Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Well here we are at the end of week nine already! It has been such a busy term, and I am so proud of the students and staff for all of their hard work and dedication!

New SunSmart Regulations

During last week’s Governing Council meeting, we discussed the new regulations for being accredited as a SunSmart School. The Cancer Council have released new information stating that “the average UV levels are 3 and above during the months of August to April inclusive. In response to the latest data and the new position statement, Cancer Council SA now recommends implementing a sun protection policy during terms 1, 3 and 4.” (Cancer Council SA 2016) As a result of this new recommendation, Governing Council approved the amended SunSmart policy, stating that students must wear a sunsafe hat (bord rimmed or bucket hat) when playing outside during recess, lunch and P.E during terms 1,3 and 4. Students will continue to monitor the UV levels every morning during term two and students will wear hats when the UV rating is 3 or above. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Science Showcase Afternoon

We have decided to have a ‘showcase day’ once a term. This term, it has been decided to showcase the wonderful learning that has been occuring during science lessons. On Thursday afternoon of week 11, students will be setting up the oval with a variety of ‘science stations’ and conducting their own experiments and demonstrations to highlight some of the scientific understandings they have developed this term. We would really love as much community support as possible for this afternoon, and hope that you will participate in some of the experiments students re conducting. We invite you all to attend from 2:15 onwards on Thursday, April 14. To finish the day, there will be our first fundraiser: The Ultimate Pie Challenge. More information about this is continued over the page.
Fun 4 YOUth Event here at Palmer PS

We are very excited to announce that Opal will be running a free community event next Tuesday, 5 April 2016 from 2:00 pm onwards. There will be a huge focus on promoting a healthy lifestyle with the smoothie bike and other fun activities for the students of Palmer PS. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to join us for this afternoon.

Rock-a-rama 2016 - April 29 to May 1 2016

Last week you would have received a note asking for your support in the 2016 Rock-a-rama as we will be catering for this event in the hopes of raising funds for our school. I would like to thank those parents and caregivers who have already donated goods, money or committed to volunteer their time during the rock-a-rama. We really appreciate any and all support! If you have not yet returned the form, if you could please do so by this Friday so that we may see if we have enough volunteers for the two nights to go ahead with it, this would be greatly appreciated.

Childhood Cancer’s ‘Ultimate Pie Challenge’

Students have decided to take on ‘The Ultimate Pie Challenge’ this term in hopes of raising money for the Childhood Cancer Association. This involves students collecting gold coin donations, and for every $10 that the school raises, someone will have a ‘pie’ in their face. Please note that as we are not wanting to promote the wastage of food, the ‘pie’ will be made out of cream on a paper plate, as used in the promotional video from the Childhood Cancer Association. You can view several athletes and celebrities participating in the ultimate pie challenge at http://www.ultimatepiechallenge.org.au/ as well as see how the funds raised will be used. It certainly is a worthwhile cause and students are very much looking forward to seeing myself (and hopefully a few eager students) have a ‘pie’ in the face for childhood cancer.

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards 2016

Every year, DECD offer the opportunity to recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by educators across the state, including SSO’s, teachers and leaders. Nominations are made online at http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards/pages/default/nominate/ if you would like to nominate anyone from Palmer PS, or any other site for that matter. Nominations close on April 15. Anyone that is nominated is invited to apply for a professional learning grant. If you would like more information about this, please come and see me.

Kind regards,

Lauren