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This week, the Years 5/6 students begin their 12 weeks of training for the 4 Day Bike Ride. Good luck, kids!

Classroom Helpers

Were you involved with this year’s Parents as Classroom Helpers Course and volunteering in the school? If so, Mrs Challis would love to meet with you for a catch up.

When: Monday 22nd August at 2.30pm
Where: Classroom 4
Looking forward to seeing you there.

***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 135-140 nights. **Well done if you have kept up!***
Concert items: Keep practicing. Auditions will be taking place over the next few days.

Healthy lunch tips: Here are some ideas for lunch that don’t include the word “sandwich”. Some variety can help keep children (and adults!) interested in and enjoying healthy food.

- Boiled eggs
- Salmon rissoles, lean beef rissoles, kebabs, chicken strips
- Zucchini/vegetable slice
- Home-made pizza
- Left-over vegetables and meat from dinner. Some children love to eat these cold!
- Rice/pasta mixes

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
Well done all houses for lots of positive behaviour and extra congratulations to Bradman house for taking the lead!!

CURRENT SCORES
- Bradman- 335 points
- Melba- 318 points
- Hume- 297 points
- Chisholm- 261 points

Our School and House Captains are attending the Seymour Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration tomorrow night. They will march carrying lanterns and crosses to represent those who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. Good luck, students! It will begin at 6pm at the Luscombe Bowl, High St, Seymour. Please come along to commemorate our diggers.

We are up to the final stages of the Library conversion for our NEW Library Program called 'Oliver'.

All library and Art classes will remain as timetabled ....we just will not be borrowing or returning for the week of the closure. (see below for dates)

It will go live to the school community week 9 of this term. Any login codes/websites ,will be issued step by step to yourselves and the students so there is nothing you need do until I help you with this.

Please record the dates the library is closed (1 week) so that we can load kids up with books to borrow the previous week. There will be no borrowing or returning the week we are closed by staff or students.

We want our records to be as accurate as possible please before the final data is sent across.

LIBRARY CLOSED MONDAY 22nd Aug until Friday 26th Aug
Library re-opens Monday 29th Aug

Happy Birthday to Aaron Bennett, Eamon Constable, Lachlan O’Connor-Hudson, Aija Jamieson, Noah Chetcuti, Beth Ludlow, Tobias Rayner, Tabitha Turner, Dani Corocher and Joe Gilmour who are all having birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

**Reminder** Team Triathlon
2pm at the Area Pool
Tomorrow - Thursday 18th August
Good luck, kids!!
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.

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 Oval.

Don’t forget, as part of the Puckalympics, 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.

Week 7
Monday 22/8 Belgium (Cooper Dickinson), Portugal (Rohanna Murphy), Algeria (Kate Cleland) & Austria (Abigail Major)

Each week at assembly, SRC representatives remind our students of a few **important school rules.** This week, SRC representatives, Jordan Haywood and Max Chetcuti reminded our students of the following rules:
- Chasey is a game for children – it does not involve kangaroos and emus.
- Scaring is for Halloween and not for birds.
- Digging is only for the sand pit.
- Just a reminder – keep your hands to yourself.

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

**National Literacy and Numeracy week** is coming up during the first week in September. That week, it is a very busy week at Puckapunyal PS. However, we would also like to invite all families to attend a few events. Please see below.

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

Thank you to Amy Franks for educating us about Equador at assembly this week. She did a great job!

At assembly this week Honesty was announced as our **School Value of the week.** That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Honesty’ 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 Honesty? Year 5 student, Shae Robertson read out the meaning of Honesty. She did a great job!

