**ANZAC Day Commemorations**

Our school community will be involved in 2 ANZAC Day commemorations:

**Puckapunyal Base Dawn Service**

ANZAC Day is Monday 25th of April. It is a public holiday and the school will be closed. We hope that all families will enjoy the day. As in previous years, our school choir will be attending the dawn service at Memorial Park, Blamey Avenue on ANZAC Day. We will be performing ‘The Last ANZAC’ and ‘Advance Australia Fair’. Students need to be in full school uniform and meet Ms O’Connor at 5:20am. The service begins at 5:40 a.m. Our school captains will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school. We would encourage all school community members to attend the service to support the choir, commemorate the great day and have a wonderful cooked breakfast in the Tobruk Barracks OR’s Mess together with our community. Good luck, choir!

**School ANZAC Service**

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 60-65 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!***
Mothers’ Day/Special Person Stall: This will be held on Thursday, 5th May, from 9-11 am. We have received some wonderful donations for this stall; please just make sure that any edible gifts are nut-free. Thank you for your support.

Healthy Tip: Continuing the ‘breakfast’ theme, here are some quick, easy and nutritious suggestions that you may not have tried before:
- fresh fruit, canned fruit, dried fruit
- cheese cubes/sticks/slices
- smoothies
- yoghurt
- whole-wheat biscuits like ‘Weet-Bix’, spread with vegemite, a little jam or honey
- toast with baked beans
- liquid breakfasts such as ‘Up and Go’

Enjoy your week!
*Sue Ranger, DSTA.*

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD

UPDATE

Melba house had another good week and have extended their lead. Keep up the positive behaviour everyone. Let’s see if you can close the gap!

CURRENT SCORES
- Melba- 68 points
- Bradman-54 points
- Chisholm- 48 points
- Hume- 46 points

Happy Birthday to Liam McPhillips, Somaiya Harriden, Jake Tanis, Eila Schlender, Christiana McCabe, Harry Fletcher, Lachlan Hamley and Lake Robertson who are having their birthday this week.

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

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 -
- Pizza (Supreme or Ham & Pineapple) $2.50 each
- Chocolate or Strawberry Milk $2.00 each
- Apple or Orange Juice $1.50 each
- No charge for tomato sauce

Yesterday, Somaiya Harriden competed at the Victorian Primary Schools State Swimming Championships held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. She qualified in both the 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle events. Somaiya competed against the best athletes in the state and finished 8th in both events. Well done, champ!

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

We also ask families and school visitors to be aware that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds during school time (unless for a special pre-planned classroom showing). While we love dogs, not all of our students do. Several students have a real fear of dogs, especially our junior students. If you would like to walk your dog to school as you come to pick up your children, please keep clear of the gateways and back from the school grounds.

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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.

On Friday 29th April students from Ms O’Connor and Ms O’Meara’s classes will participate in the annual ‘Adopt a Granny Day’.

For the 11th year, a small band of local Anglican Mother's Union members and Grandfathers will come and spend time with these students doing all sorts of fun activities during the morning.

If students in these classes have Grandparents close by, they are welcome to join in the fun.

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 - 2km
Under 11 and 12/13 and over age group - 3km
Good luck with the training, kids!

Every day is a great day to be at school, particularly when you’re here at Puckapunyal Primary School!

A Day Made Better rewards and recognises exceptional teachers across the country. Last year, a mystery parent or community member nominated two of our hard working teachers.

Congratulations Katie Atkinson and Allyson Dixon on being nominated and recognised for the great job that you do!

A Day Made Better
Defence School Transition Aide Message

Back at school: I trust that everyone has had a smooth and satisfactory beginning to the school year. Changing schools, beginning school for the first time and even returning for another school year can be daunting for students and parents. It is great to see parents eager to support their children at this time and be an integral part of their education. If you have any concerns, or just feel like a chat about school and your child, please find me!

SWAPP Select Program
I have information about the ADF partners career assistance program if anyone is interested.

NEW UNIFORM
We have recently had a new shipment of uniform arrive that includes shorts, tops, tracksuit pants and hats. Some parents have been waiting on this to arrive.

Best wishes for the week.
Sue R
Defence School Transition Aide

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Indigo Hogan, Afifah Rizalmi, Penny Goss, Sophie Van Der Waal, Zahra Kelly, Dakota Miller, Brooklyn Lindsay and Nannah Taylor. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Enthusiasm’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Tolerance.’

