**SCHOOL ADMIN NEWS**

**29 October 2014**

**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 is 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.

**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.

**Free Dress Day**

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 Bandanna Day (Canteen – Living with Cancer). Children are to wear something **red**. Students can also wear a bandanna. 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 dormitory for the Karen Hill tribe from Burma, who have been forced to settle in North Thailand.

**BOOKLISTS**

Booklists for 2015 will be sent home next week. Please read the information provided carefully as the school has provided two separate options for ordering of items or alternatively you can source your own items from other stores.

**Option 1** - Palmwoods Newsagency  **or**  **Option 2** - Edsco (online)  

Please note there are some items that you may need to purchase elsewhere e.g. tissues.
World Teachers' Day
This Friday, 31 October is World Teachers' Day. We are so fortunate at Palmwoods State School to have a fantastic, committed and thoroughly professional teaching staff who work tirelessly each day to give your children the education that you expect, and the education that they deserve. Please take the time on Friday to personally thank your child’s teacher for their wonderful contribution that they are making to your child's/children’s lives. This can only help strengthen the critical parent/teacher partnership which is so crucial for education success.

School Disco
The Term 4 school disco will be held in the hall on **Friday 21 November**.
Cost of entry is $3 per student
Prep-Yr 3 disco starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm. Theme is “Under the Sea”
The Yr 4-7 Disco starts at 7.00pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Theme is “Halloween”
A sausage sizzle will be operating during the discos.
Students can also purchase drinks and snacks from the kitchen area.

“Allan Petts
Acting Principal

UPCOMING DATES

- **Day for Daniel** Friday 31 October -Wear Red
- **World Teachers Day** Friday 31 October
- **Free Dress Day** Friday 31 October
- **Class Allocation Considerations** - **Deadline 3:30pm** Friday 7 November
- **Trivia Night** Friday 14 November
- **Flying Start Scan Prep 2015** Tuesday 18 November
- **School Disco** Friday 21 November
- **Book Fair Monday 24 to Thursday 27 November (Library)**
- **Year 6 & Year 7 Graduation** Monday 8 December 5:30pm
- **3-7 Swim Carnival** Tuesday 9 December
- **Prep - 2 Swim Activities** Wednesday 10 December
- **Wet n Wild** (Graduating Students) Thursday 11 December
- **End of Term 4 Friday 12 December**

This photo shows the Morwakhi School in North Thailand – a school with only 2 teachers servicing 85 families and 520 people from the Karen Hill Tribe. Money raised from the Free Dress Day will help fund the building of a dormitory for the students to live in whilst at school. Your support here is greatly appreciated.
The Literacy Toolbox

Your child learnt about reading long before they came to school – they learnt it with you, while you shared story books with them. Children learn many words by sight, just because you showed them in books, when they were barely more than babies. You probably didn’t ‘instruct’ them to learn our common words, but just by running your finger along the line while you read, the sponge like brains of your young child, would have absorbed some knowledge and understanding of words and reading. This is the basis of a new programme we are trialling at school this term. The key to the Literacy Toolbox is that the child is totally independent and is responsible for the pace of their learning. They are expected to produce an outcome, either written or a reading, which is 100% correct. The child signs into the Literacy Toolbox and then chooses the activity and level they have been instructed to use. They have headphones on and listen to the reading or dictation and follow the instructions. They proceed to read or write by themselves using the space bar to proceed through the text and using any other key to ask the programme to tell them any words they are not familiar with.

They can ask the programme for help as often as they like and no one knows what they are doing as they are working with the use of headphones. This has the advantage of allowing the child privacy in their learning, without the embarrassment of admitting to not knowing words on the page. It also allows a child to access texts which are more advanced than they may otherwise be able to access, as they can simply ask the programme to tell them what that large, difficult word is. In this way the child is expanding their vocabulary and reading more quickly without the frustration of trying to sound out, which slows them down and causes them to lose the meaning of the text.

This programme is not a replacement for our excellent phonics programmes, but we recognise that not all children learn in the same way and therefore we need to provide children with a range of experiences in their reading and writing journey. Please ask me if you would like any more information.

Fiona Uebergang
Acting Head of Curriculum.

What parents and carers can do.....

