Monday 29th August – Literacy (Writing) focus
10:00am-11:00am: Families are invited to attend our VCOP sessions in each of the classrooms.
11:30am-12:30pm: Families are invited to attend our Big Write sessions in each of the classrooms.
**Please come along and see what teachers and students do during these sessions.**

Tuesday 30th August – Years 3-6 House Athletics
11:30am-1:00pm (9&10 Years): Families are encouraged to attend the House Athletics Field events at school.
2:00pm-3:30pm (11&12 Years): Families are encouraged to attend the House Athletics Field events at school.

Wednesday 31st August – Years 3-6 House Athletics
1:00pm-3:30pm (9, 10, 11&12 Years): Families are encouraged to attend the House Athletics Track events at the Number 7 classrooms.
**Please come along and support our students competing for their house teams.**

Also during that week:
Tuesday 30th August – Year 1 Latestay
Thursday 1st September – Foundation Latestay
Friday 2nd September – Year 2 Melbourne Museum Excursion and Stayover

***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 130-135 nights. **Well done if you have kept up!***

***We can all work together to rid the community of Head Lice. Let's check our heads once per week!***
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Natasha Lak, Reilly Adams, Sophie Van Der Waal, Ruby-Anne Rogers and Zakk Chalson who are all having birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

A stall for fathers, grandads, uncles, neighbours or friends: In early September we will be having a stall for our students to buy gifts for their dad, grandad, uncle, neighbour or friend. If you have any suitable items for the stall we would be very grateful. Please note no nut products, lighters etc. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy your week.
Sue Ranger, DSTA.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE
There is nothing between Bradman and Melba! Keep up all the wonderful positive behaviour everyone!!

CURRENT SCORES
Melba- 263 points
Bradman-263 points
Hume- 230 points
Chisholm- 198 points

Going or Staying?

2017 - NEXT YEAR
Family Name:

Given Names of Children:

Circle and complete one section:

a. The above mentioned children will be at Puckapunyal Primary School in 2017

b. Our family is moving to __________________________ (destination)
Their last day of school at Puckapunyal PS is ___/____/16

c. It is yet uncertain as to where we will be living in 2017.

With many families leaving at the end of the year, it is imperative that we know the movements of our families. To employ teachers and organise classrooms we need accurate information to determine how many students will be at Pucka in 2017. If you are aware of your plans for next year and know whether your child/ren will or will not be attending PPS for the year 2017, please fill in this form and return to the school a.s.a.p.

Campers!

Good luck to our 34 Years 5/6 students who are off to Phillip Island for the next 3 days. They will be participating in an outdoor adventure camp on a beach setting. Sounds exciting!

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 (please see Term 3 menu and tips in a previous newsletter).

This week the menu is -

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No charge for tomato sauce

Vietnam Veterans Day

Our School and House Captains have been invited to represent our school at the Seymour Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration on Thursday 18th August. They will march carrying lanterns and crosses to represent those who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. Good luck, students!

Concert items: Keep practicing your items ready for auditions, which will start in the next 1-2 weeks. It’s not too late to put your name down for this. Just start practicing and be ready for auditions.

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**Reminder**Team Triathlon
2pm at the Area Pool on Thursday 18th August – Keep training kids!!
At assembly this week Excellence was announced as our School Value of the week. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Excellence’ 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 Excellence? Year 6 student, Kade Altas read out the meaning of Excellence. He also did a great job conducting a quiz for the students!

‘Excellence is giving your absolute best to any task you do. When you practise excellence, you are not trying to be better than anyone else, just the very best that you can be.’

Don’t forget, as part of the Puckalypics, the ‘Flag Bearers’ for each country will continue to present at each Term 3 assembly. They will present some information about their country’s history in the Olympic Games. See below the remaining time table for these presentations.

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Each week at assembly, SRC representatives remind our students of a few important school rules. This week, SRC representatives, Rory Kennedy and Eliza Thompson reminded our students of the following rules:

- Move quietly through the corridor.
- Play equipment is not a place to play chasey.
- Play safely on the equipment.
- Shelter shed and amphitheatre seats are for sitting on, not jumping on.

Please discuss these rules with your children to help ensure that they understand.

Thank you to Dani Corocher, Nannah Taylor and Jack Kennedy for educating us about Argentina, Nigeria and Hungary at assembly this week. They did a great job!
Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Max Brown, Blake Mawer, Leah Cleland, Lilly Mackay, Jett Miller, Dakota Miller, Somaiya Harriden and Jamie Clark. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Reliability’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Striving for Excellence’.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Aija Jamieson, Ruby-Anne Rogers, Sophie Granzow, Owen Brown, Jordan Haywood, Zion Otti, Isaac Bennett and Eila Schlender. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Yard Duty Comp. Liam McPhillips and Zion Oti enjoyed collecting the winning trophy this week!

3/4 H in Room 10 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Matilda Turner and Jessica Cleland were very happy that their classroom won the winning trophy this week!

4/5/6 I in Room 1 and 4/5/6 P in Room 2 jointly won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Somaiaya Harriden and Lachlan Thompson were delighted to share the winning trophy this week!

Congratulations to Natasha Lak, Amy Franks, Emilie O’Keeffe, Joe Gilmour, Jamie Clark, Riley Adams, Charlie Mackay and Wade Hansen for winning the raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!

