This Friday (16th September 2016) is the last day of Term 3. All students will be dismissed from school at 1:30 p.m. The students will only require a morning play lunch as they can have their lunch once they are home that day. We will finish off the term with a 1:10 p.m. assembly which all parents are invited to attend. We have some awards to hand out, some presentations and some performances for assembly. Please come along. Happy Holidays! The day is also a ‘Footy Dress Day’ for students who would like to make a gold coin donation to our Term 3 Charity – the Big Umbrella.

That’s right! On the last day of Term 3, we will have our AFL Footy ‘Dress Up Day’. Traditionally, we have always enjoyed that day where all students come to school dressed in the colours of their favourite footy team. Go Pies!!

Junior Athletics - cancelled!

Due to the inclement weather, our school oval is absolutely flooded. We will have to cancel our Junior Athletics Carnival for this term. The event will be rescheduled for early next term. We apologise for the inconvenience. Once we have chosen a new date we will advertise in the newsletter.

Pucka Fire Brigade Visit

Tomorrow (Thursday 15th September), all Years 1/2 students will be involved in a Pucka Fire Brigade Visit. The visit will take place from 9am – 11am. The visiting firemen will teach our junior students all about basic safety when there is a fire and also show them their magnificent fire trucks. It will be a lot of fun!

***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 155-160 nights. Well done if you have kept up!***
Super foods: Sweet potatoes! They’ll satisfy cravings for starches but are far healthier than their white cousins. Carotenoids, vitamin C, potassium and fibre are just a few of the benefits of eating this savoury-sweet veggie, which is ranked among the highest vegetables on the nutrition scale.

2017 enrolments: If you know of any children who are planning on beginning Foundation with us in 2017, and don’t attend Puckapunyal Kindergarten, please encourage them to contact us. Also if you know of any families intending on sending their children to PPS from other year levels, we’d love to hear from them too. This will give us a more accurate estimate of 2017 enrolments. Thank you.

Happy holidays everyone!!
Sue Ranger, DSTA.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE
Lots of positive behaviour last week from all houses, with Bradman finishing in front. Bradman house members along with the top ticket earners from each class will attend the reward on Friday: decorating some super yummy cupcakes! Well done everyone!

CURRENT SCORES
Bradman-613 points
Melba- 579 points
Hume- 523 points
Chisholm- 419 points

4 Day Bike Ride
A few weeks ago, many of our Year 5/6 students began their training for the 4 Day Bike Ride that will take place from Tuesday 25th October - Friday 28th October. We have encouraged those children to keep training over the holidays and get plenty of kms under their belts. We also encourage the bike riders to increase their distance in their training over the holidays. They will need to ride at least 3 times per week, approximately 12-15 kms each time. We advise 1 of those rides per week to be a little longer (approximately 15-20kms).

Good luck, kids!

Lost property
We have a large amount of lost property at the moment - mainly school jumpers and plastic containers. We will return anything that is named, but by the end of the term, any other items will be donated to students who could use them. They will be on display at the amphitheatre at the end of Friday’s assembly. Please look through our collection.

Important Message:
We are asking our families to please consider the following -

- The Bus parking area at the front of the school is not a car parking area or a drop off zone. Please do not park there under any circumstances. There is ample parking across the road from the school and next to the school on the east side. This year we have had many cars park there even though the signs are very clear.

- The School Crossing area will only be effective and safe if adults use it properly and be role models for our students. Far too many adults do not use it which makes it difficult for our kids to decide what is safe and what is dangerous!

**Please help with these important requests,**
On Wednesday 9th November, 2016 we invite families to come to the Puckapunyal Primary School Family Fun Day! This is an invitation to all parents of pre-school and primary school children and other members of the community. It is going to be a great day! We have also asked unit leaders to allow defence members who are our parents to attend. The day will begin at 1:00p.m. More information early next term.

Did you hear Dakota Chalson from 3/4 A read at assembly this week? We did! She did really well! Come along and see who reads at our next assembly.

Each week at assembly, SRC representatives remind our students of a few important school rules. This week, SRC representative, Harry Fletcher and Rohanna Murphy reminded our students of the following rules:

- Show some respect – give way to adults.
- Use your manners at all times
- Walk carefully around corners – you don’t know who is on the other side.
- Eat on the asphalt - put your litter in the bin.

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

20 of our students performed so well at the District Athletics Carnival last week that they been selected to represent the Seymour District and our school at the Division Athletics Carnival on Tuesday October 4th, 2016 (that is the first week of Term 4). The event will take place at the Meadowglen International Track, Epping. The event begins at 10:00am and finishes at approximately 3:30pm. Good luck, kids!

