Just over three weeks left until our School Musical. There is an attachment with this newsletter and more information to come in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to the many people and groups who have already done a lot of work for our costumes, also to the Palmwoods Branch of the Heritage Community Bank for their ongoing support. Please read the information attached carefully so your child and family get the most out of this sensational opportunity. There are a couple of areas that we require some parent help on the day, with car park attendants and helping with the Sausage Sizzle for the performers between shows. Please return the form if you can help.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Fruit Break
At Palmwoods State School we encourage our students to be healthy and alert at school. This is one of the reasons we have a Fruit Break in the first session each day. However we are finding that sometimes our children don’t have the best food to suit, particularly as we only have a couple of minutes for our Fruit Break so we can make the best of our learning time.

So please provide your child with fresh fruit, vegetables, boiled eggs or cheese that can be eaten easily, as most students have their Fruit Break at their desk. Especially for our younger children it helps to have fruit like apples cut up, and probably not large apples. We would also prefer you didn’t send oranges as they can result in sticky fingers.

We appreciate your support with helping our children be ready for learning. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Contacting School
Please organise with your children how they will be getting home or if they have any appointment times before you bring them to school. We are taking a lot of messages to pass on to children in the afternoons. This is very disruptive for teachers and it is not always possible to make sure the child receives the message as classes may be out of the room at the end of the day.

Procedure for Collecting Children Early
If you are picking your child/ren up early, please sign out at the school office, pick up a green late arrival/early departure slip before collecting your child from the classroom. Children will not be sent to the school office to be collected. This procedure is for the safety of our students.

Absences
Education Queensland Policy requires all student absences to be reported to the school office either by emailing admin@palmwoodss.eq.edu.au phoning the dedicated absentee hotline on 5453 2460 and record your name, child’s name, class, date and the reason your child is absent. Please do not phone the school office number with absences. This process helps us monitor student absences to ensure children’s safety.

Peter Wilson
Principal

SCHOOL WATCH
LOOK, LISTEN AND REPORT PHONE 13 17 88
We need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you notice any unusual activity on the school grounds or in buildings during non school hours or in the school holidays please report to the above number.
Digital Devices for differentiation

Did you know you are probably living with a “Digital Native?” This term has been coined to describe our kids, who are growing up in a world where they have ready access to digital devices. As a parent you have no doubt had conversations with your children about regulating their use of digital devices and rightly so. It’s important that our “digital natives” experience a variety of different activities in their lives, digital just being one of these.

We cannot deny though, the motivation and usefulness that these devices can have in learning. As a school, we aim to use a variety of digital devices to enhance student learning. We recognise that there are many ways to use digital devices in the classroom. We have sets of iPads, laptop labs in classrooms, Bee Bots for robotics and programming, digital microphones and recording devices, interactive whiteboards, projectors and many more devices. Teachers plan activities using various digital tools that support student learning. The use of different digital devices can help teachers to cater for individual learning needs.

How can I help at home?

- Monitor the time that your children spend on digital devices. Use a timer (eg on the oven or the digital device) to regulate the time spent and insist that they do something different once finished (eg draw, play a game, do a puzzle, play outside)
- Show interest in the way your children use digital devices. Let them teach you ways they know how to use technology and share tips that you know too.
- Encourage the use of educational games and apps, use digital devices for homework at times (eg type and print spelling words) so children can see that the devices are not just for games!

Remember… Our past is not our students’ future.

Happy digital device use,

Kellie Martin
Head of Curriculum

Engaging Adolescence
Effective Discipline for children 11-16 Years

We would like to invite parents to attend an upcoming series of 3 workshops designed to help parents with behaviour management strategies. Shane Allen, a Behaviour Support Consultant with Education Queensland, will be sharing the Engaging Adolescence Programme with parents. The workshops will include information on

- Controlling difficult behaviour eg. arguing, fighting, tantrums
- Encouraging good behaviour eg. going to bed, doing homework, eating
- Strengthening your relationship with your child through the use of praise, active listening and shared fun.

The workshops will be held at Woombye State School in the library on August 15th, 22nd and 29th. Each session will run from 9:00am until approximately12pm.

A workbook linked to the programme at no cost will be provided.

Please note that the sessions are for parents only and parents will need to make suitable arrangements for the care of any non-school age children.

