Welcome back to our final Term of the year. I trust you all enjoyed the recent school holidays and hopefully had a chance to spend time with your family and friends at this time.

**Enrolment 2015**

We are about to start planning for next year. Please let us know if your child/ren will not be returning to our great school next year. Also if you know of anyone, especially with Prep students (born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010) coming to Palmwoods next year, please remind them to come in and fill out an enrolment form.

For any information about enrolment or to ask questions please contact our office on 5453 2444 as soon as possible.

**Factors to consider for 2015 Classes**

This in Not a Teacher Request Form

Between now and the end of the year we will be compiling class groupings for the 2015 classes. Parents are invited to present suggestions about their child/ren in writing via a form which is available from the school’s office. The deadline for these suggestions is 3.30pm on Friday 7th November. A lot of time, effort and thinking goes into ensuring that class groups have a balanced composition and that the suggestions of factors to consider are suggestions only. We thank you in anticipation of your understanding of this.

*Requests for specific teachers will not be considered, because all our teachers at Palmwoods State School are great teachers.*

**Students Not Returning 2015**

If you are leaving Palmwoods State School at the end of the year please make sure that you let the office know in writing as soon as possible. This will help us with our planning, especially regarding staffing and to work out our numbers and form class groups for next year.

**Swimming for P-3**

Swimming for 1C, 1E, 2D, 2G, 2S, 2/3P, 3B, and 3M starts on Monday 27 October. All Preps and 1G will commence on Monday 10 November. Students are required to wear a rashie or T-shirt and a bathing cap. **Payment is to be finalised by 23 October to enable students to participate.**

Online payment is welcome - BSB 064-424, Acc: 00090554, Ref: Student Name/Swim.

**Prep 2014 Flying Start Scan**

If you are a parent of a 2015 Prep child please ensure you have booked into the 15 minute Scan on Tuesday 18 November. Contact the office staff for a booking.

**Upcoming Dates**

♦ **HRE - COMMENCING FROM WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER**

♦ **SWIMMING (PREP – YEAR 3) BEGINS MONDAY 27 OCTOBER**

♦ **DRESS IN RED DAY - FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER (gold coin donation)**

♦ **SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

♦ **YR 6 & YR 7 GRADUATION CEREMONY - MONDAY 8 DECEMBER**

**Pupil Free Day Monday 20 Oct**
HRE - Human Relations/Sexuality Education

The school will implement the Family Planning Queensland program “Bodies and Relationships Education Essentials” for students from Prep -Year 7 starting from Wednesday 15 October, 2014. The program explores the topics of sexuality education and child safety. This resource and school program will assist parents to encourage in their children healthy attitudes towards sexuality. It is important to children because it provides factual, age appropriate and relevant information from a reliable source.

The school program covers a number of lessons from the different strands of Human Development, Growing and Changing, Staying Safe, and Making Healthy Choices. The program sees the importance of all students and families using the same language when referring to body parts. Many parents have expressed appreciation for the program as it started healthy discussions about sexuality at home. Of course parents have the opportunity to withdraw their students from the school program if they wish (by writing a letter/emailing the school). However, I would dearly love the opportunity to speak to parents to allay any fears they may have.

Free Dress Day (dress in Red)

On Friday 31 October we are holding a Free Dress Day. It is a special day as it is both the ‘Day for Daniel’ Day (Daniel Morcombe Foundation) as well as National Bandana Day (Canteen – Living with Cancer). Children are to wear something red. Students can also wear a Bandana. These will be available to purchase the week commencing Monday 27 October and each morning that week from 8am - 8:45am in the covered area next to 4B (where sausage sizzle is held).

Cost is $4.00 per Bandana (cash only).

If you have a Bandana from last year you are welcome to wear that. Bandanas can be worn for the whole week. On Friday for Free Dress Day wear something red as well as your bandanna. A Gold Coin donation from each participating student will help build a school for the Karen Hill tribe in Burma.

