All students have been put into House Teams. Years 3-6 students can represent their teams during sporting events in 2016. The teams are green, blue, yellow and red. 11 years ago, we decided that these teams should also have names that can be the start of a long tradition. These names were taken from significant Australians who have made valuable contributions to what our country represents.

The names are: Hume, Melba, Bradman and Chisholm. Throughout the school there will be displays of our House names and background information of our chosen names.

BRADMAN—YELLOW (1908-2001) Don Bradman was born on 27th August 1908 and grew to become one of Australia’s most esteemed cricketers. He played his early cricket in the N.S.W. town of Bowral. He played Grade cricket for St George in Sydney and Kensington in Adelaide. He represented N.S.W. between 1927 – 1934 and South Australia between 1935-1948. Knighted for his services to cricket in 1949, he remains the only Australian cricketer to receive a knighthood for the game. He retired from Test cricket with a batting average of 99.94. He is revered in all sporting circles! His Foundation supports youth cricket across Australia.

MELBA—RED (1861-1931) Dame Nellie Melba was an Australian opera soprano who was the first Australian to achieve international recognition in this genre. She was born in Richmond, Melbourne into a musical family. In 1886 she travelled to Europe to begin a musical career. She was tutored in Paris and then began her career in Australia and England. She set up a music school in Richmond in 1918. She performed her last concerts in Australia in 1928. Our School Captains, House Captains and Student Representative Councillors have been chosen for 2016. See them on pages 4 and 5.

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On Tuesday 1st March we are having a Parent/Teacher Information Sharing Day. The day will be a normal school day where students arrive at 9:00 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Each family will be allotted a 10 minute time slot where mums and dads can share any important information about their children that may help the teacher and learning during the year. It is also a good time for the teachers to let parents know how their children have settled into the school year and discuss any concerns.

The interviews will begin from 2:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 6:30 p.m. From 1:15 p.m. the students will have a supervised lunch outside and will be participating in sporting activities with our specialist teachers who do not teach grades.

NB - It is too early to report on academic achievements at this stage of the year.

Please select a preferred time slot below and return the Parent/Teacher Information Sharing Form to school by Wednesday 24th February so we can try to accommodate your availability as best as possible. If you have already discussed such issues with your child’s teacher you may not need a chat at this stage of the year.

Kevin Warne, Principal

Parent/Teacher Information Sharing Form

FAMILY NAME: ............................................................... 
Child’s Name: ......................................Year: .............
Room No:....................... 

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Preferred Interview Times (please tick preferred time box)
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. □  2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. □ 
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. □
4:30 p.m.-5:30p.m. □  5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. □

Deployment sessions and Fundraising: Once the swimming program concludes I will resume deployment sessions. These support any student who has a parent deployed overseas or absent for extend periods of time. Please let me know if your child is in this position. Also I would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in assisting with fundraising; throughout the year or as a ‘one-off’ activity. Thanks for considering this.

Interesting lunchboxes: Here are a few ideas that make eating a bit more fun at school. Most are fairly healthy too; just watch sugar, salt and fat levels.

- Cheese cubes, frozen pineapple rings, pocket bread, boiled eggs, popcorn, wraps, frozen yoghurt, vegies and dip, salsa, pikelets, frozen two fruits tubs.

Have a terrific week.
Sue Ranger, DSTA.

POSSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE

We’ve had a great start to positive behaviour with Bradman leading the way, but it is still very close. Keep up the great behaviour everyone!

CURRENT SCORES
Bradman-56 points
Melba- 52 points
Chisholm- 48 points
Hume- 45 points

Happy Birthday to Angela Klein and CJ McGuire who are both having their birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them both a very Happy Birthday!

***Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice. ***

Pupil Free Days for 2016

Term 2 – Friday 27th May
Term 3 – Tuesday 9th August
Term 4 – Monday 31st October
(Tuesday 1st November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday)
School Council Elections 2016
Please consider standing for election for School Council this year. Contact Kevin for further information.

The Puckapunyal School Council has vacancies for 4 Parent Representatives for 2016.
**Wednesday 10th February:** NOMINATIONS called for (Forms can be collected from the office).
**Wednesday 17th February:** Nominations CLOSE (If an election required ballot papers will be distributed).
**Wednesday 24th February:** OPEN BALLOT
**Wednesday 2nd March:** CLOSED BALLOT (Votes counted).

School Council Annual General Meeting will be held at school at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday 8th March.

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Garden Group

Thank you to the families who attended the Gardening Group meeting last week.
A big ‘thank you’ to the Stock family who spent much of the weekend weeding the veggie garden and planting some new vegetables. Well done!

If you are interested in joining the gardening group, please contact Christine on 0431210378

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Homework and Homereading

We hope that families were able to read last week’s newsletter in relation to Homework and Homereading.

So, we prefer students and families to put their time and effort into the following areas…..

