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### Wednesday Notes

**Well Done, Melba House!**

On Friday, we had a very successful **Years 3-6 House Swimming Carnival** with Melba House (Red) being the winners! All students performed admirably, trying their best to tally as many points for their House as possible. The students were very competitive! It was a great team atmosphere.

We had students of all abilities having a go for their house! It was a great day and we congratulate all students for their performances.

The final order of the House Carnival was:

1. **Melba House** 223 points
2. **Chisholm House** 214 points
3. **Bradman House** 205 points
4. **Hume House** 190 points

We have seen many students improve with their swimming over the last week or so and the carnival was a great way to support the training. It didn’t matter what places students came, many were delighted to just participate and give it their best. Naomi Pennycook and Kade Altas are proud captains of Melba, as you can see below in the photo, holding the winning House Swimming Trophy.

Thank you to all new House Captains who on that day performed their first lot of duties for 2016. They looked after their teams for both sessions of the day and liaised with Mrs. McCarthy to organise their relay teams. Well done captains!

Thank you to all of the volunteer parents and teachers for their efforts to ensure a smooth event. Mrs. McCarthy was the organiser of the event and did a marvelous job. Thanks, Mrs. McCarthy.

The House Carnival was also a good opportunity to select our **Years 3-6 District Swimming Team** that will represent our school at today’s District Swimming Carnival. We will report how they went in next week’s newsletter. Good luck, District Swimmers!

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***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 15-20 nights. **Well done if you have kept up!**

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

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**Pupil Free Days for 2016**

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(Tuesday 1st November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday)
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Summer Cameron, Leah Cleland, Kate Cleland and Jessica Cleland who are all having their birthdays this week.

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

School Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday March 8th is our School Council Annual General Meeting. The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. in the school staff room. The A.G.M. is a public meeting and all parents are welcome to attend. Our new School Council will form for the first time after that meeting and twice per term afterwards.

Congratulations to the 29 students who performed so well at the House Swimming Carnival last week, that they have been selected in the team to represent our school at the Seymour District Swimming Carnival today. The District Swimming Carnival will involve 4 schools and will take place today at the Seymour Outdoor Pool, Seymour.

Good luck, champs!

Good luck, kids!

Healthy lunch tip: Use your loaf. Keeping lunches healthy, interesting and providing variety can be challenging. Here are some ideas for the humble sandwich: Bread, fruit bread, rolls, wraps, pita/pocket breads, focaccia, ciabatta, mountain bread, pikelets/pancakes, savoury muffins, scones etc.

Ride2School: We encourage active travel – walking or cycling to school, and we have our Ride2School day coming up in March. While the weather’s so pleasant, perhaps consider incorporating active travel into your morning and afternoon school routine.

Have a terrific week.

Sue Ranger, DSTA.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE

The scores are very close this week and Bradman continues to lead the way. Keep it up everyone; we love to see positive behaviour!

CURRENT SCORES
- Bradman-89 points
- Melba- 83 points
- Chisholm- 80 points
- Hume- 80 points

The Pucka PS Garden Group is working steadily to tidy up the veggie patch and put in a few seedlings. Come and join in this Friday at 9am. All welcome. Bring your gloves and anything that you have to add to the garden, or just come to check it out!
School Council Election 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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### Years 3-6 Swimming Programs

Our students, teachers and volunteer parents did well with the **Years 3-6 Swimming Program**. Well done! Thank you to all of the parents who gave their time to help our staff with the program. Thank you to Mrs. McCarthy for her continued organisation throughout the fortnight!

All **Years 3-6 children** who participated in the **School Swimming Program** will receive a certificate celebrating the levels that they have ‘completed’ or are still ‘developing’. A copy of the levels will be placed into all students’ school files. Well done all children who achieved the levels that they aimed for.

Our **Parent Helpers** who volunteered to help with the program will also be recognised and rewarded for their efforts. They will also be presented with a certificate at an Assembly soon. Again, thank you mums and dads!

