Bronze Super Stars
Amaan, Anastasia and Ibrahim were awarded a bronze certificate at last Friday’s Excellence Assembly in recognition of the great manner in which they actively model one or more of our school aspirations- integrity, excellence and innovation. Congratulations!

K-2 Fun Run and Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival
Our school fun run and cross country carnival was a huge success and it was fantastic to see so many families and friends enjoying time together at the event. The weather was very kind to us and we just managed to squeeze the final races in before the rain returned.

Days like this are not possible without a great deal of organisation behind the scenes. Thank you to Miss Matley (K-2 Fun Run), Mr Wicks (3-6 Cross Country) and all of our teaching staff for working together to ensure a great day was had by all. Special thanks to Mr Jim for his tireless work in getting the grass cut so the day could go ahead as planned.

Final results for the carnival were:

Kindergarten Boys
1st Cooper P
2nd Jacob P
3rd Cameron E

Kindergarten Girls
1st Mia
2nd Claire
3rd Sienna

Year 1 Boys
1st Joshua P
2nd Brock
3rd Justin

Year 1 Girls
1st Eden
2nd Ryan
3rd Imogen

Year 2 Boys (8 year old boys ran in the cross country carnival)
1st Levi
2nd Elias
3rd Matthew U

Year 2 Girls (8 year old girls ran in the cross country carnival)
1st Ella C
2nd Pakhi
3rd Clarice

8/9 Year Boys
1st Jasper
2nd Harrison C
3rd Kace

8/9 Year Girls
1st Zahra
2nd Emma W
3rd Jina

10 Year Boys
1st Max
2nd Aneesh
3rd Gursimar

10 Year Girls
1st Simarpreet
2nd Tamahra
3rd Kayta

11 Year Boys
1st Harrison D
2nd Nicholas
3rd Sid

11 Year Girls
1st Kylah
2nd Claudia
3rd Keira

12/13 Year Boys
1st Jackson
2nd Joshua S
3rd Justin

12/13 Year Girls
1st Emily P
2nd Milana
3rd Lauren
Good Luck Emily!
We are extremely proud of Emily Plummer who is set to compete for a position in the Nationals for swimming next week. Emily represented JPPS at The Ridges PSSA Carnival and then went on to compete at regional and state level before her swim for a possible position at national level. We wish Emily the very best of luck. Her dedication and long hours training in her chosen sport have paid off and we know that she will be trying her very best in her event. Go Emily!

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Two weeks ago we held a very special ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing of the ANZACS at Gallipoli. The tradition of ANZAC Day was recognised through two assemblies led by our school leaders.

Returned servicemen from Windsor RSL spoke, along with Miss Willick who told the story of her great, great uncle, Bertie Willick, who lost his life as an ANZAC during World War 1. Each class made a wreath of remembrance that was laid on the stage alongside the P&C wreath laid by Melissa Mibus and Jo Stewart. Following the assembly, 5/6C opened their room to our guests and other classes to look at the fantastic books they had made for younger children about ANZAC Day.

We have several defence force parents at JPPS and to acknowledge their role in keeping Australia safe and the fantastic job they do overseas, their children were presented with a commemorative 100 year ANZAC pin.

Lest we forget.

What is a mother?
Mother [muhth-er] – noun
1. One person who does the work of twenty. For free.

For all of our JPPS mums- To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world. Have a wonderful day on Sunday!

School Plan 2015-2017
JPPS is dedicated to delivering the very best education possible through a holistic focus on developing resilience, optimism and a love of learning in all students and teachers, enabling them to achieve their very best.

We do this by:
• Making learning visible;
• Learning as individuals and as an organisation, skills that will prepare us for the future;
• Sharing success; and
• Uniting around our shared vision for our school and its community.

Our strategic directions for the next three years are:
1. Future focused teaching and learning- teaching and learning will be designed around the skills necessary to facilitate staff and students being self directed lifelong learners.
2. Organisational effectiveness for teaching and learning- the effective and streamlined implementation of financial, information, organisational and management systems underpinning learning.
3. Community engagement for learning- increased connectedness between school, community and learning networks through improved communication strategies, sharing of skills and greater opportunities for community involvement and consultation.

A full summary of our School Plan 2015-2017 is available on our website - johnpalmer-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Annual School Report
Our Annual School Report for 2014 is also available on our website. The report summarises our key initiatives and progress towards our targets during 2014. It contains some great photos from some of our events. Make sure you check it out.
Application for extended leave
From the beginning of 2015, the Department of Education and Communities (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.

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
Thank you to the parents who have let us know that the push notifications on some phones have not been working this term. We are currently working with our app provider and hope to have the problem resolved very soon. Thank you for your patience.

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.

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

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:
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
16 October  KG
29 October 1X

Year 3-6:
22 May   3M
5 June   5/6T
19 June  4P
14 August 3G
28 August 4M
11 September 4D
23 October 5/6C
6 November 3H
20 November 5/6J
4 December 5/6L

Special Assemblies:
31 July    Education Week Assembly
11 December Annual Excellence Assembly

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 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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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 7/5/15 and are subject to change or additions without notice

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Proud Sponsors of JPPS
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.

Advertisements
The following are paid advertisement. The products, services and activities advertised are not endorsed by John Palmer Public School.
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 8860 9551 or take a look at www.creatingchange.net.au.

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