SCHOOL ADMIN NEWS 25 June 2014

Report Cards will be emailed home this Friday. Please let the office know if we do not have a current email address for you. Those who do not have email will be able to collect their Report Cards from the office on Friday.

One of the important changes to our Report Cards this year is the addition of a Next Steps section in English and Maths. This provides you, as parents, with ideas about what you can be doing with your child to help them at school.

Parking
A reminder that we should all be driving carefully around our school for the safety of our children. Any area with yellow lines are No Standing Zones, last week the council has had to put up posts to stop people parking on the grass on the side of the road, which is illegal. Our Collect and Go area, in Tytherleigh St is a great way to pick up your children. There is no congestion at all there by 3:00pm each afternoon. Children still at Collect and Go at 3:05pm are taken round to the Bus Stop area where we have staff rostered to supervise them.

Grounds Working Bee
We will be holding a Grounds Working Bee on Sunday August 3rd from 8:00am until midday when we will put on a barbecue for all the workers. We will send more information next term on what we will be doing and what tools we need you to bring. It would be great to see as many parents, particularly fathers, coming on this day. Put it in your diary today!

Positive Parent Comments
Thanks to our P&C for introducing the Positive Parent Comments section to their monthly meetings. This month they acknowledged how well organised our recent Under 8s Day was and how much the kids enjoyed it. They also commented that students in Year 2 and Year 5 are really enjoying learning about Health this term.

Enrichment
This Friday is the last day of our Years 3 – 7 Enrichment Program which has been running for the past five weeks. All parents, grandparents and other interested people are invited to come and see some of the activities in action. Right is a table of what you can see and which room it is in. You are welcome to visit anytime between 1:00 and 2:30pm this Friday.

Also some activities are on at specific times. They are:
2:00pm Watch our Drama group perform in the Hall
2:15pm Join in for a game of Soccer on the Multipurpose court
2:30pm Wearable Art Fashion Parade 3B

Holidays
Have a safe and happy holidays with your family and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for Term 3 on Monday 14 July.

Peter Wilson
Principal

Activity | Room
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Pillow Pets | 4/5P & 4S
String Art | LOTE Room
Photoshopping | Library
Acrobatics | Under Hall
Scrapbooking Book Ends | 5/6K
Cooking | Tuckshop
Drawing Dragons | 3B
Touch Football | Oval

SCHOOL WATCH
LOOK, LISTEN AND REPORT PHONE 13 17 88

With the holidays fast approaching, 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 the school holidays or non school hours please report to the above number.
Maths Problem Solving
How many times today have you used maths to solve a problem? Perhaps you needed to double a recipe that you were cooking or work out how many minutes you had between waking and leaving for school! These things are real life problems that use maths in practical ways. Here at Palmwoods State School, we ask students to solve problems each week in our maths lessons, to ensure they get practice at applying maths in practical ways.

Problem Solving means engaging in a task for which the solution method is not known in advance. Students should have frequent opportunities to formulate, grapple with, and solve complex problems that require a significant amount of effort and then be encouraged to reflect on their thinking.

We use a practical strategy for teaching students how to work on problems called SEE, PLAN, DO, CHECK.

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<td>What is the question asking?</td>
<td>Have you seen a similar problem before?</td>
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<td>Explain why you have discarded/highlighted this?</td>
<td>Here is a solved problem related to yours, could you use the method to help here?</td>
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<td>What unit will be used in the answer?</td>
<td>Could you solve part of this problem?</td>
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<td>Who can draw what we have to find out?</td>
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<td>Is the answer reasonable?</td>
<td>Have you checked each step?</td>
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<td>Does it satisfy the question in ‘SEE’?</td>
<td>Is your method the most fluent?</td>
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<td>Could your plan be used for other problems?</td>
<td>What arithmetic did you need to attack this problem?</td>
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We encourage students to use PART-PART-WHOLE thinking when working on problems. A fantastic way to do this is through the Singapore Bar method. This is explained really well at [http://thesingaporemaths.com/index.html](http://thesingaporemaths.com/index.html) with practical examples shown across a variety of levels.

How can I help at home?
- Provide lots of opportunities for your child to solve everyday problems around the home. If you have to calculate something involve your child in the process and work together to discuss how you would do this.
- Always encourage your child to ask these two important questions
  1. Is my answer reasonable?
  2. Is this the most efficient strategy I could have used?

If you have any questions about this, or any other mathematical questions please ask myself, your child’s teacher or come to our Maths Masters club, every Wednesday morning from 8am-8:30am in the LOTE room (opposite the Library).

Happy problem solving.

*Kellie Martin*  
*Head of Curriculum*
Our School Musical, Snow White & All the Kings' Horses & All the Kings' Men is next term! Please make sure you have noted the date: Saturday September 13 at the Suncoast Auditorium (Week 9 of Term 3). If you know you will be away, please notify the school as soon as possible. We are in the process of purchasing material and need to know before the holidays.

