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Please Note: Tuesday 4th November is the Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday. Students are not expected at school that day.
(Monday 3rd November is a normal school day – no school buses on this day)

***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 180-185 nights. Well done if you have kept up!

***Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice.***

Well Done, Giselle!

Our star athlete, Giselle Andrew, competed at the State Athletics Championships yesterday. In the Under 11 1500m race she came 9th in the state. That means she is the 9th best in Victoria! Wow!! She beat her previous best time by 5 seconds – with a time of 5 minutes and 55 seconds. What a great effort, Giselle! We are all proud of you!

3 Day Bike Ride

27 of our Year 5/6 students began their 3 Day Bike Ride today. Joining them were students from Avenel Primary School and Seymour College. The riders began in Mansfield following the Great Victorian Bike Trail. The riders will end their journey at Tallarook on Friday. The students will cover about 150 km over the 3 days. Good luck all!

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Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Sara Harbert, Lachlan O’Connor-Hudson, Saskia Truter, Cherie Gourlay, Casey Grant, Phoenix Miller, Jy Mawer-Smith, Liesl Rayner. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Tolerance’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Compassion’.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Liam Sullivan, Jarrah Noel-Macpherson, Riley Andrew, Somaiya Harriden, Kayla Gardner, Adam Harbert, Amelia Cree, Jackson Spinaze and Danielle Krongold. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

5/6 P in Room 1B won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Marisa Zantey and Charli Berger are both delighted that their classroom won the winning trophy this week!

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Dimitee Taylor is delighted that her classroom won the winning trophy this week!

2/3 B in Room 10 won the Yard Duty Competition Trophy. Jossalyn Boxall and Lachlan Taylor were very happy to collect the winning trophy this week!

Well done Lachlan Taylor, Hannah-Rose Simmonds, Claudia Carrick and Jesse Carter who each received a ‘Positive Behaviour’ Raffle Award. Well done, everyone!
Did you hear Jackson Spinaze read at assembly this week? We did! He did a wonderful job! Come along and see who reads next week.

Happy Birthday to Alisha Shukri, Charli Berger, Zahra Kelly, Stephanie Bennett, Elijah Zantey, Matthew Munn and Ronan Sullivan who are all having their birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

The School Canteen is open for Lunch Orders again this term. Each and every Friday students can order lunches from the school canteen. The menu will be different each week. Please see the term’s menu in recent newsletters.

This week
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls $1.00 each or 3 for $2.50
Chocolate or Strawberry milk - $2.00
Apple & Orange Juice $1.50

Walk to school: Yesterday all our students participated in a walking activity in the school grounds. They were also each given a show bag, courtesy of the Mitchell Shire. They had a great time and hopefully they can continue to enjoy walking and the benefits it offers.

Mystery bags: Thanks to everyone who has returned bags filled with goodies for our mystery bag stall at the Family Fun day. We appreciate all support and the stall is always very popular. More bags are available at the office. Enjoy your week.

Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD
Melba continues to stretch its lead! Well done all students who have recently received a ticket for positive behaviour.

CURRENT SCORES
Melba- 165 points
Hume- 151 points
Bradman- 147 points
Chisholm- 137 points

On Monday the 3rd of November, the Year 1/2 students from Mr Itter’s class, Year 1/2 students from Mrs Itter’s class and the Year 2 students from Mrs Dixon’s class will be performing a short song during the regular Monday Morning Assembly.
Our Prep-Year 2 students went for a community walk last week and visited the Military Police and the Fire Station. What did they think?