Our next planned Working Bee is:
Term 4 – Saturday 5th November 8am – lunchtime

However, if we keep fundraising well and we are successful with a grant that we applied for the Working Bee will be different to previous Working Bees this year. We will be more focused on the following:

Erecting 8 new pieces of play equipment in the school playground.
This job will require 1 or 2 post hole diggers to dig 20 or so post holes, people to concrete posts into the holes and people to bolt pieces of equipment together. It will also require someone to take charge to oversee the whole project. If you can help with those skills or equipment, please contact the school office to discuss.

Laying a small area of instant lawn in the Memorial Garden area. The instant lawn has been donated by StrathAyr. We will require someone with instant lawn experience to help roll out and lay properly. The area is already well prepared but will need to be raked a little first. Again, if you can help with those skills, please contact the school office to discuss.

Congratulations Kian George! Kian performed so well at the District Athletics Carnival last week that he was awarded the Under 9 Boys Age Group Champion medal! He won 5 events!

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

‘Caring is paying attention to the things that matter to you. You can care for yourself, for other people, for pets or for special things. When you care for something you treat it with respect and concern.’
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

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Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Apple Stock, Savanah Naunton, Lake Robertson, Charlie Gilmour, Blake Cooper, Lily-Rose Krieger, Hailey Altas and Jamie Clark. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Responsibility’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Caring’.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Jewell Hatfield, Cade Garland, Tyla Hermann, Charlotte Davies, Casey Cousins, Rohan Granzow, Libby Brown and Kade Altas. 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.
Will Anderson was very happy to collect the winning trophy for his classroom this week!

4/5/6 P in Room 2 won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy.
Emilie O’Keeffe and Stephanie Brown were very happy to collect the winning trophy this week!

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Yard Duty Competition.
Tallen Miller and Dakota Chalson enjoyed collecting the winning trophy for their classroom this week!

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Congratulations to all of the students who won the yo-yos in the raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!
Our students had a great time at last Friday’s Puckalytics Day.
Well done to all students for getting into the spirit by participating and performing well in the Puckalympics activities over the past few weeks. Friday was our last day that finished with some team activities that involved designing a stamp, colouring competitions and novelty relays. It was terrific to see students of all ages in their country teams helping each other and doing their very best! Well done to Mr. Humphrey (well assisted by Miss. Atkinson) for his organisation and leadership through the Puckalympics.

Over several weeks, each team has been tallying their points. Congratulations to the following place getters:

1st Place – 62 points

![Flag of Sweden]

Sweden
Trinity Boyd
Lachlan Thompson
Max Chetcuti
Clodagh McCarthy (captain)
Anna Houston
Jack McGechan
Savanah Naunton
Riley McGee
Owen Brown

2nd Place – 42 points

![Flag of Hungary]

Hungary
Jamie Clark
Jack Kennedy (captain)
Caitlan Morton
Wade Hansen
Poppy Krieger
Memphis Campbell
Apple Stock
Cade Garland
Aija Jamieson

3rd Place – 36 points

![Flag of Belgium]

Belgium
Riley Andrew
Tea Rose Porter
Dimitee Taylor
Cooper Dickinson (captain)
Tallen Miller
Sophie Granzow
Ned Kendell
Isabella Sestoso

Mr. Humphrey and Miss Atkinson were presented with their own flowers and medals for their great organisation. Elora Lane and Jake Tanis performed the presentations. Well done, Mr. Humphrey and Miss Atkinson!
More Puckalympics photos.

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The children are focussing on farm animals and numbers this week in Indonesian. They will make and label animal finger puppets and make sentences up about how many animals they have.

How many animals are there? = Ada berapa binatang?
There are six animals. = Ada enam binatang.
This is a sheep. = Ini domba.
This is a cow. = Ini sapi.
This is a chicken. = Ini ayam.
This is a pig. = Ini babi.
This is a duck. = Ini bebek.
This is a horse. = Ini kuda.

The children are presenting their About Me (Tentang Saya) projects this week. The children present to their class information about themselves in Indonesian and English. Children have made powerpoint presentations, books and posters - a fantastic effort has been made by most children. Their project will go into their portfolios. Next time you have a look, you could ask your child to present to you!

What’s your name? = Siapa nama kamu?
My name is ____ . = Nama saya ____ .
How old are you? = Berapa umur kamu?
I’m ______ years old. = Umur saya ______ tahun.

When’s your birthday? = Tanggal berapa ulang tahun kamu?
My birthday is on the ___ _______. = Ulang tahun saya tanggal ___ _______.