Should you wish to attend please contact Woombye Administration on 5451 3222 and reserve your position.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on the 5th September. It recognises the range of student abilities in Queensland classrooms. All students are encouraged to participate because the Challenge is not a competition, but a way to provide greater involvement and develop a love of reading for life.

Teachers from Prep to Year 3 will record class reading and shared books on a class record to be submitted as a class list. Children from these classes may also get individual record sheets from the library if they would like to record books they have read or shared at home. The library will be offering incentives to children as they complete these individual sheets and return them to the library. Years 4 to 7 may participate in the reading challenge by collecting individual record sheets from the library. The goals of the challenge are to improve literacy, cultivate a passion for literature, and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning.

Small but Loud Voices-Short Story Competition

As part of the ‘Voices on the Coast’ Literature Festival in 2014 our children are encouraged to partake in the ‘Small but Loud Voices’ Literary Competition. Five children from Palmwoods will be invited to have their short stories (400 words) or poems published. These stories need to be submitted to Mr Mijnarends in the library by the 27th of August. Children may enter from Years 5 to 7. There will be prizes for the best stories in each year level, but the overall selection for published stories or poems will be chosen regardless of Year level. Stories need to be handed to Mr Mijnarends in the library in an electronic version and on paper.

Book Week – ‘Connect to Reading’

To celebrate The Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week, we will once again be running a very special promotion to encourage children to Connect to Reading and possibly pick up a book they haven’t or wouldn’t normally choose. We have been covering many of the library books in plain brown paper and for 2 weeks, from the 18th August, we are asking children to come into the library and borrow a ‘surprise’ book. Children are asked to write a review of that book. Parents are encouraged to support their children in the reading and writing of their book reviews if needed. There will be a draw to choose the best review from each year from Prep –2 and from Years 3 – 7 and the writer will receive a book gift. Come and pick from our lucky dip and see what you get to read!!!! See Mr Mijnarends for more details.

Thank you to the Palmwoods Post Office for kindly donating lots and lots of great books for Book Week.

Vic Mijnarends
Teacher Librarian

As part of our school’s Book Week celebrations we are inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character. The dress up day will be on Friday 29th August. Scholastic Books has joined in with the fun and are offering Ten $50 book vouchers for the best dressed-up students in their Book Dress Up Competition.

Simply dress up as a book character and send a photo of yourself to:
competitions@scholastic.com.au
(Please include student’s name, age and year level, teacher’s name and school.)
Thank you

A very big Thank You to Cr Jenny McKay who has very generously donated some awesome Japanese resources from her latest trip to Japan!

Erica Wilson
LOTE Teacher
Any Bites Camp
I distributed flyers last week about the Any bites camp. This is happening on the weekend of 17-19 October and is open to students in Years 5-7. The cost is only $10 for the weekend and includes Tubing, Aqua Park and Laser Tag plus much more. We can only offer it at this price because we have been generously sponsored by the Heritage Palmwoods Community Bank again this year. If your child would like to go, please go online to: sucamps.org.au and click on Anybites Camp 2014. If you have any trouble please contact me as I will be able to help. It will be fully booked within 3 weeks so don’t miss out, book today. A $50 deposit is required when booking. By last Friday it was 50% booked.

Wednesday Walkers
The Walkers group members are out there getting fit, would you like to join them? Meet outside the School Hall in time for a 9 am start every Wednesday morning. If you would like more information please contact Amy Setch on 0429040696.

GEMS Coffee
Every Friday morning we have a get together and chat about kids and parenting. Feel free to join us. Mums with kids under school age are welcome just in case you’re not sure. There are also some encouraging books on different topics that you can borrow from me if you wish.

Daddy Daughter Dance
The Daddy Daughter Dance was so popular last year and so many enjoyed it, we will do it again this year. It is booked for Friday the 24th October in the School Hall. I suggest you mark your diary now and plan to be there as it will be lots of fun.

Girls with a Purpose
The GWAP Program is coming to a finish in the next couple of weeks we just have one more get together to talk about makeup, and then we finish with a celebration dinner which is being held at Rick’s Garage Café. This was a pilot program aimed at helping girls to improve their self-esteem. I hope to run it each year with girls in the senior grades.

Parenting Encouragement
Sustainable Partnerships is offering free workshops to help young people navigate life issues. These run on the second Wednesday of each month from 5-7pm. Please contact me for details if you are interested.