‘Honesty’ is being truthful and trustworthy. It means that you can be relied on not to lie or cheat. Honesty means telling the truth regardless of the consequences. It means that you don’t promise things to people that you know you can’t deliver. It means not being tempted to exaggerate to impress others. Honesty means that you can trust things to be as they appear to be.’
Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Tylar Glazner, Connor Barclay, Evie Bennett, Sophie Van Der Waal, Jack Kennedy, Cooper Dickinson, Cayleigh Cousins and Naomi Pennycuick. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Striving for Excellence’. 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 – Jesse Avery, Ethan Field, Leah Cleland, Paige Cooper, Sophia Brooks, Will Anderson, Dimitee Taylor and Kade Altas. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

Good Luck!
Our team of Years 5/6 netballers and Mrs Pennycuick are off to Bendigo today. Good luck, kids!

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Hayden Clarke was very happy that his classroom won the winning trophy this week!

1/2 I in Room 3 won the Yard Duty Comp. Lachlan Balmer enjoyed collecting the winning trophy for his classroom this week!

Congratulations to Jorja Lethlean, Hayden Clarke, Elora Lane and Eliza Thompson for winning the raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!

Did you hear Harry Fletcher from 3/4 A read at assembly this week? We did! He read his terrific piece of writing from the Big Write! 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. We are learning the letters ‘d and n’. We are 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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**Foundation/Year 1 Late Stays**

To enhance our Camping Program and to encourage student independence, children in Foundation and Year 1 will participate in a **late stay at school.**

The **Year 1 late stay** will be held on **Tuesday 30th August.** Immediately after school they will attend the Late stay from 3:30pm until 7:30pm.

The **Foundation late stay** will be held on **Thursday 1st September** from 3:30pm until 7:30pm.

The children will be given afternoon tea, consisting of biscuits and a drink. They will then play some games on the oval and the asphalt, and participate in an environmental activity.

A BBQ tea will be served consisting of sausages in bread, an ice-cream, an apple and a drink.

After tea they will walk around the school grounds to listen and look for animals and discuss the night sky.

The students will need to bring a torch and a rug or sleeping bag.

The children can be collected at 7:30pm.

The cost of the late stays will be $5 per child.

Permission notes and money will need to be returned to the school office ASAP.

*Yours sincerely, Foundation/Year 1 Teachers*
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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Learning with iPads

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).

Years 3-6 House Athletics

The Years 3-6 House Athletics Carnival is in 2 weeks. It will take place over 2 days:

**Day 1** – Field events on **Tuesday 30th August** at school. The 9 and 10 yrs children will begin at 11:30 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m., while the 11 and 12/13 yrs children will begin at 2:00 p.m. and finish 3:30 p.m. All children will have an earlier lunch at 1:00 p.m. and will be dismissed from school at normal time at 3:30 p.m.

**Day 2** – Track events (plus Triple Jump) on **Wednesday 31st August** at the No7 Oval near Frontline. The children will be walking from school at 12:45 p.m. to begin at 1:00 p.m. All children will have their lunch before they go and will be dismissed at the No. 7 oval at 3:30 p.m. Because the children will be leaving the school grounds for this day, they will need to return the permission slip that has been sent home.

The aim of the 2 days is for all students to participate and have a go. We will also be selecting students to represent our school at the Seymour District Carnival to be held on Monday 5th September. The District event only involves Years 3-6 students. They will be selected according to their efforts, placings and techniques performed at next week’s school carnival. For example, we cannot send someone to District for shot put if their technique isn’t officially ‘legal’, even if they throw the furthest.

In each event students can tally points for their House teams. Just competing will score points for their House team. It is imperative for their teams that all students have a go. Parents are also welcome to come along and cheer loudly!

Children have been encouraged to wear their house colours - red, blue, green or yellow.

Good luck, Athletes!
The children's focus this week is Olympiade (Olympics). They will use the following vocab and compare the use of adjectives in Indonesian and English. For example, in English we say 'gold medal' and in Indonesian we say 'medali emas'. In Indonesian the adjective comes after the noun, while in English the adjective comes before the noun.

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

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.

