions or just want to help out in any way, please contact the school office on 5453 2444 or contact Brenda Herrmann (P&C Operations Manager) via email pcops@westnet.com.au:

P&C President - The role of the President is to provide leadership for the P&C Association and the Executive.
P&C Vice President - The principal role to provide essential support for the president and members.
P&C Secretary - The Secretary is responsible for the organisation of the P&C’s activities and the flow of communication within the P&C Association.
P&C Treasurer - The Treasurer has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittee accounts.
Assistant Treasurer – assists the Treasurer

Our March General Meeting will follow the AGM. ALL WELCOME

THE AGENDA FOR OUR MARCH 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Business arising from those minutes
Receipt and Adoption of Audited Annual Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report
Receipt and Adoption of President’s Annual Report

ALL MEMBERSHIPS LAPSE
Motion to consider and accept all applications to renew existing memberships
Motion to consider and accept all new applications for membership

Election of Officers
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer

Confirmation of Sub-Committees
Tuckshop, Kids Club, Country Fair

Motion to change Bank Signatories
Appointment Of Auditor

Review and Endorsement of Risk Management Strategy
Review and Endorsement of Tuckshop Policy and Procedures

General Business - Relating to AGM
2. Endorsement of Volunteer activities (working bees etc)
3. Endorsement of Fundraising Activities Register
   Endorsement of Nominated/Authorised Officer to undertake dealings with the ATO

CLOSE
General Meeting to follow

THE AGENDA FOR OUR MARCH 2014 GENERAL MEETING

Business arising from those minutes

Correspondence In/Out
Treasurers Report
Principal’s Report
Kids Club Report
Tuckshop Report
P&C Operations Managers Report
Chaplaincy Report
General Business

Trivia Night – Friday 28th March 2014
Country Fair Sat 24th February 2014
Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to be the Class Rep. Classes 2G & 5S are still without stalls need Class Reps. You can share this job with someone else if you prefer. Please let your teacher know if you would like to volunteer for this position, or contact the school office.

Stalls which we currently have available include:
* Trash & Treasure  * Produce  * Pluck a Duck  * Ten Pin Bowling

If you have something else your class would be interested in running, please contact us. In some cases a stall may be shared between two classes e.g. Trash & Treasure

The following Country Fair Committee Positions are still vacant:
Secretary – takes minutes of Fair meetings and distributes to committee members. Compile action lists and agendas for upcoming meetings.

Sponsorship Coordinator – Approach businesses around the Sunshine Coast requesting their assistance for sponsorship and donations. Collect and distribute donated goods to class stalls. Send thank you letters to sponsors on completion of the Fair. (This position may need 1 or 2 assistants)

Advertising Coordinator – Coordinates all media releases in local papers, radio, school newsletter and online community event organisations. Update all Signs, Banners etc, and put these in position at the appropriate time.

Entertainment Coordinator – Recruit entertainers and coordinate all aspects of entertainment on the day of the Fair including liaising with school music teachers, sourcing local entertainment within school families and outside community. Create a program including various venues on school grounds. Draft notes for the MC to use on Fair day.

Do you know someone or can you provide entertainment at the Fair?
We are looking for;
• a clown or someone to provide small children’s entertainment.
• Any dancing, singing or acting or performer
• We are looking for talented musicians to perform in our entertainment areas

Call Brenda Herrmann at the school office at 5453 2444 or email pcops@westnet.com.au

DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP
Contact : Brenda Herrmann on 5453 244
Or email pcops@westnet.com.au

We welcome donations of any items. They might be small items that could go into lucky bottles or small games like pluck a duck i.e. pens, rubbers, note pads, hair ties etc. Or large items that could be part of the auction or raffle.
• You may have or know someone who has an art or craft items that they could donate to be in the raffle, cent auction or auctioned.
• You may have or know someone who has a business that could donate goods or services for the raffle, cent auction, or be auctioned.

Please let us know their contact details and their relationship to the school or community

The Fair Organisation Meetings are being held on
Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm in the Admin building.
Our next Fair meeting is Tuesday 25th March 2014.
You are most welcome to attend, or if you would like to receive a copy of the minutes then please let Brenda know by email pcops@westnet.com.au or phone Brenda on 5453 2444.
Trivia Night

$10 per adult
Tables of 6-8 people
Individuals and couples also welcome

Cash prizes
Hot food to purchase
Beer, wine and soft drinks for purchase

NO BYO

Palmwoods State School P&C

Friday 28th March 2014

7pm

Tickets are available from the Palmwoods State School office.
Telephone 5453 2444
Held at the School Hall
Palmwoods/Montville Rd
Palmwoods
The information herein has been obtained from sources we deem to be reliable, however we cannot guarantee its accuracy and interested persons should rely on their own enquiries.