Last week, 8 of our swimmers participated in the Division Swimming Championships. A great effort!

Congratulations to the following students who competed:

Somaiya Harriden (11 yrs) - 1st Butterfly, 1st Freestyle and 4th Medley Relay
Naomi Pennycook (11 yrs) - 4th Breaststroke and 4th Medley Relay
Lachlan Thompson (11yrs) - 6th Freestyle
Clodagh McCarthy (10 yrs) - 7th Freestyle
Max Fletcher (10yrs) - 1st Backstroke
Libby Brown (10 yrs) - 4th Medley Relay
Amy Franks (10 yrs) - 4th Medley Relay
Noah Chetcuti (11 yrs) - 6th Butterfly

**Early Morning Swimming will continue on Wednesdays at 8am at the Puckapunyal Area Pool for students from Years 3-6. Please come along to keep your swimming development moving forward!**

Three students did so well that they have been selected to compete at the Regional Swimming Championships next week. Good luck, Naomi Pennycook, Somaiya Harriden and Max Fletcher!

***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 25-30 nights. Well done if you have kept up!

***Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice.***
All children, including Foundation students, have to learn independence as soon as they begin primary school.

Some examples of ways to help give responsibility:
- for parents to say goodbye at the gate,
- for students to carry their own school bag to school,
- for students to hand in any notes that need returning, etc.
- for students to help making their lunch and breakfast, etc.

**Foundation Students**

As of today our foundation students are full time! Good luck, preppies!
Well done mums and dads for getting your children to school for those school tests on their Wednesdays off. We really appreciate your support. We feel that the testing helps us know exactly what your children need.

**Cough Lollies**

*** Please note, for students to be allowed to have cough lollies or strepsils at school for any reason, we must have a note from parents detailing what they are for and when their children can have them.***

**Labour Day**

*** Please do not forget that Monday 14th March is Labour Day (public holiday) and therefore the school will be closed. No children are expected at school that day. We hope that all of our families enjoy the long weekend. ***

**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.

**Easter Raffle fundraiser:** Thank you for the tickets already returned and the donation of prizes. If you’re unsure what may be suitable, rest assured that most things are. These include Easter eggs (nut free please), holiday activities, books, sporting equipment etc. We always appreciate our school community’s support.

**Healthy lunch tip:** Some combination fillings for yummy sandwiches!
Apple, celery and mayonnaise / egg, lettuce and a little bacon / baked beans and grated cheese / cheese and raisins or crushed pineapple or salsa or dates or vegemite / chicken, dried apricots and cream cheese / cottage cheese, banana and honey / cream cheese, pineapple, carrot and raisins or sultanas / cheese, pineapple, ham and lettuce (Hawaiian!) / tuna, mayonnaise, cucumber, celery and spring onion / leftovers from dinner can sometimes make tasty sandwiches. It seems that almost anything goes; your children may surprise you with what they like! Just a reminder that nut products are not permitted.

**Ride2School:** This Friday is our annual Ride to School day. If you can, come to school in an active manner; walking or cycling. If you live “off base” perhaps see if you can be dropped off a couple of blocks from the school to enable some early morning exercise.

Have a terrific week.
Sue Ranger, DSTA.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE**

Chisholm continues to lead the way, but there is lots of positive behaviour from students in all the houses. Well done!

**CURRENT SCORES**

Chisholm- 205 points
Bradman- 196 points
Melba- 189 points
Hume- 167 points

Thank you to our families for attending the Parent/Teacher Information Sharing session yesterday. We hope the sessions were beneficial for all involved.

**Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to Liesl Rayner, and Tylar Glazner who are having their birthdays this week.