Year 2 Excursion and Stayover

Our Year 2 students have an exciting Excursion and Stayover (camp) coming up. On Friday September 2nd the students and attending staff will catch a bus to Melbourne and enjoy a fabulous morning tea in the Carlton Gardens. The highlight of the day will be the tour of the Melbourne Museum. We will travel back to school via bus and take part in the exciting stayover at school. For tea they will have a BBQ where they will have sausages in bread, ice-cream, biscuits and a drink. After tea the children will walk around the school with their torches, listening and looking for animals and discussing the night sky. They are all excited about sleeping at school! It should be a great experience!

All permission slips and money need to be returned to the school office ASAP please.

Yours sincerely, Year 2 Teachers

Maths Curriculum for Parents

Are you a parent who wants to help their children with their Maths but needs a bit of confidence to do so? Well, please consider coming to our Maths Curriculum Sessions for Parents. You may even be very good at Maths but would like some tips on how to teach Maths. Please come along if you can. You can even just come and listen! We won’t be testing anybody. It will be very friendly and fun!

When: Monday 22nd August, Monday 29th August, and Monday 12th September.
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am
Where: PC Centre at School
Cost: Free!
RSVP: ASAP (School phone number - 0357931288)
First Topic on Monday 22nd August: Discuss what would be useful, Place Value and Number.
Monday Makers

Every Monday - after eating lunch - you can come along to create something new!
PC Centre, 1:45pm

Students have been working on:

- wrapped webs
- headbands
- bows...
- and more

Next week: Bring an old t-shirt and make your own craft bag!

Adult helpers and fabric craft enthusiasts are warmly welcomed. Spare bits of yarn, fabric, and tools may also be donated at any time! Please contact Christine for further information: 043 1210 378.

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Did you know each student has their own individual Mathletics log-in? Students are encouraged to try Mathletics each week at home if they have internet access! Ms O’Connor’s class LOVE using Mathletics!

Cy is practising his ordinal numbers. “I like racing other people on Mathletics”.

Elora likes using Mathletics to practise her counting! “I like to click on the first, fourth and fifth ones”.

James is practising ordinal numbers using a calendar. “I like to race other people. I won today against Lachie and Cy”.

Max is practising counting on Mathletics. “I liked when I had to count the pictures”.

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THE NOBBIES
At the Nobbies, we went for a walk and saw lots of rock pools and the ocean smashed on the rocks. After the walk we ate lunch. Whoosh, whoosh, the wind blew. It was hard to eat because the wind was so strong and the funny part was Mrs Itter’s hair all stood up and I saw it happen! **By Somaiya Harriden**
Nobbies is the wildlife centre that cares for seals, sea birds and other wonderful animals. Inside the centre is technology that shows what it is like to be a sea animal. My favourite part was when we learnt awesome facts about Minke Whales, Elephant Seals, Great White Sharks and many more. One of the activities that we did was pressing buttons and learning about animals. Thank you Mrs Itter, Mrs Philp, Mrs Atkinson and Mr Warne. **By Kian George**

GIANT SWING
When we were at camp, we went to the amazing giant swing. The staff at the camp explained that it was 15 metres tall. When you went on the swing, you could see far behind the fence. When you get high enough, you pull the cord and then you swing back and forth. When someone gets ready, you pull the cord and you have to brace yourself. **By Cayleigh Cousins**

PENGUINS
On Wednesday evening, all the students on the 5/6 camp went to see the Little Penguins. We went along a boardwalk until we arrived at the seating area. A man was explaining that the Little Penguins are only 33 cm high. It was very stormy and we watched for the penguins to come out. They were adorable! They swam in and began climbing the sandbanks. We all went back to the building and on the way we saw many penguins going back to their home. There was a little area in the building where we learnt about penguins. Then we went back to camp. **By Libby Brown**

ABSEILING
On camp we did lots of activities but the one I am going to talk about is abseiling. Abseiling is a wonderful activity where you conquer your fears by walking backwards down a wall with climbing equipment, with special gloves to protect you so you can’t get rope burn. The wall was about 5 metres in height. **By Jake Tanis**

