Thank you to all of the families who attended our Fun Maths Activity session last week. We had many families attend. It was great fun! Our students always enjoy having their families visiting school.

***Have you heard your child read today? We encourage all students to practise their reading at home about 5 nights per week. Therefore, by now, most students should have read at least between 115-120 nights. Well done if you have kept up!

***Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice.
Defence School Transition Aide Message

Back at school:

I trust that everyone has had a smooth and satisfactory beginning to the school year. Changing schools, beginning school for the first time and even returning for another school year can be daunting for students and parents. It is great to see parents eager to support their children at this time and be an integral part of their education. If you have any concerns, or just feel like a chat about school and your child, please find me!

SWAPP Select Program

I have information about the ADF partners career assistance program if anyone is interested.

NEW UNIFORM

We have recently had a new shipment of uniform arrive that includes shorts, tops, tracksuit pants and hats. Some parents have been waiting on this to arrive.

Best wishes for the week.

Sue R anger,
Defence School Transition Aide

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week.

Winners – Declan Reyne, Evelyn Edwards, Amanda Horner, William Burn, Erin Shillabeer, Alison Edwards, Nikolas Van-Jaarsveldt, Somaiya Harriden, Paige Sheen, Stephanie Allen, Contessa Lazaro. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Compassion’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Reliability’.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Phoenix Miller, Chloe Hogan, Livinia Schaper, Charlie Pidoto, Charli Berger, Lochlon Nabbs, Tarrant Pidoto, Logan Evans, Zac Gripske, Ben Postill and Grace Tricarico. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

5/6 P in Room 1B won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy this week. Keith Petty and Ethan Neilson will look after the winning trophy for the week.

3/4 A in Room 9 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy this week. Jamie Clark and Saskia Truter were delighted to win the weekly trophy again.

4/5 H in Room 8 won the Yard Duty Competition Trophy. Jake Haywood and Harry Mather are both delighted to look after the winning trophy for their grade!

Well done Renae Pennycook, Saskia Truter and William Andersen who each received ‘Recycling Cans’ Awards. Every little bit counts!
Happy Birthday to Tallen Miller, Jake Haywood, Carrie Smith, Gabby Gaspari, Isam Elsheikh, Jamie Boucher, Ethan Calle and Connor Claassen who are all having their birthdays this week.

On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

The School Canteen is open for Lunch Orders again this term. Each and every Friday students can order lunches from the school canteen. The menu will be different each week. Please see the Term 3 menu from the last newsletter of Term 2.

**This week**
Hot Dogs - $2.50
Tomato or BBQ sauce – 20 cents each
Chocolate or Strawberry milk - $2

**Help needed!!**
Thank you to those volunteers who have added their name to this term’s roster. We still have some spots that need filling! It can be a ‘once-only’ session or every week or whatever suits. All help is greatly appreciated. Thanks so much.

Congratulations to Beth Ludlow, Mackai Harriden, Sophie Godbold and Josh Morris who received his ‘Bike Excellence’ Award Card this week. Great cycling, kids!

Creative play: We are still after donations of suitable equipment or toys for our students. Matchbox cars, lego, dress ups, construction materials and more can all be put to good use. Yesterday we had a wonderful time playing with a variety of toys that have been generously given by our families. Thank you!!

**Healthy Tips:** Here are some ideas for lunch that don’t include the word ‘sandwich’! Some variety can help keep children (and adults!) interested in, and enjoying their food.
- Boiled eggs
- Salmon rissoles, lean beef rissoles, kebabs, chicken strips
- Zucchini/vegetable slice
- Home-made Pizza
- Left over vegetables and meat from dinner. Some children love to eat these cold!
- Rice / pasta mixes

Enjoy your week. **Sue Ranger, D.S.T.A.**

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**D.S.T.A. Report**

**3 Day Bike Ride**

Many of our Years 5/6 students have expressed interest in attending the 3 Day Bike Ride this year. The event involves several other Seymour Cluster schools. The 3 Day event will take place from Wednesday 30th October – Friday 1st November, 2013. The Bike Ride involves 100 or so students who ride 160kms or so over 3 days. Therefore, it is an event that requires strong commitment by the students who are involved.

