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

At 1.00 pm parents, students and teachers will meet at the amphitheatre and on the bank near the oval and eat lunch together.

* Each class 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.

* There will also be Mystery Bags on sale at $3. You must get in quick for them as they go like hot cakes!

* 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. Fun Run sponsorship forms were sent home along with this newsletter. There are prizes to be won for students who collect sponsorship. 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 our children.

EARLY EDITION  
Due to the Family Fun Day on Wednesday, we thought an early edition of this week’s newsletter was appropriate.

***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 190-195 nights.  
Well done if you have kept up!
Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Matthew Jenkinson, Harrison Bruhn, Jaye McFarlane, Riley Wallace, Riley Berger, Amy Franks, Shelby Marston, Connor Claassen and Daniel Allen. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Reliability’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Excellence’.

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Charlie Gilmour, Lauren Gourlay, Shontay Wicks, Tyla Hermann, Rhiannon Jagers, Naomi Pennycook, Tea-Rose Porter, Dominic Plessey and Emily Gourlay. 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. Casey Grant is delighted that her classroom won the winning trophy this week!

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

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

Congratulations to Rhiannon Jagers, Max Chetcuti, Haikal Shukri and Will Hastie who each won a ‘Positive Behaviour’ Raffle Prize. Well done, kids!

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Chelsey Turpin and Abby Williams 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

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mrs. Franks and our Years 5/6 students for a very thoughtful Remembrance Day service today. The choir also did a great job singing for the occasion. It is always lovely to be able to mark these special days with such respect within our school and community. Thanks also to the families who joined us for the service.

School Canteen

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
Hot Dogs - $2.50
Chocolate or Strawberry milk - $2.00
Apple & Orange Juice - $1.50

Did you hear Olivia Scotman read at assembly this week? We did! She did a wonderful job! Come along and see who reads next week.

Mystery bags: Thanks to everyone who supported this stall. We have a wonderful school community….and the students loved getting their mystery bags!

Used uniform: For all families, but particularly our families leaving us; we can always use second hand uniform, so when it’s no longer any use to you, it’s of use to us! Thank you!

Enjoy your week.
Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide.

Years 3/4 Bike Ride

Due to the success of the Years 5/6 Bike Ride, we have decided to give our Years 3/4 students an opportunity to participate in a 1 Day Bike Ride. The ride will take place on Wednesday 10th December, therefore will only involve the students who are still here. They will ride approximately 25-30 kms or so. From now on, we encourage all Years 3/4 students to begin some training a couple of times per week. They will need to discuss this with their mums and dads. Stay tuned for more information. We will also be looking for parents to participate too!

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- 228 points
Hume- 220 points
Bradman- 201 points
Chisholm- 193 points

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Thank you to all the wonderful staff, parents and family members who attended our School Working Bee on Saturday. Lots of jobs were completed and the school yard looks fantastic! We really appreciate the time and energy people put in on these occasions for the benefit of all students.

Our fantastic 26 Years 5/6 Bike Riders received their certificates at assembly on Monday. They are the students who rode 170kms on the Great Victorian Rail Trail recently. Well done, kids!

Can Collection has finished for 2014. No more cans to school for recycling until 2015. Thank you to all families who recycled cans in 2014. We appreciate your help.

At each Monday Morning Assembly the students are reminded about some of the school rules. We like to print them in each week’s newsletter so that parents can discuss these rules with their children to ensure full understanding.

These rules were read out by SRC representatives, Jordan Haywood and Abby Chetcuti.

- Move quietly through the corridor.
- Play equipment is not a place to play chasey.
- Play safely on the equipment.
- Shelter shed and amphitheatre seats are for sitting on, not jumping on.

At assembly this week Excellence was announced as our School Value of the week. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Excellence’ 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 Excellence? Year 5 student, Ethan Sharp read out the meaning of Excellence.

‘Excellence is giving your absolute best to any task you do.
When you practise excellence, you are not trying to be better than anyone else, just the very best that you can be.’
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 ‘ch’ blend. We are also writing sentences with finger spaces and using initial sounds. We are writing about our excursion to Jet’s Gym and Kids Town.

**Numeracy:** We will be working on days of the week revision and clocks.

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

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and writing reports. We are looking at verbs and adjectives and their usage in sentences.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at fractions (halves and quarters), time and calendars.

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

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and writing reports. We are looking at verbs and adjectives and their usage in sentences.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at fractions (halves, quarters and eighths), time and calendars.

**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 editing.

**Numeracy:** We will be revising the four processes and rounding numbers. 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 occupations.

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 revision of concepts according to student needs. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

**HELP** ...Mrs Dixon is on the hunt for 22 long sleeved white shirts that could be used as lab coats. If you know of any, or have one in your house that you wouldn’t mind the students using for 5 weeks please see Mrs Dixon.
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
- Academic Excellence Awards
- Striving for Excellence Award
- Quiet Achiever 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.

**DRESS:** We remind families that it is a primary school function and that school council expects that we keep the dress code ‘neat and casual’. We do not want students away from school attending hair dressers, or having formal dress/suit fittings. We also need to remind students that our school policy of not wearing make-up to school and school functions still applies.

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**Christmas Twilight Market**

18th December 2014
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Chittick Park

Supporting local farmers, producers, crafters, home businesses, Community Groups, Small Business, Play Groups welcome! Indoor and Outdoor sites available.

**Site Fee $15 Contact Sarah 0427203395**

**Stocking Stuffers, Home Made Gifts, Hampers, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Kids Crafts, and a special visit by Santa.**

**Site Fee/Entry profits donated to the community.**

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Some liquids are thin, others are thick. Some are heavy, some are light, some form solids and others cause chemical reactions. You can make liquids behave in magical ways by doing the experiments in this book.

**Text:** Liquid Magic Science Club  
**Author:** Philip Watson  
**Illustrator:** Elizabeth Wood & Ronald Fenton  
**Learning Intention:** To explore science equipment required for experiments.  
**Measure of Success:** I have created a list of equipment required for experiments. Other books in this Science Club series are Amazing Air, Light Fantastic and Super Motion. Enjoy reading more non-fiction texts about science and try some experiments of your own. Have fun!!  

Mrs Challis  
Library teacher

At assembly on Monday, Amelia Cree spoke about one of her favourite books that she borrowed from the school library. She also showed her library bag that she uses to look after her books. Thanks, Amelia!
'On the bus I had a tablet. It was spicy. At Kidstown there was a big slide. It was fun! I fell asleep and it was a short sleep. I liked it.' By Hamish Kenny Room 6

'We went to Kidstown and Jets Gym. At Jests Gym I jumped in to foam. We went under a big mat. Then we went back to school.' By Isaac Johnstone Room 6

'We went to Kidstown. There is a cow maze. Then we went to Jets Gym. At Jets Gym we jumped in a pit of foam. Then we went home. Then we hopped off the bus.' By Matthew Jenkinson Room 6

'We went to Shepparton to go to Kidstown and Isaac sat next to me. Matthew and Amber were behind us. Mrs. O’Meara gave us a mint and it was spicy. I fell asleep when we were going back to school and Isaac didn’t go to sleep. Kidstown is very big and fun. By Olivia Scotman Room 6

'We went on a bus excursion to Shepparton. We went to Kidstown. I had lots of fun at Kidstown. After we played at Kidstown, we went on the bus to Jets Gym. I had a lot of fun at Jets Gym.' By Joel Simmonds Room 6

'We went to Shepparton an a bus. The slides were the best. There was a maze. A big ball was chasing us. Then we went to Jets Gym. We got a tattoo and we got a balloon. It was a fun day.' By Sophie Van der Waal Room 6