One of the great things about being a part of Palmwoods State School is the obvious pride our students, staff and parents have in our school. This was particularly evident last Saturday at our Annual Country Fair. Thanks you to everybody involved, but particularly to Richard Walde, our P&C President, and Brenda Hermann, our P&C Administrator, who both put in countless hours before the Fair, during and even afterwards.

Days like this do not work unless many people contribute, so thank you again to all who helped in anyway. It would be sensational to have even more involved next year.

One of the most noticeable ways students demonstrate their pride in Palmwoods State School is by wearing their uniform correctly every day. At the last P&C meeting we slightly modified our School Uniform Policy which is attached to this Newsletter. All our staff will be enforcing this policy from tomorrow.

I have noticed over the past few weeks we are seeing more jumpers that are not plain maroon or the school jumper, also that we are seeing more football shorts rather than plain grey shorts for boys. If students arrive to school with the incorrect uniform they will be given a second hand uniform to wear that day. Thank for your support with this highly visible demonstration of school pride.

The new craze Loom Bands are not part of our school uniform and are not to be worn at school. If students bring them to school (they do so at their own risk) they must put them in their school bag at the start of the school day and leave them there for the whole day. They are not to be kept in tidy boxes etc. in the classroom.

Peter Wilson
Principal

Under 8s Day
Parents, grandparents and younger siblings are invited to attend with their Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 aged students.

This year’s theme is ‘Everyone Can Play’.

When: Monday 16th June
Time: 11:30-1:00pm
Where: Year 6-7 Oval (Wet Weather contingency in Hall)

Children will move around the various activities of interest to them, so any parent assistance would be appreciated to help children where needed.

Please note that any students who have not paid the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) will not participate in the fun activities. If you have any questions about your SRS payment status, please contact the office.

Reminder that School Photos will be held next Wednesday 4 June.
Spare photo envelopes and sibling forms are available from the school office. Students not ordering online are to bring their envelopes to the school office by 3 June prior to photo day. All students must wear full school uniform and have hair tied up as per School Uniform Policy.
Mental Strategies for Maths

In the last two newsletters, I have shared information on two of the three main strategies we are teaching students to help them add or subtract 2 or 3 digit numbers mentally.


We teach the students that it doesn’t matter which strategy they use, as different ones work for different people and for different types of sums. The idea is to understand the different strategies and choose the one that works at the time! This time it’s the Compensate Strategy.

Compensate strategy - requires the user to adjust one number (building up or building down) to make a number more friendly or easier to work with, then add or subtract the parts and adjust the sum (or difference).

- **Addition**
  
  36 + 19
  
  *A student might think:*
  
  36 + 20 - 1
  
  56 - 1 = 55

- **Subtraction**
  
  76 – 48
  
  *A student might think:*
  
  76 – 50 + 2
  
  26 + 2 = 28

Students’ informal recording of the Compensate strategy may resemble the following:

- **Subtraction**
  
  76 – 48
  
  -50
  
  26 28 76

- **Addition**
  
  367 + 296
  
  367 + 300 = 667
  
  667 - 4 = 663

  82 - 19
  
  82 - 20 = 62
  
  62 + 1 = 63

  give it back.

You can see by these examples that a split and jump strategy has been used while compensating!

How can I help my child at home?

- Give them numbers close to a “ten” to round up or down to the nearest ten eg 9-10, 48-50, 61-60 etc to give them practise at seeing numbers flexibly.
- Play games or set yourself challenges where all members of the family add or subtract numbers (1, 2 or 3 digits) together and all share the strategy you used to calculate them.
- Talk about the way you may have all used a different strategy, to get to the same answer.

If you have any questions about this strategy or any other Mathematical questions, come along to the Maths Masters Club every Wednesday morning 8am-8:30am in the LOTE room (opposite the Library).

Happy calculating,
Kellie Martin
Head of Curriculum
**PEP DRAMA & MUSICAL**

Our PEP Drama classes have recently finished developing skills and rehearsing two short plays for performance. Students are to be commended for the wonderful job they did performing for parents and the lower school. The classes watching were delighted with the performances and were very enthusiastic when discussing their favourite characters!

