Bronze Super Stars
Piper O, Aliya, Noah K, Chelsea E, Lachlan D, Navan, Ananya, Brooke B, Yusuf, Isabella A, Kiara B, Chloe C, Jonathon C, Sagnui, Keisha, Ruby D, Joshua P, Harmandeep, Kate D, Imogen W and two students who do not have permission for their name to be published were awarded a bronze certificate at recent Excellence Assemblies in recognition of the great manner in which they actively model one or more of our school aspirations - integrity, excellence and innovation. Congratulations!

Awards
In consultation with the JPPS P&C, we are currently in the process of revamping our award system to align it with our core values - integrity, excellence and innovation. Teachers have begun training in the new system and preliminary discussions have been had with students and they are very excited.

An information leaflet will be sent home to parents in the coming weeks with all of the information you need along with a date from which we will switch to the new system. Until then, our current awards will continue to be given out as normal.

Education Week
Today draws Education Week for 2015 to close. We have had a fantastic week at John Palmer PS and enjoyed sharing our successes and achievements with the community.

Some of our activities this week have included the Book Fair, Athletics Carnival and our Open Day today where so many of our talented students performed. Thank you for taking time out from your very busy lives to celebrate with us. We really value the partnership we have with our parents and community.

Our next Update bulletin will contain results from the Athletics Carnival and further news about the Book Fair so keep watching this space.

Year 6 excursion to Canberra
Year 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of our national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The $20 has already been deducted from the cost parents have been asked to pay for this excursion.

Application for extended leave
From the beginning of 2015, 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.

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-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au From the start up page, select the ‘Parent Courses’ tab and then click on the appropriate link.

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 3.00pm. 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 on the following Fridays in 2015. Remember that you can also access the newsletter easily through our app.

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:
7 August KA
21 August 2D
4 September KC
18 September 1V
16 October KG
29 October 1X
13 November KB
27 November 2P

Year 3-6:
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:
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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Phone: 8882 9480  
Fax: 8882 9479  
Email: johnpalmer-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Term dates for 2015**

**Term 3**  
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

**Week 4 Event/Activity**  
Mr Hogan on leave all week  
3 August - Atrin performing at the Sydney Opera House  
4 August - WINGS Program at GHS (for selected Yr 5 students)  
Visit from Jeff Bruce, Director of Public Schools NSW  
5 August - 7.00pm P&C meeting in staffroom - all welcome  
6 August - WINGS Program at GHS (for selected Yr 5 students)  
Choir rehearsal at Riverbank PS  
11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by KA

**Week 5 Event/Activity**  
10 August - Premier’s Spelling Bee for Stages 2 and 3  
11 August - WINGS Program at GHS (for selected Yr 5 students)  
13 August - WINGS Program at GHS (for selected Yr 5 students)  
Sport themed multi day to raise money for Emily P’s representation at the nationals for swimming  
14 August - 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 3G

**Week 6 Event/Activity**  
20 August - WINGS Program at GHS (for selected Yr 5 students)  
21 August - 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 2D

**Week 7 Event/Activity- Book Week**  
26 August - Aaron Blabey author visit  
27 August - K-6 walkathon and P&C BBQ  
28 August - 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 4M  
Ridges Athletics Carnival

**Week 8 Event/Activity**  
Mrs Blackwell on leave - Mr Herbert Relieving Principal  
All week - Swim School  
1 September - Stage 3 Claymation  
2 September - Stage 3 Claymation  
6.30pm OOS review  
7.00pm P&C meeting  
3 September - Fathers’ Day Stall  
4 September - 7.30am Fathers’ Day Breakfast  
11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by KC

**Week 9 Event/Activity**  
Mrs Blackwell on leave - Mr Herbert Relieving Principal  
All week - Swim School  
9 September - Sydney West Athletics  
10 September - Ridges choir rehearsal at JPPS  
11 September - 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 4D

**Week 10 Event/Activity**  
Mrs Blackwell on leave - Mr Herbert Relieving Principal  
14 September - K-2 Fun Day  
Year 3- Botany Bay excursion  
Year 4- Sydney Harbour excursion  
Year 6- Canberra excursion  
15 September - Year 6- Canberra excursion  
16 September - Year 6- Canberra excursion  
18 September - 11.30am Excellence Assembly hosted by 1V
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