Please note that next Monday, 27th April, is NOT a public holiday.

Welcome back!
Welcome back to another exciting term at JPPS. We trust that your family was able to relax and spend some time together over the Easter break.

During the recent extreme weather, our school has only suffered very minor damage - small leaks in two classrooms. We are very fortunate as several schools in close proximity to ours have extensive damage or have even had to close. Students have adjusted well to being inside all day and have entertained themselves with board games, reading and electronic activities at recess and lunch. Hopefully, our planned K-2 Fun Run and Year 3-6 Cross Country will be able to go ahead next Wednesday. If not, a push notification will be sent via our app.

Crossing supervisor
At long last, our crossing has been recognised as requiring a supervisor to assist students to safely cross the road before and after school.

Beginning next Monday, our crossing will be supervised by a ‘lollipop lady’ who is actually a parent at our school- Mrs Cadle. Mrs Cadle has undergone training for this position and is excited about being able to support the safety of our students.

Our School Plan (2015-17)
We are very excited to publicise our School Plan 2015-17 on our website. The plan outlines our three major strategic directions for the next three years:

- Future focused teaching and learning
- Organisational effectiveness for learning
- Community engagement for learning

The plan has been endorsed by the Director of Public Schools NSW- The Hills and can be viewed at www.johnpalmer-p.schools.nsw.edu.au From the start up page, click on the ‘Our school’ tab and then on the ‘School Plan 2015-2017’ tab on the left hand side.

Free courses for parents
Some great courses for parents are being offered at the moment through external agencies. Information about them is available through our website – www.johnpalmer-p.schools.nsw.edu.au From the start up page, select the ‘Parent Courses’ tab and then click on the appropriate link.

Keep up to date with what’s happening at school
Our school has a FREE mobile phone app! Amongst other things, the app sends push notifications of upcoming events, instant access to newsletters, the ability to send a note to the teacher if your child is absent, place a lunch order and much more. Make sure you download it to your smart phone and have a look at some of the things available to you.

How to install our app:
On Apple:
- On your iPhone, open the app store
- Search for John Palmer Public School
- Press install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

On Android:
- On your smart phone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for John Palmer Public School
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

To open our app:
- Look for our school’s app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once – it will open automatically
- When prompted, select yes to receive notifications and use your location. This will make sure Google Maps and pop-up alerts work for you.

Having trouble?
- Shut down the app and/or your phone to refresh the phone’s memory
- Uninstall the app and reinstall it

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.

Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:
- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact Mr Hogan (Deputy Principal) if you would like further information in relation to this matter.
Extremely Important Notice

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.

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.

One of our students is 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.

Many products contain a warning that they may contain traces of peanut or nuts and these are fine to bring to school.

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 3.30pm. 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 on the following Fridays in 2015. Remember that you can also access the newsletter easily through our app.

8 May
22 May
5 June
19 June
17 July
31 July
14 August
28 August
11 September
9 October
23 October
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:
1 May 1T
15 May KR
29 May 2E
12 June KJ
26 June KP
24 July 1R
7 August KA
21 August 2D
4 September KC
18 September 1V
Canteen news
Special meal deals are available each fortnight from the canteen. You can easily find what the next meal deal will be by clicking on the drop down menu from the homepage on our website. Go to Home ➔ More News ➔ Canteen (on left hand side of page) ➔ Meal Deal

- Canteen opens at 8.30am.
- All orders are to be made online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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 has been extended to 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 2**
- Monday 8 June: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 26 June: Last day of Term 2 for all students

**Term 3**
- Monday 13 July: School Development Day (pupil free)
- Tuesday 14 July: K-6 students return
- Friday 18 September: Last day of Term 3 for all students

**Term 4**
- Monday 5 October: Labour Day (public holiday)
- Tuesday 6 October: K-6 students return (please note that there is no School Development Day at the beginning of Term 4)
- Wednesday 16 December: Last day of school for 2015 for students
- Friday 18 December: Last day for 2015 for teachers

Term 2 calendar- events are correct as at 24/04/15 and are subject to change or additions without notice

**Week 2**

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<td>11.30-1.15pm Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival followed by picnic lunch</td>
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<td>6 May 1V Three Way Conferences (held over from Term 1 due to Mr Vincent’s absence)</td>
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<td>7.00-9.00pm P&amp;C Meeting in staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.</td>
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<td>7 May 9.00-11.00am Mothers’ Day Stall</td>
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<td>8 May 7.30-8.30am Mothers’ Day Breakfast (invitations sent home next week)</td>
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Most of our sponsors are local businesses and organisations committed to both our school and working with our community. It would be fantastic if you could acknowledge the support they have provided to our school by considering their services if you have the need.
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Is your child anxious? Struggling to fit in socially? Feeling bullied? Struggling with learning? Are they flat or depressed? Avoidant or withdrawn? Having trouble sleeping? Do you want your child to cope better with stress? Cope with separation or other family changes? Learn skills to thrive in school?

Are you finding difficulties setting boundaries and disciplining your children? Fighting or drifting apart in your relationship? Having difficulties with trust or intimacy? Going through a separation? Preparing to move in together? Experiencing interference from the extended family? Are you struggling to parent after your separation? Trying to establish a blended family?

Are you feeling depressed? Worrying too much? Feeling anxious, overwhelmed or out of control? Having interrupted sleep or difficulty making decisions? Are you comfort eating or struggling to reach your goals?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then Creating Change Psychology and Counselling’s enthusiastic and highly skilled team of clinical psychologists and couple counsellors are here to assist. Located in the Norwest Business Park we are ready to help you achieve your goals of a healthy and meaningful future. Creating Change can assist you to navigate a new pathway. Contact us on 02 8660 9551 or take a look at www.creatingchange.net.au.

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