From the Classroom
Both classes have begun the year with science topics related to Biology. The JP class is learning about living and non-living things, while the UP class is learning about the desert and the plants and animals that can survive there. We hope to visit Cleland Wildlife Park later in the term to support the work we are doing in this area of the curriculum.

Best wishes to Suzi
Suzi has been out this week having an eye operation. We wish her all the very best for a speedy recovery and thank Elyse Edwards for filling in for Suzi in her absence.

Mid Murray Council Bushfire Recovery
The Mid Murray Council is working with the State Recovery Office to provide support for families in the district that have been affected by the recent bushfires. Attached to this newsletter is a Fact Sheet with information that may be useful to you if you are requiring help of some sort at this difficult time.

DECD changes
There have been some organisational changes to the Education Department this year. Palmer Primary School is now in a region known as Murraylands instead of the Murray and Mallee. As a result we are now linked with a slightly different group of schools and our new Regional Education Director is Frank Mittiga. He will be based at the Murraylands Regional Office in Murray Bridge.
On Tuesday night all local principals met with him to discuss the changes and to put together a plan for our region.

Shadecover
Our playground’s shadecover has now been erected. It looks very good and provides excellent cover for the playground area. Please have a look when you are around the school.

Helping at School
We welcome all help at the school. If you have some time to spare and would like to come in, please call in to see us. All volunteers are required to complete a Criminal History Screening. All costs for this are covered by the school.

Swimming Lessons
Please remember that swimming lessons are in Week 4, (17th-21st Feb.). Please make sure all notes and payment are returned to school soon.

Have a great weekend and take care! Regards, Lynne