Thank you to our whole community for a wonderful Family Fun Day. It was a marvellous success! Well done to the families who attended the Picnic and joined in the outside activities, the Fun Run and enjoyed the beautiful Art Show. It was wonderful to see families joining in and having lunch together and then participating in the organised activities around the school. Well done to the parents and the students for enjoying the activities. Being a hot day it was soon evident that the Amphitheatre helped with the extra shade and shelter. The Family Picnic and activities have been conducted each year since 1998. Well done, to all involved.

Finishing off with the Fun Run was great fun too. The icy poles were definitely needed by all! Well done, again, to the students and the parents who tested their fitness levels by having a go! Well done, to the staff who organised the variety of activities for the day. Well done, Pucka for a combined community effort.

With the Sausage Sizzle, Mystery Bags and the Art Show, the school raised about $1800. That is brilliant! Please see page 5 to see what fundraising has purchased this year so far. (PS-All Fun Run money needs to be returned by Friday 21st November).
Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Joel Simmonds, Amber Hopkins, Shontay Wicks, Christiana McCabe, Haikal Shukri, Amy Franks, Jake Tanis, Giselle Andrew and Taylah Studte. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Excellence’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Honesty’.

5/6 P in Room 1B won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Taylah Studte is delighted that her classroom won the winning trophy this week!

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Bryce Williams is also delighted that his classroom won the winning trophy this week!

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Koby Leak, Jett Miller, Talled Miller, Chelsey Turpin, Jaycob Paz, Erol Yildiz, Kade Altag, Patrick Broughton and Marisa Zantey. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

5/6 P in Room 1B won the Yard Duty Competition Trophy. Sean Larkin is very happy to collect the winning trophy this week!

‘Recycling Cans’ Awards

Congratulations to Olivia Scotman, Renae Pennycook and Claudia Carrick who each won a ‘Recycling Cans’ Award. Every little bit counts!

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Sean Larkin, Matthew Sharrad and Daniel Boucher who are all having their birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

Can Collection has finished for 2014. No more cans to school for recycling until 2015. Thank you to all families who recycled cans in 2014. We appreciate your help.

***Friday 28th November is a Pupil Free Day. Students are not expected at school that day. Staff will be working on end of year student reports***

Student Reports

Student Reports will be sent home on Friday 12th December.

School Choir

Our wonderful School Choir will be performing Christmas Carols twice this year. They are so excited!

1. Puckapunyal Xmas Picnic  
   **When:** Sunday 30th November  
   **Time:** 4:45pm  
   **Venue:** No 7 Oval near Frontline

2. Seymour Carols by Candlelight  
   **When:** Sunday 7th December  
   **Time:** Santa arrives at 7:30pm for an 8:00pm concert start  
   **Venue:** Goulburn Park Sound Shell, Seymour  
   **Songs:** ‘All I Want for Christmas Is You’ and ‘Feliz Navidad.’

Please come and see them sing. Good luck choir.

Years 3/4 Bike Ride

Due to the success of the Years 5/6 Bike Ride, we have decided to give our Years 3/4 students an opportunity to participate in a 1 Day Bike Ride. The ride will take place on Wednesday 10th December, therefore will only involve the students who are still here. They will ride approximately 25-30 kms or so. From now on, we encourage all Years 3/4 students to begin some training a couple of times per week. They will need to discuss this with their mums and dads. Stay tuned for more information. We will also be looking for parents to participate too!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD

Melba and Hume have set new records with a combined 200 tickets collected in one week! Keep up the positive behaviour everyone.

**CURRENT SCORES**

   - Melba: 324 points
   - Hume: 322 points
   - Bradman: 241 points
   - Chisholm: 216 points

**Mystery Bags:** This stall, which provided a lot of fun for our students, raised over $800. Well done and thank you everyone.

**Used uniform:** Thank you for second hand uniform received, which provides us with replacement uniform on wet days. Money raised from sales is also used to fund any welfare needs. We can still use more, so keep bringing it in. Thank you.

Enjoy your week.

Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide.

***Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice. ***
Orientation Day  for Year 6 students is scheduled for Tuesday 9th December for all Yr. 6 students. Students are able to catch local buses to and from Seymour College on the day or make their own arrangements. If you are catching the bus please make sure that you know where to catch the bus and be there a little bit early!

Book Launch

The children in all classes have been very busy writing and illustrating books as part of their literacy program. On Monday 1st December, at our normal Monday assembly we will conduct the School Book Launch. Each grade will be represented by a student who will read a passage of their own book at assembly. To celebrate each child’s achievement the books will be on display in the school foyer and corridor during the rest of that week.

We are very excited to have Rhonda Tallnash, an author of children’s books coming to open our book launch during Monday morning’s assembly. She will read some of her latest books and share some of her experiences as an author with us. If you would like to find out more about Rhonda Tallnash and the books she has written check out her website on www.rhondatallnash.com and enjoy some of the activities available.

We look forward to welcoming Rhonda to our assembly and I know she is looking forward to reading some of the books that our students have written.

Mrs Challis, Literacy Co-ordinator

Rule Reminders

At each Monday Morning Assembly the students are reminded about some of the school rules. We like to print them in each week’s newsletter so that parents can discuss these rules with their children to ensure full understanding.

These rules were read out by SRC representatives, Jordan Haywood and Abby Chetcuti.

- Chasey is a game for children – it does not involve kangaroos and emus.
- Scaring is for Halloween and not for birds.
- Digging is only for the sand pit.
- Just a reminder – keep your hands to yourself.

Value of the Week

At assembly this week Honesty was announced as our School Value of the week. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Honesty’ to be eligible for the Student of the Week award. We encourage parents to talk to their students about our values throughout the year.