Did you hear Poppy Kreiger from 1/2 I read at assembly this week? We did! She read her amazing story with zest! “Sweet as!” Come along and see who reads at our next assembly.
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 the letters ‘d and n’. We revising vowels and trying to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in our writing.

**Numeracy:** We are revising the numbers to 14, revising money and using balances to investigate mass.

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

**Literacy:** We are learning about adjectives. We are also revising all letters in our handwriting sessions.

**Numeracy:** We are focusing on money and its value. We are counting by 5’s and 10’s using money. We are also using balances to investigate mass.

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

**Literacy:** We are consolidating adjectives and discussing the author’s purpose – especially in relation to non-fiction texts (living things).

**Numeracy:** We are looking at division, revising money and using Mathletics to practise our number skills.

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

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

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on the properties of odd and even numbers and the four processes. Another continued focus will be data collection and graphing. 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 narratives. In reading we will be focusing on reading strategies.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on percentages, four processes and graphing. Times tables will be practised throughout the week.

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**Mathletics**

1/2 I have been sharpening up their Maths skills using **Mathletics** every week at school and at home (using their school provided passwords).

**Sophie van der Waal** is pictured working on her addition and subtraction skills and improving her fluency with calculations.

**Jason Pennycook** is practising renaming numbers to solve two digit subtraction equations. Children are using a lot of skills appropriate for their talents. Mathletics is being used throughout the school and in many of our homes as a motivational tool to reinforce skills learnt at school.
Term 3 Learning with iPads

Learning with iPads sessions will be held on the following dates covering the following topics. Feel free to come along. See you there.

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Dear Parents,

On the dates above at 5pm there will be iPad learning sessions for parents and others who 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 ____________ (insert date).

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Many of our Years 5/6 students have expressed interest in attending the Years 5/6 Bike Ride this year – The Great Victorian Rail Trail. The ride will be a 4 Day Bike Ride this year (extra day) so we can fit in other outdoor adventure activities along the way as well. The 4 Day event will take place from Tuesday 25th October – Friday 28th October, 2016. We aim to involve 20-25 students from Years 5/6. We will ride approximately 180km. Therefore, it is an event that requires a strong commitment by the students who are involved.

Training for the ride will need to begin next week. Each week, students will need to participate in 2 training sessions at school and then follow up with another private session as well. That is, 3 training sessions per week, for at least 10 weeks. We encourage all participants to begin 12 weeks ahead so that the Bike Ride is a positive, rewarding experience.

Currently we are organising staff to take the training sessions which begin next week. These sessions will be held at lunchtime and after school.

For children to participate they need to have a ‘Bike Excellence Award Certificate’ achieved through passing the school’s Bike Education Course recently. Students will need to bring their bikes and helmets on the allocated training days. They are also expected to keep a record of their training and collect parent or teacher signatures to verify their workload. Good luck kids! Please see the possible itinerary in last week’s newsletter.
The children will be focusing on the Olympics. They will learn how to say if they come first, second or third and what medal they would win; gold, silver or bronze.

1st = pertama
2nd = kedua
3rd = ketiga
gold = emas
silver = perak
perunggu = bronze
medal = medali
gold medal = medali emas
silver medal = medali perak
bronze medal = medali perunggu

The children will be focusing on the Olympics. They will learn how to say the Olympic symbols in Indonesian and listen to their meaning in the target language.

rings = lingkaran
flag = bendera
motto = motto
flame = api

My favourite Olympic symbol is _____. = Lambang Olympiade favorit saya adalah _____.

The Olympic rings, flag, motto and flame are important symbols which convey the Olympic message. = Lingkaran, bendera, motto dan api adalah lambing yang penting untuk menyebar semangat Olympiade.

The five rings represent the five continents. They are interlaced to show the universality of Olympism and the meeting of the athletes of the whole world during the Olympic Games. = Kelima lingkaran melambangkan kelima benua. Semua dijalinkan supaya memperlihatkan keuniversal pertandingan Olympiade dan pertemuan atlet dari seluruh dunia selama pertandingan Olympiade.

The Olympic flag has a white background, with five interlaced rings in the centre: blue, yellow, black, green and red. This design is symbolic; it represents the five continents of the world, united by Olympism, while the six colours are those that appear on all the national flags of the world at the present time. (1931) = Bendera Olympiade berdasar putih dengan lima lingkaran tejalin di pusatnya; biru, kuning, hitam, hijau dan merah. Bentuk ini berarti; melambangkan kelima benua, yang dipersatukan oley Olympism, sedangkan keenam warna adalah warna-warna yang muncul di semua bendera nasional pada masa ini.
Motto; faster higher stronger. = Motto; lebih cepat, lebih tinggi, lebih kuat.

Thank you
Our team of Years 5/6 netballers and Mrs Pennycook would like to thank everyone for supporting our craft and food stall last week. We raised $165! That will help us pay team registration and umpire fees when we play in Bendigo next Wednesday.

Would you like to coach?
Puckarook Junior Football Netball Club is looking ahead to 2017. We are seeking adults who are interested in coaching Auskick, NetSetGO, U10 Footy, U12 Footy and Netball, U14 Footy and Netball and U16 Footy and Netball teams. Please contact Tamara on 0437 377 034.