Great Swimming Emily!
Congratulations to Emily on her fantastic swimming in Adelaide:

- 4x50m medley relay - 3rd (bronze medal)
- 50m breaststroke - 4th
- 100m breaststroke - 6th
- 200m breaststroke - 7th
- 4x100m medley relay - 4th
- 4x50m freestyle relay - 6th

Emily put in a wonderful effort against very strong competition from across Australia and the Pacific nations.

JPPS Spectacular
Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the talents of many of our students at the JPPS Spectacular last night. The program was jam-packed with items ranging from instrumental solos to choir and dance.

A special thank you to:
- our student performers for their perseverance and practice throughout the year both inside and outside of school hours;
- our staff who have spent countless hours of their own time working with the students to develop and refine skills;
- our external providers for their preparation of students;
- the organising group for the Spectacular - Mrs Henwood, Miss Abboud and Miss Muir;
- families who have supported their children throughout the year;
- the magnificent audience for their appreciation of our talented students, and;
- The Ponds HS for allowing us to use their excellent facilities.

PSSA Report
Summer PSSA report 27/11/15
The NRL tag teams played Quakers Hill East PS. The seniors won 6-5 and the players of the match were Isabella and Milana. The juniors lost 6-4 and the players of the match were Jordan and Lucie.

The AFL teams played Parklea PS. The seniors lost 31-20 and the player of the match was Oskar. The juniors won 54-7 and the player of the match was Zahra.

The cricket teams played Parklea PS. The seniors lost 87-57 and the player of the match was Rahul. The juniors lost 92-85 and the player of the match was Nikeet.

The softball and t-ball teams played Riverstone PS. The seniors won 13-2 and the player of the match was Brooke. The juniors won 23-7 and the players of the match were Sharon and Srinidhi.

For draws and previous results please visit the Ridges website: www.ridgespssa.com.au

School Maintenance
A refurbishment of our school is taking place in the upcoming school holidays. Some of the work will be undertaken during the night. Please do not be alarmed if you see workmen working at unusual times.

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

We have now launched the OFFICIAL John Palmer Public School facebook page. Enter ‘John Palmer Public School’ into the search bar and like us to ensure that you get the latest stories from our school.

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.

Life Anglican Church Stanhope would like to thank you for partnering with them and contributing to the Christmas Hampers. We appreciate your support and generosity. Have a happy Christmas!
Changes to School Free Travel Scheme (SSTS)

From the beginning of the 2016 school year, there will be major changes to the School Free Travel Scheme. The main changes are outlined below:

- Parents and carers who wish to apply for a School Opal Card must apply online at transportnsw.info/schools-students
- Transport for NSW will be issuing eligible students with School Opal Cards
- Term and replacement passes will also be issued by Transport for NSW. Busways will no longer issue student free travel, term or replacement passes
- All enquiries in relation to the School Opal Card are to be directed to 131 500
- Busways depot staff will be able to assist with lost property, school services and timetable enquiries
- Students issued with a School Opal Card need to tap on when they board a Busways service and tap off as they leave the bus

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. These details are not passed back to the school.

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.

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.
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.

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!

Special Assemblies:
11 December Annual Excellence Assemblies

Canteen news
- Canteen opens at 8.30am.
- All orders are to be made online at www.flexischools.com.au or handed to the canteen staff or put in the order baskets on the counter. The online order cut off time is 9.00am.
- All orders made at the canteen should be written on a brown lunch bag. If orders come in envelopes, please ensure they are well sealed at the sides.
- Orders need to have your child’s name, class and whether it is a recess or lunch order.
- Recess orders are collected from the canteen.
- Lunch orders are sent to the individual classes in lunch baskets.
- 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.

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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The Ponds NSW 2769
Phone: 8882 9480
Fax: 8882 9479
Email: 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 staff

Week 10
Event/Activity
7 December 4B at CARES
8 December Year 2 at The Ponds School (selected classes)
9 December Year 6 farewell
10 December Student reports sent home
11 December Annual Presentation Day Assembly
Years 3-6 9.30am
K-2 11.30am

Week 11
Event/Activity
14 December 4D at CARES
15 December 11.00am Volunteers’ Morning Tea
16 December K-6 Movie Day
17&18 December Last day of Term 4 for students
School Development Day (staff only)
The following are paid advertisements. The products, services and activities advertised are not endorsed by John Palmer PS.

Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)
Saturday 12 December 2015
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm
Start the festive season with a night of carols played by Parramatta City Brass Band. Enjoy performance from Model Farms High School and a visit from Santa Claus.
Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)
There will be a sausage sizzle, ice creams, candles, drinks for sale.
Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.
School Holiday
Gymnastics Clinics
For school aged boys and girls

Come and experience the fun and excitement of gymnastics

- Fun in a safe and structured environment
- Qualified and Professional Coaches
- Olympic Standard Equipment
- Foam Tipped Landing Pits
- Trampolines
- Affiliated with Gymnastics Australia and NSW

Full Day Sessions (9.00am-3.00pm) $45.00 per day
Half Day Sessions (9.00am-12.30pm) $35.00 per session
21st - 23rd December and 4th - 22nd January

Term 1 2015
Enrolments Now Being Taken
Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydggym@hotmail.com
Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd Seven Hills
Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd Winston Hills
www.sydneygymnastics.com.au