In an earlier Newsletter I mentioned that Queensland Police were going to schools around the Sunshine Coast for *Operation Jumpstreet*, to reduce traffic infringements in school zones.

Last Tuesday we were visited by an undercover officer who told me afterwards that unfortunately he would be issuing about 30 tickets. He also said that he would be coming back for other undercover visits during the year.

A reminder that it is illegal to park on the grass, or in No Standing zones, and it is important to wear seat belts and not use mobile phones while driving.

We run our *Collect & Go* area after school every day to avoid the need for crowding at the front of the school and so people don’t park illegally.

**NAPLAN**

Our Years 3, 5 & 7 students will be doing their NAPLAN Tests on May 13, 14 & 15 this year. All Years 3, 5 & 7 students will complete these tests unless parents have submitted an Exemption or Withdrawal Form signed by the principal. The only students eligible for exemption are those who have English as their Second Language and have a diagnosed Disability. Please see your child’s teacher or Allen Eade if you think this applies to your child.

Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Please see your child’s teacher, Allan Petts or Peter Wilson if you would like more information.

We have attached a copy of the 2014 NAPLAN Parent Withdrawal and Test Exemption forms, please send these to the office prior to Friday May 9.

**ENRICHMENT**

Our Enrichment Program will commence this term starting on Friday 30 May. This program is designed to provide students with the type of experiences they do not typically receive at school. The program will run one afternoon a week for 5 weeks on Fridays with the exception of one Thursday (due to Nambour Show Holiday that week). Parents and Guardians are reminded that payment of the Student Resource Scheme is due in full for your child to participate in the Enrichment program unless currently a Centrepay participant. If you would like to be involved in helping with our Enrichment Program please contact me.

Peter Wilson
Principal

**ATTENDANCE**

It is compulsory to attend school every day. If your child is absent the parent/carer must contact the school by phoning the absentee hotline on 54532460 (speaking clearly and precisely) or by a note to the class teacher explaining the absence. This helps us monitor absenteeism to ensure children’s safety.

**Importance of Student Attendance**

Welcome back to Term 2. Last term we introduced the new time for our first school bell of 8.40 a.m. This seems to be working really well so a huge thank you to all parents for assisting us in getting your child to school on time for this first bell. It gives students time to get organised for their learning for lessons to commence sharply at 8.50 a.m.

It is surprising how attendance can affect your child’s school performance.
Did you know that …

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<th>When your child misses just …</th>
<th>That equals …</th>
<th>Which is …</th>
<th>And over 13 years of schooling that is …</th>
<th>Which means the best your child can perform is …</th>
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<td>10 minutes each day</td>
<td>50 min a week</td>
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<td>Equal to finishing Yr 11</td>
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<td>20 min each day</td>
<td>1 hr 40 min a week</td>
<td>Nearly 2.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 year</td>
<td>Equal to not completing Yr 11</td>
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<td>1 hour each day</td>
<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2.5 years</td>
<td>Equal to not completing Yr 10</td>
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<td>2 days each week</td>
<td>80 days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 5 years</td>
<td>Equal to finishing in Yr 7</td>
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Our School Code of Conduct is Safety, Learning and Respect. The table above highlights the effect of non-attendance on the total learning of a student during their school life.
We thank you all for your efforts in getting your child to school on time at Palmwoods State School as we really value the education of all our students. Please keep getting your children to school on time for the first bell at 8.40 a.m.

**Program Achieve**
Over the next 3 weeks children in all classes will be receiving class instruction on the Program Achieve key to success of **Persistence**. This helps teach students to stay motivated and engaged in their schoolwork so they can achieve academic goals, even if they find some of the work frustrating or difficult.

Some examples of students showing persistence when working on schoolwork could be:
- Memorising spelling list of words
- Finishing all maths problems before the end of class
- Not being distracted during individual reading
- Checking written work for errors in punctuation
- Being patient in the practise of fine motor skills (handwriting…)

Students will be encouraged to give their best effort and **work tough**, and at the same time to get rid of the negative barriers such as thinking “I can’t do it”, or giving up and saying “I can’t be bothered”.