Training for the ride will need to begin next week. Each week, they will need to participate in 2 training sessions at school and then follow up with another private session as well. That is, 3 training sessions per week, for 10 weeks. We encourage all participants to begin 10 weeks ahead so that the Bike Ride is a positive, rewarding experience.

Currently we are organising staff to take training sessions during the week. These sessions will be held at lunchtime and after school.

For children to participate they need to have a ‘Bike Excellence Award Card’ achieved through passing the school’s Bike Education Course recently. Students will need to bring their bikes and helmets on the allocated training days. They are also expected to keep a record of their training and collect parent or teacher signatures to verify their workload. Good luck kids!
With many families leaving at the end of the year, it is imperative that we know the movements of our families as soon as possible. To employ teachers and organise classrooms we need accurate information to determine how many students will be at Puckapunyal in 2014. If you are aware of your plans for next year and know whether your child/ren will or will not be attending Puckapunyal Primary School for the year 2014, please fill in this form and return to the school as soon as possible.

**Move-a-thon**

Thanks to everyone who participated and raised funds for the Move-a-thon. Prizes went to the highest fundraisers in each class.

**Congratulations to:**

Eleanor Bassingthwaigte, Taylor McLeod, Brooke-Mackenzie White, Alex Potts, Claudia Carrick, Skye Saunders, Shelby Marston, Dominic Plessey, Sean Larkin, Patrick Broughton, Kobe Marston and Melanie Waszczuk. We hope to have a final tally to announce at assembly next week.

**School Concert**

The School Concert for 2013 will be held at the Area Theatre on Wednesday 16th October. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please mark that date on your calendar because everyone is most welcome to attend. A practice session will be held on Monday 14th October with different grades practising at different times. A permission slip for both the practice session and the concert day and more details will be sent home later in the term.

**Family Fun Day**

On Wednesday 13th November, 2013 we invite families to come to the Puckapunyal Primary School Family Fun Day! This is an invitation to all parents of pre-school and primary school children and other members of the community. It is going to be a great day! We have also asked unit leaders to allow dads to attend. The day will begin at 1:00p.m. More information later in the year.

**Thank you** to the following businesses and groups who made wonderful donations to our Move-a-thon Fundraiser:

- Toyworld Seymour
- Target Seymour
- Puckapunyal Post Office
- Flavour Gourmet Seymour
- Cottonfields Seymour
- Sew Cute (by Sarah available via Facebook)
- Avon (via Racheal Broughton)
- Cindy Kenny

**Well Done, Maths Day Winners!**

Congratulations to Livinia Schaper who won the ‘Guess the Skittles in the Jar’ competition at the Maths Day session last week!

Congratulations to Elaf Elsheikh who won a ‘Dice Throwing’ competition at the Maths Day session last week!

Well done, girls!
On Friday the 30th of August the SRC are holding a pyjama day! All students and teachers are encouraged to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. Gold coin donations will be collected by the SRC. Funds raised on the day will go towards one of the items listed on the Fundraiser Thermometer near the office.

WHEELS AROUND PUCKPAUNYAL

There have been some reports of children riding skateboards within the Frontline building. Please leave any modes of transport that have wheels outside when you enter this and any other building.

We are very lucky to have a fantastic skate park where we can ride our bikes, skateboards etc. So please make use of this area for skating and riding.

Stewart Street
ENHANCED / ACCELERATION PROGRAM 2014

Grade 6 Students
Interested in applying for a place in the 2014 Enhanced / Acceleration Year 7 class?
Application forms need to be returned by Thursday 29th August 2013
They are available from your Primary School or Seymour College – Stewart Street Office
The testing day for this class will be: SATURDAY 31st AUGUST 2013
10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Phone 57711300
What’s happening in transition for K- Foundation (formally known as Prep) at Puckapunyal?

