Palmwoods State School now has an Enrolment Management Plan, this means that all students who enrol in our school must be from our designated catchment area. If not they will be required to apply for an Out-of-Catchment Application, we can only enrol out-of-catchment students if there is sufficient spare capacity after reserving places for students who move into the catchment during the year; and after taking into account the school's projected future enrolment growth. However we also have an approved Program of Excellence in The Arts and potential students from outside our catchment will be able to apply to enrol at Palmwoods State School if they meet the criteria for this program. For more information please contact our office.

Security
Unfortunately we have a few people in our community using our school grounds inappropriately over the past few weeks, even a break-in over a weekend. Our school is very important all who work and learn here. If you see someone in our school grounds outside of school hours and you suspect they should not be here please contact the police immediately. Let's also send the message out in our community that our school grounds are only available for people doing the right things. It is an offence to enter the school grounds without permission. If you plan to use our grounds please contact the school office.

Report Cards
These will go home on Monday December 8. If you need any clarification with Report Cards please talk to your child’s class teacher. Comparative data with regards Report Card grades is available from the Principal at a parent’s request.

Booklists
2015 Booklists are now available on the school website www.palmwoodss.eq.edu.au

Classlists
Class lists will be displayed on boards under the Teacher Aide Room/Sick Room from Thursday January 22, 2015 from 3:00pm onwards. As staff transfers are still pending, I cannot supply you with a full list of staffing for next year.

The last day of this year will be a clean-up day and students will be involved in the tidying and re-organising of classrooms. School resumes on Tuesday January 27. The school’s office will be open from Monday January 19 for any questions you may have regarding the start of the school year.

School Resumes Tuesday 27 January 2015

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 don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
SRS – Student Resource Scheme 2015
Student Resource Scheme forms and invoices will be sent home in the first week of school.

Positive Parenting Comments
From our last P&C Meeting.
We are very fortunate at Palmwoods State School to have two exceptional instrumental music teachers who provide such an excellent program so cheaply for our children.
Thank you everyone involved in the Trivia Night, it was wonderful, how about a few more of you come next time? (Term 1 2015)

Library Books to be Returned
Could all parents please check their children have returned all library books by Friday 28th November.

Farewell to Our Year 6 & Year 7 Students
It is always with great sadness that we bid farewell to leaving students. This year we farewell our Year 6 and Year 7 students. You have been the leaders of our school and have performed this role very responsibly this year. We would like to wish you all the best for your years in Secondary school and beyond.

Thank you
Our hard working P&C members, including Tuckshop and Kids Club have supported our school in many and varied ways throughout the year. We are sincerely grateful for your generous contribution to our school community during 2014 and in past years. I would like to especially acknowledge our P&C Executive of Richard Waldie, Alison Donaldson, Michael Schell, Mark McInnes; Tuckshop Convenor, Sam Berglind; Uniform Shop Cassie Berry, Kids Club Co-ordinators, Maria Sutton and Charmaine Park. Special thanks also to our School Liaison Officer, Bernie McInnes and Brenda Herrmann (P&C Administrator) for their energy in co-ordinating so much for our school.

Thank you to all other volunteers who have not only contributed their time to the school, but have provided a supportive team spirit within our school community that is unique to Palmwoods! The school is providing a Volunteers morning tea on Tuesday 2 December at 10:30am in the school hall to thank all our wonderful volunteers. Well done on a great 2014! It is always a pleasure to have you working in and around our school.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and hope you enjoy your time with those nearest and dearest to you.

Peter Wilson - Principal
Allan Petts - Deputy Principal

The end of the school year is in a few short weeks, so that means that it is also student Report Card time (and nearly Holidays and Christmas!!).

Here at Palmwoods State School, we value highly the academic progress of every child, and as their reports are about to be shared with you, it is important that we communicate how assessment and reporting works.

Student assessment occurs through a whole semester and so the work the children have undertaken in Term 3 and Term 4 informs teachers’ judgements about your child’s achievement. Throughout the semester, children’s progress is closely monitored on a daily basis to identify any need for extra support, and children are routinely assessed around their knowledge, skills and the application of these, with more formal assessments taking place as the culmination of a unit of work. Observations and monitoring of your child in class is aligned with these assessment tasks, and teachers within each year level meet to review and moderate judgements to form an overall assessment of your child, which is used on the end of semester report.