You may hear your child talk about **Penny Persistence** and **Lazy Larry, Road Blocks** and **Hard Working Pigs, Hard Yakka** and the power of **Self-Talk**, and **Quitters** and **Giving Effort**. The program aims to equip our students with the positive habits of the mind to enable them to give their best effort with all that they do and for each student to be the best learner he/she can be.

Allan Petts
Deputy Principal

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**Mental Strategies for Maths**
Can you answer these sums, in your head, in 1 minute…

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<tr>
<th>Sum</th>
<th>36+43</th>
<th>18+64</th>
<th>59-37</th>
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<td>Result</td>
<td>83-35</td>
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How did you go? Were you tempted to write them?
At Palmwoods State School, we’re working on strategies to help our students from Year 2-7 to be able to mentally calculate 2 digit numbers, without a need to write sums in the traditional algorithm.
There are three main strategies we are teaching to help students to do this. 1. Jump 2. Split 3. Compensate. 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!
Jump strategy – One number is kept unchanged. The other number is partitioned (broken up) and the parts are added on or subtracted. The adding or subtracting is done by “jumping” along a number line.

Addition

\[ 35 + 23 \]

* A student might think: 
\[ 35, 45, 55, 56, 57, 58 \] or 
\[ 35, 55, 58 \]

Subtraction

\[ 76 - 33 \]

* A student might think: 
\[ 76, 66, 56, 46, 45, 44, 43 \] or 
\[ 76, 46, 43 \]

The Jump strategy can be represented with materials and visual models. In particular, hundred boards and empty number lines can be helpful in developing understanding.

Other strategies will be shared in subsequent newsletters

How can I help at home?

Play maths games that involve adding or subtracting eg. card or dice games for 1 and 2 digit numbers, add number plates while driving, ask them to calculate amounts at the shops etc.

Ask your child about the strategy they used to work out the sums and talk to them about the strategy you used. Compare your choices and note that any strategy is appropriate, as long as the answer is the same.

Happy Calculating! If you have any questions about this, come along with your child to the Maths Masters Club, every Wednesday morning 8am-8:30am in the LOTE room (opposite the Library). Teachers are on hand to answer questions and model strategies, with your child.

Kellie Martin  
Head of Curriculum
Anzac Day Ceremony

Thank You to all the parents who attended our Anzac Day Ceremony last Thursday afternoon. Our Year 6 and Yr 7 student leaders conducted the ceremony which coincided with the 100 year anniversary of the start of First World War (1914-1918). Students learned about the Gallipoli Campaign and the war on the Western Front in Europe. Students also learned of Corporal Ernie Corey, a stretcher bearer from WW1 who saved countless lives and received 4 Military Medals during his time on the Western Front before he was injured himself and evacuated to safety. We also listened to Sierra S (Yr 6) and Kaia F (Yr 7) winning essays in the Anzac Day Competition titled “For Australians, Anzac Day is the Most Important Day of the Year”. The Palmwoods Branch of the RSL donated prizes to these winners as well as winning entries for the P-2 Colouring In Competition and the Yr3-5 Poster Competition. They also donated ribbons for every student and staff member to wear during the ceremony. We thank them for their continued and generous support of our school.

The winners of the Anzac Day Competitions were:
Prep – Lacey N  PG
Yr 1 – Oakland H  1C
Yr 2- Evangeline W  2G
Yr 3 – Marissa S  3B
Yr 4 – Leilu L  4B
Yr 5 – Bailey P  5S
Yr 6 – Sierra S  6A
Yr 7 – Kaia F  7N

Prior to the ceremony our students were privileged to see a demonstration from the Maleny Light Horse Division on the school oval. Our thanks to Lyn Fletcher for making this possible. Ben T, a Year 7 student leader, led the Maleny Light Horse procession onto our school oval. Students learned how the Light Horse Division evolved during war and were told of the famous Charge of Beersheba by the 4th Light Horse Brigade during World War 1.