There has been a lot happening behind the scenes leading up to children’s first formal transition visit to the Primary School. Staff from both the Primary School and Multifunction Centre (both the Kindergarten and Mission Australia) have been meeting regularly and attending professional development to further enhance the transition experience for everyone involved.

Approximately 15 parents attended the first Parent Information Session at the Primary School where discussions focussed on the upcoming formal visits, the types of skills children benefit from having as they successfully transition into school as well as an opportunity for parents to have any concerns addressed and questions answered. There will be another information session towards the end of this term where parents will be given enrolment packs and detailed information regarding the Term 4 Transition Programme.

The first formal transition visit took place on August 23rd, where children participated in a music session with Mrs O’Meara and Mr Itter. Children had a tour of the school and listened to Possum Magic (a great Australian story). More formal visits are planned in weeks 4, 5, 6&7 of this term. At these visits, staff from the Multifunction Centre stay with the children to assists them in preparing for the term 4 visits where parents bring children to school and leave them to participate in the sessions unassisted.

Aside from these formal transition visits, a combined excursion to the Puckapunyal Library is also in the process of being organised.

Term 4 transition dates:

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Football

Under 12 Football
The Bulldogs were asked for a huge effort against Tabilk and from the first bounce it was going to be a great match with Tony, Corey, Will and Noah all getting possessions in our forward line early.
While Tabilk was bigger and faster the Bulldogs continued to be at the fall of the ball with Mitchell Lusted, Jack Tricarico and Ethan Neilson all using their dash to keep the ball moving forward.
At halftime the team was asked to contest every ball and keep the pressure on Tabilk. The bulldogs responded with Riley, Jack Peterson and Ryan all tackling strongly early in the third term.
The backline was settled with Chase, Kobe, Ethan Schillabeer, Patrick and Hakimi piling the pressure on Tabilk while Koray’s close checking didn’t allow his opponent any opportunities to score.
In the final term the bulldogs continued to be first to the contest with Dean, Harry and Lauchlan winning their own ball and moving it with confidence through the centre of the ground.
Play of the day was awarded to Kasey for a fierce contest early in the third quarter that prevented Tabilk running away with the ball.
Final Score: Tabilk 6.13.49 def Puckarook 0.2.2

Under 14 Football
This week the Bulldogs travelled to Avenel to take on Tabilk. The game started well with LP giving first use of the ball to Tommy and Matthew and it wasn’t long before the forwards Liam, Josh and Shane were amongst the action. Kirky, Jonas and the hard running Knuckles were repelling everything across half back and when Tabilk did get the ball past them only to face a resolute and determined last line of defence in Brandon, Brodie and Tyson. Up forward we had Peter flying high and marking strongly and kicking goals, Shane running hard providing contests across half forward and Jacob and Cody driving the ball towards the goals. Dylan played his heart out again in the centre with some hard tackling and clearances. The third quarter saw the Bulldogs swap the team around and paid the price with a determined Tabilk clawing back a few goals. The highlight of the game was when the hard working Liam W kicked his first ever goal to seal the game. Well done boys you worked and played a great team game.

Netball

Under 16 Netball
Today we played Tabilk at Avenel.
The weather was perfect the sun came out and the rain stayed away.
We played a great game working as a team.
Our scores for the day were Emily , Katelyn , Chloe and Shenae well done girls.
Thankyou to Taylah and Alisha for stepping up to fill in for us.
Final score of the day was Tabilk 64 def Puckarook 11.

Under 14 Netball
The girls did so great today, we made them work for the ball so hard, Taylah and Hollie were at their best they were flying everywhere, Shannon and Alisha were so good they were jumping high and getting the ball, Jazmyn was playing a great center and Nakita was getting the ball and yelling for the ball all the time. All the girls played really well and played as a team, we all had fun and laughed and I think we would love to play next year. so girls have fun and keep laughing, but always remember its not all about winning its also about having fun and playing with your friends. Taylah got the award for today.