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

**Important Message** – We love it when families send special food to school to share. Eg. cupcakes for birthdays, etc. However, we have many students who are allergic to various ingredients. Some students are anaphylactic and an allergic reaction can be life threatening. As in previous years, we must have a list of ingredients sent with the shared food item so that we prevent any allergic reactions. **

**Parent Forum**

As with other years, we will conduct **Parent Forums** each term. On Monday 7th March, the school will have the first forum. The session will be held in the PC Centre straight after the Monday morning assembly (about 9:30am-10:30am). There will be cuppas and cake as well. The idea is for parents to chat with the Principal, Kevin Warne, Assistant Principal, Allyson Dixon and the D.S.T.A., Sue Ranger, about the school and various issues/topics. In the past, parents have brainstormed some ideas for sessions to cover throughout the year. Hopefully our parents will find them useful. Please come along to the first session even if just to say ‘hello’. We will also look at the school’s draft of the new Strategic Plan!

**Toilet Breaks**

We have noticed recently that there has been some media coverage about students not being allowed to go to the toilet during class time at some schools. At Pucka PS, we do let students go to the toilet during class time if they really do need to go and especially if they have personal toileting issues. However, we strongly encourage students to use their recess and lunchtime breaks to go to the toilet. That is why there is an early bell before lining up to come back into class. That early bell means get a drink and go to the toilet before going back into class. Teachers are also very aware that we have 1 or 2 students who also use the excuse of needing the toilet so they can spend less time in class working. They are usually our students who cannot afford to miss any class time! We do know who they are though. Please discuss this with your child.
**Awards for the Week**

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Cy Gill, Zoey Schlender, Phoenix Miller, Paige Cooper, Eamon Constable, Chloe Hogan, Jaycob Paz and Emilie O’Keeffe. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Respect’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Responsibility.’

**Authors of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Apple Stock, Savanah Naunton, Lucas Clarke, Paige Cooper, Sophia Brooks, Abbey Kendall, Joe Gilmour and Eila Schlender. The students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

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**Times Tables Awards**

3/4 H in Room 10 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Sophia Brooks and Renae Pennycook are both delighted to look after the winning trophy this week!

4/5/6 I in Room 1 won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Dimitee Taylor and Isaac Bennett will look after the winning trophy this week!

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**Assembly Reading**

Did you hear Jason Pennycook read his story writing at assembly this week? We did! He was great! Come along and see who reads next week.

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**Yard Duty Trophy**

4/5/6 I in Room 1 won the Yard Duty Comp. Natasha Lak and Kian George are very proud of their classroom’s efforts.

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**‘Recycling Cans’ Awards**

Congratulations to Zakk Chalson, Marissa Fredrickson and Olivia Scotman who received a ‘Recycling Cans’ Award this week! Every little bit counts!

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**Positive Behaviour Raffle Awards**

Congratulations to Zoey Schlender, Zakk Chalson, Brooklyn Lindsay and Deagan Hermann who won raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week! Well done, kids!

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**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
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 ‘a and l’ and are continuing to practise learning to write our name.

**Numeracy:** We are learning about patterns and 2D shapes and the numbers 5 and 6.

Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 4 & 8
**Literacy:** We are focusing on the letters ‘a and l’, continuing with recounts and rhyming words.

**Numeracy:** We are learning about addition using a counting on strategy.

Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 3 & 4
**Literacy:** We are continuing to write recounts and concentrating on the opening sentence as well as punctuation and rhyming words.

**Numeracy:** We are learning about addition, particularly the counting on strategy as well as graphing.

Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10 & 11
**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on persuasive texts. Our VCOP focus is Punctuation and Openers. 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 fractions. 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 and persuasive texts. In reading we will be focusing on reading with fluency and expression.

**Numeracy:** We will continue with work on the four processes, order of operations and Mathletics. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

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**Well Done, 3/4 A!**

Each week, our Years 3-6 students complete a **Tables Quiz sheet** containing 100 times tables questions. The aim is to try and improve times and scores each week. The students in Years 3/4 A were very keen to show their improvement this year already. For instance, **Will Anderson** has improved his score from 81 out of 100 to 100 out of 100! He has also improved his time from 13 minutes to 8 minutes! Well done, Will! **Rohanna Murphy** is also very proud of her efforts because she has improved dramatically this year too. She has gone from 60 to 89 out of 100! Great job, Rohanna! **Chloe Hogan** has moved from 4 out of 100 to 48 out of 100 in just a few weeks!! Keep it up, Chloe! How are the rest of the Years 3-6 students going?