I will endeavour to inform you of more things that come my way that assist you in your parenting role.

Till next time, bless you all.

Jenny Schleusener
School Chaplain

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All monies and unsold chocolates are to be returned to the school office NOW.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Don’t forget to get your team together for the Trivia Night coming up on Friday, August 22nd. In the School Hall.

Hot food & drinks available (No BYO) & Prizes
Tickets ($10 each) can be purchased at the office.

Come along and enjoy a great fun night out!

POSITIVE PARENT FEEDBACK
It was great to see so many parents helping out at our grounds working bee and the Musical costumes sewing bee. Over 40 families and staff turned out for the working bee and did an amazing job. There has also been approximately 50 mums, grandma’s and even ladies who have no children at the school helping to sew costumes not only at the 4 sewing bees, but also taking large quantities of costumes home to sew at night and on the weekends. It is fantastic to receive so much support from the school community.

Parents are saying great things about Rebekah Brown’s Cognitive Learning (Brain Training). One parent commented “I have seen a great improvement in my daughters writing, she is now writing between the lines and using capitals in the appropriate places”.

A parent of a Grade 2 child commented “Home work for Year 2 – is fantastic, it is a great mix of general homework giving parents an idea of what they are doing in the classroom, as well as completing a task at home whether it be doing something active or helping mum with some chores around the house. But at the same time it is not too much. The comments area for communication between parent and teacher is a great idea too.

Brenda Hermann
P&C Co-Ordinator
## Students of the Week: Week 3 & 4 Term 3, 2014

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Student</th>
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<td>Jett S</td>
<td>Always trying your hardest in any given task.</td>
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<td>Cooper P</td>
<td>Showing confidence in your Maths warm ups each day.</td>
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<td>1E</td>
<td>Keisha G</td>
<td>Fantastic Writing!</td>
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<td>Hayden F</td>
<td>Great Maths work.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Tyler W</td>
<td>Getting started on his work straight away.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Sarah R</td>
<td>Settling wonderfully into our classroom and being a great independent learner.</td>
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<td>Coopa D</td>
<td>Improving his behaviour and developing great resilience skills.</td>
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<td>2G</td>
<td>Jarvis H</td>
<td>Putting in a great effort for his homework! Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Sami R</td>
<td>Putting in extra effort to be kind to her classmates and use polite words.</td>
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<td>Taine S</td>
<td>Displaying confidence during a Thinking Challenge in class.</td>
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<td>Demi M</td>
<td>Having the confidence to ask for help in class.</td>
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<td>2/3P</td>
<td>Jayden S</td>
<td>Using a checklist to produce a fantastic piece of writing.</td>
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<td>Reuben T</td>
<td>Always producing imaginative and interesting pieces of writing.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Zoe B</td>
<td>Working hard to improve her learning.</td>
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<td>Isabella Q</td>
<td>Outstanding effort in completing her procedural dialogue.</td>
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<td>Jordan S</td>
<td>Settling in well to a new school and class.</td>
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<td>Tegan B</td>
<td>Displaying excellent on task behaviours.</td>
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<td>Emily S</td>
<td>Trying her best and being an active listener.</td>
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<td>4K</td>
<td>Mikayla M</td>
<td>Working hard to maintain her focus in learning.</td>
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<td>Hannah L</td>
<td>Working hard to improve her effort in tasks, taking time to show more care.</td>
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<td>4/5P</td>
<td>Camden E</td>
<td>Making a great effort to seek feedback to improve his homework.</td>
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<td>Ghiha P</td>
<td>Showing persistence and improved confidence when sharing her ideas with the class.</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Aunnika C</td>
<td>Being a polite, helpful class member who tackles all tasks with enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Ashleigh C</td>
<td>Her always completed and very neat homework. Excellent effort!</td>
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<td>5/6K</td>
<td>Jordan F</td>
<td>Always working well to achieve in all areas.</td>
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<td>Breanna B</td>
<td>Her dedication and enthusiasm in preparing for the Musical.</td>
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<td>Sarah B</td>
<td>Demonstrating resilience in her learning/bouncing back and trying again even when tasks are tough.</td>
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<td>Sierra S</td>
<td>Always being organised with all tasks and activities and demonstrating beautiful manners.</td>
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<td>6/7R</td>
<td>Jack T</td>
<td>Always showing confidence and enthusiasm towards all class tasks.</td>
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<td>Bella L</td>
<td>Outstanding effort in organising a completed homework to a high level each week.</td>
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<td>Jasmine M</td>
<td>Maintaining her results in the top level of Maths Mentals.</td>
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<td>Sam R</td>
<td>Improving his neatness and obtaining his pen license.</td>
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## Heritage Palmwoods Community Branch 2014 Grants

Palmwoods School P&C is the recipient of $5,000 in the Heritage Palmwoods Community Branch 2014 Grants program. This money will go towards the Prep playground.

