Welcome back to Term 2! We hope that our families had a very enjoyable school break and were able to take a well earned rest. As we adults need a break every now and then, so do our hard working students. They need a rest from school so they can come back refreshed and ready to learn again. Let’s knuckle down and work hard again, kids!

ANZAC Day is Monday the 25th of April and we have some exciting things planned for the commemoration of this important day in our Nation’s history. On Tuesday April 26th at 10:30am we invite all families to attend our Commemorative Service to be held in the PC Centre. This service will be run by our senior students and remind us of the importance and different aspects of this day. At 11:30am and 12:15pm, Janine Franks will be working with our students looking at the role of the Rats of Tobruk. As in the past, these sessions are only for our school students and staff.

***Have you heard your child read today? We encourage all students to practise their reading at home about 5 nights per week. Therefore, by now, most students should have read at least between 55-60 nights. Well done if you have kept up and don’t forget to keep reading over the holidays!***

***We can all work together to rid the community of Head Lice. Let’s check our heads once per week!***
**NAPLAN Tests**

On Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May, all Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These are national tests.

The tests will be conducted by our teachers at school. The idea is to test all students throughout Australia to attain a measure of progress of all students. These tests are marked by the Department of Education. Individual reports will be given to parents later in the year. This is one measure of a child’s education progress.

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**Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to Rohanna Murphy, Jaye McFarlane, Bill Clode, Kian George, Lily-Rose Krieger, Renae Pennycook, Sophie Granzow, Jordan Haywood and Christopher Davies who are having their birthday this week.

On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them a very Happy Birthday!

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**School Cross Country**

This term, all students from Foundation-Years 6 will participate in a House Cross Country Carnival. They will be trying to gain as many points as possible for their House team. All of our children have been training for the event which will be held at school on Friday 13th May.
- Foundation-Year 2 students at 1:00pm
- Years 3-6 students at 2:30pm

Our students are keen to do well again this year. Some families may like to continue some extra training with their children.

**Distances for the big day**
- Foundation-Year 2 students - 1 km
- Under 9 and 10 age group - 2 km
- Under 11 and 12/13 and over age group - 3 km

Good luck with the training, kids!

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**PPS Wanderers**

Each Wednesday lunchtime (1:45pm-2:15pm) students will have the opportunity to join the PPS Wanderers Group. This group, led by Allyson Dixon, Mercy O’Meara and Helen Atkinson, will meet at the flag pole before heading out of the school grounds on a predetermined path to enjoy the sights, sounds and health benefits of a half hour walk in our community. As we are leaving the school yard, only students who have returned the local permission form sent home last term will be able to walk with the PPS Wanderers. Happy Wandering!

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**School Canteen**

The School Canteen is open for Lunch Orders this Friday. Each and every Friday students can order lunches from the school canteen. The menu will be different each week. Please ensure that a paper bag comes with the order. Please indicate on the lunch bag if the money is in another sibling’s bag.

**This week the menu is**

- **Hot dogs** $3.00 each
- **Chocolate or Strawberry Milk** $2.00 each
- **Apple or Orange Juice** $1.50 each
  - No charge for tomato sauce

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***Early Morning Swimming is on every Tuesday at 8am at the Area Pool for Years 3-6 students.***

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**Thank You Norm Cahill**

After 19 years coaching students at Puckapunyal, Master Coach Mr Norm Cahill has announced his retirement.

We know he will be greatly missed by the community and we wish him well.

This means that there will no longer be any tennis coaching on Thursdays.

If you are interested in continuing tennis lesson you may like to see Ms O’Connor who has details about a coach based in Seymour.
Easter Raffle fundraiser: Thank you to everybody who supported this raffle so generously last term. We raised $1065! What a wonderful effort everyone. Thank you!!!!!!

Healthy Breakfast: Eat breakfast! Breakfast is vitally important to start the day well. It gets the metabolism going and helps prevent a slump in concentration during the late morning hours. Studies also show that those who eat a healthy breakfast eat less junk food later in the day and have a lower intake of saturated fat and a higher intake of essential nutrients and dietary fibre for the whole day. So let’s make sure that all our students have eaten breakfast before they come to school. They will all benefit from it.

Mothers’ Day: We will be having a Mothers’ Day/Special Person stall in early May. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to buy inexpensive gifts for their mum, grandma, neighbour or aunt. If you have any suitable items for this stall, we would be most grateful. They can be left at the office.

Have a wonderful week!
Sue Ranger,
DSTA.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE
Melba house has started the term off strongly. Keep up the positive behaviour everyone. The scores are very close!

