

Term One Calendar 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30	31	1 February	2	3
2	Iceblock Day	Finance Audit AGM	8	9	10 Newsletter
3	13	14	15	16	17
4	20	21	22	23 Lauren @ Leader's Day	24 Newsletter
	← Swimming Week →				
5	27	28	1 March	2	3
6	Student Free Day Moderation	7	8	9 Primary Leader's PLC	10 Newsletter
7	Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday	14	15	16	17
8	20	21	22 Interviews	23 Lauren out at Leader's day	24 Newsletter
9	27	28	29 Interviews	30 Lauren out at Leader's training & Development	31 Lauren out at Leader's training & Development
10	3	4	5 Interviews	6 Lauren out @ statewide Principal training day	7 Newsletter
11	10	11	12	13 9:00 Assembly 2:15 Dismissal	14 Good Friday Public Holiday



Palmer Primary School

"On the road to success"



Newsletter Term 1 Issue 1 08/02/2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We certainly have 'hit the ground running', with students quickly settling back into their learning with absolute determination, commitment and enthusiasm.

Staff Profile

As you know, we happily welcome back Katrina Duits in the Junior Primary Class Mondays to Thursdays, and Meagan Schild full time in the Upper Class. We also happily welcome back Kellie Klose, Katie Woollard and Kris Hefford as SSO's, Faye Jenke our Pastoral Care Worker back on Tuesdays, and Don Loechel who visits once a week. We welcome Melisa Powell who will be working with students on Fridays in the Junior Class.

Welcome to our new students

We would like to warmly welcome Zara Preston, Isaac Nikolic and Lily Harvey (returning from Alice Springs) this year. We hope that you all find your time here at Palmer Primary School rewarding, happy and memorable. We also extend a warm welcome to their parents and caregivers, and hope that you enjoy being part of the Palmer Primary School Community. We are very pleased to be starting the year with a total enrolment of 28 students, which is significantly higher than this time last year.

Special Announcement

As many of you know, Katrina Duits and her husband Tyson are expecting 'Baby Duits' on the 13th of June. We are very excited for them both, and wish them every happiness as they start this exciting chapter of their lives. The process for backfilling Katrina while she has terms 2-4 off on Maternity leave has begun, and we will be making an announcement on this later on in the term.

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Learning Teams Tally:

Blue Ice	30
White Pipeline	37
Yellow Suns	28

Palmer School 'BEAR' Values:

Being

Responsible

Excellence

Always Trying

Respect

Community Notices

Open Night and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We welcomed many families during our open night, and we would like to sincerely thank all families for coming, and also for those who stayed for the Annual general Meeting (AGM). During our AGM, the following parents were elected to be on council: Jo Bland (Chairperson), Cate Hunt (Secretary), Graham Hunt (Treasurer), Alex Nikolic, Inala Preston (Community Association), Nicole Elix, Linda Van Zwol (Assistant Secretary) as well as Faye Jenke (Assistant Chair). Thank you to all these parents for being involved with the decision making of our fantastic school.

Library upgrade

We are very excited with how fresh and bright our library is looking now, after being repainted and with the great new furniture. We look forward to students spending more time in the library, curling up with their favourite book, or browsing picture books from the new book bays.

Swimming

As you know, swimming week is fast approaching. Kellie has sent out all consent forms relating to this, as well as forms regarding travel to and from swimming. Thank you to all those who have returned these already, and if they could be returned asap we can finalise transport arrangements for all students. We greatly appreciate your support in this.

Year Level Points and Homework

We have now changed the manner of homework set this year. Instead of sending home 'contract' style homework, students are encouraged to select from a range of options that will provide real-life skills, for example helping with dinner or assisting in planning the weekly shopping list. Reading and spelling is still encouraged every night, and we appreciate your support in this.

Year level points are awarded for completing homework tasks, and the learning teams tally will be updated in every fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to check the amount of year level points that your child has achieved, this can be found in their diary, or we also keep a running total in an excel spreadsheet at school.

School Camp

Our whole school camp will be held at Arbury Park Outdoor School from Tuesday the 30th of May until Thursday the 1st of June. The cost of the camp will be approximately \$60, and we will be sending a note home surveying parents about the preferred transport arrangements for this. More information regarding this will follow shortly.

Thanks so much to everyone for supporting our kids in such a settled and positive start to the new year!

Kind regards,
Lauren Poole



Palmer Primary School
is on Facebook!!!

Have you joined our public page... Palmer Primary School?

We also have our closed group—'Palmer Primary School Community Group' for much more information that is just for the closed group members—families and staff only. If you haven't joined yet and need help joining, please see a member of staff to help!!!



COME AND TRY CALISTHENICS!

Does your child like dancing? Come and try Calisthenics at Murray Bridge Calisthenics Club! First 2 lessons free! For more information please contact us at murraybridgecalisthenicsclub.outlook.com, 0498206085 or find us on Facebook!

TINIES

(born in 2014-2010 must be toilet trained) Monday 30th JAN & 6th FEB, 4.30pm-5.30pm at Holy Cross Church Hall.

SUB-JUNIORS

(born in 2009,2008,2007) Tuesday 31st JAN & 7th FEB, 4.30pm-6pm at Holy Cross Church Hall.

JUNIORS

(born in 2006,2005,2004) Monday 30th JAN & 6th FEB 5pm-7pm at the Catholic Parish

INTERS

(born in 2003,2002,2001) Monday 30th JAN & 6th FEB, 7pm-9pm at the Catholic Parish

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE HUB!



3:45PM- 5:30PM: STORKS



6PM-8:15PM: MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN

FRIDAY 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2017

Admission: Gold Coin Donation

All proceeds go toward funding for future youth programs

Food and drinks available

58 Walker Avenue, Mannum
Mannum Community Hub

Please contact the Hub for more information
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