The Military Police have police cars and trucks. They catch bad guys that aren't doing the speed limit. They have beds and bathrooms at the police station. **By Hamish Kenny**

The siren was very loud. They had walkie talkies. I said 'hello'. On the top of the car there was a blue and red siren. **By Amelia Cree**

We went for a walk to the MP's. We went in the Fire Station and we saw lots of computers. Then we went out to the car and the MP's talked to us about the cars. **By Joel Simmonds**

A man dressed up to show us how they look when they are in the fire suits. He wore a helmet. **By Sophie Van der Waal**

I did the stop, drop and roll and my hat was sideways. There were red and blue mattresses. **By Koby Leak**

I got to watch people spray the hose and two of the hoses made a shield. We stayed until it was lunchtime. **By Landon Scott**

At the Fire Station you need a hose. When there is fire in the house, you need to get down low and go go go. **By Lake Robertson**

My dad is a Military Policeman. He is telling us about his work. My Dad is at work. We also went to the Fire Station. **By Stephanie Bennett**

The Fireman has a special top and pants and face mask and tools and gloves and helmet. **By Hamish Petty**

Fire Station - Get down low and go, go, go. Stop, drop and roll. We got to have a turn of the hose and it went fast and long and it was fun. **By Layla Chivers**
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 3 & 6**

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop writing skills with a focus on the vowels and the ‘sh’ blend. We are also writing sentences with finger spaces and using initial sounds. We are writing at least one to three sentences in our diaries each week.

**Numeracy:** We will be continuing work on subtraction. We are also looking at measuring using hands, feet and bricks.

**Junior School – Year 1s  Rooms 3, 8 & 9**

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and the students are beginning their work on how to write a report. We are looking at verbs and their usage in sentences.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at skip counting, calculators and subtraction along with volume and capacity.

**Junior School – Year 2s  Rooms 8, 9 & 10**

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and the students are beginning their work on how to write a report. We are looking at verbs and their usage in sentences. We are also focusing on apostrophes for contractions and possessions.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at skip counting, calculators and subtraction along with volume and capacity.

**Middle School - Years 3/4  Rooms 10, 11 & 13**

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on poetry. We will also be focusing on punctuation.

**Numeracy:** We will be continuing with Numeracy Testing. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

**Senior School - Years 5/6  Rooms 1A&1B**

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, students will have a choice regarding genres. We will also focus on changing past to present tense.

In reading we will be focusing on fluency and expression while also identifying key words and phrases during note taking.

**Numeracy:** We will revise place value (including decimals), processes, fractions, decimals and percentages along with Numeracy Testing. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

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**Well Done, Joe!**

One of our Year 4 students, Joe Gilmour loves to draw cartoons. His peers and teachers all agree that he is very talented. Do you like his cartoon below? We do!
An invitation is extended to all parents of Pre School and Primary School children and members of the community to attend our Family Fun Day.

When: Wednesday 12th November, 2014  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Puckapunyal Primary School

Since 1998 we have been holding a Family Picnic Day at the school with parents bringing lunch to share with their children in a family atmosphere.

* At 1.00 pm parents, students and teachers will meet on the bank near the oval and eat lunch together.
* There will be a Sausage Sizzle available on the day as well. Below are the pre order forms.

* The SRC students will set up a variety of games and activities on the oval and the asphalt areas for families, teachers and students to enjoy. They will go ahead after lunch at about 1:30 p.m. Examples of the activities are - egg & spoon races, sack races, 3 legged races, horse shoe throwing, vortex throwing, cricket, skipping, bubbles and lots of others.

*As well, the school will present the wonderful Art Show (admission free). From 1:00 p.m. – 6:30pm the entire school corridor will be open for visitors to see the magnificent student art work on display. Families will have the opportunity to purchase their child’s art work for a gold coin donation per art work. Over many years, it has been a great success so please come along and join in the fun!

* We will also conduct the annual Fun Run. The Fun Run will start at 2.45pm. Parents are encouraged to join their children for the Fun Run. We will also provide a free icy pole to all students, parents and visitors who join in the Fun Run.

Please come along and spend your afternoon enjoying time with your children.

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**FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ LUNCH**

To celebrate our Family Fun Day which is Wednesday 12th of November we are holding a BBQ lunch. Anyone interested in participating please pre order by returning your completed form (with money) by Friday the 7th of November.

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Student Name: __________________________ Room Number: ______

On Thursday 11th December, our Year 6 students will attend their graduation night - the Valedictory Dinner. All Year 6 students will need to arrive at the PC Centre by 6:00 p.m. to begin their night with a Dinner. All parents are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. for the Graduation Ceremony after dinner. We do not have the room for siblings and other family friends to come along as well. Please appreciate our request or it will be too crowded to proceed.

