On Friday, we had a very successful **Years 3-6 House Swimming Carnival** with Chisholm House (Blue) being the winners for the first time ever! All students performed admirably, trying their best to tally as many points for their House as possible. The students were very competitive! It was a great team atmosphere.

We had students of all abilities having a go for their house!

It was a great day and we congratulate all students for their performances.

The final order of the House Carnival was:

1. **Chisholm House** 245 points
2. **Melba House** 224 points
3. **Bradman House** 191 points
4. **Hume House** 166 points

We have seen many students improve with their swimming over the last week or so and the carnival was a great way to support the training. It didn’t matter what places students came, many were delighted to just participate and give it their best. Max Fletcher and Jaycob Paz are proud captains of Chisholm, as you can see below in the photo, holding the winning House Swimming Trophy.

Thank you to all the house captains who on that day performed their first lot of duties for 2017. They looked after their teams for both sessions of the day and helped to cheer on their teams. Well done captains!

Thank you to all of the volunteer parents and teachers for their efforts to ensure a smooth event. Mrs. McCarthy was the organiser of the event and did a marvelous job. Thanks, Mrs. McCarthy.

The House Carnival was also a good opportunity to select our **Years 3-6 District Swimming Team** that will represent our school at today’s District Swimming Carnival. We will report how they went in next week’s newsletter. Good luck, District Swimmers!

**Proud Chisholm House captains, Jaycob Paz and Max Fletcher.**

***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 10-15 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!***
On Monday 27th February we are having a Parent/Teacher Information Sharing Day. The day will be a normal school day where students arrive at 9:00 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Each family will be allotted a 10 minute time slot where mums and dads can share any important information about their children that may help the teacher and learning during the year. It is also a good time for the teachers to let parents know how their children have settled into the school year and discuss any concerns.

The interviews will begin from 2:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 6:30 p.m. From 1:15 p.m. the students will have a supervised lunch outside and will be participating in sporting activities with our specialist teachers who do not teach grades.

NB - It is too early to report on academic achievements at this stage of the year.

Please select a preferred time slot below and return the Parent/Teacher Information Sharing Form to school by Wednesday 22nd February so we can try to accommodate your availability as best as possible. If you have already discussed such issues with your child’s teacher you may not need a chat at this stage of the year.

Kevin Warne, Principal

Parents' Comments:

Deployment sessions and Fundraising: With the swimming program finished I will be resuming deployment sessions. These support any student who has a parent deployed overseas or absent for extended periods of time. Please let me know if your child is in this position. Also I would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in assisting with fundraising throughout the year or as a ‘one-off’ activity. Thanks for considering this.

Interesting lunchboxes: Here are a few ideas that make eating a bit more fun at school. Most are fairly healthy too; just watch sugar, salt and fat levels.

- Cheese cubes, frozen pineapple rings, pocket bread, boiled eggs, popcorn, wraps, frozen yoghurt, vegies and dip, salsa, pikelets, frozen two fruits tubs.

Have a terrific week!

Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide

Happy Birthday to Summer Cameron and CJ McQuire who are both having their birthdays this week.

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

Happy Birthday

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE
It has been a great start to positive behaviour with Melba leading the way, but it is close. Keep up the great behaviour everyone!

CURRENT SCORES
- Melba - 65 points
- Chisholm - 55 points
- Bradman - 47 points
- Hume - 43 points

 Helpers Needed

School Canteen Lunches will be available on Fridays when a working group of volunteers can be organised. If you are a parent with some time and you can help in the school canteen please contact the school office. We would love to hear from you.

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School Council News

School Council Elections 2017
Please consider standing for election for School Council this year. Contact Kevin for further information.

The Puckapunyal School Council has vacancies for 5 Parent Representatives for 2017.

Wednesday 8th February: NOMINATIONS called for (Forms can be collected from the office).
Wednesday 15th February: Nominations CLOSE (If an election required ballot papers will be distributed).
Wednesday 22nd February: OPEN BALLOT
Wednesday 1st March: CLOSED BALLOT (Votes counted).

School Council Annual General Meeting will be held at school at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday 7th March.

Pupil Free Days for 2017

Term 2 – Friday 2nd June
Term 4 – Monday 6th November and Friday 17th November
(Tuesday 7th November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday)

Labelling Clothing

Could parents please check children’s school clothes (especially windcheaters/jackets) at home for names on the labels. If your child has brought home the wrong windcheater/jacket, could you please return it to the school office.

Homework and Homereading

We hope that families were able to read last week’s newsletter in relation to Homework and Homereading.

So, we prefer students and families to put their time and effort into the following areas…..

We do ask (Foundation-Year 2) families to spend time listening to their children read and practise counting and number patterns each night.

We also ask (Years 3-6) families to spend time listening to their children read and practise their times tables each night.

Student Accidents

Occasionally, students get injured at school. The process would be that we would contact families immediately. We will report all head injuries even if minor. We do not report the very minor scrapes and cuts, etc., especially if they only require the odd bandaid.

Most staff members are trained at Level 2 First Aid and all staff are trained in C.P.R., asthma and epipen usage.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

If there is the need for an ambulance, the school will not hesitate and will ring immediately. It does not matter whether a family has ambulance cover or not. Therefore, we must encourage all families to seek coverage.

Reasonably low cost student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

Good Luck, Swimmers!

The Labour Day Bush Market will be held on Monday 13th March at the Goulburn Park, Guild St Seymour.