A special thank you to the 20 students who attended the Palmwoods RSL Dawn Service Anzac Day ceremony on Friday 25 April. All made it for the 4.15a.m start and their attendance is always appreciated by organisers. Lots of other Palmwoods State School students attended the dawn service as members of various community groups. Thank you all for helping us to celebrate this special day – Anzac Day is arguably the most important day of the year for all Australians.
Dental Van News

Dental forms will be issued to the remainder of the school ie. Surnames beginning L to Z. If you wish to take advantage of the school dental service it would be appreciated if these forms are completed and returned to us (letterbox on dental van step) or school office by Friday 16 May 2014. If you have any queries please feel free to contact us on Ph 0419 736942.

Dental Van Staff

### Students of the Week: Week 1&2, Term 2, 2014

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<td>Ella S</td>
<td>Such a big improvement in your writing. Great sounding out and finger spaces. Working hard in his speed maths.</td>
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<td>Jack B</td>
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<td>1E</td>
<td>Ethan S</td>
<td>Great scientific explanation for his show and tell.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Casey E</td>
<td>Great scientific explanation for his show and tell.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Willow Q</td>
<td>Trying hard with his writing.</td>
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<td>Tiana B</td>
<td>Always listening on the mat.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Georgia G</td>
<td>Being an excellent role-model and a great team leader.</td>
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<td>Zachary W</td>
<td>Being an excellent classroom helper and an improved attitude to learning.</td>
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<td>2G</td>
<td>Mia B</td>
<td>Always being an excellent role model for her class by putting in a 5 tuft effort into all that she does.</td>
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<td>Levi L</td>
<td>Improving his behaviour in class by following teacher instructions the first time. Keep up the good work Levi.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Tyler S</td>
<td>A great start to Term 2 in all areas.</td>
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<td>Tahlia RS</td>
<td>Behaviour Leadership in class – gold standard consistently.</td>
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<td>2/3P</td>
<td>Dylan W</td>
<td>Making terrific progress with his spelling.</td>
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<td>Jaimee T</td>
<td>Putting in extra effort at home to improve her reading and sight words.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Shanaya D H</td>
<td>A great science museum.</td>
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<td>Rose F</td>
<td>Being a kind class member.</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Shary H</td>
<td>Working well in class and completing all work in the set time.</td>
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<td>Evie Ti</td>
<td>Putting effort into all tasks and being a co-operative team member.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Lottie P</td>
<td>Working on being more organised with her belongings.</td>
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<td>Shelly F</td>
<td>Being a model for active listening during whole group sessions.</td>
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<td>4K</td>
<td>Olivia H</td>
<td>Contributing and asking questions in Maths.</td>
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<td>Alijah L</td>
<td>Putting in a huge effort to start the term.</td>
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<td>4/5P</td>
<td>Zoe B K</td>
<td>Putting in a great effort to complete her persuasive piece of writing.</td>
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<td>Ethan M</td>
<td>Focusing extremely well in Maths and choosing good strategies to solve problems.</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Grace F B</td>
<td>Being an organised learner who always tries her best.</td>
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<td>Justin B</td>
<td>Being an organised learner who always tries his best.</td>
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<td>5/6K</td>
<td>Amber M</td>
<td>Her neat and thorough handwriting and book presentation.</td>
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<td>Darren W</td>
<td>His effort in designing and presenting an ANZAC Day Poster.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Sierra S</td>
<td>Always being organised ready to work and willing to go the extra mile.</td>
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<td>Will B</td>
<td>Being responsible, making good choices and completing work on time.</td>
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<td>6/7R</td>
<td>Emma O’C</td>
<td>Her very imaginative and creative writing and outstanding effort across all areas of school.</td>
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<td>Sebastian A</td>
<td>Achieving an outstanding result on his English Assessment.</td>
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<td>7N</td>
<td>Zali A</td>
<td>Completing her Ratio Test even when not feeling well.</td>
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<td>Jasmine McL</td>
<td>Being a great shoulder partner during Maths rotations.</td>
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**Book Fair Wrap**

