Thank you Everybody who came to our Parent Information Sessions on Tuesday afternoons. It was wonderful to see so many parents who are obviously interested and wanting to remain involved in your children’s education, this also shows that our School Motto *Learning and Growing Together* is being enacted by all of us.

If you didn’t get the opportunity to attend please try and catch up with your child’s teacher as soon as possible, all our classes will be sending information about what is happening in their class at least each term. It is really important we continue to strengthen the relationships between home and school. Please contact your child’s teacher with any information that will help us improve your child’s learning.

Next Tuesday night (7:00pm) is our first P&C Meeting of the year, all are welcome. There is an important item on the agenda, it is the approval of our first School Council Constitution. Although this has been developed using the recommended Model Constitution it will be interesting to be involved in how our first School Council will be formed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this.

Peter Wilson
Principal

**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME**

Parents wishing to participate in the Student Resource Scheme ($70 per student) please be aware that payment is due by this Friday 14 February. If payment if not received by the due date it will be assumed parents will be responsible for purchasing the items from the requirement list as detailed in the SRS forms sent home at the start of term.

If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact the school office to make an arrangement for a Payment Plan or alternatively Centrepay maybe available.

**DENTAL NEWS**

The Dental Van will be arriving at our school soon. We have sent home dental forms to students with surnames beginning with A to K. Students will be treated in family groups. If you wish to take advantage of the school dental service please complete and return the forms to the office by Friday 21 February. We are expecting the Dental Van to be at school by the end of February.

If you have any queries please contact the Dental Van Staff on Ph: 0419 736942

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**CURRICULUM CORNER**

Welcome to 2014!

This year sees all schools across Queensland continuing to enact the Australian Curriculum, in English, Maths, Science, History and new for this year is Geography.

The Department of Education and Training has refined the curriculum support device known as “Curriculum Into the Classroom” (C2C) to assist Queensland State School teachers to deliver a consistent and well supported message around the Australian Curriculum. Palmwoods Teachers are using the C2C to inform our planning and teaching, ensuring they meet the need learning needs of all our Palmwoods students.
We will also continue to refine our teaching practices through the Art and Science of Teaching (ASoT), identifying new knowledge that needs to be taught from the C2C and providing many opportunities for students to practise and deepen this knowledge. Students will be given regular feedback on their learning through the use of learning goals and our “Tuft” criteria sheets, which will help inform their next steps for learning. We will also be refining how we provide feedback to students at the point of learning, through Formative Assessment, to ensure that students receive regular information on how they are going with their understandings and address any misconceptions as early as possible.

Throughout the year, I’m sure you’ll hear your children talking about other schoolwide curriculum initiatives such as:

- **Literacy Lift** – where extra staff work with regular class teachers in classes three times a week, to support students with learning in spelling and reading.
- **Words Their Way** – our Spelling program that teaches students to look for features of words, then to sort and group words together according to similar features to build spelling understanding and knowledge.
- **Maths lessons** – students may be with their class teacher for Mathematics lessons, or with another teacher from the same Year level, as we work students in similar ability groupings to ensure that the learning opportunities are aimed at their learning needs. Ask your child and their teacher for more information about this.
- **Kagan Co-operative Learning Structures** – a whole school approach to learning where students are taught how to work cooperatively through set structures to enhance learning.

I’ll share more detail about these in future newsletter articles, but if you just can’t wait until then, don’t hesitate to ask me or your child’s teacher as you see us around the school!

We look forward to a wonderful year in 2014, where we can have fun following our school motto “Learning and Growing Together”.

Happy New School Year,

*Kellie Martin*

*Head of Curriculum*

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**Ten Ways Parents can Work with Teachers.**

Michael Grose is a respected and noted expert on giving best parenting ideas and advice. Here are his ten ways that parents can work with teachers that will best support their children’s learning. This can help all parents to develop a special and positive relationship with your child’s teacher that will help facilitate a successful year for parents, students and our teachers. Our school motto is “Learning and Growing Together” – we trust all our parents, students and teachers will continue to learn and grow together in 2014.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve
2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
3. Support your teacher’s expectations and activities at home
4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time each day
5. Inform your teacher of your child’s challenges and changes
6. Skill children to work with others
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
8. Participate fully in class and school activities (as time will permit)
9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience
10. Talk up what happens at school

For more useful parenting tips and good general advice on raising happy kids check out his website www.parentingideas.com.au or join the Michael Grose Parenting Community at facebook.com/michaelgroseparenting
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Welcome back to school for all our existing families and a special welcome to all the new families who have just joined us this year. We trust you all have an amazing year filled with fun, learning and build some lasting family relationships.

Throughout the year I will run several programs for fun or support that you or your children can be involved in. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details of what's available to you.

**GEMS Giving Every Mother Support**  
*Friday this week the 14th Feb* is our 2nd GEMS group Coffee which is a general support coffee morning for any parent that wants to come. We plan to have a discussion topic of value each week relevant to and suggested by parents. It is a relaxed morning where you can come and ask for, or offer, support of other parents with the challenges of parenting in the 21st century.  
This will be held on alternate Friday mornings this year instead of Tuesdays commencing on February the 14th. This is held on the **deck of the Hall at 8.45**. (So you drop off kids and come straight down) we usually have some scones or something to nibble on with our coffee.

