



PALINYEWAH POST

TERM 2 - WEEK 8 2025

The Official
Palinyewah
Public School
Newsletter



Responsibility Respect Integrity **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Hello Parents and Carers,

What a great couple weeks we've had at school! As we head towards the end of the term, it's a great time to reflect on the incredible opportunities our students have been a part of recently.

Last week, our students took part in an exciting Petaurus Education Group Science Day, where they explored the wonders of our natural world. The hands-on learning experiences were fantastic—students discovered how animals adapt to their environments and the importance of protecting our habitats. It was inspiring to see our young learners so engaged in discussions about conservation and sustainability.

Our Stage 2 and 3 students also completed a CPR and First Aid course up at the Ellerslie fire shed—funded by the Wentworth Shire Council, which gave them life-saving knowledge that is especially valuable living out of town and far from emergency services. They learnt how to respond in emergency situations, perform CPR, and even how to use a defibrillator. We're incredibly proud of their maturity and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the training.

Looking ahead, our Positive Behaviour Rewards Day is just around the corner! Students have been working hard to follow our school values, and their counters have been adding up. We're excited to announce that Laser Tag has won as the top reward activity, and we'll also be providing pizza for lunch. This activity will be funded by the school, so there is no cost to parents. This day is a way of celebrating the consistent effort and positive choices made by our students this term.

On the last day of term, we are inviting our families and friends to join us for a community breakfast, followed by our end-of-term assembly. This is always a lovely way to wrap up the term and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students. Please ensure the attached note is completed and returned so we can prepare enough breakfast for everyone. To add to the fun, it will also be a special out-of-uniform day—pyjamas are encouraged! We can't wait to see everyone in their cosiest gear.

As always, thank you to our amazing community for your continued support. Small schools like ours thrive because of the strong relationships between staff, students, and families. Your involvement, encouragement and care make Palinyewah a truly special place to learn and grow.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on the last day—it's a great way to finish the term on a high note.

Stay warm and take care,

Jake Debrincat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Positive Reward Day- Laser Tag Mildura- Wednesday 2 July
Last Day of Term 2- breakfast, assembly and pyjama day- Friday 4 July
First Day of Term 3- Tuesday 22 July
Small School's Athletics Carnival at Pomona PS- Friday 8 August

ASSEMBLY MERIT AWARDS

Aisha Hull- For helping other students in the classroom

Cooper Hynes- Trying to stay focused in the classroom

Nate Davies- Excellent application during English

Reily Hull- Improvement in all Key Learning Areas

PRINCIPAL'S Award

Arden Mumford- for continuing to be an amazing Year 6 leader, always helping her younger peers and demonstrating the school values.

Reading Awards

75 Nights

Will Davies

100 Nights

Issy Langanke

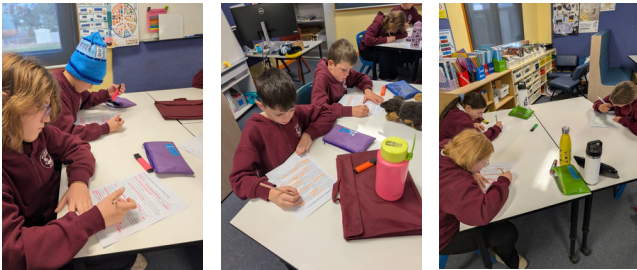
125 Nights

Millie Farley
Arden Mumford



DINGO CLASS UPDATE

Students have been learning all about Kathi-Thanda-Lake Eyre through reading the beautifully written and illustrated book *Desert Lake*. We've explored how this extraordinary lake transforms with the seasons and why it's such a special place for both people and wildlife. A special highlight was when one of our amazing school families flew over Lake Eyre and shared their stunning photos with us—wow! It really brought our learning to life.



In Maths, students have been diving into place value and whole numbers, learning how numbers are built and organised. To make it fun and hands-on, we played a game using different coloured LEGO bricks. Students collected LEGO pieces and then sorted them into place value groups—ones, tens, hundreds, and thousands. This helped them visualise and understand how numbers work, making counting faster and more accurate. It was a colourful, creative, and engaging way to reinforce key number concepts!

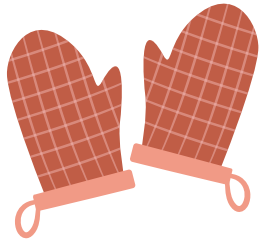


Over the past two weeks, our class has been busy rehearsing for a Reader's Theatre performance, focusing on building fluency, expression, and confidence in reading aloud. Students worked in groups, practising their roles with enthusiasm and creativity. All their hard work paid off when they performed in front of the school at our last assembly. It was a fantastic way to showcase their learning, and we were so proud of how well they brought their characters to life!



Students have been getting active and preparing for the Small Schools Athletics Carnival next term! Over the past few weeks, we've been practising key field events including shot put, long jump, and discus. It's been fantastic to see everyone giving it their best, learning new techniques, and improving their skills.





Mrs Potts' Pantry



Tomato Soup and Garlic Bread

Ingredients

125g butter
2-3 tablespoons minced garlic
French stick/Turkish bread

4 tablespoons butter
½ onion, cut into wedges
810g can of crushed or whole tomatoes
1 ½ cups of water or veggie/chicken stock
½ teaspoon of salt

Method

Garlic bread:

- *Evenly cut French stick all the way down the loaf. $\frac{3}{4}$ of thickness.
- *Mash 125g of butter with 2-3 tablespoons of minced garlic and a little basil or oregano. Mix evenly.
- *Spread on each slice of loaf, both sides.
- *Wrap in tin foil and cook in a medium temp oven for 15 minutes.
- *To serve, cut slices all the way through the loaf.

Tomato Soup:

- *Melt butter over a medium heat in a large saucepan.
- *Add onion wedges, water, tomato + juice and ½ teaspoon of salt.
- *Bring to simmer and cook for about 40 minutes.
- *Enjoy!!



Butterfly Cupcakes

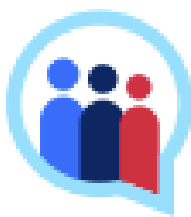
Ingredients

2 packets of Betty Crocker's Vanilla Cupcakes
4 large eggs
1 cup of milk
120g of melted butter
600ml of cream
Vanilla essence and icing sugar

Method

- *Beat cupcake mix, eggs, milk, vanilla essence and butter in a bowl using an electric mixer for 2 minutes.
- *Pour even amounts of cake batter into 24 patty cake pans.
- *Bake for 14-18 minutes at 180c.
- *Allow to cool. Then cut a small circle from each cupcake and fill cavity with whipped cream.
- *Cut circles in half and stick into cream to look like wings.
- *Dust lightly with icing sugar and enjoy!





NSW Public Schools Surveys

A voice for students, parents and teachers

In Week 10 of this term, we are offering our 4- 6 students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which has been sent home today, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>