The ‘Book Fair Safari’ wrapped up on Thursday evening before the holidays. Once again, thanks to the wonderful support of the Palmwoods school community, we were able to run a very successful Book Fair. We received over $2000 worth of commission books. This is a significant addition to our collection and allows us to add to and improve our school library.

The Book Fair is a fantastic way to support your library and school, while giving your child an incredible opportunity to own and read some beautiful books. Also special thanks to Donna Mijnarends and Debbie Habermann who freely volunteered their time to help me man the Book Fair throughout the week. The Book Fair was the second most successful ever run.

**Voices on the Coast**

On Monday, the 24th of April, 36 year 5, 6 and 7 children went to “Voices on the Coast” – A Youth Literature Festival held at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Our school uses this wonderful day as a literacy enrichment event. The children were able to choose from a large range of authors and illustrators, as well as some less traditional areas such as clowning workshops, graphic novels and scriptwriting. Feedback from the children was overwhelmingly positive and all enjoyed a very busy and hectic day. Special thanks to our helpers on the day, Donna Mijnarends and Robyn Courtney. These special events are not possible without the enthusiastic help and support offered by our volunteers.

Victor Mijnarends
Teacher/Librarian

**Maths Masters Club**

Maths Masters Club meets every Wednesday morning 8am- 8:30am (for a prompt 8:05 start ) in the LOTE room (opposite the library). We will involve your children in maths activities, so you can watch them work and a teacher can explain the process as it unfolds. If you have a maths question from your child’s homework, please bring these along with your children. Teachers will also pose questions, model and explain processes or answer questions you may have about your child’s maths learning.

Jenny Schleusener
Chaplain
Country Fair Update
Celebrating the year of the school’s 125th Anniversary
Saturday 24th May 2014, 12pm - 6pm

DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP
Contact: Brenda Herrmann Email: pcops@westnet.com.au or school at 5453 2444
We welcome donations of any items. They might be small items that could go into lucky bottles or small games like “Pluck a Duck” i.e. pens, rubbers, note pads, hair ties etc. Or large items that could be part of the auction or raffle.

- You may have or know someone who has **art or craft items** that they could donate to be in the raffle, cent auction or auctioned.
- You may have or know someone who has a **business that could donate goods or services** for the raffle, cent auction or be auctioned.

For your sponsorship you will be listed as a sponsor in the Palmwoods Pages, Fair Program, Country Fair website and Facebook page
Please let us know their contact details and their relationship to the school or community

COLOURING COMPETITION
Don’t forget your colouring competition entry is due back in to the office for Judging by Friday 2nd of May.
The winner for each grade will win a “Golden Ticket” which entitles the winner to:

- 1 x Ride Armband
- 1 free turn - Pluck a Duck
- 1 free turn - Puff Puff Golf
- 1 free turn - Dunking Machine
- 1 free turn - Knock em Down
- 1 free turn - Dig for Treasure
- 1 free turn - Confectionary Table

How Can You Help?
Many hands make light work.
Mums / Dads / Brothers (adult) / Grandads NEEDED to help pick up, drop off and set up tents, tables, chairs, etc.

- Friday 23rd for pick-ups
- Saturday 24th 7am– 12pm
- Saturday 24th after 6.00pm
- Sunday 25th from 9am
- Monday 26th for drop-offs

Contact school office if you can help on Ph. 5453 2444

FAIR ORGANISING MEETINGS
are being held every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Admin building.
Our next Fair meeting is Tuesday 5th May 2014.