On page 7 we have printed the Quiz for you. Share it amongst the family. Who is the family champ?

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***Important Information*** - If your child requires an ambulance in an emergency situation we will immediately ring an ambulance. We won’t however ask you first if you have ambulance cover. Please consider organising ambulance cover if you do not already have it. Ambulance bills are extremely expensive!***
Children are continuing to learn classroom objects and learn/extend their numbers, greet, farewell say their name and respond to roll call in Indonesian. They will also learn/revise how to respond to the question 'How are you?' in Indonesian.

**Years F/1/2**

- **Apa kabar?** = How are you?
- **Baik-baik saja** = Well
- **Meja** = Table
- **Komputer** = Computer
- **Satu** = 1
- **Dua** = 2
- **Sebelas** = 11
- **Dua belas** = 12
- **Selamat pagi/siang** = Good morning/day
- **Siapa ada?** = Who's here?
  - **ada** = here
  - **tidak ada** = not here
  - **Nama saya ...** = My name is ...
- **Sampai jumpa** = See you later

**Years 3/4**

Children are extending their responses to the question 'How are you?' in Indonesian. They'll also revise greetings, farewells, introduce themselves, ask someone's name and respond to roll call in Indonesian.

- **Apa kabar?** = How are you?
- **Baik-baik saja** = Well
- **Biasa saja** = Ok
- **Kurang baik** = Not so good
- **Saya sakit** = I'm sick
- **Selamat siang** = Good day
- **Siapa ada?** = Who's here?
  - **Siapa tidak ada?** = Who's not here?
  - **Nama saya ...** = My name is ...
- **Sampai jumpa** = See you later
- **Selamat tinggal** = goodbye (said to the person staying)
- **Selamat jalan** = goodbye (said to the person leaving)

**Years 5/6**

Children are extending their responses to the question 'How are you?' in Indonesian. They'll also revise greetings, farewells, introduce themselves, ask someone's name and respond to roll call in Indonesian.

- **Apa kabar?** = How are you?
- **Baik-baik saja** = Well
- **Saya baik sekali** = I'm really good
- **Saya sedih** = I'm sad
- **Saya senang** = I'm happy
- **Saya sakit** = I'm sick
- **Saya marah** = I'm angry
- **Saya capai** = I'm tired
- **Saya bosan** = I'm bored
- **Selamat siang** = Good day
- **Siapa ada?** = Who's here?
  - **Siapa tidak ada?** = Who's not here?
  - **Nama saya ...** = My name is ...
- **Sampai jumpa** = See you later
- **Selamat tinggal** = goodbye (said to the person staying)
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*Salam (Regards)*

*Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)*

*Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)*
| 2x10 | 9x8 | 2x10 | 6x11 = | 12x12 | 7x10 | 5x10 | 11x11 = | 11x11 = | 6x7 | 4x5 | 6x8 | 4x6 = | 4x6 = | 3x12 | 3x12 | 3x12 | 8x8 | 4x8 | 6x8 | 12x12 | 11x10 = | 5x3 | 5x3 | 12x10 | 10x9 | 10x9 = | 9x5 | 9x5 | 12x4 | 10x4 | 10x4 | 7. | 7. | 6. | 5. | 4. | 3. | 2. | 1. |
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- **Striving for Excellence**
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- **Table Quiz**

- **Time**
- **Date**
- **Name**

- **Seconds**
- **Minutes**
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10 Week program for ages 5-12
(Children must turn 5 in the calendar year to participate.)
Tuesday Afternoons first session starts at 4:30 pm
Each session runs for 60 mins
Combination of skills and game play- experience coaches
Season costs $80 per child
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For more information or help on registering please contact
Bodean Ward 0432 367 274 or Email: secretary.puckarook@gmail.com

Looking for Expressions of Interest.
If you have a daughter or son aged between 5-10 and are interested in a Netball Program. Please forward your child’s name, DOB and contact details including email address to either Tamara Pennycook 0437 377 034 or secretary.puckarook@gmail.com

Both Programs a proudly supported by
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APP OF THE WEEK!