In 2014, the students and teachers have been implementing and engaging with the Australian Curriculum, using the Queensland Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) resources. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards, please visit the online curriculum at [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/)

It is important to remember that a “C” achievement indicates that a student is working at year level expectations, which is a cause for celebration. The effort column indicates the amount of effort your child has put into their work. The teachers’ comments will provide you with feedback about your child’s strengths but will also contain some ‘next steps’ for your child to work on, to address areas of development in English and Maths. Reports will be sent home via email during the last week of school. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Fiona Uebergang
Acting Head of Curriculum
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**Years 4 - 7  Tuesday 9 December 9am.**

Children report to their classroom as normal on this day to be marked off on the rolls. They will then walk to the pool in their class group ready to commence the Swimming Carnival.

Children will need togs, bathing cap, towel, hat, Rashie/T-shirt, sunscreen and water.

They are to commence the day in House colours and school shoes but may wear thongs or scuffs at the pool. Children are to bring a packed lunch or money for the Pool Canteen which will be open all day.

**The program for the day is as follows…… Timetable:**

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<td>8.40am</td>
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<td>Butterfly 25m - Championship</td>
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<td>12.30pm</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>1.00pm</td>
<td>5 min House Lap Swim - Participation</td>
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<td>Individual Medley 100m - Championship</td>
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<td>1.50pm</td>
<td>Freestyle Relays</td>
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<td>2.20pm</td>
<td>Presentations - Clean Up - Return to School</td>
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**Times may vary slightly on the day**

### Important Information

- All children who attend the Pool are expected to swim
- Students may only swim in 50m or 25m Freestyle events—**not both**
- 25m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke & 25m Butterfly events are for competent swimmers only
- Championship event points count towards Age Champion
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd ribbons will be awarded to the top 3 times in each championship event
- The 5 min House Lap swim involves students swimming laps of any stroke to score points for their house - Lots of Fun !!!!!!!
- 25m Butterfly is for competent swimmers only and form must be of appropriate standard for points to count
- Students are to bring a hat, water bottle, packed lunch and or money to access the canteen
- Students may wear appropriate House Colours on the day
- Students need to wear appropriate swimming costume to swim in on the day

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**SWIMMING CELEBRATION CARNIVAL**

**Year P - 3  Wednesday 10 December 9:00am – 1:00**

Prep - Year 3 classes will be taken in the following allocated timeslots to the pool with their class for a 1 hour session.

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<th>Leaving School</th>
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<td>Year 2 8:40am</td>
<td>9:45 am</td>
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<td>Year 1 10:05am</td>
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Kris Kearney  
HPE Teacher

For the morning your child will need the following items…

- **Togs** – to be worn to school under uniform. (House colours may be worn)
- Rashie/T shirt to swim in.  
  (Don’t forget to bring underwear)
- Bathing Cap, School Uniform, Shoes, Hat, Sunscreen, Drink Bottle
- Two towels – by the end of the carnival their towel is usually very wet.
- A packed lunch or money for the Pool Canteen.

**COST**

Pool entry cost for all students Prep - Year 7 is $3.00  
Children are to bring $3.00 to the school office before Friday 5 December with the Permission note.  
Admission cost for Parents/Spectators is $2 per person (for Insurance purposes)  
Please note the Pool Canteen will be open.

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**Maia Balsillie Book Prize**

This prize is awarded at the end of the year to the most improved readers in each year level.  
Each winner was awarded books to the value of $20.  
Congratulations and well done to the following students.

- Prep - Charlotte N  
  Year 1 - Ebony F
- Year 2 2S & 2/3P - Conor H  
  2G & 2D - Eliska S
- Year 3 - Riley S  
  Year 4 - Christie D
- Year 5 - Megan T  
  Year 6 - Chloe D
- Year 7 - Jasmine M

*Many thanks to the Setch family for making these awards possible.*
**Christmas hamper donations**
Just a gentle reminder to please send in your donations of food and gifts for the Christmas hampers we are putting together. We are accepting donations up till Wednesday next week. We then hope to send them out the at the end of that week or early the following week.

**Coffee morning**
We are having our final coffee morning for the year next Wednesday the 3rd of December. The discussion will centre around ideas to make next year's Country Fair the best ever. We are looking for new, fresh and innovative ideas, so come with thinking caps on. For mums with kids, the Kids Club is offering child-minding for this last get together so it would be great if you could get there.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know new parents this year that I otherwise may not have got to know. ‘Coffee mornings are the best’.