We do ask (Foundation-Year 2) families to spend time listening to their children read and practise counting and number patterns each night.

We also ask (Years 3-6) families to spend time listening to their children read and practise their times tables each night.

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Student Accidents

Occasionally, students get injured at school. The process would be that we would contact families immediately. We will report all head injuries even if minor. We do not report the very minor scrapes and cuts, etc., especially if they only require the odd bandaid.

Several staff members are trained at Level 2 First Aid and all staff are trained in C.P.R., asthma and epipen usage.

*(Please note – On the 27th May (Pupil Free Day), all school staff will be involved in an updated Level 2 First Aid Course which will also involve our yearly update of epipen (anaphylaxis), asthma and CPR training).*

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

If there is the need for an ambulance, the school will not hesitate and will ring immediately. It does not matter whether a family has ambulance cover or not. Therefore, we must encourage all families to seek coverage.

Reasonably low cost student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

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Keyboard/Piano Lessons

Eighteen lucky students started keyboard lessons with Mr Peter Hagen this week. There are still 2 places left for any interested students. Send your enrolment form to Mr Hagen (see address at top of the enrolment form) as soon as possible to ensure being included in this programme. Further enrolment applications will be put on a waiting list. Lessons will be on Wednesdays during the morning until 12.30.

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Seymour-Puckapunyal Vacancies

Local Girl Guide Unit has vacancies for Girls aged 7-12 years.

**Girl Guides:**
- Make new friends
- Go camping
- Have fun and adventures out of doors
- Make crafty things
- Try new activities – abseiling, rock climbing, ice skating and lots more

For more information contact:
Beryl 0438 358744
Jamie Clark and Tristan Murphy are our School Captains for 2016.

Their role is to represent the school on behalf of their fellow students. They will be very busy organising letters, making speeches and conducting a variety of activities in the school. Congratulations, School Leaders. We wish them well.

Captains 2016

Hume House
Captains:
Somaiay Harriden and Cayleigh Cousins

Chisholm House
Captains:
Beth Ludlow and Emilie O’Keefe

Bradman House
Captains:
Libby Brown and Leah Farr

Melba House
Captains:
Naomi Pennycook and Kade Altas

Their role is to represent their house by taking charge of a number of sporting activities. They will be busy organising teams for sporting days and making speeches on behalf of their peers. Congratulations, House Leaders. We wish them well.
Student Representative Council

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Their role is to represent their classrooms during S.R.C. meetings. The representatives discuss school issues and report back to their classrooms. Their minutes will be in the Wednesday Notes throughout the year. Congratulations, S.R.C. reps. We wish them well.

Lego Club

For Primary School aged children

Mondays from 3.45 to 5pm
At the PDNC
Cost $4 each including afternoon tea.

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**Awards for the Week**

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Charlee Whitling, Chayce Mackie, Bill Clode, Charlie Gilmour, Jett Miller, Hayden Clarke, Beth Ludlow and Abigail Major. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Honesty’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Confidence.’

**Authors of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Jesse Avery, Ruby-Anne Rogers, Olivia Scotman, Brielle Eldredge, Jessica Cleland, Rohanna Murphy, Marissa Fredrickson and Lochlan Worden. The students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

**Yard Duty’ Trophy**

4/5/6 P in Room 2 won the Yard Duty Competition. Abigail Major and Eila Schlender will look after the winning trophy for this week.

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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.

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<td>We are counting informally to 10 and learning all about the number 1 and 2.</td>
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<td>We are counting and making 10’s as well as learning about seasons.</td>
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<td>We are counting and making bundles of 10. We are revising time – seasons, days and months.</td>
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**Indo Lingo**

Children will learn/revise Indonesian greetings and farewells, Indonesian roll call, and respectful terms of address for a man and woman. The children who have previously learnt Indonesian will extend their farewells.

- Selamat pagi = Good morning (dawn till 11am)
- Selamat siang = Good day (11am till 3pm)
- Selamat sore = Good afternoon (3pm till dusk)
- Selamat malam = Good evening/night (dusk till dawn)
- Hai = Hi
- Halo = Hello
- Sampai jumpa = Until we meet again/See you later
- Selamat tinggal = Goodbye (said to the person staying)
- Selamat jalan = Goodbye (said to the person leaving)

- Ada = Here/present
- Tidak ada = Not here/absent

- Pak = respectful term of address for a man, short for 'bapak'; it also means father/dad
- Bu = respectful term of address for a woman, short for ‘ibu’; it also means mother/mum

Salam (Regards)
Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)
Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)
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10am - 2pm, Saturday 5 March 2016
Wallan Multi-Purpose Community Centre, 42 Bentinck Street

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A range of live demonstrations including healthy cooking, arts, dance, fitness and fun activities for everyone.

Free Classes:
10.30am - Spin
11am - Boxing
11.30am - Yoga
12.15pm - Seniors Strength
12.45pm - Metafit
Bookings are essential

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