Palmer Primary School

B.E.A.R Essential

Celebrating our Learning from Term 1

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

What an amazing and busy term one we have had!

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of term one already! Students and teachers alike have worked so hard throughout the term and have many wonderful learning achievements to be proud of. I am so proud of each and every student here at Palmer Primary School and their absolute dedication to their learning.

As this is my first term as Principal here, and considering what a positive and successful term we have had, it is impossible to select one single highlight for the term. I will, however, highlight some of the wonderful experiences from this term: swimming week at Woodside, Port Power visit, painting our school’s ‘Friendship bench’, Opal’s health expo at Collier park, finishing the term off with a bang during our ‘Science Showcase’, just to name a few!

With such an action-packed first term, I can only imagine what the rest of the year is going to look like! I would like to sincerely thank Katie, Katrina, Meagan, Kris, Don and Faye for their absolute commitment to Palmer Primary School, to the wonderful parents/caregivers for their ongoing support and finally, to the most amazing students of Palmer Primary School, I am truly the luckiest Principal on Earth, and I could not be more proud of you all....

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

At the end of Term 1, 2016, Lily Harvey and Erin Henderson 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.
FOOTBALL CLINIC WITH PORT POWER
Year R-2 Swimming

In week 4 our school went to the Woodside Pool for a week of swimming lessons. Luckily we had beautiful weather. Our instructor was Cath and she helped to build our confidence in the water and taught us many new skills, including floating, rescues and swimming strokes.
Year 3-7 Swimming

We practised several different swimming styles and survival skills. We learnt different dives and found the swimming in our everyday clothes challenging. On Friday we enjoyed playing on the mats and doing the Chicken Dance and YMCA.
CRICKET CLINIC

WITH STEVE KAVANAGH FROM ADELAIDE STRIKERS!!
Mannum Show Art Work

It was great to see our Palmer students displaying their many talents by entering a piece of artwork into the Mannum Show. We had many winners in our age brackets, as well as prizes for the colouring-in competition. Congratulations to all our students for the effort they put into presenting their work!

During our History unit we have been discovering our family connections and who we are related to. We have realised that everyone has different size and family structures, including step family and half family members. Our family trees have varied greatly in complexity and size.
This term our main focus has been Narrative writing. The students were provided with a story presented in illustrations only, with their goal to record the text for it. They had to choose 3 events from the story to use. We then made puppets and backdrops and made our stories into short films of ‘The Snowman’.

Our focus for English has been writing narratives that are descriptive. We were given a specific noun, verb and adjective that had to feature in our stories. We also looked at metaphors, similes and personification and tried to include these.
"ALL ABOARD PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL BUS"
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JUNIOR PRIMARY
In our German language lessons we have learnt many greetings, including how to ask each other how we feel, counting to 20 and sharing information about ourselves. It’s great to see the students incorporating this language in everyday exchanges.

UPPER PRIMARY
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Junior Primary Maths
This term we have started using a Natural Maths approach to our learning, where we investigate our concepts in order to gain our own understanding and strategies for learning. This has been a thinking curve for many of us as we have to change our approach to maths. We have been discovering place value, addition and subtraction.

Upper Primary Maths
In maths we have been looking at the different strategies that we can use for solving problems. We designed our own house plans, and used different multiplicative strategies to work out how much it would cost to put different flooring in the rooms.
As part of classroom sharing, Mrs Duits takes the whole school for weekly Health lessons. We have been learning about healthy eating: the national guidelines of the food circle, the benefits of each food group and how many serves of each we should eat daily.
In PE we have been focusing on teamwork and catching. We have been playing games related to cricket to practice these.

This term in science we have developed our understanding in the area of matter and the properties of matter. We have conducted various experiments including making erupting volcanoes, lava lamps, balloon rockets just to name a few. Students have loved developing their ‘inquisitive’ side and we look forward to learning more in the areas of the physical and biological sciences next term.
Whole School - Easter Basket Making
UPPER PRIMARY

In our art this term we looked at onomatopoeia. This is when the formation of a word is made by the imitation of a sound, such as in comics. We talked about how we visualise the sound to look when it is written as a word and made our own that we thought would suit the action for when this sound would be made.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Students had the chance to do some art work with Communities for Children that represented ‘What was important to them’. Their masterpieces were then put in the draw against other schools from around the area to be selected for the 2017 Family Calendar.

During our PSC meetings, students raised the topic of wanting a ‘Friendship Bench’. The idea behind this is that if ever a student finds themselves without someone to play with, they can sit on the friendship bench and students will see that a student is looking for someone to play with. We would like to sincerely thank Anthony and Emily Bland’s grandparents, John and Bernie Howell, for generously making and donating our friendship bench. We have all had a wonderful time painting our friendship bench bright and colourful and it will be a welcome addition to our yard next term.

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