**Final thoughts for the year**
As we approach Christmas with the end of another busy year I ask that you take the time to consider the true meaning of Christmas, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, love that does not keep account of wrongs but forgives. Love that stretches across time and eternity wanting to reach into your life and fill it with love, acceptance, peace and joy. As a person of deep faith I pray you will encounter this love this Christmas.

Jenny Schleusener
School Chaplain

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**Thank you**

**THANK-YOU TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS**

We would like thank & acknowledge all of our dedicated volunteers for donating their valuable time & skills to assist our staff & students at Palmwoods State School for 2014.

We would like to invite you to attend a morning tea to be held in your honour on **Tuesday 2 December at 10:30am in the hall**.

**Bernie McInnes - Community Liaison Officer**

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**Sausage Sizzle**

The last Sausage Sizzle for this year will be on **Tuesday 2 December**. The Sausage Sizzle will resume Week 2 next year.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

All lost property will be cleared during the last week of the school year and any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

If your child has misplaced any items please check with the staff in the Teacher Aide/Health Room.

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**From The School Patron**

I would like to wish Mr Wilson, staff and students a very happy and safe holiday. Best Wishes for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous year 2015.

I would like to wish all leaving Year 6 & Year 7 students all the very best for the future.

Mrs Rita Bailey

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT PALMWOODS STATE SCHOOL
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<td>BJ J Willem T</td>
<td>Creating a very impressive rhyming poem about Koalas. Working so hard to improve your number skills.</td>
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<td>1E</td>
<td>Ashton B Chilli B</td>
<td>Hugh improvement in presentation of work. Great effort in handwriting.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Cathryn R Andrew B</td>
<td>Her effort in reading all year. Improvement in his handwriting.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Reese O Charles L</td>
<td>Displaying respectful manners when sitting on the carpet. Using feedback provided to improve his English.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Christian M Roy D</td>
<td>Using his writing goals to improve his English work. Using his writing goals to improve his English work.</td>
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<td>2G</td>
<td>Levi L Jacob D</td>
<td>Responding to teacher feedback to write full sentences in your informative text. Noticing a need and showing kindness to other students.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2/3P</td>
<td>Jaimee T Amber P</td>
<td>Her willingness to accept and use feedback to improve her writing. Fantastic improvement with comprehension when reading.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Rose F Kayla B</td>
<td>Always being a polite, friendly class mate. Being a good classroom helper.</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Hayden L Jack F</td>
<td>Maintaining Gold level behaviour. For improving his writing by following feedback from his teacher.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Tammy R Nellie M</td>
<td>Being an active listener during group discussions. Her positive attitude and happy nature in class.</td>
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<td>4K</td>
<td>Georgia S Gabriel T</td>
<td>Always having a positive attitude towards learning and trying her best. Making positive choices and having a more positive attitude in the classroom.</td>
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<td>4/5P</td>
<td>Kayla G Tarley C</td>
<td>Creating an interesting Multi-Model presentation that engaged the audience. Consistently applying herself well to the Literacy Toolbox activities.</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Megan T Flynn O</td>
<td>Showing Resilience and Persistence in all learning tasks. Excellent effort and teamwork during the Lego Slow –Motion Task!</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Kaitlan M</td>
<td>A much improved attitude to all aspects of her schooling in recent weeks.</td>
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<td>6/7R</td>
<td>Bella L Jake W</td>
<td>Her flawless Oral Presentation for her English Assessment. Successfully running the 4 school discos.</td>
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<td>7N</td>
<td>Eli L Kellie B</td>
<td>Achieving 100% on the class +ve and –ve numbers test. Completing her homework on a regular basis.</td>
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Our ceremony will be held in the school Hall on Monday December 8. This will be a unique occasion where we farewell two cohorts of students as both our Year 6 and Year 7 students will be farewelling Palmwoods State School. From 2015 all Yr 7 students will be at High School.

The Graduation Ceremony will incorporate the presentation of a number of awards as well as each child receiving a commemorative folder. Academic Achievement and Application and Effort awards will be presented to those identified by their teachers as achieving a certain set of criteria. There will also be a number of other special awards. All awards will apply to both Year 6 and Year 7 students for this year only. The criteria for each of these has been published below. As a school community we are very appreciative to the people and groups who make these awards possible.