School Disco

The Term 4 school disco will be held in the hall on Friday 21 November.

Details regarding the theme will be advised in the next Palmwoods Pages after the Student Council meeting this Thursday. Cost of entry is $3 per student

Prep-Yr 3 disco starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm.
The Yr 4-7 Disco starts at 7.00pm and finishes at 8.30pm.

Students can also purchase sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks.

GRADUATION FOR YEAR 6 & 7

The Graduation ceremony for our departing Year 6 and Year 7 students will be held in our School Hall on Monday 8 December, commencing at 5:30pm. Further information for these students will be sent home in the coming weeks. This year is unique in that both our Year 6 & Year 7 students will graduate from Primary School as part of Education Queensland’s “Flying Start” Initiative which sees all Year 7 students as part of High School from 2015.

We will hosting a combined Graduation Ceremony and Major Awards will be presented to both Year 7 and Year 6 graduating students. We have a large number of community organisations and community members who provide these special awards, so it is important that we accommodate these great supporters of our school by conducting a joint graduation ceremony. It is envisaged that the ceremony will be conducted in two parts. The first session from 5:30pm - 6:45pm is for the presentation of all major award winners. This will be followed by a short break for finger food and drinks. The second session, from 7:30pm - 8:45pm will be for the presentation of graduation certificates to all our 96 graduating students. A short supper will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony with a graduation cake to help celebrate.

Allan Petts
Acting Principal

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIP

I use chalk a lot when working with children. Drawing/writing with chalk on concrete can help in the following ways:

• The resistance of the chalk on the concrete helps children to slow down and think about the letter/word/drawing/number.

• The resistance of the chalk on the concrete helps build up strength in hand and upper limb muscles.

• As chalk is generally shorter than pencils it encourages a good pencil grip, especially the thicker chalk.

• Children often feel quite motivated to participate in a writing activity when using chalk on the concrete.

Janine Moore
Occupational Therapist
Learning Goals
Goldilocks wanted the porridge that was not too hot and not too cold, but just right! This is called The Goldilocks Principle, and we apply it when we are deciding a Learning Goal for every child in the class – one that is not too hard to reach, but not too easy that it provides no challenge.
A Learning Goal is a specific, next step challenge that is individualised for every child, in Maths, Writing and Reading. These Learning Goals focus thinking and provide a criteria for success which motivates children to learn – often there is a reward associated with their achievement which adds an element of fun!
Learning Goals must be highly visible to the children and referred to constantly throughout the lesson, so teachers have been coming up with creative ways to engage with them. These are some of the Learning Goal systems used in our school:

- Stickers, smiley faces, buttons…are used to show a child’s progression towards success.
- Ask your child if they know their Learning

Why have Learning Goals?
Research tells us that children learn best when they know exactly what it is that they need to know or do, and start from the point at which they already know - this is called the ‘next steps’. Teachers and children use many sources to work out what the next steps are and these include:
  - Marking and Feedback from teachers – what does the teacher regularly mark with Pink?
  - Checklists for writing – which step on the ladder is often marked with Pink?
  - Tuft Sheets – what is often a problem area?
  - Non-negotiable skills – mental maths, spelling of common words – common errors.
Teachers use Pink Highlighter to mark things that the child needs to think a little more about:

“Pink for Think!”
Fiona Uebergang
Acting Head of Curriculum

Sports News
Sunshine Coast Regional Athletics
Recently 3 of our students represented Nambour District Athletics at the Sunshine Coast Regional Athletics Trials. Our students did a great job competing against the best of the best from all over the Sunshine Coast.

Kaitlyn B – 6th in Long Jump with a Personal best jump of 4.10m.
Madison J - finished 6th in High Jump with a jump of 1.13m.
Ben T - placed 12th in Long Jump with a best jump of 4.24m.