Last week, students were given a note about costuming. As the school is making most of these costumes much assistance is required. The note gives details about the Costume Working Bee we are having on Wednesday 23 July and Thursday 24 July in the school hall. Please consider coming in for this – we are desperate for volunteers to cut out costumes. You don’t have to be able to sew – we’re just cutting material. Even if you can only come in for an hour it would be wonderful. If these days are unsuitable, please tick the boxes on the slip for home sewing. We don’t need ‘Master Seamstresses’, we just need you to be able to sew a straight line. Please consider asking members of the community/sewing groups to help us with this mammoth task of preparing over 350 costumes.

Junior and Senior Choir have started rehearsing for the musical. If you would like your child to join please ensure they have signed up before the holidays as we need to know final numbers for costuming.

Have you seen this umbrella?? We are hunting this exact umbrella to be used by Year 4 girls in the Musical. It is approx. 50cm long (children’s size). We purchased them in 2007 ($3.99 from a discount store) for our production of ‘Snow White’ but need 6 more for this group of girls. I have searched most of the local discount stores with no success. If you have one at home or spot any at the shops during the holidays, could you please email me: skohl6@eq.edu.au

It would be a shame to have to purchase a whole new set when we have stored the old ones.

A reminder to keep a look out for shirts and leggings at the sales during the holidays. Here is the list of items to go with costumes:

YEAR 2 – Girls and boys - a white short sleeve T-shirt.
YEAR 3 & 2/3 - Girls and boys - a white shirt or singlet to wear under jacket.
YEAR 4/5P – Both - a black short sleeve T-shirt; Girls – black leggings.
YEAR 5S – Girls and boys – a white short sleeve T-shirt.
YEAR 6 - Boys – a black short sleeve T-shirt.
YEAR 7 – Boys and girls - a black short sleeve T-shirt.

Students with acting parts need to start learning their lines over the holidays. All scripts will be down by Week 3.next term. Actors with mid to large parts have rehearsals over the holidays. Please check the times and days on the rehearsal note and write on your calendar.

Sally Kohler — Music Teacher

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

We are now taking expressions of interest for students in Years 2 to 5 interested in learning Cello, Double Bass, Brass or Woodwind instruments starting next term. If you are interested, look out for a form from your child, or contact the office on 5453 2444. The Palmwoods State School String Ensemble rehearses every Wednesday morning in the Music room from 7:45 to 8:30 am. This is followed by lessons in small groups during the day. Instruments include Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.
Sunshine Coast Libraries


They are economizing on printing, and you are invited to read from the website or print copies as needed. We would love to see any writing, drawing, book reviews, jokes, comics, or recipes and we will happily display them in our school library or pass on to the Council Library.

School Captains: Charlotte, Brianna, Jarren and Sam,
Mr Mijnarends and Ms Fiona Simpson MP at the recent Youth Parliament.

RECYCLING AWARD

Palmwoods State School has been Awarded an Achievement Award from the Waste 2 Resources Education STARS Program for reducing our waste by 40%.

At parade on Tuesday afternoon, Cr Jenny McKay with Waste Strategy Co-ordinator, Jim Staker and Mandy Johnston handed the award to Stacey, Angelo, Serria and Clec from our Recycling team members. Two of our classes, Prep F and 6A, were also awarded best Class Recycling.

A display will be on display in the office next term to view the Recycling teams Achievements.

Sam Berglind
Permaculture Garden Co-ordinator
Under 8s are Great!

If you went down to the oval last Monday, you were sure of a big surprise. 'Cause every child from Prep to Year 2 Were gathered there, together because That was the day, the Under 8s had their FUN DAY!

Last Monday, under a clear blue sky, our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students, together with parents and grandparents ventured to the oval for a wonderful time of goop, music and more! Thanks to all the teachers, teacher aides and pre service teachers who organised the fun activities for the students. Thanks also to the Palmwoods Police and Nambour Fire and Emergency Service for sharing their vehicles and time with the students. The smiles on the kids’ faces tell it all!
Coffee morning this Friday the 27th
The last coffee morning of the term in on Friday this week. Can I please encourage you to come and bring a friend, we will be sharing ideas for keeping the kids entertained during the school holidays. Come with your ideas to help others survive.

This month’s Encouragement
I was reminded the other day in a conversation with someone how important the job of parenting is and how it is often much undervalued. So I thought I would encourage you in this role this week.

Parents can often feel like they are just a taxi service running kids from A to B and back again, then helping with homework, cooking dinner and packing lunches. However let me remind you that today you are shaping tomorrow’s leaders. Your kids watch your every move and listen to what you say. The time that you have to impact your Young People with values and standards is so short. It’s now they want you to be there, now they want to know your opinion on things and want your advice, but for many of you this season will be over way too quickly and your kids will become young adults finishing school and getting jobs sooner than you realise. When they are older they still need your love but are far less needy of your time, and often not as willing to listen to your advice.

Enjoy the coming holidays with your children
Warm regards.

Jenny Schleusener
School Chaplain

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.