This, on the left, is an example of what your child may bring home to read to you – please sign it to say you have heard it.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY WEEK

Last week we celebrated Occupational Therapy Week which aims to promote the important role Occupational Therapist’s play in helping children and adults access and participate in their daily ‘occupation’. A child’s occupation includes: play, self-care skills, kindy/school skills. For the last two terms an Occupational Therapy programme has been running at Palmwoods State School. This programme aims at improving children’s ability to access and participate in the school environment.

A special thanks to Emma and Steph (OT Students) for volunteering their time to help run these programmes.

Janine Moore
Occupational Therapist

Steph and Emma
Occupational Therapy Students
‘Catch the reading bug!’

Family motivation in reading activities can have a strong, positive impact on a child’s educational achievement. A Scholastics Book Fair is our school’s pop-up bookshop event that will enable a hands-on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading. A scholastic Book Fair Garden is coming to our school the week starting the 24th November. So put the date in your calendar and let’s grow readers!

Library
The Library has been without access to our book database for two weeks while a problematic computer server was repaired. We are happy to report that we are now back in business and borrowing and returning as of Monday. Please remember you can borrow before school, after school and both lunch times.

New Book
The Library’s latest edition is ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’. Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse has 13 new stories, including a watermelon-smashing level, a wave machine, a life-size snakes and ladders game (with real ladders and real snakes), a rocket-powered carrot-launcher, a Ninja Snail Training Academy and a high-tech detective agency with all the latest high-tech detective technology, which is lucky because they have a BIG mystery to solve - where is Mr Big Nose???

Vic Mijnarends
Librarian/Teacher

Apple for the Teacher Competition
HOT 91.1’s new competition to recognise and reward the hard working teachers of the Sunshine Coast is Hot 91.1’s Apple for the Teacher, with the help of NCIS Computers, is asking the families of the Sunshine Coast to nominate their favourite Primary School teacher and give one of the hardest working occupations the recognition it deserves!

For the students to enter please head to:-

Nominate them now and they could win a new iPad, your entire class could win an iPod Shuffle and your school could win an iMac computer!
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<td>Samsara P</td>
<td>Setting a great example during read to self. For showing confidence in all your work and completing all your work to the best of your ability.</td>
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<td>Amelia M</td>
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<td>1E</td>
<td>Tristan N</td>
<td>Always doing his best in all areas.</td>
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<td>Keisha G</td>
<td>Always being ready for learning and consistently setting a good example for her peers.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Everyone in 1G</td>
<td>Focusing on doing their best work in their writing task. Well Done !</td>
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<td>Sarah R</td>
<td>Always working hard and contributing to all lessons.</td>
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<td>Miriama B</td>
<td>Always being ready to learn and on task.</td>
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<td>Charlie K</td>
<td>His independent, informative presentation on Ants and their behaviour.</td>
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<td>Libby B</td>
<td>A huge effort to improve her reading over recent weeks.</td>
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<td>Keagan O</td>
<td>Enthusiastic reading at home and at school.</td>
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<td>Eliska S</td>
<td>Showing enthusiasm and persistence to constantly improve your learning.</td>
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<td>Tayla B</td>
<td>Making positive steps to remain on task in class.</td>
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<td>Tommy W</td>
<td>Using interesting vocabulary in his writing.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Kyla S</td>
<td>Being an attentive and enthusiastic learner.</td>
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<td>Lachlan F</td>
<td>Being a great helper in the class.</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Jessie S</td>
<td>Seeking feedback to improve her learning.</td>
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<td>Mananji F</td>
<td>Persistence with spelling.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Nellie M</td>
<td>Being a thoughtful and caring class member.</td>
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<td>Dylian C</td>
<td>Showing great sportsmanship during a game of soccer.</td>
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<td>Olivia H</td>
<td>Showing more confidence in Maths as she shares her ideas and asks questions.</td>
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<td>Hannah L</td>
<td>Seeking and using feedback in all areas of her learning.</td>
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<td>Zoe B-K</td>
<td>Concentrating well and being actively involved in her 1st Yoga session.</td>
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<td>Mia T</td>
<td>Showing persistence to make a great start on her Multi-Model Narrative.</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Aine H</td>
<td>Showing Persistence in all areas of school life.</td>
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<td>Bailey W</td>
<td>Working hard to achieve Learning Goals.</td>
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<td>5/6K</td>
<td>Aleisha G</td>
<td>Her concentration and effort during Yoga.</td>
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<td>Mackenzie B</td>
<td>Showing persistence when tackling tasks and seeking feedback to improve her learning.</td>
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<td>Erin H</td>
<td>Seeking feedback to improve her work and maintaining focus on given tasks.</td>
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<td>Willem C</td>
<td>Continually working hard during class time.</td>
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<td>Scott B</td>
<td>Always contributing to class discussions and showing great enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Andrew B</td>
<td>Completing revision and performing well on class fractions test.</td>
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<td>Matthew K</td>
<td>Completing Maths homework, showing core skills for revision.</td>
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Masquerade Ball
WOW, what an amazing turnout we had for the Masquerade Ball on Friday night. There were 160 people there, plus helpers.
Thanks you so much to the dads, grandads, uncles and brothers that brought their young ladies and made the night such a success. There was dancing and photos, food, fun and even some fancy drinks. Thank you to the dedicated team that made it happen, Sarah, Jodie, and Bernie our mums extraordinaire, Anne Wells the Chappy at Woombye, Allen and Lochie, Julie and Gary, Rob (my hubby), Kristy and Sam, and Louise our Photographer. Thank you to the Year 6 & 7 Cooking group for preparing so much of the food. Thank you to the Heritage Bank for their Sponsorship which helps with the cost of the food. In fact, thank you to anyone who did things and I haven’t mentioned you, you are all truly appreciated. Because of your willingness to assist many precious memories have been built in the families that attended. THANK YOU.