Auditions for our musical “Snow White and All The King’s Horses and All the King’s Men” should be finished this week with the Cast List being announced by Friday. At this stage there have been over 100 students who have plucked up the courage to audition! Unfortunately speaking roles are limited so it must also be a lesson in resilience. Those successful in getting a part will receive their lines and a contract to be signed and returned to school next week.

Once again, our Musical will be staged at the Suncoast Auditorium in Woombye. The performances will be on Saturday **September 13**: a matinee and a night performance. Please mark this date in your calendars!

**All students in the school** will be involved in the Musical. Years 2-7 will be a part of the Musical. Prep and Year 1 will do a performance preceding the Musical at the matinee. **If your child is not able to attend this school event please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible.** This will affect costume planning and places in the Musical performances. Also if you know you will be away in the weeks prior to the musical, **please inform your class teacher** as this will affect rehearsals.

We have a new noticeboard to announce auditions, rehearsals, costume meetings and anything else to do with the Musical. It is located under the Teacher Aides’ room. You can’t miss it! Please remind your child to check this daily if they are involved in speaking roles, PEP Dance and Choirs. Please feel free to check it yourself for any notices or notes you may have missed.

_Sally Kohler_  
_Music Teacher_
SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

Semester 1, 2014 report cards will be emailed to all parents. Please ensure you let the school know if you change your email address. If you do not have a current email please contact the school as soon as possible on 5453 2444.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DATES

We have our Athletics Carnivals coming up in June. The dates for these are:
- JUNIOR ATHLETICS (Prep - Year 3)  Monday 23 June  8:50am - 1:00pm
- SENIOR ATHLETICS (year 4– Year 7) Wednesday 25 June  9:00am - 2:00pm
- WHOLE SCHOOL CARNIVAL Thursday 26 June  9:00am - 2:00pm

PEP TOUCH SUCCESS

The Palmwoods Excellence Program for Touch Football has been operating for less than 10 weeks but has already experienced great success within the Nambour District. The Boys and Girls teams participate in a Junior Touch Competition in Kawana on a Monday afternoon and are yet to taste defeat. Kris Kearney and Allan Petts operate the PEP Touch program on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at school.

On Wednesday 30 April our Boys and Girls Teams participated in the Nambour District Schools Competition held at the Nambour Crushers fields, competing against other schools within the Nambour School Sport District. Both teams were very successful, not only winning their respective competitions, but also both teams being undefeated. The girls team were the only team in both competitions not to have a touchdown scored against them.

Palmwoods Boys have been selected in a squad of 18 players for the Boys team which will be trimmed to the final team of 11 players this Friday 16 May. Good luck boys and we will let you know who gets selected in the Nambour District Boys Team. These teams will compete in the Sunshine Coast Primary Touch Championships at Glasshouse on 15/16 June.

PEP ATHLETICS PROGRAM

We will be starting our PEP Excellence Athletics program beginning 2nd June if your child has been selected to participate in this program they will have received a note. Please ensure your child’s note is signed by a parent and returned with payment to the school office as soon as possible for your child to participate in this program.

Kris Kearney
PE Teacher

DENTAL VAN

All dental forms should have been returned to the Dental Van by now if you wish to take advantage of the school Dental Service (letterbox on dental van step). If you have any queries please feel free to contact us on Ph 0419 736 942.

Dental Van Staff
Wow another Country Fair over and what a great job you all did making it run. What a community of families. The word Community means to come together in common unity, a group of individuals that unify having a common interest. The Country Fair was truly a body of individuals working together to better the school and our children. You all did a great job on the weekend and I am so happy to be a part of such a great community.

**Breaky Program**
For those who don't know, Chaplaincy started a Breakfast Program one morning a week. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Maleny Dairies who give us milk and yoghurt every week, the Palmwoods Bakery for bread every week and the Anglican Churches of Palmwoods and Nambour that come on alternate weeks and feed the Children. If you would like to thank them, buy their products from them.

**Girls with a Purpose**
This week sees the commencement of a pilot program helping a small group of girls with some mentoring and self-esteem. It aims to increase their confidence by learning some skills, being encouraged to become all that they can be and respecting themselves for who they are. Not sure how well it will work in the half hour time slot of lunch, but if it is successful I might look at running it after school or as a holiday program.