Congratulations to you all on a job well done!!
Kris Kearney
PE Teacher
Welcome back to term 4. Following is the info for upcoming events.

**ANYBITES CAMP**
The Anybites camp is happening this weekend 17th to 19th October. I have sent home indemnity forms for the Aqua Park and I still need some of these back. These need to be signed and returned this week please. I sent home a list of what to bring late last week or you should have received an email with the list as well. Please don’t send electronic devices as these are easily lost or stolen. We are looking forward to a great time.

**PLEASE NOTE PICK UP TIME IS SUNDAY @ 1pm.**

**COFFEE MORNINGS**
It has also been decided that this term we will meet on a Wednesday morning; this is to enable different mums that can’t make it to Friday to be encouraged too. We will still meet on the deck of the hall at drop off time so we hope you can make it.

**DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE  (Book now)**
Dads are encouraged to book now for the dance which will be held on Friday 24 October in the School Hall from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Those who came last year had a great time with their daughters. There will be food, drinks and fun, all for the meagre cost of $5.00 per head. This year I have something a bit different planned as well as all the fun stuff we did last year. This year’s theme is a “Masquerade Ball”. Start shopping now for a mask, those bargain shops are usually good for this stuff, or if you’re clever you can get your daughter to make one for you. Hope to see you there.

**WALKERS GROUP**
The walkers group has been moved to Friday mornings. If you would like company while you get fit join Amy Setch at 8:45 outside the hall with your runners and kids in a pram.

**COOKING**
Cooking has commenced for this term. We will be making lots of the food consumed at the dance in these classes and all food is frozen till it is required. Then after the dance it will be used for a thankyou morning tea to be held later this year.

Bless you all.
Jenny Schleusener
School Chaplain

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**PREP 2015 ENROLMENT**

The school is currently taking enrolments for 2015 Prep Year.

Enrolment Forms are available NOW from the school office.

*Your child is eligible for Prep 2015 if they were born between July 1 2009 and June 30 2010.*

**Prep Scan for 2015 Prep students**

Tuesday 18 November 2014 9am - 11am

Please contact our school office on 5453 2444 to book into the above session.

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**Volunteers NEEDED at your local Salvation Army Family Store**

Call The Salvation Army on 5443 8248 speak to Libby and register your interest by Wednesday 5th November

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**WANTED**

The school is collecting old ankle socks (singles or pairs) for the children to use to clean their whiteboards. Please drop these into the School Office. Thank you.
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<td>Lucius D Ayla D</td>
<td>Showing confidence and fitting in with your new class. Welcome!</td>
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<td>Working hard to complete set tasks. Well Done!</td>
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<td>Chloe S Bailey R</td>
<td>Working steadily in all subjects.</td>
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<td>Creative and accurate use of action words (Verbs).</td>
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<td>Tamiika M Andrew B</td>
<td>Improving her focus on her work.</td>
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<td>Making good learning choices.</td>
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<td>Being a considerate and friendly class member.</td>
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<td>Tyler S Ryan M Roy D</td>
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<td>Improvement in reading due to more practise.</td>
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<td>Consistently setting the example of caring for others.</td>
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<td>Isabell S Jack B</td>
<td>Asking useful questions and helping others.</td>
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<td>Being very helpful to others and always striving to do your best.</td>
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<td>Paris S Abigail T</td>
<td>Improved effort at using punctuation correctly in her writing.</td>
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<td>Demonstrating an enthusiastic attitude towards achieving her reading goal.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Shanaya D</td>
<td>Always being so helpful and happy each morning.</td>
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<td>Lincoln K Evie T</td>
<td>Starting Term 4 with a good attitude and being focussed on his learning.</td>
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<td>Carefully following instructions during the Dance Lesson.</td>
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<td>Jett B Laila A</td>
<td>Working hard in class and being an active listener.</td>
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<td>Adopting a mature attitude towards her class work.</td>
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<td>Having a positive attitude to start the term.</td>
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<td>Showing consistent improvement with the quality of her cursive writing in all writing tasks.</td>
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<td>Working hard to achieve his Programme Achieve goal to be better organised and use his time effectively.</td>
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<td>Being respectful and trying to the best of his abilities.</td>
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<td>Chloe D</td>
<td>Her consistent effort in all areas of learning.</td>
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<td>Brayden M Angelo A</td>
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Welcome back to term 4. Last term we raised over $7700.00 from our Chocolate Drive. Thanks to all those families who brought chocolates. It was a fantastic effort. This term is an action packed term full of fun fundraising opportunities for the P&C.

