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Wednesday Notes

ANZAC commemorations

Puckapunyal Base Dawn Service
Congratulations to our school choir who sang at Monday’s Puckapunyal ANZAC Dawn Service at Memorial Park. They did a great job singing ‘The Last ANZAC’ and ‘Advance Australia Fair’ (despite some audio problems!) in front of a very large crowd. We have received many positive comments from impressed visitors who heard the choir sing. Well done to school captains, Jamie Clark and Tristan Murphy, who presented a wreath on behalf of our school community. It was a very moving service. We thank Ms. O’Connor for all of her time and expertise while working with the school choir.

School ANZAC Service
Yesterday, we held our school ANZAC Day Commemoration. Thank you to Cayleigh Cousins and Naomi Pennycook for being the MCs. The Year 6 students who conducted the readings, poems and stories did a wonderful job, as did the school choir with another great performance. The commemoration was a good opportunity to take time to remember those who made sacrifices to make our great country the peaceful democracy that it is today.

Later in the morning Mrs Janine Franks spent time with our students discussing the history of the Rats of Tobruk. She had an informative PowerPoint presentation and the exciting teacher camouflage face painting activity. Some lucky students even got to take home a Freddo Frog or ANZAC biscuit.

Well done Year 6!

We can all work together to rid the community of Head Lice. Let’s check our heads once per week!***
Mothers’ Day/Special Person Stall: This will be held on Thursday, 5th May, from 9-11am. Thank you for the wonderful donations we have received for this stall; we try to ensure that there are enough gifts for each child to purchase two items and your generosity helps us with this.

Healthy Tip: : Still on breakfast, here are some answers to those excuses you may hear for not eating breakfast:
No time? Toast is quick and so is cereal.
Not hungry? Perhaps because of a late snack the night before. Try not to eat after about 6.30pm.
Gain weight? Eating breakfast actually helps you reach and maintain a healthy weight, by reducing bingeing later and kick starting your metabolism.
Don’t like breakfast foods? It doesn’t have to be a traditional breakfast….healthy leftovers, a sandwich, in fact anything healthy is fine. So….enjoy breakfast!!!!

Have a terrific week!
Sue Ranger,
DSTA.

Happy Birthday to Caleb Holloway, Charlotte Major and Trinity Boyd who are having their birthday this week.

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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE
Can anyone catch Melba?
Keep up the positive behaviour everyone.

CURRENT SCORES
Melba- 131 points
Bradman-115 points
Hume- 112 points
Chisholm- 75 points

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.

This week the menu is -
4 Chicken Nuggets and Wedges $3.00 each
Chocolate or Strawberry Milk $2.00 each
Apple or Orange Juice $1.50 each
No charge for tomato sauce

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Visiting Artist

On Friday 6th May, local author Rhonda Tallnash will be visiting our school to spend time working with our students. Rhonda is looking forward to sharing stories and providing opportunities for students to write and share their stories during each session. She will have her funny Aussie rhyming picture books available for purchase on the day for $12 each.

If you would like to find out more about Rhonda Tallnash and the books she has written check out her website at www.rhondatallnash.com

Bike Education

All Years 3-6 students are involved in a Traffic and Safety Education Program during Physical Education and Sport classes.

From next week, bikes will be required at school:
- Years 3/4 every Tuesday
- Years 5/6 every Friday

Mothers' Day Stall

On Thursday 5th May we will have our annual Mothers’/Special Person Day Stall. Students will be able to purchase lovely gifts for their beloved mums. Gifts will be for sale ranging from $1 to $10. We are still gratefully accepting any donations for the stall too!

Adopt a Granny Day

On Friday 29th April students from Ms O’Connor and Ms O’Meara’s classes will participate in the annual ‘Adopt a Granny Day’.

For the 11th year, a small band of local Anglican Mother's Union members and Grandfathers will come and spend time with these students doing all sorts of fun activities during the morning.