**Cooking**
Cooking has been great with the Year 5 girls and the cakes were all sold at the Country Fair. It will now cease until till next term as we now have Enrichment starting on Friday.

**Homelessness Awareness Sleepover**
This is being held on Friday night the 25th July 2014. At this stage I nearly have a full booking sheet so I will only be holding the one night. If your young person is really interested and they haven't booked, they need to do so now. Permission forms will be sent home closer to the date.

**Coffee Morning for all Parents**
Just a reminder that coffee mornings are held every Friday on the deck of the hall at drop off time in the morning, if you would like to be added to the list of Text recipients email me your number on jschl53@eq.edu.au

Have a great week.

*Jenny Schleusener*
*Chaplain*

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We have recently added to our regular P&C meetings an agenda item called Positive Parent Feedback. At last week's meeting we had feedback on two initiatives.

**Northern Territory** Cultural Tour was hailed a great success and much appreciated. The parents thanked the teachers who participated (Allen Eade, Chris Poingdestre & Chris Davis) for taking good care of their child and providing the children with the opportunity to greatly improve their social skills, confidence and self-control. They especially thanked Allen Eade for organising the trip and for his ongoing support and assistance to encourage and motivate children. Parents of children at Palmwoods SS are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, professional and helpful Inclusion Teacher in the school.

**Wednesday Morning Maths lessons** are providing great insight for parents so that they can understand how maths is being taught and assist their children. One of our parents commented that the Maths Sessions before school are amazing both for students and parents. The teachers, Kellie Martin and Fiona Uebergang are excellent at engaging the children. Please come along with your students from 8.00am Wednesday mornings in the LOTE room and see for yourselves.

We look forward to hearing more positive feedback from parents at our next meeting, Tuesday 17 June at 7.00pm. All welcome.

*Many thanks*
*Palmwoods State School P&C Committee*
COUNTRY FAIR
Firstly a huge thank you to all parents, staff and students who supported our Country Fair last weekend. As you know it is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we look forward to reporting the amount raised in a forthcoming issue of Palmwoods Pages.

What a fantastic day last Saturday was. The weather was perfect, there was lots to see and do for everyone. The children loved the new ride (Hurricane), and the petting farm was a big favourite. We would like to thank all the parents who gave up their time not only on the day but for many weeks leading up to the fair to organise the stalls for our "Side show alley", and to all those parents who helped run the stall on the day. A big thank you to all the P&C parents who worked tirelessly all day Saturday, then came back again Sunday to clean up. Also a thankyou to all the school staff who helped out. It is great to see the community spirit alive and well at Palmwoods State School. Without your support the fair would not be the success it has become.

COUNTRY FAIR FEEDBACK
To finalise this year's fair, we need some feedback and suggestions on how to make things easier and better for next year's fair. I would appreciate if you could email your comments to Brenda Herrmann at pcops@westnet.com.au. You may also like to ask other parents and friends who were involved or attended the fair about what they thought. The more feedback we get the easier it is to make some positive improvements for next time.

Thank you
Palmwoods State School P&C
We celebrated the 125th Anniversary of Palmwoods State School at our Country Fair with a Memorabilia Room and an honorary Cutting of the Cake by Palmwoods School Former Students and our School Patron, Mrs Rita Bailey. Our celebration was enjoyed and appreciated by many former students, both old and young. It was great to see so many past students attending. Many students found photos of themselves and relatives and remembered old times with laughter. We even had three generations of students attend the celebration.

A very big thank you to our Business Services Manager, Kay Taylor, for organising this tribute and also to our Librarian, Victor Mijnarends (with help from teacher aides Donna Mijnarends & Debbie Habermann and volunteer Cherry Bailey) for putting together the photo albums and slide show. We also appreciate and thank Teacher Claudia Garrett and Teacher Aides Cheryl Pey & Chris Davis for all their hard work in assembling the display on the day and for the great art work Cheryl did. Thank you to all for helping us celebrate this momentous occasion.
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<td>Always taking care in the presentation of her written work. Keep up the great work Sami. Being an enthusiastic learner and sharing his thinking with the class.</td>
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<td>Terrific use of direct speech in her narrative. Always treating others in a kind and caring manner.</td>
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