

Term One Calendar 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	27	28	1 March	2	3
6	6 Student Free Day Moderation	7	8	9 Primary Leader's FLC	10 Newsletter
7	13 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



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Learning Teams Tally:

Blue Ice	
White Pipeline	
Yellow Suns	

Palmer School 'BEAR' Values:

Being
Responsible
Excellence
Always Trying
Respect

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of week six already—we are over half way through the term now!

Partnership Student Free Day—Moderation

All teachers participated in the Murrayland's Partnership Moderation day on Monday, and it was a great opportunity to collaborate with teachers across the Partnership to reflect on teaching practice, planning authentic learning opportunities, and accurate assessment of learning. What we especially enjoyed was the opportunity to reflect on the administration of A-E grades in all year levels. It was a fantastic opportunity to ensure that an 'A', 'C' or any grade for that matter, is consistent across the Partnership, and the state.

Interviews

Notes have been sent home regarding end of term interviews. This is a fantastic opportunity for teachers to discuss with students and parents, how the beginning of the year has progressed, what learning goals have been achieved, and future goals and strategies we are setting for students to achieve next. We look forward to having these interviews with you, and celebrating the successes of learning, as well as planning for future improvement.

Arbury Park Camp

Thank you to everyone who has returned the survey regarding transport to and from camp. There were many families who were happy to provide transport to and from camp themselves, and about an equal number of parents who would like to pay between \$5-10 for a bus. We are currently exploring all options and will be providing more information in coming newsletters.

Community Notices

Whole School Writing Focus

Yesterday, Meagan attended a full day training session on 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'. This is an engaging and exciting program designed to add meaning, information and entertainment to all writing genres. This will be our whole school focus, and we look forward to sharing our student's learning with you as this exciting program is implemented.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Another exciting announcement is that we are becoming involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Education program. This is a fantastic program that is being implemented in many public and independent schools, preschools and secondary schools. It is a comprehensive program that enables students to learn about the planting, growing, harvesting, preparing and cooking of fresh, healthy food, from seed to plate.

The Stephanie Alexander Program is designed to:

- Encourage fun, flavour and texture through experiences that engage all the senses.
- Model good food choices without resorting to pyramids or labels of 'healthy' or 'unhealthy'.
- Reinforce techniques repeatedly, providing the confidence to plant seeds or cook simple dishes at home.
- Plan menus around the fresh, seasonal produce growing in the garden.
- Use ingredients at their peak – seasonal herbs, crisp veggies, fresh fruits.
- Expand culinary horizons, presenting cultural differences as fascinating rather than strange.
- Expand vocabularies for describing foods, flavours, textures, plants and processes.
- Teach students that food should be delicious and the cooking of fresh fruit and vegetables should be timed with great care.
- Come together at the end of the cooking to share our meal around the table.

We believe that we have a great opportunity to offer our students valuable, lifelong skills through this program, and would greatly appreciate your help to get the program started as soon as possible. If you have any seedlings, garden tools, or resources that can help us out in the kitchen (clean crockery, utensils, tablecloths, electric frypans, frypans, etc), please come and speak to myself or Kellie, it would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to sharing the progress of this journey with you.

Have a fabulous, safe and well deserved long weekend everyone,

Kind regards,
Lauren



Blue Light Ten Pin Bowling Sat 8th April 2017, 2-5pm FREE BOWLING



Free Entry and Bowling

Prizes to be won, arcade games to play

Teams of 5 (or be allocated to a team)

Police and Police volunteer supervisors

Lock-in Event (Parents to be left at the door, essential carers ok)

Alcohol and drug free event

Ages: 5-17 years

Venue: Bridge Bowl, Maurice Rd, Murray Bridge

Food & drink available to purchase.

Online Registrations Essential by 5th April 2016 at www.bluelightsa.com.au



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on Facebook!!!

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

We also have our closed group— 'Palmer Primary School

Musicality - 2017

Registration Information

- Date:** 15th of March to the 28th of September, 2016
- Time:** 3:45pm – 6:00pm
- Location:** Mannum Leisure Centre, Randell Road, Mannum
- Description:** Mid Murray Council's Fun4YOUth, in partnership with The Emu Tree are hosting a 10 week music program, called Musicality. The program will commence on the 15th of March 2017 at the Mannum Leisure Centre. This is an opportunity for young musicians (of all levels) within the Murraylands region to form groups/bands and learn to perform, play and record with other musicians.

Registration forms can be obtained from Mrs Poole or Miss Klose in the front office :)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to 'Bill' (The Betts' Nana for all her hard work and effort in making our new Library so fantastic! We truly appreciate your hard work!

****To register you will need to lodge the attached Registration Form, completed and signed in FULL.**