What is Honesty? Year 5 student, Eric Sharp read out the meaning of Honesty.

‘Honesty’ is being truthful and trustworthy. It means that you can be relied on not to lie or cheat. Honesty means telling the truth regardless of the consequences. It means that you don’t promise things to people that you know you can’t deliver. It means not being tempted to exaggerate to impress others.

Honesty means that you can trust things to be as they appear to be.'
Each week in the newsletter, we will give families a summary of the Teaching/Learning Focus for the week. That can help families by: being aware of what classrooms are covering; with discussion topics at the dinner table when discussing school (eg. ‘How are you going with addition in Numeracy this week?’); helping their children study at home, etc. Parents have indicated that this information would be very useful. We also ask families to be aware that schools are very busy places and events can be unpredictable at times. We therefore must remain flexible. That means, we can plan to cover certain topics at particular times and have to change them according to arising needs.

**Junior School – Preps/Foundation  Rooms 3 & 6**

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop writing skills with a focus on the ‘ed’ ending. We are also writing sentences with finger spaces and using initial sounds. We are looking also at procedural texts.

**Numeracy:** We will be working on money, calculators and number revision.

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

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and writing reports. We are looking at contractions and procedural texts.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at equal sets, arrays, multiplication and repeated addition as well as mass and mapping.

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

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and writing reports. We are looking at summarising skills and procedural texts.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at equal sets, arrays, multiplication and repeated addition as well as mass and mapping.

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

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on editing and procedures.

**Numeracy:** We will be revising the four processes and estimation. 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, students will have a choice regarding genres. We will also focus on superlatives.

In reading we will be focusing on fluency and expression while also identifying key words and phrases during note taking.

**Numeracy:** We will revise place value (including decimals), processes, fractions, decimals and percentages along with revision of concepts according to student needs. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

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**HELP** …Mrs Dixon is on the hunt for 22 long sleeved white shirts that could be used as lab coats. If you know of any, or have one in your house that you wouldn’t mind the students using for 5 weeks please see Mrs Dixon.

***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 195-200 nights.

**Well done if you have kept up!**
We have lots of families leaving at the end of this year. We wish them the very best of luck at their new homes and schools. Families have been very good at letting us know that they are leaving so we can prepare for next year’s changes. However, we are now asking leaving families to let us know their leaving dates and their destinations.

As you are all aware, ‘Safebase Charlie’ has been in operation at Puckapunyal for a few weeks now. We are on a Defence Base and must always respect the decisions that Defence make to ensure the safety of all who work and live on the base. However, ‘Safebase Charlie’ has posed some difficulties for our school. Our school, like all schools, has many visitors each day that help our school run our daily operations smoothly. For example in 1 day we may have up to 12 different visitors — eg. plumbers, electricians, emergency teachers, book sellers, Department of Education personnel, garbage contractors, etc (just to name a few). As you know this requires someone from our school to meet them at the gate and chaperone them to and from school. For someone to take time to chaperone visitors, means that someone has left their school job to do so. We cannot keep up with the demand and have had to re-think how we have visitors to our school. We therefore also rely on all of our families to organise their base passes to get through the gate. Please do so as there is not anyone available at school to help.
Dear Parents,

On Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} December the Puckapunyal Primary School will be conducting the \textbf{Individual Triathlon}. It will be held at the Puckapunyal Area Pool.

The triathlon will involve students from Years 3-6 and will be a mixture of boys and girls. Only Years 3-6 students will attend if they have entered the event or volunteered as a helper for one of the participants.

Swim Leg – 5 laps of indoor pool = 165 m
Ride Leg – 2km lap X 2 = 4km
Run Leg – 1.2km lap X 1 = 1.2 km

The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 3:30 p.m. All students attending the event will be dismissed from the pool at 3:30 p.m. There is no cost for the day. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer.

The children will need to take their bags and anything that needs to go home that day. Triathletes will need to bring all of the necessary gear for the event, eg. bathers for swimmers, bikes and helmets for riders and running shoes for runners.

Please return permission forms to the school office by Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} November, 2014.

Good luck triathletes!

Kevin Warne
Principal

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I give permission for my child to participate in or be a bike handler for the \textbf{Individual Triathlon} at the Puckapunyal Area Pool, Puckapunyal on Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} December, 2014.

In case of accident, or illness, I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me on ___________________or ___________________, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Specific medical information that teachers should be aware of:

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: ________________________________

FULL NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS: ________________________________
2014
Fundraising Goals

2 Sets of Basketball Singlets (20) $400
Guided Reading Books for Classrooms $2,000
Reader Books for Classrooms $1,000
10 new IPads for School Set $5,000
10 & 20 sided Dice for Classrooms $200
Apple T Boxes for Classrooms $1,000
Kiln Regulator in Art Room $800
Leasing Classroom Computers $13,000
1 new School Sign $900
Listening Posts for Classrooms $200

Fundraising this year has been able to help us reach some of our 2014 goals. The items above that have been ticked have been purchased. There are more items to be purchased before the end of the year. Stay tuned! So, thank you to all of our families who have helped with fundraising this year.

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“Yay!” Yesterday we made Rocky Road at school. In the Rocky Road was milk chocolate, dark chocolate, unsalted butter, marshmallows, and red liquorice. My mum, Mrs Porter, helped and so did Mrs Kenny and Ms Taylor. My mum showed us that when you melt chocolate it stays in its form.

My favourite part was when I mixed in all of the ingredients. I flipped and swirled the chocolate so it didn’t melt. When you melt chocolate for Rocky Road you have to keep it warm so it doesn’t harden. When I was stirring, it was getting hard but not completely solid.

What a fantastic day!

By Tea Porter 3/4 B