**TIMELINE:**
- 6.00pm Students are expected to arrive at Pitman-Coffey Centre
- 6.30pm meal
- 7.30pm Parents arrive - presentations followed by dancing

**Cost:** The cost for the dinner is $25. Payment is due by Thursday 4th December.

**Please Note:** All Year 6 students are to bring a 2 litre bottle of soft drink for serving at dinner on the night. The bottle needs to be at school leading up to the night.

**Awards to be presented at the Valedictory Dinner:**
- Year 6 Valedictorian
- 4 Student Bursaries
- Sporting Award
- Achievement Award
- Striving for Excellence Award
- Mitchell Shire Citizenship Award
- Lion’s Club Community Award

All students seem very excited about the big night. Good luck to all Year 6 students. We hope they all enjoy the occasion.

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On Saturday 8th November, we have organised a School Working Bee. We have many outside jobs that need doing around the school and we need help from our school community. The Working Bee will begin from 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day (hopefully finished by lunchtime).

The Working Bee is an opportunity for families to help. Without your help these improvements will not be able to go ahead in 2014. Over the last few years we have had fantastic support during our working bees. Jobs are listed below. Please mark the day on your calendar!

**Job No 1.** Amphitheatre needs sweeping and tidying up
**Job No 2.** Old play equipment needs checking and fixing
**Job No 3.** Garden Bed weeding
**Job No 4.** Mowing and whipper snipping
**Job No 5.** Roof gutters need cleaning
**Job No 6.** Asphalt and gutters swept and cleared
**Job No 7.** Veggie garden work
**Job No 8.** Chainsawing dangerous trees branches
**Job No 9.** Clean sand pits

Please return the attendance slip below to indicate that you can come and what job you would like to help with.

The more people there, the better the chance to be completely finished by lunchtime. Even if you can only attend for an hour or so please do. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

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**Working Bee Attendance Slip**

Yes, I/we can attend the Working Bee on **Saturday 8th November, 2014.**

Name - ____________________________________________________________

I would like to help with Job No ___.

Tools I can bring ____________________________________________________

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MILO Cricket

MILO Cricket is returning to Puckapunyal from 29 Oct 14 – 17 Dec 14, giving local boys and girls lots of new skills like batting, bowling, catching and throwing, as well as important social skills allowing them to make new friends and most importantly – have fun.

Where: Puckapunyal Cricket Club
When: Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Ages: 5 – 12 years
Cost: $70

To register head to www.in2reg.cricket.com.au and search for the club using the Puckapunyal postcode (3662)
Payment can be made online when registering OR in cash on the 29 OCTOBER 2014 (please note MILO packs should arrive on the 5 November)

For further information contact Grant Gripske 0404893971 / Margaret Gripske 0407164640.

Puckapunyal Cricket Club is proud to be supporting MILO Cricket for the community.

On the 31st of October to help celebrate Halloween, there will be Trick or Treating around the camp for the kids. It will be from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, and if you would like to hand out lollies to all the ‘trick or treaters’, please put balloons on your post box. There is also a Halloween party at the PDNC afterwards 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Tickets: $5 (members pre book), $10 (non-members & on the night).
See last week’s flyer for details.
**Mister Bud** stays up all night chewing and licking a “Hot Spot” on his coat. In the morning, Mr Bud has to wear the Cone. He and Zorro try to remove it to no avail! Zorro starts to cause trouble and makes life very difficult for Mr Bud…

**Text:** Mr Bud Wears The Cone  
**Author and Illustrator:** Carter Goodrich  
**Learning Intention:** To explore speech in the text.  
**Measure of Success:** I have created a conversation between the two characters using speech bubbles and talking marks.

Enjoy reading every day and see if you can read some other books written and illustrated by Carter Goodrich!!

Mrs Challis  
Library teacher

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**Feel Like a Sausage in Bread?**

**Puckapunyal Child Care** are holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Woolworths in Seymour this Saturday (1st November) from 10am-4pm.  
If you're in town on Saturday, head on over to Woollies and buy a sausage and support Pucka’s kids!