Thank you
Our staff and students wish to extend our sincere thanks to the JPPS community for their kindness following the loss of our dear friend Tim last week. Your understanding and support at times like this means more to us than you will ever know. Thank you so much.

Great Cycle Challenge
Now more than ever is the time to support our staff cycling team to raise funds to support research into childhood cancer. No family should ever have to say goodbye to their child through cancer.

Twenty three members of our staff are cycling their way through October in the Great Cycle Challenge.

Our team is committed to raising as much money as possible to assist with finding a cure. So far, we have raised $27,907.40 and hope to reach $30,000 by the end of the challenge.

Collectively, we plan to ride the distance from Sydney to Perth. So far we have ridden 3,852km which means we are not too far from our goal. Students have been checking our progress on our large map of Australia that is on display in the library.

Donations for either our team or individual staff members can be made through the following link:


School photos- groups and sport
Thank you for your understanding following the last minute postponement of our groups and sport photos last Wednesday.

These photos will now be taken on Wednesday, 18 November. A separate note will be sent home giving further details.

Social media
Our school communicates with parents and the JPPS community in a variety of ways including our fortnightly newsletter, website, app, our information board at the front of the school and through notes sent home with students.

We are continually looking at ways to improve communication with our families and are currently investigating the possibility of using social media as one of our communication strategies next year.

We are aware of the ‘John Palmer PS Families’ facebook page. This page is not endorsed or managed by the school and therefore we do not take any responsibility for the information, comments or opinions provided on this site.

Premier’s Spelling Bee
We are very proud of Vince from Year 4 following his successful progression to the state final of the Premier’s Spelling Challenge. Vince will be competing in the challenge on Wednesday, 11 November and we wish him all the best for the day. The final will be broadcast live on ABC Local Radio (702), statewide from 5:35 pm – 6:00 pm so make sure you are tuned in.

A total of 3,562 students from 939 NSW Schools have been involved in the Premier’s Spelling Bee in 2015 so Vince has done a fantastic job in reaching this level.

PSSA report
Summer PSSA report 16/10/15
The NRL tag teams played Rouse Hill PS. The seniors lost 6-2 and the player of the match was Ryan. The juniors lost 3-2 and the player of the match was Mackenzie.

The AFL teams played Rouse Hill PS. The seniors lost 45-29 and the player of the match was Claudia. The juniors won 89-6 and the player of the match was Jackson.

The cricket teams played Parklea PS. The seniors lost 97-52 and the player of the match was Taj. The juniors lost 110-81 and the player of the match was Harry.

The softball and t-ball teams played Quakers Hill East PS. The seniors won 14-4 and the player of the match was Brooke. The juniors drew 22 all and the player of the match was Grace.

For draws and previous results please visit the Ridges website:

www.ridgespssa.com.au

Parent Payments Online (POP)
Payments can still be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit card in the usual way at John Palmer Public School but now we have an even easier way for you to pay.

You can now pay online via the school website. Payments can be made using either a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. The
payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions etc.

When you access Make a payment you must enter:

Student Details
- The student’s name
- Class
- Date of birth

Payment Options
Follow the instructions on the bottom of the permission note sent home with your child detailing the:
- Payment option
- Payment description
- Payment amount

Please note: You can make more than one payment for a student but you cannot pay for multiple students in the one transaction unless it is a family payment. If this is the case, please choose the eldest child for the payment.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

Permission Note
Don’t forget, you still have to fill in the permission notes and send these to school with your child as soon as possible.

Please write the receipt number on the permission note, so that we can also match the payment.

For any enquiries regarding the Parent Online Payment (POP) process, please contact the school office.

Joanne Gilmour
School Administrative Manager

Application for extended leave

The Department of Education (and therefore JPPS), no longer accepts family holidays and travel as reasons for exemption from school. These absences are now considered as absences and an application for a Certificate of Extended Leave for Travel must be applied for through the school office. The application needs to be made a minimum of ten school days before travel and documentation such as air/ship/train ticket, accommodation confirmations or a travel itinerary for domestic travel must be provided.

Anaphylaxis

All Department of Education and Communities schools have a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) in their first aid kit. This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

Please contact Luke Hogan (Deputy Principal) if you would like further information in relation to this.

