



# PALINYEWAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

**Tuesday 11 October**

**Week 1**

## October

### Monday 10

Students return to school

### Monday 24

Kinder orientation

### Monday 31

Kinder orientation

## November

### Monday 7

Kinder orientation

### Wednesday 10

Year 7 orientation afternoon

### Monday 14

Kinder orientation

### Tuesday 15

Bunnings Christmas Craft

### Monday 21

Kinder orientation

### Thursday 24

Year 7 full day orientation

### Monday 28

Final Kinder orientation

## December

### Tuesday 6

Concert

### Wednesday 14

End of year celebration day

### Friday 16

Last day of term

Dear Parents

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break from the routines of school and is ready to start another busy term. Our learning programs at school will continue to run as normal this term and hopefully we may even have time to begin on some priorities to make the change of grade next year more efficient.

Our Palinyewah [Concert](#) will be held on [Tuesday the 6 December](#). Claim the date as this is always a busy time of year for everyone. The concert date has been bought forward by one week due to the availability of staff. We can discuss the event in more detail as the term progresses.

### 2012 ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Entries for 2012 ICAS Competitions open Friday 28 October 2011. These competitions are a great way for students to become familiar with formal testing situations and to extend their skills and knowledge across a variety of learning areas. Students can enter in any or all of the following competitions. Please let me know by Friday 28 October if you wish your child to participate. Payment will need to be made by this date for entries to be submitted.

ICAS Subject	ICAS Sitting Date	Price
Computer Skills	Tuesday 22 May	\$7.70
Science	Wednesday 6 June	\$7.70
Writing	Monday 18 June	\$16.50
Spelling	Tuesday 19 June	\$11.00
English	Tuesday 31 July	\$7.70
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 August	\$7.70

### Summer Uniform

It is great to see everyone back at school in their winter uniform. Please encourage your child to wear their uniform each day as I believe it encourages a sense of pride and belonging within the school community. During term four students are required to wear a hat with a brim during paly times and for PE and Sport lessons. The school hat is a great option.

### School Swimming

The school intensive swimming program will be held in term one 2012 prior to the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. We will join with Pomona for swimming this year to better cater for individual needs of our students and more relevant groupings according to ability.

### Kelly Sports

Students enjoyed participating in the Kelly Sports Program throughout term three. Students had the opportunity to learn new skills, refine and practice a range of sporting activities and were encouraged to work together and cooperate as a team. Students were also encouraged to develop and use a good sportsmanship code of conduct. Thanks to Mark Alvey for the great job.

### Local Schools, Local Decisions Consultation

The Minister for Education has announced consultation regarding a strategy to provide greater decision making at the local level in schools. The consultation results from a commitment to give local schools and teachers more authority to adapt what they do and how they do it to meet the needs of their students. I have been given the brief of conducting consultation in Western NSW Region and am busy meeting with principals and staff at present.

Due to the vastness of our region, it is not possible to meet with all schools communities in

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Western NSW Region but I am eager that parents have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. An online forum for this purpose has been set up at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/announcements/yr2011/aug/lslid/index.php>

This link provides details regarding the various aspects of the consultation and elicits your thoughts and advice, there are also addition links to all the consultation materials.

If you would like to make a contribution to the discussion please do not hesitate to engage in this online forum. If you do not have access to the internet yourself please contact your local school principal for assistance with access and/or copies of the documents.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [peter.harvey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peter.harvey@det.nsw.edu.au).

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## Crazy Hat Day

Thank you to the Toy Library staff for allowing us big kids to join in and have so much fun.



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