If students in these classes have Grandparents close by, they are welcome to join in the fun.

School Photos

School Photos will take place on Tuesday 24th May. An order form will come home with each student next week.

NAPLAN Tests

On Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May, all Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

These are national tests that are conducted by our teachers at school. The idea is to test all students throughout Australia to attain a measure of progress of all students. These tests are marked by the Department of Education with individual reports given to parents later in the year.

Every day is a great day to be at school, particularly when you’re here at Puckapunyal Primary School!
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 – Jewell Hatfield, Ryan Connie-Carbery, Olivia Scotman, Jack McGechan, Lachie O’Connor-Hudson, Matilda Ingle, Dimitee Taylor and Will Ludlow. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Tolerance’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling Compassion.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Lily Freeman, Hannah Tanis, Jy Mawer, Jason Pennycook, Christopher Davies, Mia Shortt, Libby Brown, and Riley Andrew. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Tessa Thompson and Abby Chetcuti are delighted with their classroom’s efforts!

4/5/6 I and 4/5/6 P jointly won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy with each class having a perfect score of 10! Tea Rose Porter and Marissa Fredrickson accepted the winning trophy!

3/4 H in Room 10 won the Yard Duty Comp. Clodagh McCarthy accepted the award!

Congratulations to Olivia Scotman, who received a ‘Recycling Cans’ Award this week. Great effort, Olivia!

Congratulations to Jamie Clark, Steph Brown, Liam Percy and Riley Andrew who won raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!
On Tuesday at assembly, Libby Brown read the beginning of her narrative piece about the ‘The Mystery Box’. Well done Libby!

“Hee, hee, hee. Ha, ha, ha, ha. Ho, ho, ho,” cackled Mr Warne as he finished ordering a vial of Robotocia (a substance to turn people into metal creatures).

Mr Warne was an evil villain who ran a school (he sounds like your principal, doesn’t he?) and he always had wanted to rule the Earth. Finally he found his chance!

Libby and Tea were spies on an investigation. They heard that there was some evil doing in Dunda Primary. They had enrolled to check it out.

“Mr Warne looks very suspicious today,” hissed Libby during a school assembly.

“I agree with you,” replied Tea.

During recess, the two spy girls discussed what they should do.

“Let’s confront him,” Libby decided.

Suddenly, as the girls were about to get up, a message came over the loud speaker. It sounded mostly like buzzing but the girls heard enough.

“That’s us, Tea explained.

Slowly they got up and entered Mr Warne’s office.

It was dark, very dark. The room was so dusty that they left footprints on the carpet. The books on the bookshelves were as old as your Uncle Bob. And at the end of the room........

The idea behind Big Write is: ‘that if the children can’t say it, they can’t write it’, which is why participating in Talk Homework is so important. We need to encourage the development of language and listening skills in order to then develop children’s writing ability.

Your child will come home with a new topic next Monday afternoon. This will inform you of the topic to discuss with your child that night in order to help them with the content of their writing the following day.

If you require any support or clarification about how to conduct Talk Homework, feel free to call in and see your child’s teacher before and after school, alternatively you can contact Katie Atkinson, who in conjunction with Mercy O’Meara are leading our staff learning in this area, via phone or feel free to email her at atkinson.katie.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

School Cross Country

This term, all students from Foundation-Years 6 will participate in a House Cross Country Carnival. They will be trying to gain as many points as possible for their House team. All of our children have been training for the event which will be held at school on Friday 13th May.

- Foundation-Year 2 students at 1:00pm
- Years 3-6 students at 2:30pm

Our students are keen to do well again this year. Some families may like to continue some extra training with their children.

Distances for the big day
Foundation-Year 2 students - 1 km
Under 9 and 10 age group - 2km
Under 11 and 12/13 and over age group - 3km

Good luck with the training, kids!
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 is 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 that 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 and Golden Words every night. During the next 2 weeks we are learning about the letters ‘k and e’ and practising using capital letters and full-stops in our writing. We have also begun our ‘Big Write’ sessions on Tuesdays and are enjoying talking about Kung Fu Punctuation.

