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WEEK 5, TERM 3
Friday, 25th August 2017

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 1st September, 2017, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Mrs Rigney's Year 5/6 class.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Book Week
- Carly Ryan Foundation Presentation
- Casual Day
- Excellence in Audience Skills Award
- Father's Day Stall
- Hats
- Kyal Bacon
- Parent Morning Tea
- Scholastic Book Fair
- School Closure Day
- Special Lunch
- Sports Day
- SSO Week
- Superhero Disco
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DIARY DATES

23-30 Aug Scholastic Book Fair
31 Aug Father's Day Stall
6 Sep Special Lunch
7 Sep Student Disco
8 Sep School Closure Day
11 Sep Carly Ryan Foundation
Presentation
28 Sep Sports Day
29 Sep Casual Day
29 Sep Last day of Term 3
16 Oct Pupil Free Day
17 Oct First Day of Term 4

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*** RESPONSIBILITY * RESPECT * COMMUNICATION ***
*** EXCELLENCE * FRIENDSHIP ***

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week like many schools and preschools around Australia, we have been celebrating Book Week at Pimpala. During Book Week, children around Australia have great fun participating in parades and enjoy reading and having read to them the Children's Book Council of Australia's short-listed books.

The main purpose of Book Week is to highlight the importance of reading and to encourage children to develop a love of reading. This is important because the establishment of early literacy skills is a predictor of later literacy and academic achievement and children who are read to from a very young age have a great head start. There is a great deal of research to support this notion and below are the key findings of research conducted by Melbourne University and the Department of Education in Victoria which you may find interesting.

Key Findings

The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.

- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.
 - Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
 - Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.
- Children read to more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9).
- These differences in reading and cognitive skills are not related to the child's family background or home environment but are the direct result of how frequently they have been read to prior to starting school.

Grab a book to read and have a great weekend.

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SSO WEEK

Recently, we celebrated School Service Officers Week. At Pimpala we are very fortunate to have a fantastic team of support staff helping to care for, educate children and run our school efficiently. As many of you are aware they are always happy to go above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of our students, staff and school.

Our sincere thanks to:

Class support team

Deb Kemp
Kyal Bacon
Joan Jameson
Sue Renfrey
Debbie Vatsinaris
Rob Rodgers
Jenny Jackson
Kate Turner
Marli Stanley
Sue Ginn
Tegan Files
Jake Hollis
Lauren Poland
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Aaron Collier

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Trish Mart
Faye Yeomans

Stephanie Alexander
Kitchen Garden
Coordinator
Michele Ormsby

Groundsman
Harrie Thyssen

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Barb West
Kylie Gatter
Karen Campbell

Finance Team

Pam Pearce
Helen Clark

Resource Centre

Karen Campbell
Helen Clark

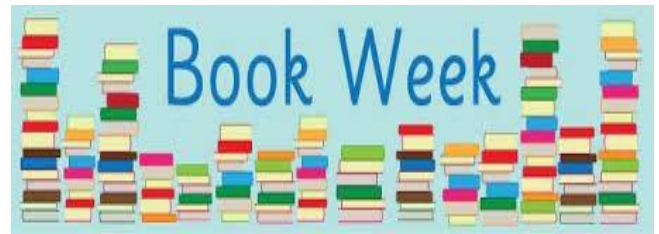
Aboriginal Community Education Officer

Marli Stanley
Darren Sumner

Pastoral Care Worker

Simon Uppill

POSHC Director
Hazel Godfrey
*(and her fantastic
team)*



What a fantastic start to Book Week! The Book Fair arrived on Wednesday and the students have had the opportunity to make their wish list and to purchase their favourite books during the Scholastic Book Fair.

On Thursday we had our Book Week Parade. Our classes have worked very hard to prepare props, masks and costumes so they can represent the themes and characters from the book their class has chosen.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at this annual event. The students enjoyed having you there to share this colourful event with them.

Thanks to Mrs Rigney's class for hosting the event, for Ms Pearce for the song and dance "Escape to Everywhere" and to Deb Hampton and the Library Team, Karen Campbell and Helen Clark.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will be open for sales in the Library, before and after school **on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th August, and before school on Wednesday 30th August.** We hope to see you there.



SPECIAL LUNCH

Would you like a trip to Taste the Worlds' Finest Foods? On **Wednesday, 6th September** our special lunch will give students this opportunity. At recess time they will taste a Ham and Cheese Croissant – the French influence, for lunch a Cheeseburger with either a Strawberry or Chocolate milkshake – American culinary delights, and as a treat, a Caramello Koala and a bag of Witchetty Grub lollies, good old Australian fare – all for just \$8.50 and much cheaper than actually travelling the world!

There will be no counter sales or lunch orders available on this day. No late orders will be accepted and no refunds.

Final payment is due by **10am on Friday, 1st September, 2017.** Payment can be sent via classroom lunchbox or taken to the Canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays.



KYAL BACON

Wow! Congratulations to Kyal Bacon, one of our very talented SSOs. Kyal has progressed to be one of three finalists in the 'Performance Through Values' category of the Public Education Awards.

Kyal will attend a gala dinner awards ceremony on Friday, 13th October where the Minister for Education and Child Development and Chief Executive will present the awards.

Kyal will receive a certificate and \$2000 towards professional learning and is in the running to become the winner in his category. Good luck Kyal!