We have our Melbourne Cup Day luncheon on Tuesday 4th November at the Palmwoods Hotel — see the attached add for full details. We are looking for helpers for the Melbourne Cup Day luncheon. You can help with distributing flyers around Palmwoods, helping on the day to coordinate the fashion parade, sell raffle tickets, distribute prizes while enjoying a delicious lunch and fine company at the Palmwoods Hotel. If you know of anyone who is able to donate prizes for our best dressed male & female, best hat or lucky door prize (e.g. dinner voucher, hair dressing voucher or ladies gift pack) please contact the school on 5453 2444.

Our next Trivia Night is on the Friday 14th November in the school hall.

P&C MEETING — TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 7PM
SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show our children how much you value their education. Your child's educational abilities are enhanced with your involvement.

Topics for discussion on this month's agenda include:
- Melbourne Cup Day Lunch
- Trivia Night
- Positive Parent Feedback

If you are unable to come to a meeting and would like to be involved, then contact the school for a copy of the minutes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Are you enrolled @ Nambour SHS for 2015?
Not yet? Find out what the buzz is about Nambour High School. Enrolment packages can be collected from the administration office or call 5450 4105 for more information or have a package sent to you.

Would you like a day full of excitement and fun at a multi award winning school where you get a REAL high school experience?

If you answered YES to these questions, you’re invited to Nambour SHS’s Year 7 into 8 Orientation Day on Wednesday 15 October 2014 from 8.45am to 2.45pm.
Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day on Wednesday 5 November 2014 from 9.00 am to 2.50 pm

NAMBOUR DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL

Where: Nambour & District Netball Assoc. - Laidlaw Rd. Woombye
When: Wednesday 22 October to Wednesday 26 November
Who: Year 3 to Year 7 Girls & Boys
Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Cost: $2 per game per player
Contact: Jodie Durant 0407 900 064 or Peta Gibson 0403 486 872
TRIVIA NIGHT

$10 per adult

hot food to purchase

prizes

beer, wine & softdrinks for purchase (no BYO)

Palmwoods State School P&C

Friday 14 November 2014 7pm
School Hall - Palmwoods/Montville Rd
Tickets available from School Office PH: 5453 2444

DOES PALMWOODS HAVE MORE TALENT?

Auditions
Fri 31 Oct & Sat 1 Nov 2014
Registration Fee $5.00
Bookings Essential - Phone 0409 765 357

Junior Grand Final Matinee Show
Sun 9 Nov 2014
Ages 10-17yrs

Adult Grand Final Dinner & Show
Sat 15 Nov 2014
at Palmwoods Memorial Hall
Tickets - $35 each includes: 3 course meal Bar available. No BYO.

Sponsored by:

For more information:
email: palmwoodshall@gmail.com or
phone: 0409 765 357

Terms and Conditions Apply
Eudlo now has new Tennis courts.

We are having a Grand Open Day on Saturday, 25th October from 12 - 4pm with Jenny McKay, our local councillor, doing the honour of officially opening them. There will be lots of fun activities for both children & adults with lots of fantastic prizes eg speed serve competitions, one point competitions with prizes such as free tickets to the Big Kart Track at Landsborough; ball machine with targets to be won. There will be plenty of give always. We will also have a sausage sizzle & plenty of other yummy food & drinks throughout the afternoon.

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