GEMS Giving Every Mother Support
This term on Wednesdays is our GEMS group Coffee which is a general support coffee morning for any parent that wants to come. 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 is held on the Deck of the School Hall at 8.45. (So you drop off your children and come straight down. We usually have some scones or something else nice to nibble on with our coffee.

Christmas Appeal
Beginning in the next couple of weeks we will be running a campaign to fill Christmas hampers and give presents to families in need. We will have baskets or boxes in each classroom for donations. Last year just the year 6 classes did it and they filled five hampers, so as a whole school imagine what we can accomplish. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. If you would like to begin thinking about how you can assist either by bringing in food or purchasing and wrapping presents and labelling them with gender and age for distribution, we will give further info shortly and a letter will come home with the do’s and don’ts. Let’s make Christmas special for some families doing it tough.
There is only 8 weeks till Christmas.
Jenny Schleusener
School Chaplain

RELIGION CHRISTMAS CONCERT
RI Concert 2pm - 2:45pm on Thursday November 13 with Andy Chapman in the School Hall

P & C News
We have our Melbourne Cup Day luncheon on Tuesday 4th November at the Palmwoods Hotel — see the attached add for full details. Book early and pick up your tickets from the school office.

Thanks to Purr-Dantik Fashion and Accessories from Buderim, who will be showing off there style with a Fashion Parade on Tuesday.
We still need a couple of helpers on the day to help sell raffle tickets, distribute prizes while enjoying a delicious lunch and fine company at the Palmwoods Hotel.
Thank you to Boardman Truck Haulage & Purr-Dantik for their generous donation of prizes for the day. If you know of anyone who is able to donate prizes for our best dressed male or lucky door prize (e.g. dinner voucher, hair dressing voucher, meat tray) please contact the school on 5453 2444.

POSITIVE PARENT FEEDBACK
Parents commented on the professionalism and commitment of the teachers and school staff and volunteers. Their ongoing loyalty, commitment and support of the school does not go unnoticed.
TUCKSHOP DAY FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2014

Remember to thank our lovely tuckshop volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to the school on Tuckshop Day Friday 7th November 2014. Students, get creative and decorate your lunch bag on the day. The student with the best decorated bag will receive an icy pole from the tuckshop.

If you can help please drop in and see Sam at the tuckshop or call the school on 54532444.
The information herein has been obtained from sources we deem to be reliable, however we cannot guarantee its accuracy and interested persons should rely on their own enquiries.