CURRENT SCORES
Melba- 27 points
Bradman-19 points
Hume- 17 points
Chisholm- 11 points

School Value - Enthusiasm

At assembly this week Enthusiasm was announced as our School Value of the week. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating Enthusiasm to be eligible for the Student of the Week award. We encourage parents to talk to their students about our values throughout the year.

What is Enthusiasm? Jamie Clarke, Naomi Pennycook, Lachlan Thompson and Max Fletcher performed a play about Enthusiasm. Well done!

Enthusiasm is doing things with zest and excitement. It is really looking forward to something. Enthusiasm comes from having a positive attitude about the things you do. You can be enthusiastic about making your bed, going on a holiday or feeding the dog. It is being cheerful and giving your best to whatever you do. Enthusiasm makes things fun.

Nexus Primary Health in partnership with Plenty Valley Community Health are now providing FREE Children’s Dental Screening for children under the age of 13 years. The service is confidential and respectful of your needs, circumstances and culture.

What is dental screening?
Dental Screening is when a Dental Hygienist and Dental Nurse undertake a comprehensive check of a child’s teeth and gums.

Dental Screening is painless and only takes about 10 minutes. If further dental work is required, the options will be discussed with you.

For families without a valid health Care Card there is a one off fee of $32 per course of care treatment if dental work is required.

Accessing this service:
Children’s Dental Screening is available from the Nexus GP SuperClinic in Wallan every Tuesday and Wednesday.
To book an appointment or for more information call 1300 77 33 52.

‘Striving for Excellence’
Open since 1887
Every day is a great day to be at school, particularly when you’re here at Puckapunyal Primary School!
Each week in the newsletter, we will give families a summary of the Teaching/Learning Focus for the week. That can help families by: being aware of what classrooms are covering; with discussion topics at the dinner table when discussing school (eg. ‘How are you going with addition in Numeracy this week?’); helping their children study at home, etc. Parents have indicated that this information is very useful. We also ask families to be aware that schools are very busy places and events can be unpredictable at times. We therefore must remain flexible. That means that we can plan to cover certain topics at particular times and have to change them according to arising needs.

**Junior School – Preps/Foundation Rooms 6 & 8**

**Literacy:** We are continuing to practise our home reading and Golden Words every night. During the next 2 weeks we are learning about the letters ‘x and r’ and practising using capital letters and full-stops in our writing.

**Numeracy:** We are learning to compare and order events using the everyday language of time, and looking at clocks. We are also learning about the numbers 9 and 10.

**Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 4 & 8**

**Literacy:** We are focusing on the letters ‘x and r’, and consolidating capital letters and full stops.

**Numeracy:** are continuing to investigate skip counting and pattern by 2s and 10s and using clocks and calendars.

**Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 3 & 4**

**Literacy:** We are continuing to practise reading with fluency and expression as well as consolidating capital letters and full stops.

**Numeracy:** We are continuing to learn about place value and using clocks and calendars. We are also identifying practical activities and everyday events that involve chance.

**Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10 & 11**

**Literacy:** We are continuing to learn about place value and using clocks and calendars. We are also identifying practical activities and everyday events that involve chance.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on the four processes and place value. Another continued focus will be measuring objects using scale instruments. Times tables will be practised throughout the week.

**Senior School Years 4/5/6 Rooms 1 & 2**

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will focus on the VCOP components and persuasive texts. In reading we will be focusing on reading strategies.

**Numeracy:** We will focus on order of operations, as well as shapes and their properties. Times tables will be practised throughout the week.

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**Defence Special Needs Support Group**

Scope will be attending the Puckapunyal & District Neighbourhood House (PDNC) this Friday 15th April at 1pm.

Please contact Linda Percy for more information.
All Years 3-6 students will be involved in a Traffic and Safety Education Program during Physical Education and Sport classes. The program will continue until about the 8th week of term.

Why Teach Traffic Education?
Each year in Victoria over 1600 children are injured as passengers and pedestrians. About 50 children are killed each year. Around 1600 cyclists are killed or seriously injured each year and 60% of them are under 16 years of age.

Children are vulnerable because the traffic environment that they operate in was designed for adults. Children have physical limitations and naive understandings and are highly at risk on our roads whether it be in the city or country. They are over represented in accidents as passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.

What we can do
The responsibility for Traffic Safety Education should be a partnership between home and school. Our school is in an ideal position to promote the issues so that parents become more aware of the children’s needs and the difficulties they experience in traffic.

Parents’ co-operation and involvement is necessary for a school program to be fully effective.

For now, we will be conducting the Traffic and Safety Education Program for Years 3-6. Other year levels will be involved later in the term.