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Tylar Glazner, Ethan Field, Harvey Cay, Kiara Miller, Blake Cooper, Kaileigh Buckley, Cayleigh Cousins and Abigail Major. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Chili Stock is delighted with his classroom’s efforts!

4/5/6 P won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Max Fletcher and Reilly Adams accepted the winning trophy this week!

Did you hear Abigail Major read a few paragraphs of her creative writing at assembly this week? We did, and she did a great job. Come along and see who reads next week.

3/4 H in Room 10 won the Yard Duty Comp. Renae Pennycook and Jett Miller are members of this great clean up team!

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Congratulations to Tea Rose Porter, Will Ludlow, Kade Atlas and Cayleigh Cousins who won raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!
Thank you to the Whitling family for making the wonderful puppet theatre for our Play-Based Learning Room. Lachlan Hamley (pictured) thinks that it’s great!

Grades FOC and F1/O are enjoying regularly using the Play-Based Learning Room. Students participate in fun activities based around Literacy and Numeracy using equipment such as dress-ups, puppets, puzzles, painting and craft. Students love learning through play!

Elora, Ruby, Ava and Indigo also think that the new costumes are fantastic!

On Monday, as part of the preparation for the writing session, which is known as ‘Big Write’, students were given ‘Talk Homework’ about ‘The Mystery Box’. How did the conversations go in your house?

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.

Your child will come home with a new topic next Monday afternoon. This will inform you of the topic to discuss with your child that night in order to help them with the content of their writing the following day.

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

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Each week in the newsletter, we will give families a summary of the **Teaching/Learning Focus** for the week. This can help families by: being aware of what classrooms are covering; with discussion topics at the dinner table when discussing school (e.g. ‘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.

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<td><strong>Numeracy:</strong> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Numeracy:</strong> We will continue to focus on the <strong>four processes</strong> and <strong>place value</strong>. Another continued focus will be measuring objects using scale instruments. <strong>Times tables</strong> will be practised throughout the week.</td>
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<td><strong>Literacy:</strong> During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will focus on the <strong>VCOP components</strong> and <strong>persuasive texts</strong>. In reading we will be focusing on <strong>reading strategies</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>Numeracy:</strong> We will focus on <strong>order of operations</strong>, as well as <strong>shapes and their properties</strong>. <strong>Times tables</strong> will be practised throughout the week.</td>
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### School Value - Tolerance

At assembly this week **Tolerance** was announced as our **School Value of the week**. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘Tolerance’ 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 **Tolerance**? **Tolerance** is accepting things that you can’t change or things that you wish were different. **Tolerance** is practised when you accept things about people that you don’t like. A friend may have an annoying habit that irritates you or a family member may do things to annoy you. You tolerate these things because you care for those people.
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

computer = komputer
bag = tas
chair = kursi
book = buku

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
17 = tujuh belas
18 = delapan belas
19 = sembilan belas
20 = dua puluh
21 = dua puluh satu

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

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
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
300 = tiga ratus

name = nama
year = tahun
What is your name? = Siapa namamu?
How old are you? = Berapa umurmu?
My name is ... (years) = Nama saya ...
I/my = saya
My age is ... (years) = Umur saya ...

Salam (Regards)
Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)
Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)

An invitation to all 5 to 7 year old boys and girls.
Come along and try the most participated-in sport in the country.
Mitchell Rangers Soccer Club holds Miniroos Little Rangers sessions every Saturday from 10.00am to 11.00am at the Broadford Secondary College, Pinniger Street, Broadford.
For further information call 0411 241 248 or email info@mitchellrangers.org.au

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**Website of the Week**

Kiddle is a new visual search engine designed to make looking for information simpler and safer for children. As a school we are trialing the use of this search engine as a possible replacement for Google. You might like to use it at home too, and give us some feedback.

Please forward any feedback to Damien Humphrey
humphrey.damien.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Learning with iPads**

Dear Parents,

On the Monday 2\(^{nd}\) of May there will be an iPad learning session for parents and others that would like to improve their knowledge and understanding around iPads. This is the time for all the questions you might have about iPads, iPads lists, Minecraft, Edmodo and other Apps or issues you might have.

Expression of interest:

I __________________ would be interested in the iPad learning session held on the 2\(^{nd}\) of May 2016.