Invitations will be issued to Year 6 and 7 parents and special guests (please note there is a limit of 3 invitations per family due to a double graduation, limited seating and fire regulations).

**GRADUATION AWARDS**

**Trish and Geoff Littler Award - Citizenship**

This award recognises a consistent level of active citizenship by two Year 6 and two Year 7 students. The criteria for selection being:- Attitude; manners; co-operation; responsibility and initiative. These awards carry a monetary allocation and a certificate.

**Ken Moore Memorial Bursary - Overall Achievement**

This monetary award and plaque will be awarded to the most outstanding Year 6 and Year 7 student for Academic Achievement as well as Social Skills. This has been made possible by the Palmwoods/Woombye Lions Club who has also donated a perpetual plaque on which the recipient's name will be engraved each year.

The criteria for selection are:-

- outstanding academic achievement
- polite and well mannered
- thoughtful and considerate of others
- well behaved and obeys school rules and
- shows tolerance and understanding to those younger or less fortunate.

**Daryl Davie Bursary - Science/Maths**

This monetary bursary is awarded to a Year 6 and a Year 7 student who exhibits the following:-

- an interest in Science, Mathematics and Technology
- an excellent standard of work throughout the year
- evidence of higher order problem solving and thinking skills

**Gourmet Garden Award - Environmental Stewardship**

This monetary award consists of an individual trophy engraved with the student’s name, the title of the award and the year of presentation. Gourmet Garden donates this award to the Year 6 and Year 7 student who best meets the following non-academic criteria:-

- care and concern for the physical environment
- initiative and perseverance in working for the enhancement of the environment of Palmwoods School and community

**Keith and Jenny McKay Bursary - Arts**

This monetary bursary is awarded to a Year 6 and Year 7 student who exhibits outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: Music, Visual Art, Drama and Dance.

- combines their ideas and feelings as expression in the Arts using high level skills and technique
- displays and responds artistically, demonstrating personal style
- creates works of art, reflecting growing confidence, enthusiasm and community participation.

**Japanese Language and Culture Bursary**

This monetary bursary is awarded to a Year 6 and Year 7 student who exhibits the following:-
• Keen interest, effort and application to Japanese language and culture
• High level of achievement in class activities and projects

PALMWOODS BOWLS CLUB BURSARY - SPORT
A monetary allocation and a certificate are awarded to a Year 6 and Year 7 student who scores the highest points in a number of sports. Only sports played under the umbrella of the Queensland Primacy School Sports Board are taken into consideration for this Sporting Achievement Award.
• Age Champion – 2 points each for - Athletics; Cross Country; Swimming
• Representation of Palmwoods School at District Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country – 1 point
• District Representative – 4 points
• Regional Representative – 6 points
• State Representative – 10 points

PALMWOODS STUDENT COUNCIL BURSARY
The Student Council Year 6 and Year 7 members will nominate a peer who they consider fulfils the criteria of:-
• Active Citizenship in the school community (who doesn’t receive public recognition through existing forums).
• Significant contribution to school culture
• Adheres to the values and beliefs of Palmwoods State School
• This award carries a monetary allocation and a certificate.

ALLAN TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHAPLAINCY AWARD
This award and plaque recognises a Year 6 and Year 7 student who exhibits the following:
• Participation in the School RI program
• Thoughtfulness and consideration of others
• Demonstrates community spirit and support

BELL FAMILY ENGLISH BURSARY
This monetary award is given to a child from Year 6 and Year 7 who has:
• Shown an excellent standard of work in English throughout the year.

HERITAGE BANK MUSIC BURSARY
This monetary award is given to a child from Year 6 and Year 7 who has exhibited outstanding achievement in Music

RONDA QUINN AWARD
This monetary award recognizes a Year 6 and Year 7 student who has:
• Overcome obstacles to achieve successful outcomes
• Shows diligence and application
• And is a positive role model for peers

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AWARDS - P&C ASSOCIATION
This monetary award and plaque is in recognition of being elected as School Captains and their performance and contribution to the school in their leadership role

MEDALLIONS
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
• Excellent standard of work across all curriculum areas
• Completion of all set tasks to a high standard