We encourage community members to attend the Community Grants give-away day on Saturday 30th August 2014 at Kolora Park (Duck Pond). This is a free day for the family with activities for the kids, sausage sizzle, drinks, fairly floss, lollies etc. Students are invited to attend in their school uniform.

Palmwoods School’s presentation will between 8.45 to 9.30am.

**Heritage** Palmwoods Community Branch plays an important role in our community and we encourage you to give them a try.

The more people that support Heritage Palmwoods Community Branch the greater the return to be distributed to our community.

They have provided funding to over 22 groups this year. So it’s a win win for all of us.
Palmwoods Kids Club

We are a P&C operated service which is proudly and successfully managed by the Palmwoods State School P&C Executive and a Sub Committee. Established in 1996 Palmwoods Kids Club operated from the now, Parent Room. In 2002, with the help of a government grant and savings, we constructed our own purpose built building. On November 29th 2002, the building was officially opened by Mr Peter Wellington MP Member for Nicklin and Councillor Jenny McKay.

In 2012 Palmwoods Kids Club began operating under the National Childcare Framework. We are yet to be assessed however we are working towards being a centre of excellence. With this in mind we have developed our centre Mission Statement to reflect this goal.

We are proud that our current team consists of Educators who have been employed by Kids Club long term and many of these Educators have also been students of both the school and Kids Club in the past, putting us in the unique position of having a team that is both personally and professionally invested in Palmwoods State School. Recently we have also welcomed Sam Berglind to our team. Sam is a qualified Child Carer, has children in our school and works both as a Teacher Aides and our Tuckshop Convenor here at Palmwoods State School. We are very excited to have Sam on our team, please say hi if you see her in here.

Keep an eye on our Website as the Vacation Care program will be out in a few weeks and we have plenty planned for the kids these holidays.

If you are new to Kids Club or are thinking about coming back to Kids Club, we encourage you to take a look at our Website where you will find loads of information about our centre and our team. You can check us out at [www.palmwoodskidsclub.com.au](http://www.palmwoodskidsclub.com.au)

DENTAL NEWS

The dental van has moved to Maleny State High School. Your children’s dental treatment will be completed if dental forms were returned to us and appointments kept. If you have any queries regarding this please feel free to contact us.

If your child has a toothache or dental emergency, prior to our next visit (approx 2 years), please contact us or the Nambour School Dental Clinic for an appointment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, teachers, parents and students for your patience and co-operation, and making us feel welcome during our stay at Palmwoods.

Don’t forget to keep on brushing and flossing.

Dental Van Staff

PH. 0419 736 942 (Dental Van)

5441 2763 (Nambour School Dental Clinic)

BIG BUSH DANCE PALMWOODS

Palmwoods State School Hall
1pm, Sunday 21st September
$5 per person, $10 per family

Phone 5453 7274 for more information
Little Athletics

Online Registrations from 1st August 2014 or come down to the track and see us at one of our Sign on Days
Saturday 23rd August 9-12pm
Sunday 31st August 9-12pm

Awesome Fitness and Fun for all kids aged 3 to 16
For more info please visit our website www.usclac.com.au
Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/USCLAC
Or call 0414 310 861
We are a Get Started Club For more information go to www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame

SIGN ON NOW
Little Athletics season is nearly here!
Come & join us at University Little Athletics Centre

MARCOOLA NIPPERS SIGN ON
SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2014 10.00AM – 2.00PM

Family Membership $170.00
Cheque or Cash (No Eftpos Facilities)
Birth Certificate required for new niper members

For more details contact
Marcoola SLSC Ph 5448 7311

Palmwoods Arts & Crafts Group
Presents its 2014 Exhibition
“WATERMARK”
23rd & 24th August 2014 9am-4pm
Palmwoods Bowls Club - Free Admission
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