Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Reminder—School Closure Tomorrow

Just a friendly reminder that tomorrow is a school closure day, which is the same as Murray Bridge High School. I hope you all enjoy an extra long weekend.

Book Week Celebrations

This week we celebrated book week, with a story being read every morning and a very busy morning today. We welcomed many different characters to Palmer Primary School, including some pirates, superheroes, Glenda the good witch, a convict, Star Wars characters, a minion, a lawn bower and Edward Scissor hands just to name a few. We walked around the block showing off our lovely costumes and then came back for a short parade and then students performed three plays based on three Book Week shortlisted books. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many families and community members come and support our students in the celebration of reading.

Students performing their play based on ‘And the band played Waltzing Matilda’

Students performing their play based on ‘Mr Huff’

Students performing their play based on ‘Ride Ricardo, Ride!’

Please be aware that from 8:30 onwards in the morning, and from 3:15 pm onwards, students are often crossing Olive Grove Avenue to get to their parent/caregiver’s car, or come to school. It is extremely important that the 25km/hour speed limit is followed to ensure the safety of everyone—students and their families. Thank you for your support in this important matter.
Book Week Quiz

Enclosed with this newsletter is a short book week quiz, based on the three shortlisted books we have enjoyed over the last few weeks. If you could please complete it with your child/ren, write your family name and return to the front office, we will be drawing one entry next Friday, September 9, and the winner will receive a gift card to purchase a book of their choice. Good luck :)

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are very excited to announce that every student has successfully completed the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is an amazing effort and I would like to congratulate each student and their families for supporting them in achieving this goal. This is also very exciting because we have not had 100% student completion rate for Palmer Primary School in the past—let’s hope we can continue this trend next year! I have certainly enjoyed reading many of the PRC books, especially with the JP class every Friday. Student awards and medals will arrive during term four and we will be holding a special assembly to present these.

Interviews

I would like to remind everyone that interviews are available during week eight and nine of this term. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s mid-year report with their class teacher and myself, discuss assessments including NAPLAN (for students in years 3, 5 and 7) PAT testing and both formative and summative assessments that occur everyday. Notes will be sent home next week with interview times, please complete and return to the office asap so that your preferred times can be arranged. As always, we are also available outside of these times to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

Advance Notice—Deutsch Tag (German Day) Wednesday September 28

On Wednesday of week ten we will be having our termly showcase day—but this time it will take place in Hahndorf. We hope to have as many families join us for ‘Deutsch Tag’ (German Day). This is a chance for students to put their learning of German language into context as we participate in a bit of a hunt across Hahndorf. Students and families will search for clues and visit different places in Hahndorf and develop their confidence in speaking the German language—deutsche. We would really love as many families as possible to join us for this fun day. More information about this will follow, this is just advance notice for families to keep the date free if possible.

Parents in Education (PIE week) 12-15 September

Please read the information regarding a free seminar on ‘understanding the mysterious world of teens’ held in Murray Bridge on September 13. Parents in Education week highlights the importance of parents and schools working together to support our young people, and I would like to thank you all for your continued support of your child/ren as they continue their learning journey.

Kind regards and have a wonderful Father’s Day,