On the 18th of August at 6pm, the School and House Captains went to the Seymour Vietnam Veterans’ Commemorative Wall. Bill Melbourne was the MC of the ceremony. He informed us that it was the 50th Anniversary of the Long Tan Battle. Some people laid a wreath. After different speakers finished talking, they called out names to carry a cross and a lantern and each one represented a fallen soldier. We carried them down to the big cross and put them in front of it. They had more people lay wreaths at the cross. To finish the ceremony, they played the Australian National Anthem. On behalf of the captains, we would like to thank Mrs Itter and Mr Itter for coming and looking after us!

By Cayleigh Cousins and Somaiya Harriden

Well done to all of the 60 Years 3-6 students who participated in the Team Triathlon last week. They did a great job trying their best for their teams. Please see page 12 for the results! Thank you to the Area Pool Staff for helping at the Triathlon in the Pool Area. We also thank the Military Police and Base Management for ensuring the roads were safe for our cyclists and runners! And well done Pucka Staff for the organisation and running of the event.

***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 140-145 nights. Well done if you have kept up!***
Happy Birthday to Jaycob Paz, Lachlan Thompson, Jack McGeachan, Malakai Casey and Annalise Houston who are all having birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

Concert items: Keep practising. Auditions are continuing daily so all acts should be ready to be performed.

Healthy snacks and lunches: It can be quite challenging in our busy 21st century society to ensure that our kids are getting healthy and satisfying snacks and lunches at school. Here are a few tips:
- pack the lunchbox the night before
- some of the best foods are instant, like bananas and apples. Others require only a little preparation like oranges, celery, carrots, hard-boiled eggs, Weetbix spread with vegemite or jam etc.
- there are some great pre-packaged foods that are reasonably healthy such as sultanas/dried fruit boxes, plain popcorn, fruit yoghurt, low fat flavoured milk, canned fish/baked beans, pre-cut cheese wedges/slices, snack-sized dried crisp bread etc.
- there are also some foods that you can package yourself and store in the freezer. By lunchtime they’ve defrosted: cheese and bacon bread rolls, fruit loaf and other baked goods such as scones, low fat muffins etc.

A stall for fathers, grandads, uncles, neighbours or friends: On Thursday, September 1st 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.

Sue Ranger, DSTA.

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- 4 Chicken Nuggets and a serve of wedges $3.00 each
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At assembly this week Respect was announced as our School Value of the week. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Respect’ 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 Respect? Year 5 student, Marissa Fredrickson read out the meaning of Respect. She did a great job!

‘Being respectful is an attitude of caring and treating each other with dignity. It is speaking to and dealing with others in a courteous manner. Respect encompasses honouring the rules of your family or school. This helps to create a more peaceful and pleasant environment to be in. Self-respect is developed when you protect your own rights for things that are important to you. For example, the right to privacy.’
**Awards for the Week**

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Riley Andrew, Savannah Bradford, Abby Chetcuti, Tobias Rayner, Penny Goss, Ava Clarke and Dom Stewart. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Honesty’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Respect’.

**Authors of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Jessica Cleland, Charlotte Major, Zakk Chalson, Dakota Chalson, Amy Franks, Marissa Fredrickson, Charlee Whiting and Isabella Sestoso. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

**Times Tables Awards**

4/5/6 I in Room 1 won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Isaac Bennett and Hailey Altas were very happy with their classroom winning the trophy this week!

3/4 H in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Clodagh McCarthy and Zahra Kelly were happy that their classroom won the winning trophy this week!

**‘Yard Duty’ Trophy**

1/2 I in Room 3 won the Yard Duty Comp. Kiara Miller enjoyed collecting the winning trophy for her classroom this week!

**‘Positive Behaviour’ Raffle Awards**

Congratulations to Emilie O’Keefe, Ruby-Anne Rogers, Ethan McCabe and Deagan Hermann for winning the raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!

**Recycling Can Awards**

Congratulations to Olivia Scotman who received a ‘Recycling Cans’ Award this week. Every little bit counts!
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 ‘g and v’. We revising vowels and trying to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in our narrative writing.

**Numeracy:** We are revising the numbers to 16, learning about fractions (halves), revising graphs and doubles.

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

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

**Numeracy:** We are learning about fractions, revising graphs and doubles.

**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). We are also learning about compound words, adjectives and pronouns.

**Numeracy:** We are revising fractions and collecting data for graphs. We are learning about transformation of shapes (flip, slide and turn).

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

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

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on fractions, the four processes and analogue time. 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 reports. In reading we will be focusing on reading strategies.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on percentages, four processes, mean, mode, median and range as well as 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*
The Years 3-6 House Athletics Carnival is next week. 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!**

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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, an 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 will need to be returned to the school office ASAP please.

**Yours sincerely, Year 2 Teachers**

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**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.

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***We can all work together to rid the community of Head Lice. Let’s check our heads once per week!***
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, in English the adjective comes before the noun.

1st = **pertama**
2nd = **kedua**
3rd = **ketiga**
medal = **medali**
gold = **emas**
silver = **perak**
bronze = **perunggu**
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symbol = **lambang**
rings = **lingkaran**
flag = **bendera**
motto = **motto**
flame = **api**
1st = **pertama**
2nd = **kedua**
3rd = **ketiga**
gold medal = **medali emas**
silver medal = **medali perak**
bronze medal = **medali perunggu**
front = **depan**
back = **belakang**

*Salam (Regards)*

*Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)*

*Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)*

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Open since 1887
3/4 Girls

1st – Abbey Kendell, Tessa Thompson and Matilda Ingle
2nd – Zahra Kelly, Jordan Haywood and Tia Dowdell
3rd – Clodagh McCarthy, Jessica Cleland and Renae Pennycook

3/4 Boys

1st – Harry Fletcher, Kynan Andrews and Chili Stock
2nd – Jack Kennedy, Aaron Bennett and Blake Cooper
3rd – Jackson Birmingham, Hayden Clarke and Will Anderson

5/6 Girls

1st – Somaiya Harriden, Beth Ludlow and Libby Brown
2nd – Naomi Pennycook, Cayleigh Cousins and Jamie Clark
3rd – Marissa Fredrickson, Shae Robertson and Ashby Murphy

5/6 Boys

1st – Max Fletcher, Jack Anderson and Lachlan Thompson
2nd – Noah Chetcuti, Brooklyn Lindsay and Mac Jenkins
3rd – Jaycob Paz, Will Ludlow and Charlie Mackay