

# Term Two Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30 April	1 May	2	3	4 Rock-a-rama 4, 5 & 6 May
2	7	8 Police Visit	9	10	11 13/5 Mother's Day
3	14 National Families week	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN Football Clinic	18
4	21 National Volunteers week	22	23 SLC Governing Council National Simultaneous story time	24	25 26/5 National Sorry Day
5	28 National Reconciliation week	29 Guided Reading T&D	30	31	1 June
6	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 Student Free Day
7	11 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	12	13	14	15
8	18 Refugee Week	19 Guided Reading T&D	20 Governing Council	21	22
9	25	26	27	28	29 Red Nose Day
10	2 July	3	4	5	6 KIWANIS Assembly 9:05am Early dismissal 2:15pm



## PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Small School, Enormous Opportunities

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### Newsletter Term 1 Issue 4 12/4/2018

*Dear Parents/Caregivers,*

#### Reminder about Palmer Rockarama - May 4th to 6th May

The annual Palmer Rock and Mineral fair will be held from Friday the 4th of May until Sunday the 6th of May. We will be continuing our tradition of selling hot dinners on Friday and Saturday evening as our biggest annual school fundraiser.

Thank you to those people who have returned their forms.

If you have a few hours to spare on either of these days and would be willing to help it would be greatly appreciated. A reminder form has been sent home today. Please return ASAP.

#### End of term

As usual, we will be having our end of term KIWANIS assembly at 9:05 am, on Friday 13th April. Following this, you are invited to stay for a coffee in the Tech room.

The students have voted for a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to the Palmer Student Council (PSC).

After assembly and then a few short learning tasks, students have decided to have a technology day. For this, students will be allowed to bring in their own electronic devices, however the games/apps they play need to be G rated, anything above this must not be played at school.

Also, just a reminder that school finishes at 2:15 pm on Friday the 13th April, and school will resume on Monday the 30th April 2018.

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#### Learning Teams Tally:

Blue Ice	165
White Pipeline	146
Yellow Suns	62

#### Palmer School

#### 'BEAR' Values

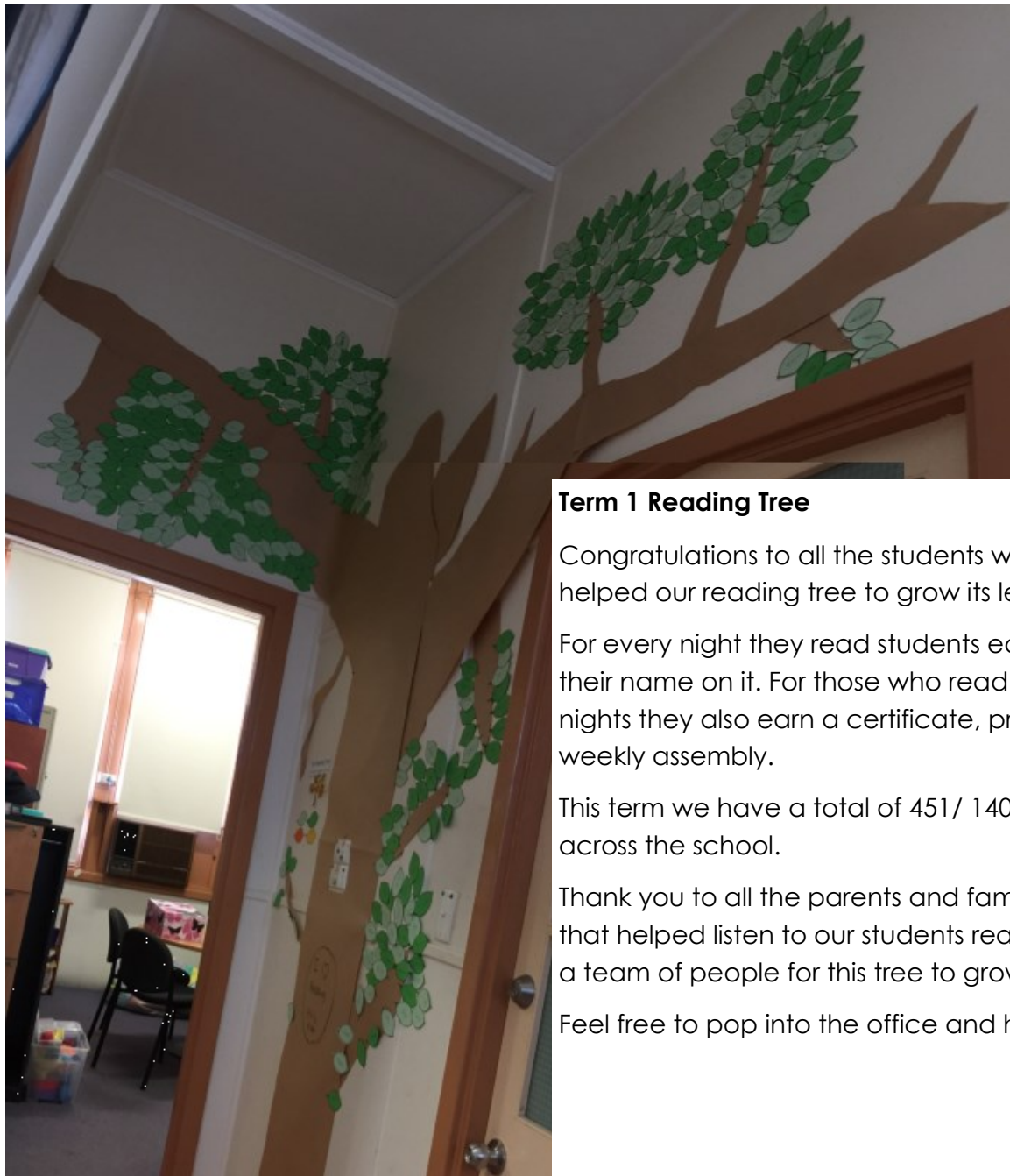
Being

Responsible

Excellence

Always Trying

Respect



### Term 1 Reading Tree

Congratulations to all the students who have helped our reading tree to grow its leaves.

For every night they read students earn 1 leaf with their name on it. For those who read 5 consecutive nights they also earn a certificate, presented at the weekly assembly.

This term we have a total of 451/ 1400 nights read across the school.

Thank you to all the parents and family members that helped listen to our students read. It really takes a team of people for this tree to grow.

Feel free to pop into the office and have a look.

### Year Level Points for reading at home

Congratulations to the following students for completing 5 consecutive nights of reading. You have all earned extra points for your learning teams.

Week 9 - Gwen, Emilly, Ben, Jackie

Week 10 - Mia, Emilly, Ben & Jackie



### Five tips to help you make the most of reading to your children

Reading to your child is one of the most successful ways of instilling a love of reading in them.

1. **Give it all your attention.** Make reading part of the daily routine. Reading is both an opportunity to model how the written words sounds and a chance for family bonding. Everyone should be comfortable, and children should associate time spent being read to with enjoyment.
2. **Engage with the story.** Sharing your response to a book and encouraging children's responses stimulates critical thinking. Take turns in reading as this is beneficial for a range of reading skills, such as comprehension, word recognition and vocabulary building.
3. **There's no age limit.** We should read to young people for as long as possible. There is no age where the benefits of being read to completely expire.
4. **Pick a book you both enjoy.** Reading together is a great opportunity to share your passions while broadening you children's horizons through diverse book choices. This can also help extend your child's vocabulary.
5. **Don't worry about your style.** Not all of us are destined to be award-winning voice actors, and that's OK. Use expression and adopt different voices for characters in a book to the level you feel comfortable doing.

Being taken into the virtual reality of story is a memorable, pleasurable experience that stays with us forever. Reading aloud provides with a valuable opportunity to slow down, relax and share the wonderful world of books.

Full article available at: <http://theconversation.com/five-tips-to-help-you-make-the-most-of-reading-to-your-children-93659>



Finally, I would like to thank you all for you ongoing support in making Palmer Primary School the amazing school that it is. It is truly a trifecta to have dedicated and passionate staff, caring and supportive parents, and amazing, determined students who make Palmer Primary School a place of enormous opportunities.

Have a wonderful and safe holidays and we look forward to seeing you all when school returns on Monday 30th April.

Linda Fox