**Numeracy:** We are continuing to compare and order events using the everyday language of time, and looking at clocks. We are revising all numbers from 1 to 10.

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

**Literacy** We are focusing on the letters ‘k and e’, and consolidating capital letters and full stops and looking at using question marks.

**Numeracy:** We are using number line to order and sequence numbers and count forward and backwards. We are beginning to investigate using informal units to estimate and measure mass of objects.

### Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 3 & 4

**Literacy:** We are focusing on reading with fluency and expression, taking particular care to stop at full stops, and pause at commas.

**Numeracy:** We are focusing on reading, writing and ordering numbers. As well as investigating the language of probability - possible, likely, impossible, and unlikely.

### Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10 & 11

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on persuasive texts. We are now focusing on all four VCOP components. In reading we are working on reading strategies.

**Numeracy:** will continue to focus on the four processes and place value. Another continued focus will be telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks. Times tables 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 strategies.

**Numeracy:** We will focus on integers and fractions, as well as shapes and their properties. Times tables will be practised throughout the week.

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### School Value - Compassion

At assembly this week Compassion was announced as our School Value of the week. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Compassion’ 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 Compassion? Compassion is caring about someone who is hurt: physically, emotionally or psychologically. It’s being kind and understanding because the other person matters to you.

Compassion is forgiving someone who has hurt you. It’s caring deeply and wanting to help even if you do not know that person.”
Foundation and Grade 1/2 children.
The children are continuing to focus on learning their numbers and classroom objects in Indonesian, children who learnt Indonesian last year are focussing on the double digit numbers.

- computer = komputer
- glue = lem
- 4 = empat
- 13 = tiga belas
- table = meja
- scissors = gunting
- 5 = lima
- 14 = empat belas
- chair = kursi
- 1 = satu
- 6 = enam
- 15 = lima belas
- book = buku
- 2 = dua
- 11 = sebelas
- 16 = enam belas
- bag = tas
- 3 = tiga
- 12 = dua belas

Grade 3/4/5/6
The children are continuing to focus on asking and responding to questions about their name, age, how they are feeling and learning/consolidating numbers in Indonesian.

- 1 = satu
- 8 = delapan
- 15 = lima belas
- 22 = dua puluh dua
- 2 = dua
- 9 = sembilan
- 16 = enam belas
- 30 = tiga puluh
- 3 = tiga
- 10 = sepuluh
- 17 = tujuh belas
- 100 = seratus
- 4 = empat
- 11 = sebelas
- 18 = delapan belas
- 200 = dua ratus
- 5 = lima
- 12 = dua belas
- 19 = sembilan belas
- 6 = enam
- 13 = tiga belas
- 20 = dua puluh
- 7 = tujuh
- 14 = empat belas
- 21 = dua puluh satu

name = nama
- age = umur
- I/my = saya
- year = tahun

What is your name? = Siapa namamu?
My name is ... = Nama saya ...
How old are you? = Berapa umurmu?
How are you? = Apa kabar?

Salam (Regards)
Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)
Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)

‘Stronger Families, Stronger Connections’ is the theme for National Families Week in 2016. To celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society, Defence Community Organisation invites our school community to attend a barbeque and disco on Thursday 19th May.

Barbeque dinner and drinks for sale, provided by Puckapunyal Primary School

So come and join in for a great family night out!

What – Family Barbeque & Disco Dance Party
When – 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday 19th May 2015
Where – Puckapunyal Area Theatre, Passchendale Parade – Entry is Free!
RSVP – Please contact Louise Knight
louise.knight@defence.gov.au or contact the team at DCO on 57357731
LIKE Defence Community Organisation on Facebook to receive updates and event info in your newsfeed.

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Learning with iPads

Dear Parents,

On the Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} of May 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, iPads 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} of May 2016.

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