Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Can you believe we are at the end of week three already? What an amazing start to the year it has been, with so many wonderful learning experiences happening already. I have enjoyed spending time with the wonderful students here at Palmer PS, and appreciate their drive and passion for learning. It is these positive mindsets that will provide students with the skills to be successful lifelong learners.

Acquaintance Night and AGM

Thank you to all our families who attended our Acquaintance night last Wednesday. It was a great turn out, and students loved showing their families their classrooms and their work. A big thank you to all families who brought a salad to share for our BBQ. Following the BBQ we held our 2016 Annual General Meeting which was well attended by parents and caregivers. It was wonderful welcoming so many new members to the Palmer Governing Council which now consist of the following members:

- Jo Bland—Chairperson
- Faye Jenke—Assistant Chairperson
- Cate Hunt—Secretary
- Kylie Munro—Assistant Secretary
- Graham Hunt—Finance/Treasurer
- Inala Preston—Community Association
- Linda Van Zwol—Council member
- Eunice Rodgers—Council member
- Kellie Klose
- Lauren Poole

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 3:30 pm.
Swimming

Students are very excited to be starting swimming lessons at Woodside next week. A big thank you to those who have returned all forms including the ‘transport in a private vehicle’ form. I have looked at prices for hiring a bus for one or more days for swimming next year and Governing Council will be discussing this during our meeting next Tuesday afternoon. I sincerely thank all the parents/caregivers who have volunteered to drive to Woodside for this year and allowing all students to access this great learning opportunity.

Please remember the following items for next week:
* Bathers      * Towel       * Hat       * Sunscreen       * Drink       * Lunch

Junior Primary students will be swimming for 45 minutes from 11:15-12:00, Primary students will have the full 90 minute lessons from 11:15 – 12:45pm. We will be leaving Palmer PS at 10:00 am each morning and return to school by 2:00 pm.

Lateness

Every morning, teachers complete their class roll book as a record of daily attendance, which is a legal requirement for all schools. If for any reason your child arrives after 9:00 am, please come to the front office and sign-in using the yellow book before bringing your child to the classroom. This way we are able to record attendance and lateness accurately and ensure that all students are accounted for. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Palmer Student Council

Last Monday, all students participated in the Palmer Student Council elections. It is with great pride that I announce the following students and their positions within the PSC:

- Jett Driscoll—Chairperson
- Jackie Hunt—Deputy Chairperson
- Sam Munro—Junior Class Chairperson
- Dane Preston—Junior Class Deputy Chairperson
- Bailey Rasmus—Secretary
- Anthony Bland—Treasurer
- Ben Hunt—Speaker
- Emily Bland—Publicity Officer

Students have already started making important decisions about making our school the absolute best it can be, and next week’s newsletter will contain a brief introduction from our PSC officers.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Technology room during week 7 of this term. Students can view the books for sale on Tuesday and create their ‘wish list’. Books can be purchased on Thursday, April 17 from 2:30 pm.

Kind regards,
Lauren