Palmer Primary School

B.E.A.R Essential

Celebrating our Learning from Term 1

Being responsible  Excellence  Always trying  Respect
A Message from Lynne...

I cannot believe we are already preparing for the holiday break and winding up Term One.

It has been very exciting moving into the area of exploring Powerful Learning and already we can see the difference in the attitudes of some students who are talking about their capacity to grow and change as learners. This work has been strengthened by our work with other schools.

It was also very pleasing to meet with so many of you during weeks 8 and 9 for Parent/Teacher/Student meetings. These meetings are invaluable from the school’s perspective because they provide us with the opportunity to work as partners with you in your child’s development.

We have enjoyed sports clinics, performances and swimming.
We are looking forward to camp at the end of Week 3 and
Have a safe, holiday!

Regards, Lynne

Kiwanis T.E.R.R.I.F.I.C Kids Awards

At the end of Term 4, 2014, Jett Driscoll & Robbie Wilcock were chosen as recipients for the TERRIFIC Kids awards. They had demonstrated all of the qualities needed. (Thoughtfulness, Enthusiasm, Respect, Responsibility, Inclusivity, Friendliness, Inquisitiveness and Capability. Congratulations to these students.

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In week 2, Daniel from the Sturt football club visited us for a coaching clinic. He taught us some of the basic skills in AFL, including kicking and handballing and we even got to have a go at bumping the tackle bag. Some of us even won prizes for our listening skills, participation and knowledge. We had lots of fun.
This term we have been using the focus of the 2015 Book Week theme of Bridges to fuel our Arts practice. We have viewed a variety of bridges and looked at some of their characteristics, including the use of arches and strong foundations. We then had to manipulate our bodies into different styles of bridges, individually and with a partner.
Junior Primary – Getting to Know You

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Erin, Thanous, Jade, Toby and Caitlin into our JP family. We did some activities to help us get to know a little about each other to form the relationships we need to work together as a team for the year ahead.

Junior Primary Maths

All of our maths groups have started working through the pivotal concepts taught in the Number and Algebra strand. Some of the skills taught include counting sequences, number recognition, place value, expanded notation, mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction.
Junior Primary Bridges (Drama)

To continue along the bridge theme we have read the fairy tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We described the characteristics of the body language, facial expressions and verbal styles of each of the characters. We had to become the characters and even re-enact the story in different styles using cooperative work.

Upper Primary English

In English we have been looking at narratives and expositions. The focus was on making our writing creative and descriptive to enable the reader to visualise our narratives.
Junior Primary History

Using our new Atlases, this term we have been looking at Australia and the wider world. We have found the states and territories within Australia and the land divisions of the world (continents). We then looked at how we are all connected to different parts of Australia and the world, eg through travel, relatives or previous homes.

OPAL PERFORMANCE

In Week 6 we went over to Mannum to be involved in the OPAL performance of Maximum Power Show. They used a combination on drama, magic tricks, comedy and film animation to send the message of a healthy lifestyle that incorporates healthy eating, regular exercise and good sleep patterns.
Junior Primary Geography

We have been using our own personal experiences to fuel our Geography topic this term. We have drawn labelled diagrams of a place which is special to each of us. We then had to describe ways in which we can care for our place. We located our place using Google Maps and also represented it by creating a LEGO model to share with the class.
Our writing topics this term have included Narratives and Recounts. We were able to unleash our creativity in writing a story demonstrating the structure of orientation, complication, events, resolution and ending. Each story is unique and imaginative.

We also published recounts about our week of swimming lessons at Woodside in week 4. Each student perceived their experience differently and recalled a variety of activities and skills they learnt.
Clean Up Australia Day
On Friday 6th March, we took part in the Clean Up Australia project by removing litter from the streets of Palmer. Decked out in gloves, hats and with bags provided, we collected a range of recyclables and rubbish. This activity supports our Environmental Education and Civics and Citizenship curriculum.

A big thankyou to Karin Lawson, Karen Wilcock and Emma Kelly who helped us on the day.

Junior primary Maths Investigations
On Fridays we have challenged ourselves with open ended maths tasks requiring problem solving and maths strategy. These lessons complement the explicit learning that students undertake in other parts of their numeracy work during the week.

Below are two examples of the work Erin and Jade did when they were showing what they knew about the numbers to ten and their order.

They were given a box of straws and some masking tape.
The Upper Primary class has been working on number strategies in Maths during Term 1. We have been looking at the four operations and how they affect fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also completed the investigation ‘Lengthy Leaps’. The students were required to measure their horizontal jump after different lengths of run ups, then find the length of run up that will give them the optimal length of jump.
Cricket Clinic

In week 6, Steve, who is involved in the MILO In2Cricket, came and held a cricket clinic to support us in experiencing the skills of the game in a fun, activity based manner. These clinics will be conducted in a series of 4 sessions.
Palmer Primary School students entered the Mannum show again this year.

We entered exhibits in art, cookery and dolls.

We also displayed examples of student work in our whole school exhibit.

Congratulations to Erin Henderson, James Lawson, Charlotte Bormann, Ben Hunt, Gwendolyn van Zwol, Dane Preston, Robbie Wilcock, Bailey Rasmus, Madi Cook-Palm, Kayla Colmer, Korey Betts, Jackie Hunt and Tamzin Bormann who all won awards for their efforts.
Upper Primary Science
The Science topic for this term is *Plants in Action*. The class is looking at the stages of the life cycle of a plant and the characteristics that they have that differ from other living things.

Upper Primary SLC
The Upper Primary class has been learning about what a growth mindset is and how it affects our learning. Four students from the class went to Murray Bridge for the day to learn more about what it means to have a growth mindset rather than fixed, and report their findings back to the other students.
This term we experienced the Mid Murray Council's Create a Playground. This innovative playground equipment encourages learning, social development, movement and fun. This unstructured free play aims at developing students' intellectual, social, physical and emotional skills while enhancing their imagination.

Upper Primary Health

In Health, the students have been looking at the affects that a growth mindset has on our learning and how much we are able to achieve. The students chose five quotes relating to growth mindsets and success that they could relate to and used these to make a PowerPoint.
Our focus in Science this term has been about ‘Weather in my world’. We have looked at how it affects our work and leisure activities. We have learn about how it influences what we wear and the things we do. Severe weather can have serious impacts on our community and it important that we learn about predicting the weather.

Here are some photos of our activities related to weather watching.