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<td>We currently have a number of students enrolled at our school who suffer from anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a life threatening allergic reaction to certain foods. In all cases, the trigger food is peanuts/nuts.</td>
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<td>We are therefore requesting that students assist us in keeping all students safe by not bringing foods to school which contain peanuts/nuts as one of the listed ingredients eg. peanut butter, nutella.</td>
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<td>Several of our students are highly anaphylactic so we ask that students who have eaten nut products, including nutella and peanut butter for breakfast, wash their face and hands thoroughly before coming to school.</td>
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<td>Many products contain a warning that they may contain traces of peanut or nuts and these are fine to bring to school.</td>
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Birthday cakes

Some families like to send cake or a special treat on or near their child’s birthday to share with the class. It is important that if you would like to do this, that the cake or treat is already in individual portions (eg donuts or cupcakes) or a large cake that is already pre-sliced. Please also send a class set of serviettes or a roll of paper towels to assist with serving.

Due to the large number of students we now have in our school with food allergies, cakes and treats will not be shared unless a list of ingredients has been provided. Many of the prepackaged cakes from major supermarkets contain a list of ingredients and the bakery section is happy to provide you with a list if it is not already on the product.

In order to avoid disappointing your child, please ensure that the ingredient list is provided.

Phoning the office

Our school office is extraordinarily busy between 8.30 and 9.30am and 2.30 and 3.00pm. If you need to phone the office it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so outside of these peak times unless it is an emergency.

We encourage the use of our app for notifying of a child’s absence or making an appointment with a teacher.

Dogs at school

Dogs and other animals are not permitted on the school grounds at any time without prior written approval from the Principal. Parents who walk their dog to school need to be mindful that many children, particularly the younger ones, are terrified of dogs. Please keep well away from the gates and busy areas if you have your dog with you.

Copies

School personnel invest a significant amount of time in printing and providing receipts for payments, student reports, NAPLAN reports and the like in hard copy format.
It is important that families value these documents and keep them in a secure place for future reference such as tax time and moving on to high school. Additional copies of these items will incur a $2 printing and administration fee per page so please keep the originals safe.

**Update bulletin**
Our ‘Update’ bulletin will be available on our website at [www.johnpalmer-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.johnpalmer-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) on the following Fridays in 2015. Remember that you can also access the newsletter easily through our app.

6 November
20 November
4 December

Very occasionally, issues with technology cause a delay in the upload of the bulletin to the website.

**Excellence assemblies**
Our Excellence Assemblies are held on Fridays in the hall, commencing at 11.30am. Parents and carers of the class presenting the assembly are welcome to join us.

Excellence Assemblies give us an opportunity to publicly recognise students within our school who are achieving great things in learning, sport, the arts and citizenship.

Younger siblings are welcome at the assembly but must be under direct parent supervision (in pram, on a lap, or the seat next to you) at all times. Please do not allow your child to play outdoors while the assembly is on. As a courtesy to the class presenting the assembly, we ask that the audience is quiet. These simple requests should ensure that our Excellence Assemblies are excellent!

Assemblies will be hosted by the following classes in 2015:

**K-2:**
- 30 October 1D
- 13 November KB
- 27 November 2P

**Year 3-6:**
- 6 November 3H
- 20 November 5/6J
- 4 December 5/6L

**Special Assemblies:**
- 11 December Annual Excellence Assembly

**Canteen news**
- Any ice blocks ordered with lunch are given to students when they return their lunch order bag to the canteen.
- If you are ordering Halal products, please write ‘Halal’ on the bag.

**Meal Deals Monday 26th October – Friday 13th November, 2015:**

- **Meal Deal 1** $4.50
  - Chicken, lettuce & Mayo Sandwich
  - Juice Popper
  - Fruit Cup

- **Meal Deal 2** $4.50
  - Cheeseburger
  - Slushie

If you have any questions regarding the canteen, please feel free to come and speak to Bronwyn.

**Important school information**
Please add the following information to your diary or address book and remember to program the school’s number into your mobile phone. If you have downloaded our app, there is a direct call link on the home page.

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85 The Ponds Boulevard
The Ponds NSW 2769

Phone: 8882 9480
Fax: 8882 9479
Email: [johnpalmer-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:johnpalmer-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Term dates for 2015**

**Term 4**
- **Wednesday 16 December** Last day of school for 2015 for students
- **Friday 18 December** Last day for 2015 for teachers

**Week 4 Event/Activity**
- 26 October Visit to school by Relieving Director- The Hills, Julie Kennedy
- 27 October Money Train fundraiser (run by Yr 6 to raise funds for their Yr 6 farewell)
- 30 October 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 1D

**Week 5 Event/Activity**
- 2 November Grandparents’ Day
- 3 November 4B at CARES
  - 6.30pm OOSH review
  - 7.00pm P&C meeting
- 6 November 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 3H

**Week 6 Event/Activity**
- 12 November Kinder 2016 Orientation program

**Week 7 Event/Activity**
- 17 November Ridges friendly debate at JPPS
- 18 November 5/6L, sport and other group photos
- 19 November Kinder 2016 Orientation program
- 20 November 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 5/6J
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