**WASP Working Away Support Program**  
The WASP groups meets on alternate Tuesday mornings with the next one being **Tuesday 25th February**. This also meets on the **deck of the hall at 8:45**. This group, as the name suggests is for the support of parents whose partners are working away from home in the mining, transport or building industry. It is a recognised fact that having dads absent from the home for long periods is very stressful for both the dads and their families. We aim to encourage the relationships and strengthen the family bond despite the distance.

**FAMILY FUN FRIDAY**  
Our first social family fun event for the year is **Friday 21st February from 3.00-4.30**. We will be playing games that everyone is encouraged to participate in (like Sack Races). We will have a Free Sausage sizzle for afternoon tea and maybe some prizes. It will be held on the Prep Oval down behind the Yr 5 building. Just pick up your kids and head straight down. Look forward to having a fun time, hope to see you there.

**SCHOOL CAMPS**  
From the commencement of Week 5 this term I will be out of the school a large portion of the time on school camps. I look forward to spending this time with the young people, I really enjoy school camps. If you need to contact me please feel free to call the office and they will let me know and I’lI call you back.

Jenny Schleusener  
Chaplain

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**Volunteering in Our School 2014**

**WHERE CAN I HELP?  WHAT CAN I DO?**

Parent(s) / Volunteer’s Name:__________________________  
Phone Mobile:__________________________  Email:__________________________

Student’s Name:__________________________  Class:__________

Student’s Name:__________________________  Class:__________

I would like to be involved in (please circle):  
P & C;  Tuckshop;  Uniform Shop (8-9am Friday);  
Permaculture Garden;  Support a Reader;  Classroom Support;  Enrichment Program;  
Under 8s Day:  Other (please specify)_____________________________________

I/We have the following skills/hobbies/knowledge: which the school may find useful:  
____________________________________________________

Other ways I/we are able to help (e.g. donation of resources):  
____________________________________________________

Thank you for your time.  
For further information about any of the above, please contact your School Community Liaison Officer  
Bernie McInnes on 5453 2444 or email  bmcin91@eq.edu.au
We are back this year with a bang! Our new menu is up and running with some exciting daily specials.

We are also very excited to have a new coffee machine, and last Wednesday we had a member from “VINCENZA” come in and teach me and the wonderful volunteers how to make a perfect coffee. Why not come after you drop the kids off and pick one up for the road before you head to work or meet your friends for a coffee, cake and a chat? Priced reasonably at $3:50.

Maybe you are interested in volunteering and learning a new skill, the crew and I would love to add you as a member on our roster!

“What is your coffee of choice?”

Sam Berglind—Tuckshop Convenor

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You will be required to top up your pre-paid account by VISA/Mastercard or bank transfer

For help call 1300 361 769

Thank you to the Palmwoods Heritage Community Bank for their support with our 2014 School Bookpacks for our Prep Students.
WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to all our families. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces around our school community this year.

Our P&C involves people just like you – parents, past parents and community minded people who want to help our school. The P&C works very closely with our school towards building a stronger school community – where all children benefit!

The P&C is involved in many areas within the school and you can be involved in the following way by providing input on:
- School policy decisions and development
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Tuckshop management
- School and classroom functions
- Outside School Hours Care management
- Uniform shop management
- Grant writing
- Classroom Assistance
- Classroom Representative
- Fundraising activities & Functions including Country Fair, Chocolate Drives, Trivia Nights
- P&C Executive:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Assistants to above positions

P&C MEETINGS
Our next P&C general meeting is on Tuesday 18th February 2014 in the staff room at 7pm. All welcome.
The Agenda for our February 2014 Meeting:
**Business arising from those minutes**
- Ezcovers Online book covers  
  COMPLETED
- School Captains Awards  
  COMPLETED
- Family Contribution  
  IN PROCESS OF COMPLETING
- Parent Talk – Letter from QASSP  
  COMPLETED
- Palmwoods SS 125 years old next year
- Nambour RSL Grant $5000– Coffee Machine.  
  COMPLETED
- Melbourne Cup Update  
  IN PROCESS OF COMPLETING

**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 7th March 2014 - To be Confirmed
- Country Fair Saturday 24th February 2014
- March 2014 AGM
Beginners and experienced players are encouraged to try out for a Junior and Senior Girls Softball Team to represent Nambour District at the Regional Trials in Redcliffe 16-18 March 2014

10-12yrs

**Tryouts:** Wed 12 February 3.30pm
Woombye State School Oval
Pine Grove Road, Woombye

**Training:** Wednesdays 3.30—5pm
Woombye State School

Mel Muller: mmull108@eq.edu.au
Woombye SS  07 5451 3222

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**Suncoast Hinterland BMX Club**
Mooloolah Connection Road
Mooloolah QLD 4553

**COME & TRY DAY**
Saturday 22nd February

Clinics: 10:00 am -11:30 am 
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm 
Bring: Bike, Helmet, Long sleeved shirt and Long Pants

Contact: Ph 0408 888 709
Facebook: Hinterland BMX Club

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**Palmwoods Devils Junior Rugby League Club**

**COME & TRY DAY**

*When: Saturday* 22nd FEB 2014  9am - 11 am

*Where:* Briggs Park, Jubilee Drive, Palmwoods

- Free Sausage Sizzle
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