Welcome back and good luck to everybody for Term 4. We hope that all students, families and staff were able to re-charge their batteries and prepare for another hard working term.

**School Hats**

Term 4 means that all students must wear a **hat** when outside. The school policy states that from September to April, ‘no hat, no play’ is in place. **The hat must be our school hat with the logo.** Hats are available to purchase through the school and cost $12.

**Water Watch Cups Winners**

Congratulations to Isam Elsheikh, Rhys Billen & Jossalyn Boxall who were winners in the Water Watch Design A Cup Competition.

***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 160-165 nights. **Well done if you have kept up!***

***Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice.***
Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for the last week of Term 3. Winners – Frankie Gaspari, Daniel Boucher, Jaycob Paz, Trinity Boyd, Christiana McCabe, Liesl Rayner, Izabella Meiselbach and Joel Simmonds. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Caring’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Confidence’.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for the last week of Term 3. Winners – Charli Berger, Hannah-Rose Simmonds, Abby Chetcuti, Jackson Bartle, Tessa Thompson and Kathleen Cox. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

It was brilliant to see our students in their favourite footy colours on the last day of last term. Hawthorn may have won the Grand Final, but they did not have the most supporters! Thank you to everyone for getting in the spirit!

P/OC in Room 6 & 5/6 P Room 1B won the Yard Duty Competition Trophy. Paige Cooper & Taylah Studte were very happy to collect the winning trophy on behalf of their grades!
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Jossalyn Boxall, Shelby Marston, Emily Gourlay & Skye Saunders who are all having their birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

There will be NO Canteen Lunches this Friday.

We will attach the 4th term’s menu to next week’s Wednesday notes.

3 Day Bike Ride

As you are aware the 3 Day Bike Ride is very soon –

**Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st October. $75 per student**

Each school attending the camp is in charge of organising breakfast, lunch or dinner. Our school is in charge of preparing breakfast at Yarck Recreational Reserve on Thursday 30th October & at Yea Primary School on Friday 31st October. If you can help out please fill out the slip (on the right) and let us know how you can help.

Also, over the 3 days we need some parent volunteers to help drive a support vehicle and even ride with the students. The support vehicle needs to drive behind a group of riders towing a trailer containing important luggage. The school has organised the trailer.

We always appreciate parent support and thank the people who have already volunteered. (Please tick the box where you can help and return slip to school).

Book Club

We are searching for a parent helper to manage the Book Club orders at school for 2015. Our wonderful parent, Tenille Carrick, would be happy to train a new parent to take over her role. Please see Tenille or the school office if you are interested.

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A BIG thank you
Olivia Scotman &
Pippy Mallett, for collecting
aluminium cans and bringing
them into school.

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Prizes were awarded to students who were the top 2 fundraisers in each class as well as a lucky
dip person from each class. Thanks again for participating in this event.
Friday 28th November is our next Pupil Free Day. Therefore, students will not be attending school on this day. It is Report Writing Day for staff. It gives teachers an opportunity to ensure that all students’ reports are accurate.

One of our fantastic Foundation teachers, Ms. Mercy O’Meara is back from Long Service Leave. She had a great time travelling throughout Canada. We are glad she is back.

**Defence School Transition Aide Message**

2015 Enrolments:
If you know of any children who are planning on beginning Foundation/Preps with us in 2015, and don’t attend the Puckapunyal Kindergarten or Childcare, please encourage them to contact us. This will give us a more accurate estimate of 2015 enrolments. Thank you.

**Superfoods:**
Blueberries are packed full of antioxidants and have anti-inflammatory properties. They are also super yummy! Although they can be quite expensive when purchased fresh, why not buy them frozen; that way there’s no waste, they’re cheaper and always available.

**Positive Behaviour Reward Update**
Hume house has started well, and the other three houses are not far behind. Keep up the positive behaviour everyone!
Bradman: 18  Chisholm: 24  Hume: 27  Melba: 20

Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide

Last term we said a big good-bye to Mrs Brincat. Mrs Brincat has started her Maternity Leave. We wish her and her husband Matt all the best for the safe arrival of their baby.

We would like to welcome Mrs Racheal Broughton into 3/4B for the remainder of school year.

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Junior School – Foundation Rooms 3 & 6

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop writing skills with a focus on the vowels of a, e and i. We are also writing sentences with finger spaces and using initial sounds. We are writing one to three sentences in our diaries each week.

**Numeracy:** We will be working on subtraction and taking away one digit numbers from 10. We are also looking at location and direction.

Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 8 & 9

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills through narratives and recounts. We are looking at distinguishing between fact and opinion. We are also focusing on vowels.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at ordering and modelling numbers, counting patterns and addition and subtraction.

Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 8, 9 & 10

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills through narratives and recounts. We are looking at distinguishing between fact and opinion. We are also focusing on vowels and apostrophes.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at addition, subtraction, counting patterns, modelling of numbers, length and area.

Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10, 11 & 13

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on narratives. We will also be focusing on using commas with adjectives.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to learn about processes and timetables. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

Senior School Years 5/6 Rooms 1A & 1B

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will continue to work on narratives. We will also focus on using commas with adjectives and nouns. In reading we will be focusing on fluency and expression while also identifying key words and phrases during note taking.

**Numeracy:** We will continue work on place value (including decimals), processes, fractions, decimals and percentages. Another focus will be work relating to other bases. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.
**Puckapunyal Tennis:** with Master Coach, Norm Cahill will resume on **October 9th**
**Times:** 5-7 yrs 3:45 - 4:30pm, 7-9 yrs 4:30 - 5:15pm, 9-12 yrs 5:15pm - 6:00pm,
**Registration:** $80 per school term
**Contact Details:** 5794 1620 or 0428 941 620

**Visiting Artist**

Shell Questacon Science Centre from Canberra is visiting our school on October 28th 2014.
Foundation - Two 11.30 - 12.30pm, Grades Three - Four 12.30 - 1.30pm and Grades Five – Six 2.30 – 3.30pm.
Questacon is also offering a family session while they are in the area. See the flyer below for more information.

**You can see the Shell Questacon Science Circus at**

**SEYMOUR**

**Seymour Sports & Aquatic Centre**

Pollard Street, SEYMOUR

**Thursday 30 October**

**5 pm–8 pm**

**Tickets available at the door (cash only)**

**Admission:** Adult $6, Student/Concession $5, Family $18,
Children under 5 and student ticket FREE.
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Science toys for sale (cash only)

**Enquiries:** 0417 465 028
On Monday the 6th October, ten students travelled to Epping for the Division Athletics Carnival. Giselle Andrew, Xtina Hatfield, Isra Elsheikh, Mackai Harriden, Ethan Neilson, Samuel O'Connor-Hudson, Jake Tanis, Serena Chivers, Matthew Sharrad and Alex Waugh all tried their very best in a variety of track and field events. Quite a few students placed in their events, and a special mention must go to Giselle and Ethan who both came first in their events! Thank you to the wonderful parents that helped out with the transportation on the day. Thank you to Leanne Harvey, Sharon & Alan Waugh for helping with transporting those students to Epping.