MECHANICAL ROCK WALL
All the students had a go on the mechanical rock wall and did a fantastic job of it. It was fun on the wall. The wall was moving down as you tried to climb up it so that meant that you were never very far from the ground. It was a little difficult if it went fast but the speed could change. **By Isaac Bennett**

PELICANS
On the way to Phillip Island, we all stopped at the beach at San Remo to see some big pelicans. There were some other schools at the beach also to see the pelicans. It was hard to hear what the lady was saying because of the wind but we all managed it. We all learnt something about the pelicans like telling the males and females apart. We got to see them being fed fish. **By Marissa Fredrickson**

TRAMPOLINES
The trampolines were awesome. When we got to CYC most of the kids went on the trampolines. They were built into the ground. They were in a fenced section of the camp and could be used when there was a little bit of free time. On the last day of our camp we saw another school going straight onto the trampolines and having fun too! We had to have an adult watching us so that no one got hurt. It was excellent fun! We all had fun on the camp. **By Jack Anderson**

FLYING FOX
The flying fox was so much fun! Here are some details. The man called Michael strapped us unbelievably well and asked if we wanted to go medium or fast. Most people went fast. We were in harnesses and we had to climb up a tower and then we flew along the wire to the other end. **By Dani Corocher**

CAMP FOOD
The food at CYC was delicious. One night we had chicken schnitzels and another night we had a pasta lasagne with the spectacular garlic bread. The food was yummy. We had a special pancake breakfast because we had all done so well. Thank you CYC! **By Dimitee Taylor**
ACCOMMODATION and RED FACES
In every cabin there were six beds and our own bathrooms. We had our own dining room where we ate our meals. We had a meeting room that had a table tennis table, pool table and another game. There was also a stage where we did our Red Faces. Each cabin had to do an act and they were funny and entertaining. It was fun doing an act on stage. By Ashby Murphy

GA GA
During free time, most people were playing Ga Ga, which is just like a mix of dodge ball and poison ball. Instead of throwing the ball, you roll it and try to hit someone’s legs. At the end, when there are two people left, the people who are out can lean in and try to roll the ball at one of the two player’s legs. It is played in a fenced wooden, rectangular court. By Brooklyn Lindsay

BEACH WALK
On the second day of 5/6 camp we went for a beach walk. We stopped and built sand castles and sculptures of animals. Jack and I made a crocodile sculpture and half a crab. A group of girls made a turtle, Joe made a sea monster. After that I was all sandy and so were lots of other people. It was fun! By Charlie Mackay

GYMNASIUM
The gym was big, large and spacious. It was located behind the kitchen and dining area. The roof was made of sheet metal and the lights dangled down from it. It also had two soccer goals and two basketball hoops and in the corner it had a bin full of Frisbees, basketballs, soccer balls, tennis racquets and tennis balls. When we had free time, we were allowed to go down there and play with the equipment. By Mac Jenkins

LOW ROPE COURSE
The low ropes course was a test of your balance and working out skills. You first went over a single wire and held onto a rope dangling over to stay upright. Then you go onto ropes that were an ‘x’ shape. You need to find the best way to get through it. Next you raced across the wobbling log. After you get across the wobbling log, you walk across a wobbling ladder bridge. After the bridge you go across a wire but you have to hold a rope in front of you. Next you go across a little swing for your feet. You walk across them. Once you complete the swings, you go across a vine walk which is walking across a wire with ropes dangling down. The last thing that you do is climb across a rock wall. By Beth Ludlow

ARCHERY
Archery is where you have a bow and three arrows. The archery was fun and I got three shots using three arrows each time and on the last shot I got a bullseye. Some people got a bullseye but others didn’t. The archery was fun for everyone though. By Shae Robertson
Years 5/6 Phillip Island Camp

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