

**John Palmer PS Update**

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**Term 3 Week 9**

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**Award Super Stars**  
Madison R, Gabrielle C, Emma S, Christian L, Riley C, Alan S, Dilmi S, Tatiana R and Tamsyn B were awarded an excellence certificate at our recent 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!

**Congratulations**  
Vince B represented John Palmer PS in the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals. All of his hard work has paid off and he is now heading to the STATE FINALS. Well done, Vince! All of John Palmer PS will be cheering for you.

Ryan C and Mason G are representing Sydney West at the NSW PSSA Golf Championships next week. We are very proud of their efforts and wish them all the best for the competition next week.

**Great Cycle Challenge**  
You may have already heard this exciting news. Twenty-one members of our staff will be cycling their way through October in the Great Cycle Challenge to support research into children’s cancer!

Children’s cancer has directly touched our school and our team is committed to raising as much money as possible to assist with finding a cure. So far, we have raised $14,844. Collectively, we plan to ride the distance from Sydney to Perth. You will be able to check our progress during October on our large map of Australia that will be displayed at school.

Donations for either our team or individual staff members can be made through the following link:  

**JPPS “Pixels” Movie Night at Hoyts Blacktown**  
We have been provided with an amazing opportunity by Blacktown Hoyts and Sony Pictures. They have organised for a private screening of the movie ‘Pixels’ on Wednesday the 7th October 2015, 6.30pm in support of Team Tuff Timmy and children’s cancer, a cause that is very close to our community’s heart. Please see the note attached to this newsletter for further information.

**Winter PSSA**  
Congratulations to our Winter PSSA teams for a fantastic season. A special congratulations goes to the Junior Girls soccer team, who were the runners up in their competition, and the Junior Boys soccer team who were the joint Premiers. Thank you to all the teams for their sportsmanship throughout the season. For draws and previous results please visit the Ridges website: www.ridgespssa.com.au

**Partners in Learning**  
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:  
The parent survey can be accessed through the following link:  

If you have children in K-2 and 3-6, the survey may be completed twice if your responses would be different for each one.

**Parent Payments Online (POP)**  
From Monday, 14th September, it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessible through our school website.

Further information about payments that can be made using POP, and an instruction brochure will be sent home with students in the coming weeks, once we have aligned school systems with the POP processes.
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.

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.

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.

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](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.

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:**
18 September 1V
16 October KG
29 October 1X
13 November KB
27 November 2P

**Year 3-6:**
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

- 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 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

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<td>7 October 7.00pm P&amp;C meeting in staffroom (Administration block) all welcome</td>
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<td>9 October Ridges Festival of the Arts full day rehearsal and evening performance at Hillsong Centre</td>
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The following are paid advertisements. The products, services and activities advertised are not endorsed by John Palmer PS.

Would you like to start the working week fully refreshed and mentally ready to achieve?

If so come and join us for a time of Christian meditation and reflection on the first and third Sunday evening each month.

6:00 - 7:00pm
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