Time – 9am – 2pm

There will be a wide range of stalls, exhibitors and entertainment for young and old. There will be an animal farm, balloon artist, carnival rides and a wonderful display of cars.

Congratulations to the 30 students who performed so well at the House Swimming Carnival last week, that they have been selected in the team to represent our school at the Seymour District Swimming Carnival today. The District Swimming Carnival will involve 4 schools and will take place today at the Seymour Outdoor Pool, Seymour.

Good luck, champs!
Good luck, 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 would be 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, 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 learning about the letters A and I this week. We ask all parents to please record book titles and sign reader covers and return daily.
**Numeracy:** We are learning about the numbers 1 and 2. We are making patterns and practising counting.

**Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 4 & 8**
**Literacy:** We are learning all about the letters A and I. We are revising capital letters and full stops and writing recounts.
**Numeracy:** We are focusing on counting, patterns and skip counting. We are learning about days of the week and months of the year.

**Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 3, 4 & 10**
**Literacy:** We are learning all about the letters A and I. We are revising capital letters and full stops and writing recounts.
**Numeracy:** We are focusing on counting, patterns and skip counting. We are learning about days of the week and months of the year.

**Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 9, 10 & 11**
**Literacy:** We will be doing a lot of testing and focusing on our school values and VCOP.
**Numeracy:** We will also be working on the four processes in Numeracy.

**Senior School Years 5/6 Rooms 1 & 2**
**Literacy:** We will be doing a lot of testing and focusing on our school values and VCOP.
**Numeracy:** We will also be working on the four processes in Numeracy.

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**Indo Lingo**

This week the children will use a wayang golek (wooden puppet) from Indonesia to learn/revise asking someone’s name and introducing themselves. Using pictures to give alternatives and suggestion, the students will fill in information about themselves; such as name, age, birth month, family members, pets, colours they like, what they like/want to play, hair and eye colour, and what they like to eat and drink. The students will learn/revise greetings, marking the roll and farewells in Indonesian. Previous Indonesian students will also revise saying how they are feeling. Some of the vocabulary the children will hear and/or use will be:

Good morning (sunrise to 11am) = Selamat pagi
Good day (11am to 3pm) = Selamat siang
Good afternoon (3pm to sunset) = Selamat sore
Good evening (sunset to sunrise) = Selamat malam
Who’s here? = Siapa ada?
Here = Ada
Who’s not here? = Siapa tidak ada?
Tidak ada = Not here
What’s your name? = Siapa nama kamu? or Siapa namamu?
My name’s __________ = Nama saya __________.
How are you? = Apa kabar?
Well = Baik-baik saja
Ok = Biasa saja
Not good = Kurang baik
Sick = Sakit
See you later = Sampai jumpa

Salam (Regards)
Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)
Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)
If you would like to be a volunteer at our school to help in the classroom occasionally or routinely please attend the following course.

**Presenters: Jane Challis, Kevin Warne**

**All sessions will be held in the Staffroom**

**Session 1**  
Monday 20th February  
9.30-12.00pm

**Literacy**  
- Welcome/Introduction to program  
- Confidentiality  
- Working with Children Check  
- Being a Helper  
- Reading  
- Writing  
- Speaking and Listening  

**Classroom Visits/ Sharing Observations**

**Session 2**  
Tuesday 21st February  
9.00-12.00pm

**Numeracy**  
- Introduction  
- Goodger Maths Program  
- Linking maths to real life  
- Numeracy at home  
- Developmental continuum  

**Classroom visits/Sharing Observations**

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**Classroom Visits:**  
Tour school  
Goodger Maths in a classroom  
Visit other classrooms and observe and interact with students.

** Sharing Observations:**  
What did you see happening in the classroom? What ways do you think you could help in the school?

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Good luck to our School and House Captains who will be attending a Darwin Defenders commemoration at the Melbourne Shrine tomorrow. They will report about the day in next week’s newsletter.
Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Olivia Farley, Fraser Padman, Pia Allan-Agnew, Kade Horton, Nic Houghton, Lucas Clarke, Abby Chetcuti, Finlay Koch and Matilda Ingle. These students were selected because they were modelling one of the school values. This week teachers are also looking for students who are modelling one of the school values.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Logan Anderson, Oliver Crichton, Milli Miller, Keeley Dawson, George Stock, Jack Moon, Jack Kennedy, Abbey Kendell and Taliah Greenwood. The students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

1/2 I in Room 3 won the Yard Duty Competition. Ruby-Anne Rogers and Skye Lucas enjoyed collecting the winning trophy for their classroom this week!

Congratulations to Lewis McGee, Finlay Koch, Marissa Fredrickson and Bill Clode who won the raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’.

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Congratulations to Olivia Scotman who received a ‘Recycling Cans’ award this week! Every little bit counts!
Puckapunyal Primary Garden Club had a fantastically enthusiastic meeting of growth-minded students last Thursday at lunch! Well done to all of those students who came and shared their ideas on how to help our veggie garden thrive this winter and spring.

We now have a very long wish list, and some dedicated minds and hands to get things growing!

There will be another planning meeting this Thursday, February 16, at 1:45pm in the PC Centre.

All students, family, and community members are welcome to come along. We will set up a watering schedule, think about garden design and hopefully plant some peas.

Please contact Mrs. Cahusac (0431210378, asula1212@gmail.com) if you are not able to attend but would like to be involved, or if you have any seeds, plants, compost, mulch or ideas to donate to the school garden.