You are most welcome to attend, or if you would like to receive a copy of the minutes then please let Brenda know by email pcops@westnet.com.au or phone on 5453 2444
**RAFFLE PRIZES 2014**

A booklet of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home this week, selling for $1 per ticket

Return tickets and money in envelopes to school office by Thursday 22nd May.

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**OVER 20 FANASTIC PRIZES**

**ARMBANDS $25.00**

FOR UNLIMITED FAIR RIDES

Pre-purchase from Courtyard
8.00 am – 9.00 am
Mon. 19th – Fri. 23rd May

**Last Sales 3pm Friday 23rd May**

Armband Sales $30.00 On Fair Day

**Fair Rides are:**

- Giant Slide $4 for 4 slides
- Jurassic Adventure Castle $5
- Cup & Saucer $4
- Merry Go Round $4
- Small Jumping Castle $4
- Chair-o-plane $5
- Round Up $5
- Hurricane $5
Country Fair Update
Saturday 24th May 2014, 12pm - 6pm

Thank you to all the wonderful businesses and individuals who have already committed to support our Country Fair. Please support them wherever you can.

WANTED

- Clean milk bottle and/or juice bottle lids (for Year 2 Science)
- Clean stockings (foot part only) to make Seed Heads
- Old Stockings - any colour (for Country Fair)
- Coat Hangers (for Country Fair)
- Plastic Grocery Bags (for Country Fair)

Please send to Teacher Aides room

MAJOR SPONSORS

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Aussie World
Australia Zoo
Bellingham Maze
Birch Carroll & Coyle
The Ginger Factory
Caloundra Rollerdrome
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Educational Supply Co P/L
Gelatissimo

Goodlife Health Club
K mart Maroochydore
Kenshinryu
Palmer Coolum Resort
Palmwoods Veterinary Clinic
Qld Zoo
Subway Nambour
Sunshine Confectionary Outlet
The Big Pineapple
Thrill Hill Waterslide
Top Shots
FREE Netball Clinics

Come and join our positive ‘Introduction to Netball’ program.

Learn the skills required to play and enjoy netball in a fun, skill based and friendly environment

The weekly clinics are co-ordinated by two of our accredited coaches, Sheree Baguley and Roxanne Bailey.

**When:** Tuesdays from 6th May to 10th June

**Time:** 3:45pm to 4:45pm

**Where:** Nambour & Districts Netball Association ‘Victory Park’, Laidlaw Rd, Woombye

**Who:** Girls and boys aged 6yrs – 11yrs

**To Register:** Go to the link below to secure your place at the clinics  [http://www.trybooking.com/EQNY](http://www.trybooking.com/EQNY)

For more information please contact: ndnacoach@gmail.com

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NAMBOUR GOOD BEGINNINGS

Do you have a passion for making a difference and giving back to your community?

Are you interested in supporting families and enhancing family wellbeing?

Nambour Good Beginnings is recruiting new Community Parent volunteers to work alongside families in the community who are in need of support, connections & a pseudo extended family member. If you are looking to make a difference in the lives of Parents and children, prepared to undergo ongoing training and be apart of a wonderful team of dedicated Volunteer Community Parents, then Nambour Good Beginnings wants YOU!!!!

Based at the Nambour Community Centre, Good Beginnings is a home visiting and parenting support program where volunteers visit families on a weekly basis offering support and encouragement in parenting issues. Volunteers need to be willing to offer 2 – 4 hours each week. In return volunteers gain new skills, friendships and a sense of achievement.

Together we CAN make a difference!

**Community Spirit**

**Compassionate**

**Commitment**

**Caring**

Call Nambour Ali at Good Beginnings: 54 764 933 Or email: nambourgb@flexinet.com.au

Find Us on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/)

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$47

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LEGENDS

In Cinemas April 3

MUPPETS MOST WANTED

In Cinemas April 7

MY PEABODY & SHEHERMAN

In Cinemas March 27

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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.