Where do you live? = Kamu tinggal di mana?
I live in ___________. = Saya tinggal di ___________.

What’s your address? = Di mana alamat kamu?
My address is _______ _______. = Alamat saya Jalan _______ nomor ____ .

What’s your telephone number? = Berapa nomor telepon kamu?
My telephone number is _______ _______. = Nomor telepon saya _______ _______.

Where do you go to school? = Kamu bersekolah di mana?
I go to school at ___________. = Saya bersekolah di ___________.

What grade are you in? = Kamu duduk di kelas berapa?
I’m in grade _______. = Saya duduk di kelas _______.

Who is your teacher? = Siapa nama guru kamu?
My teacher is _______. = Nama guru saya _______.

What do you like? = Kamu suka apa?
I like _______. = Saya suka _______.
What don’t you like? = Kamu tidak suka apa?
I don’t like _______. = Saya tidak suka _______.

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**Seymour Cricket Club**

invites Puckapunyal children to a training day!

**When:** Sunday 9th October

**Time:** 10am

**Where:** Chittick Park, Seymour

**Enquiries:** Coach – Sam Heron 0422741549

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MATHLETICS

Mathletics is an easy, educational and fun site to help boost students’ Math’s knowledge. It associates with all numeracy areas which should be a big tick for all parents and teachers. Mathletics has helped me develop what used to be weak points. But it doesn’t stop there. Another fun activity on Mathletics is ‘Live Mathletics’. It tests your speed on different levels of Mathematics and earns you credits which you spend on personalising your avatar. There are other activities related to Mathletics—except it’s not Maths—but Literacy; Spellodrome is a fun way to learn English words. You can play hangman, Live Spellodrome, word searches and more. All of the words used in your Spellodrome are words set to your level. I would definitely recommend Mathletics to any parent or teacher.

Abigail Major

Junior Classes Egg Drops!

Children in grades F-2 have been doing an egg drop experiment as part of their rotational groups on Mondays. So far 1/2I, F OC, and F/1 OM have tried their luck designing a protective package for an egg to survive a fall from the top of the balcony at the rear of the school. Isabella, Hannah, Afifah and Tabitha are pictured working together to design their fall proof devices. So far, no eggs have survived the fall but some have been close.
Puckapunyal Primary School
invites all Pucka Families to attend a
Family Maths/Science Night

Where: Puckapunyal Primary School
When: Thursday 6th October
Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Our Family Maths/Science Night offers an opportunity for families to experience a variety of hands-on maths/science activities with your child in a cooperative and fun environment!

There may be some competitions! Please come along and join the fun!

There will also be Sausage Sizzle on the front veranda for families to purchase ($1.50 per sausage in bread). All profits will go to LEGACY which is our Term 4 School Charity.

So let’s all make it a fun night!
Dear Parents,

Recently, the Puckapunyal Primary School applied for a Term 4 Sporting Schools Grant from the Federal Government. We were successful and will soon receive a $2,400 grant.

That means, in Term 4 the Puckapunyal Primary School is again offering an opportunity for students to participate in some Before School Sport.

To apply for the grant we had to choose different sports to be the themes for the sessions – for Term 4 the sports are:

**Tuesdays - Triathlon (Jogging and Swimming)** at the Area Swimming Pool for Years 3-6 students (students will be walked to school by staff after the sessions). This activity is a great opportunity for students who want to enter the Individual Triathlon in early December.

**Wednesdays - Triathlon (Cycling)** at school (using Sanananda Rd) for Years 3-6 students. This activity is a great opportunity for students who want to enter the Individual Triathlon in early December or the 4 Day Bike Ride in October.

**Thursdays - Golf and Bat Tennis/Tennis** at school for Foundation to Year 6 students.

**All sessions will begin at 7:30am sharp and finish at 8:45am in time for school. Students will need to be there on time to participate because the group may move around eg. jogging around the block, etc.**

The Program will begin during Week 1 of Term 4.

Any student in the year levels that match the activity can attend. There is no cost. Class teachers and other staff, will be there to meet the students, supervise them and give them an opportunity to participate.

Please see the timetable on the next page. To participate in any of the sessions, we must have a return slip before the date of the intended session. Families can pick and choose optimal dates. Return slips will be available at the front of the school office and on our school website. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any more information.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Warne, Principal
**Before School Sport**

**Term 4 Timetable**

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**Before School Sport**

**Term 4 Return Slip**

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I give permission for my child to participate in the Before School Sport Sessions with the Puckapunyal Primary School. In case of accident, or illness, I authorise the teacher in charge of the activity to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me on ______________________ or ______________________ to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:**


**Full Parent or Guardian Name in Block Letters:**


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