A+ Spelling Test

Description

"If you want your kid to be a better speller, then download this app now! With this app spelling tests become a fun activity that your kids look forward to each time."

Endorsed by tens of thousands of satisfied parents, teachers, and kids the world over.

WHAT MAKES A+ SPELLING TEST UNIQUE?
• Setup your own spelling tests in minutes

• You decide which words to add and practice
• Track your kid’s progress and quickly see how they are doing for each test they took as well as which words (if any) they are struggling with.
• Multiple play modes keep kids engaged. If you don’t want to take a test, you can use the practice mode or let your kids unscramble the words
• Practice spelling on the go. This app is perfect for using no matter where you are.
• HUGE time saver! Finally kids can rapidly boost their spelling test scores without your help.
• Submit homework by email! After taking a spelling test, just click to submit the results instantly to your teacher and get credit for doing your homework in a whole new way.

HOW TO USE A+ SPELLING TEST?
1. Create a test
   1.1. Choose the list name
   1.2. Add words - words are immediately checked for spelling to avoid mistakes
   1.3. For each word you add, record your own audio - a kid’s favorite

2. Take a test
   2.1. Listen to the word you need to spell - words appear in random order
   2.2. Write the word and click next
   2.3. Instantly see if you got it right or wrong

3. Review test scores
   3.1 Each time you take a test, you see a detailed report with all the words you got right and wrong.
   3.2 Next to each word, you see a green (correct) or red (wrong) indicator so you can quickly see what words kids tend to struggle with repeatedly.
   3.3 Next to each Spelling List you see the test results of the last test they took

***Learning with iPads Opportunity for Families***

On Monday 7th and Monday 21st of March at 5pm there will be an iPad Learning Session for parents and others that would like to improve their knowledge and understanding around iPads.
This is the time for all the questions you might have about iPads, iPad lists, Minecraft, Edmodo and other apps or issues you might have.

Expression of interest:
I ____________________ would be interested in the iPad learning session held on the 7th and 21st of March 2016.
**APP OF THE WEEK!**

**MATHLETICS**

*Description*

Mathletics has evolved… right into your hands. The multi award-winning e-learning platform is available on iPad and now looks better than ever! Use in the classroom, at home – or anywhere. Use online or offline - Mathletics can now truly be access ANYWHERE!

Mathletics is the world’s leading educational resource for mathematics, created by the team behind the World Education Games. Over 4 million students in schools across the world are a part of our global learning community.

**iPAD FEATURES:**

I. A slick and exciting student interface (custom designed for the iPad). Use online or offline – up to two weeks of data can be held and synced when internet is available.

II. The Mathletics curriculum of activities - download new activities to your app in real-time, as they become available.

III. Live Mathletics - including TEN levels for students to play others across the world and within their school in head-to-head arithmetic battles.

IV. Concept Search – explore the full glossary of mathematical terms and expressions.

V. All results and points recorded and synced in real time with a students’ desktop account for teachers/parents to track.

VI. Teacher-assigned homework task alerts.

**IMPORTANT NOTES FOR USERS**

Mathletics Student currently includes the majority of curriculum activities created especially for iPad. The team at Mathletics are releasing more and more activities week by week so be sure to watch out for the alerts in your app soon

**Teachers and students will be using Mathletics during their Numeracy sessions, students should only use this app at home when instructed to by their teacher.**