Parent Information Sessions
Tuesday 19 August 2014 9:30am and 5:30pm in the School Hall

School Viewing Sessions
are available on the same day at 9am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

Open Days for 2015 Preps
Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 October 2014 9am - 11am

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 sessions.
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<td>Great effort at have-a-go writing and reading.</td>
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<td>Being a thoughtful and considerate friend.</td>
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<td>Making a great effort sounding out words while reading.</td>
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<td>Trying your hardest to complete all set tasks.</td>
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<td>BJ. J</td>
<td>Trying hard to improve your behaviour in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Ashton B</td>
<td>Putting in a huge effort on sports day.</td>
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<td>Hayden F</td>
<td>Great Maths work!</td>
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<td>Hugh F</td>
<td>His enthusiastic approach to his work.</td>
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<td>Focusing on her sentence writing.</td>
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<td>Wyatt M</td>
<td>Making positive behaviour choices. Well done!</td>
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<td>Logan P</td>
<td>Making a huge improvement in getting along with others.</td>
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<td>Liam H</td>
<td>Being a quiet achiever who is always ready to learn, a great role model.</td>
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<td>Reef L</td>
<td>Trying his best and showing courage during assessment week.</td>
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<td>Seth C</td>
<td>Always treating others in a kind and caring manner.</td>
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<td>Chelsea M</td>
<td>Her enthusiastic attitude towards all tasks.</td>
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<td>Zoe B</td>
<td>Being an enthusiastic writer.</td>
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<td>Lily E</td>
<td>For a wonderful story.</td>
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<td>Lincoln K</td>
<td>Helping others to learn and being an active class participant.</td>
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<td>Aliyah M</td>
<td>Working enthusiastically and diligently during Enrichment sessions.</td>
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<td>Keilani S</td>
<td>Showing a great work ethic in class.</td>
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<td>Working harder to get his homework completed.</td>
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<td>Actively seeking and using assistance and feedback to make improvement in his work.</td>
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<td>Chloe P</td>
<td>Working hard to improve her effort towards learning tasks.</td>
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<td>Luke D</td>
<td>Displaying improved confidence and making useful contributions to Maths discussions.</td>
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<td>Colby M</td>
<td>Showing persistence and being well organised to complete his Geography poster to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Edward L</td>
<td>Co-operating well with students and teachers.</td>
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<td>Remaining on task to complete work.</td>
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<td>Zane M</td>
<td>His perseverance and patience in supporting his team members when preparing for their group jingle.</td>
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<td>Jack B</td>
<td>Ongoing effort to be helpful, respectful and resilient.</td>
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<td>Angelique W</td>
<td>Hugely improved effort with class work!</td>
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<td>Jake W</td>
<td>Outstanding effort organising and running the School Disco</td>
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<td>Brianna M</td>
<td>For her amazing ability to lead all the dances at the Junior Disc</td>
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<td>Ryan T</td>
<td>Scoring 100% on the “Termly” Maths Test.</td>
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<td>Bindi P</td>
<td>Working to improve her “Termly” Maths result.</td>
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P&C Meeting
This month’s P&C meeting was held last Tuesday evening. Some great positive feedback was heard regarding the recent Under 8s Day. All the children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents as well. A lot of them took advantage of the tuckshop being open for an espresso coffee and cake. The tuckshop will be open again for parents at the upcoming athletics events. Planning for our upcoming Trivia Night and Working Bee is also well under way. Please check out the ads in this newsletter for more info. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 7pm in the staff room.

Palmwoods State School Building Fund
Are you or your business looking for tax deductions before June 30? If so, you can donate to the Palmwoods State School Building Fund which directly pays off the tuckshop building loan. See the attached form for direct debiting information.

Grounds Working Bee
We will be doing a working bee on Sunday 3rd August 9am-12:00pm. If you are able to assist in any way we would appreciate your support.

Trivia Night - Friday 22nd August 7pm in the School Hall $10 per head
Refreshments available for purchase. Bookings required PH: 5453 2444. See attachment for more details

PREP PLAYGROUND RESURFACING
THANKS HERITAGE BANK

Palmwoods State School Prep students are enjoying soft landings and clean air thanks to a $20 000 grant from Heritage Bank Palmwoods Community Branch. During the April school holidays, the bark was removed from the Prep playground and replaced with all-weather, maintenance free, durable rubber softfall. Students, staff and parents are thrilled with the cleaner, safer environment following the first stage of upgrading this popular play area. Once again thank you to Heritage Bank, who continue to make generous donations towards the enhancement of our school’s learning environment. It looks great and the children and teachers enjoy using this rejuvenated space.

Fundraising with no extra effort!!
If you shop at Palmwoods or Woombye IGA, sign up to their free MyIGA card and nominate Palmwoods State School as your charity of choice. Every time you shop and show your card, they will make a donation to our school.
NAMBOUR STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLMENT EVENING
Find out what is all the positive buzz about at Nambour State High School.
A Year 7 school for the past 2 years and multi-award winning School for Junior Secondary.
Pinnacle program and scholarships available now.
Meet the Principal, Deputy and Teachers at 5.30 23 July in the Auditorium

NAMBOUR JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE
successful confident creative active informed

School Dental Van
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Contact Nambour Clinic for any emergencies
PH: 5441 2763
Dental Van Open from Monday 14th July

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