APPLICATION AND EFFORT
• Completion of all set tasks throughout the year
• Consistent application to work across the curriculum

Allan Petts
Deputy Principal
Highlights of 2014

* Upgrade to rubber softfall under Prep Playground
* Working Bee - approx. 45 volunteers tidied up the school gardens and walkways
  * Over $47,500 raised by various fundraising activities including:
    - Country Fair
    - Chocolate Drive
    - Melbourne Cup Luncheon
    - Trivia Nights
    - Family Contribution
    - Tuckshop
    - Uniform Shop

* $25,000 received in Heritage grants
* Handed over $36,800 to school towards Curriculum, Equipment Replacement & Grounds Improvement

UNIFORM SALE DAYS

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd January 2015 from 8:30 am to 12 midday
(The week before school goes back)
New and second hand uniforms from our Uniform Shop every Friday, 8am to 9am or alternatively place your uniform online using the FlexiSchools system for delivery on Fridays. Please note FlexiSchools orders for collection next year will not be taken until Tuesday 27th January 2015.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

TUCKSHOP

If you are leaving the school this year and you use flexischools to place tuckshop orders you will be able to close your FlexiSchools account and arrange for any refunds due by contacting Flexischools on 1300 361769.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped throughout the year with various fundraisers, in the Tuckshop & Uniform Shop

Brenda Herrmann
P&C Co-ordinator
**COUNTRY FAIR 2015**

Come to coffee and cake on Wednesday 3 December from 9.00am on the hall deck to share your ideas for next year's Country Fair. Kids club will provide activities for your younger children, so bring them along too.

We are planning to have many teams working towards next year's fair, which gives everyone the opportunity to help out in some way. Thanks for indicating your willingness to help last week.

All suggestions are welcome. If you can't make it to the morning tea, send an email to the office with Country Fair as the subject, or talk to one of us when you see us around the school.

*Country Fair Sub-Committee*

(Maria from Kids Club, Sam from Tuckshop/garden, Sarah Grummett - parent grades 1 & 3, Alison Donaldson - parent grades 5, 2 & Prep, Tania Schaller - parent and teacher, Jenny Schleusner - School Chaplain.)

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**GREEN BUSH CHRISTMAS**

Celebrate Christmas Aussie style

_Begins at 5pm with recycled crafts & games for the kids._

Bring along a picnic or buy food and drink at the Sausage Sizzle.

**6pm in the hall** for performances and ‘singalongs’

_with Christmas songs, dance, traditional carols_

_and a visit from Santa._

*Proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council.*

_Palmwoods State School_

_Palmwoods Uniting Church_
COAST CLUB
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT
THE SUNSHINE COAST

Looking for an adventure this Summer?
The Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre will be
running school holiday activities for children (8+)
and families, for just $25 per child and $30 per
adult. Starting 15 December.

Body Boarding
Giant Swing
High Ropes
Kayaking
Learn to Surf
Stand Up
Paddleboarding

Drop off the kids or join in the fun yourself.

Find us on Facebook www.facebook/QLDrec
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, GO TO www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/coastclub

Limited places. Register now!

MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TENNIS, SWIMMING, BASKETBALL,
CRICKET, SOCCER, FUN GAMES....
at Palmwoods Tennis Club

Program 1 – Monday 15 December till
Thursday 18 December

Program 2 - Monday 12 December till
Thursday 15 December

Full Day 9am till 4pm = $40 per day
Half Day 9am till 12:30pm = $20 per day
BYO Lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen,
runners and swimmers

Enrolment each day from 8am—Pick up for Full day students by 5pm
To Book Phone Neil on 54438638 or 0407058211
Email: neilstennis@hotmail.com

Transport Network Re却astoration Program

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise of a temporary full road closure on Palmwoods-Montville Road as part of current flood reconstruction works.

From 6am on Monday 1 December to 7pm on Friday 5 December 2014, weather and construction conditions permitting, Palmwoods-Montville Road will be closed in both directions from the Maleny-Montville Road intersection for 1.5km south towards Palmwoods township.

The road closure is required for repair works on the landslips and is necessary for the safety of road users and road workers.

The work will involve pavement construction, drainage works and the installation of concrete footings for guardrail.

Through-traffic will be diverted via Hunchy and Razorback roads and signage and traffic controllers will be in place to direct traffic. It is expected this work will have intermittent low noise and dust impacts.
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.