CARLY RYAN FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

On **Monday, 11th September** at 6:30 pm, Sonya Ryan from the Carly Ryan Foundation will present an Online Safety Presentation at Pimpala PS in the Library. You are invited to attend.

The presentation will explore the following issues:

- social networking
- sharing your information online, protecting your privacy
- sexting
- GPS enabled devices
- iPads and adolescents
- online gaming, cyber bullying
- mobile phone apps and
- Carly's Law

In addition, further information and resources will also be available.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au for seating and catering purposes and type 'Carly Ryan' in the subject content of the email.

A light supper will be provided at the conclusion of the presentation. Please note: this presentation is for adults only. Students in Years 5-7 will participate in an information session from Sonya Ryan earlier that day.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Father's Day is on Sunday 3rd September.

We will have some wonderful gifts for sale at the Father's Day Stall which will be held on **Thursday, 31 August**. Gifts will start from .50c and go up to \$15.00.

Children will have the opportunity to buy gifts at the Father's Day Stall with their class during the day.

Families can also buy presents at the stall after school on Thursday, 1st and also before and after school on Friday, 2nd September.

We are still accepting donations of new items for the stall. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



CASUAL DAY

There will be a casual day on the last day of term, **Friday, 29th September, 2017**. Given the time of year with footy finals imminent, the theme will be 'Sports Teams'. Proceeds will go to the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

SPORTS DAY

Which team will you be cheering for on **Sports Day, Thursday, 28th September?** Anderson (Blue), Bain (Green), Morphet (Red) or O'Sullivan (Yellow)?

We have planned some great events for all classes to participate in with students required to be in class at 8.50am, and then assembling under the COLA at 8:55am ready for all the events to begin.

The activities are programmed to continue until the end of the school day at 3:10pm. Come along and support your child/ren on this fun day.

There will be a cake stall, BBQ, and coffee vans.



SPORTS DAY HELP

As in previous years, we will have a BBQ stall and a Cake Stall on Sports Day and we need your help to cook and serve. We have prepared a roster so if you are available – even for just half an hour, can you please let the Front Office know.



SPORTS DAY BBQ LUNCH

Sports Day BBQ Lunch forms have been sent home this week so students can pre-order their sausage sizzle for Sports Day. This is for students only.

BBQ orders will be prepared and delivered to the classrooms at lunch time.

Families will be able to purchase food and drinks on the day from the BBQ stall. A coffee van will be at school for most of the day.

The BBQ will be open from 9:00am until 2:30pm.



CAKE STALL DONATIONS

We would really appreciate donations of cakes for the cake stall. We know there are many budding cooks out there – the Stephanie Alexander program would have made sure of that, so please donate items for the cake stall (eg cakes, cupcakes, brownies, slices etc).

Can you also please ensure you list the ingredients on the items.

Please note: pursuant to our Nut Aware Policy we are unable to sell items which contain nuts.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Pimpala PS is collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers.

If you shop at Woolworths you will receive 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend. This promotion will go from 26th July to 19th September, 2017. Further information is available at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Please bring any stickers to the Front Office. Thank you.

EXCELLENCE IN AUDIENCE SKILLS AWARD

Each fortnight the class with the best audience skills at the Assembly will be awarded the Class Award. At the last assembly, Ms Howlett's Year 1 class wowed us with their excellent audience skills. Congratulations Ms Howlett's class.



SUPERHERO DISCO

Have you picked your costume yet? What a fun time it will be to dress as your favourite superhero and go dancing. Are you working on some new moves? Here is your chance to impress at our Superhero Disco which will be held on **Thursday night, 7th September, 2017**. It will be lots of fun!

Come along dressed as your favourite Superhero character (no weapons please). Be creative. There will be prizes for the best dressed!

Session Times:

- Reception - Year 3 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Years 3-7 6:45pm – 8.15pm

Year 3 students will be able to choose which session they will attend.

The cost is \$5 and includes a drink and chips – plus there will be lots of prizes to be won. Notes have been sent home this week.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

There will be a School Closure Day on **Friday, 8th September, 2017** to acknowledge and celebrate the significance of the Royal Adelaide Show.

POSHC will be **NOT** be available as their staff will use this opportunity to undertake Training & Development.

PARENT MORNING TEA

Just a reminder that all parents and caregivers are welcome to attend a morning tea at the conclusion of the assembly each fortnight which is held in the school library. This is a great opportunity to network with other parents and key contacts within the school, such as our Pastoral Care Worker and members from the leadership team.

HATS

Pursuant to the Pimpala Sun Smart Policy, hats must be worn throughout the school year except for Winter months, 1st June to 31st August.



Students will require hats at school from **Friday, 1st September**. Hats are for sale from the Uniform Shop and cost \$15.00.

SUBWAY SPECIAL LUNCH – TERM 4

There will a Special Lunch early in Term 4 so we are giving plenty of notice.

Due to extenuating circumstances the canteen will not be open during Week 2 of Term 4 on Monday, 23rd October and on Wednesday, 25th October.

To ensure we don't inconvenience families we are offering a Subway Special lunch option on both the Monday and Wednesday. The option includes a 6 inch roll, drink and a cookie for \$6.00 for each day.

Forms have been sent home this week with final orders and payment required **by 10am on Friday, 20th October**.



Happiness is... BOOK WEEK 2017

