

Term Two Calendar 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	22	23 Governing Council 3:30	24 Murraylands SLC @ MBSPS	25 Lauren @ Partnership Day	26
5	29	30	31	1 June	2
Whole School Camp – Arbury Park Outdoor School					
6	5	6	7	8 Lauren at Numeracy Literacy plus training	9
7	12 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	13	14	15	16
8	19	20 Governing Council 3:30	21	22 Lauren @ Partnership Day	23
9	26	27	28	29	30
10	3 July	4	5	6	7 KIWANIS Assembly 9:05 a.m Early dismissal 2:15 pm



Palmer Primary School

"On the road to success"



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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last Friday, Palmer Primary teaching staff joined other teachers in the Murraylands Partnership at Murray Bridge High School for the first STEM Expo. This was a fantastic opportunity to deepen our understanding of STEM— Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We were treated to several guest speakers, but I particularly loved hearing Minister Susan Close talk about the importance of STEM across all years, and of including genuine, real-world problems to solve across areas of the curriculum. It highlighted for me, the fact that we are already creating some genuine learning opportunities for our students, however as we say to all our students, there is always room to improve! If you have a genuine problem in your current workplace, or can think of a genuine problem that students would like to 'have a go' at solving using inquiry process, please pass this on to myself or your child's class teacher. One example of a genuine, real-world problem, was the issue of carp in the Murray River. There were so many learning opportunities from this issue, so we would be very keen to hear others!

Mr Stink Excursion

I was so very proud of all of our students during last week's excursion to see 'Mr Stink'. There were 11 other schools watching the performance, and the behaviour of our students was exemplary. The feedback from students about the performance was positive, and many students had several giggles throughout the performance.

Arbury Park Camp next week

Camp is now just over a week away, so as you can imagine, the level of excitement at school is quite high! A refresher note will be sent home for students to remind them of what they need to bring to camp with them. Thank you to those parents who have already discussed medication with me, but to those who have any further questions, please come and discuss these before next Wednesday to allow time to organise a doctors note etc if applicable, thank you.

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Blue Ice	279
White Pipeline	332
Yellow Suns	218

'BEAR' Values:

Being
Responsible
Excellence
Always Trying
Respect

Arbury Park Camp—continued

I will have the school mobile with me at all times during the camp, so this is the best number to try and contact us on at any stage during the camp. We will also endeavour to keep you all updated on the private facebook group when time allows so that you can see some of the fantastic learning experiences students are having.

Swapping and trading at school

Recently, with the introduction of highly popular gadgets such as 'fidget spinners' and trading cards, swapping, or trading of items has become an issue at school. Some students are bringing personal items to school to trade for another item, and then having 'buyers remorse', or in this instance, 'swapper's remorse' and wanting to trade these items back again. The problem with this is that it causes fights and arguments, and unfortunately takes the students' focus off of their learning. Because of this, we ask for your support in stopping personal items being swapped or traded at school, and also that personal valuables not be brought into school at all. Whilst we understand that sensory toys eg fidget spinners can be beneficial for students, and these are still fine to have at school, the moment they cause arguments, it has a detrimental effect on students. If something special needs to be brought in, for example for show and tell, students can then bring these into my office so that there is no temptation to swap these items. Thank you for your support in this.



2017 Public Education Awards

This is the time of year that DECD open nominations for Public Education Awards. If you know of someone in public education who you think deserves recognition, you can nominate on the following address:

<https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com/>

If you would like help with this, please come and see

me, and I would be happy to help. We are fortunate to have some amazingly dedicated and passionate people here, and I am so grateful for every one of them.

Premier's Reading Challenge and Premier's Be Active Challenge

This year, we are continuing our participation in the 'Premier's Reading Challenge', however Meagan is also coordinating our students' involvement of the 'Be Active Challenge' as well. This requires that students participate in active play/sport/fitness for 60 minutes per day, five times a week over a period of four weeks. We are looking forward to students participating in both of these challenges, as they both promote vital skills—reading and being active!

Kind regards,
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We are taking Preschool enrolments for 2018 now!

We offer full day Preschool programs on Mondays, Tuesdays and every second Wednesday.
Occasional Care on Tuesdays (mornings and afternoons)
Playgroup on Fridays!



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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!!!



It's Story TIME

@your library™

When: Thursday mornings School Term Commencing 11th May

Time: 9-9.30

Where: Mannum Community Library

Preschool Story time aims to introduce children to the world of books and reading with fun, interactive experiences in a safe environment. These sessions are aimed at 2-5 year olds, cost is free and bookings are not necessary.

Sessions may include stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and a simple craft activity. Younger siblings and friends are invited to attend.