The boys soccer teams played Quakers Hill East PS. The seniors player of the match was Ella. The juniors lost 3-1 and the player of the match was Josh.

The girls soccer teams played Oakville PS. The seniors won 10-1 and the player of the match was Clara. The juniors drew one all and the player of the match was Chloe.

The netball teams played Oakville PS on 22 June. We wish them every success.

Violeta from Stage 3 who will represent JPPS at the regional final at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition were held with students confidently delivering some very impressive and well planned speeches. We congratulate Suhani and Yash from Stage 2 and Dilmi and Prisha who have qualified to represent NSW schools at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in November. All of Emily’s hard work, dedication and commitment to long training hours have paid off and have reinforced to all of our students the importance of setting goals and then setting out to achieve those goals.

Participation at the Pacific School Games is very expensive and is a cost that is the responsibility of the student’s family. At the last 3-6 Excellence Assembly, the JPPS P&C were proud to present Emily with a cheque to assist her with some of the costs associated with the trip. Our school will also be assisting Emily with some fundraising activities throughout the year.

Congratulations Emily!

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition
We also have quite a number of students who are talented in the area of public speaking. During Week 5, the stage finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition were held with students confidently delivering some very impressive and well planned speeches. We congratulate Suhani and Yash from Stage 2 and Dilmi and Prisha from Stage 3 who will represent JPPS at the regional final at Rouse Hill PS on 22 June. We wish them every success.

Winter PSSA Report 15/5/15
The netball teams played Oakville PS. The seniors lost 18-7 and the player of the match was Tahnee. The juniors lost 3-0 and the player of the match was Marcus. The boys soccer teams played Quakers Hill East PS. The seniors lost 2-1 and the player of the match was Marcus. The juniors won 4-1 and the player of the match was Josh.

The girls soccer teams played Oakville PS. The seniors won 10-1 and the player of the match was Clara. The juniors drew one all and the player of the match was Chloe.

The newcombe ball teams played Rouse Hill PS (2). The girls won 2-1 and the player of the match was Lauren. The boys lost 2-1 and the player of the match was Vince.

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

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.

NCCD
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection
The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of
Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices. If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Luke Hogan (Deputy Principal) on 8882 9480.

**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-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 Luke 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.

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.

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](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.

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:**
12 June  KJ
26 June  KP
24 July  1R
7 August  KA
21 August 2D
4 September  KC
18 September 1V
16 October  KG

**Year 3-6:**
29 October  1X
13 November KB
27 November 2P

**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](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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**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

Calendar items are subject to change or additions without notice

Week 8  Event/Activity
8 June  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
11 June  Year 6 at Glenwood HS- The Pirates of Penzance
12 June  Mrs Henwood returns
11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by KJ

Week 9  Event/Activity
15-19 June  ICAS Writing Competition Week (for Years 3-6 students who paid for entry in Term 1)
16 June  ICAS Spelling Competition (for Years 3-6 students who paid for entry in Term 1)
         K-2 visit from Peter Combe
17 June  SRC Pyjama Day in support of Stewart House- more information soon
18 June  Ramadan begins
19 June  11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 4P

Week 10  Event/Activity- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
24 June  Footsteps lesson (in lieu of postponed lesson from Queen’s birthday public holiday)
26 June  Excellence Assembly hosted by KP
         Last day of Term 2

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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?

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