The children will be involved in the following activities:
a. Physical Bike Ride Skills Training – the children will participate in bike riding skills practice in the school grounds and will be tested for a minimum level at the end of the course.
b. Road Rules Classes – the children will learn a variety of important road rules as a passenger, bike rider and pedestrian. The children will be tested and will need to pass a minimum standard.
c. Bike/Helmets Safety – the children’s bikes and helmets will be checked for ‘road worthiness.’ The children will also learn about basic bike parts, etc.

Please Note: For children to attend any future school bike ride excursions or camps, they must attain a Bike Excellence Award Card by the end of the course. To receive the award they must: pass the riding skills test, pass the road rules written test, have a helmet deemed ‘road worthy’ and have a bike deemed ‘road worthy.’

Below is a copy of the Physical Education timetable. It is absolutely imperative that the students in Years 3-6 have their bikes at school at the designated times. If your child does not own a bike, please attempt to borrow one for the sessions. We will do our best for the children without bikes to share bikes of other children. However, this is not always possible.

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- Any grade 3/4 student who thinks their bike is ready to be checked, can choose to bring their bike into school to show Mr Humphrey on any day.

- Any grade5/6 student who thinks their bike is ready to be checked, can choose to bring their bike into school on Fridays to show Mrs Itter.
We are committed to raising standards at Puckapunyal Primary School and one area in which will continue to do this is in writing. We have been learning about a great new program to improve writing and now we want to put these new ideas into practice.

In addition to daily Literacy lessons, every class will hold a 1 ½ hour session dedicated purely to writing in which children will develop 4 main aspects of their writing – Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. These are the four main elements of writing which children can learn and develop their skills in, in order to become more confident and competent writers.

As part of the preparation for the writing session, which is known as ‘Big Write’, students will be given ‘Talk Homework’. The idea behind Big Write is; ‘that if the children can’t say it, they can’t write it’, which is why participating in talk Homework is so important. We need to encourage the development of language and listening skills in order to then develop children’s writing ability. Talk Homework is an approach developed through Big Write that promotes the development of such conversations leading into the writing process.

Your child will come home with a new topic each week, which will arrive home on a Monday afternoon. This will inform you of the topic to discuss with your child in order to help them with the content of their writing the following day. Generally students in Foundation-Grade 2 will have one topic to write about and students in grades 3-6 will have a different topic, but there will be times when the topics are the same or similar.

To help your child get the most out of their talk homework task and their writing, it is suggested that you try to do the following:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in Talk Homework, possibly around the meal table.
- Switch off the T.V.! Try to ensure this is dedicated talking and listening time.
- When giving your opinion, use the word ‘because’ to explain why you think that.
- Discussion different opinions and thoughts on the topic, explaining these differences.
- Ask others around the table to give their opinions and to use the word because to explain their thinking.
- Encourage full sentences to explain thoughts moving beyond using yes or no to answer questions.
- Ask children to share what they think they may write about the topic.

Link the topic you are given to discuss back to something you remember from when you were a child and say why things may be different now. Project forward to how things may be different in the future.

If you require any support or clarification about how to conduct Talk Homework, feel free to call in and see your child’s teacher before and after school, alternatively you can contact Katie Atkinson, who in conjunction with Mercy O’Meara are leading our staff learning in this area, via phone or feel free to email her at atkinson.katie.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
Foundation and Grade 1/2 children who are new to learning Indonesian.
The children are focusing on numbers and classroom objects.

1 = satu
2 = dua
3 = tiga
4 = empat
5 = lima
6 = enam
7 = tujuh
8 = delapan

chair = kursi
computer = komputer
table = meja
bag = tas

Grade 1/2
The children who learnt Indonesian last year are focusing on extending their numbers and learning classroom objects.

1 = satu
2 = dua
3 = tiga
4 = empat
5 = lima
6 = enam
7 = tujuh
8 = delapan
9 = sembilan
10 = sepuluh
11 = sebelas
12 = dua belas
13 = tiga belas
14 = empat belas
15 = lima belas
16 = enam belas

computer = komputer
chair = kursi
book = buku

Grade 3/4/5/6
The children are learning/consolidating numbers, asking and responding to questions about their name and age.

name = nama
age = umur
I/my = saya
year = tahun

What is your name? = Siapa namamu?
My name is ... = Nama saya ...
How old are you? = Berapa umurmu?

My age is ... (years)/I am ... (years old) = Umur saya ... (tahun)

1 = satu
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17 = tujuh belas
18 = delapan belas
19 = sembilan belas
20 = dua puluh
21 = dua puluh satu
22 = dua puluh dua
30 = tiga puluh
100 = seratus
200 = dua ratus

Salam (Regards)
Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)
Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)
## School Canteen Lunches Term 2

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Lunch Order Bags are 20c
Tomato and BBQ sauce is free!