Our **Early Morning Swimming Program** has also finished. Well done to the students who got out of bed early to participate.

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### Veranda Help

**Please Help** - Please ensure your toddlers are not playing on the school verandas before 3:30pm each school day. Students are still learning and it is very distracting for the students inside. After 3:30pm, all children are very welcome to play on the veranda.

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### Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to all of our wonderful chaplains who organised a pancake breakfast on **Shrove Tuesday**. The pancakes were gratefully appreciated by all!! And they were yummy too!

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### Good Luck, School Choir!

Our wonderful **School Choir** are performing at the **DCO Family Day/Expo** next week (Thursday the 25th Feb) at the Area Theatre in Puckapunyal. They will be singing at 5:30pm if anyone would like to see them perform. Good luck, kids!

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### School Canteen

The **School Canteen** is open for Lunch Orders this Friday. Each and every Friday students can order lunches from the school canteen. The menu will be different each week. Please ensure that a paper bag comes with the order. Please indicate on the lunch bag if the money is in another sibling’s bag.

If you would like to help throughout the year, there is a **canteen meeting** at the school canteen this Friday at 9am. All welcome!

**This week the menu is** -

- **Hot Dogs** $3.00 each
- **Chocolate or Strawberry Milk** $2.00 each
- **Apple or Orange Juice** $1.50 each

*No charge for tomato sauce
*Term Menu in next week’s newsletter!
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 – Gemma Koch, Hayden Fletcher, Lake Robertson, Ned Kendall, Max Chetcuti, Chili Stock, Natasha Lak and Jamie Clark. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Confidence’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Honesty.’

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Silas Quintana, Connor Barclay, Tyson Morgan, Zakk Chalson, Riley Wallace, Lily-Rose Krieger, Libby Brown and Tea Rose Porter. The students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

4/5/6 I in Room 1 won the Yard Duty Competition. Kian George and Brooklyn Lindsay will look after the winning trophy for this week.

Congratulations to Olivia Scotman who received a ‘Recycling Cans’ Award this week! Well done, Olivia! Every little bit counts!

Congratulations to Beth Ludlow, Jason Pennycook, Liesl Rayner, Isaac Bennett, Harvey Cay, Rohanna Murphy, Summer Cameron and Makaylah Farr who won raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week! Well done, kids!

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Week 4 in Term 1

Teaching/Learning Focus....

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 6 & 8

Literacy: We are continuing to practise our home reading every night. During the next 2 weeks we are learning about the letters ‘t and m’ and are continuing to practise learning to write our name.

Numeracy: We are learning the days of the week and the numbers 3 and 4.

Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 4 & 8

Literacy: We are focusing on the letters ‘t and m’, making predictions, recounts and rhyming words.

Numeracy: We are counting in 10’s and beginning measurement.

Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 3 & 4

Literacy: We are continuing to write recounts and concentrating on the opening sentence as well as punctuation.

Numeracy: We are focusing on length in measurement and revising numbers up to 2 digits and beyond.

Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10 & 11

Literacy: During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on Recounts. We will focus on common and proper nouns. In reading we are working on reading with fluency and expression.

Numeracy: We will continue to focus on the four processes. Another continued focus will be reading calendars and timetables. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

Senior School Years 4/5/6 Rooms 1 & 2

Literacy: During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will focus on the VCOP components (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers & Punctuation - Writing Program). In reading we will be focusing on reading with fluency and expression.

Numeracy: We will continue with work on the four processes, and the conversion of different measurements. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

Indo Lingo

In Indonesian, children will learn/revise how to say their name, greet and farewell, respond to roll call, and respectfully address a man and woman. The children who have previously learnt Indonesian will learn a formal Indonesian way of introducing themselves and revise their extended farewells.

Nama saya ... = My name is ...
Kenalkan, nama saya ... = Let me introduce myself, my name is ...
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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