

# Term Three Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 July	24	25	26	27
2	30	31	1 August	2	3
3	6 Phonics screening	7 Guided Reading PD	8	9 Australian Maths Competition	10
4	13	14	15 SLC—Sam in	16	17 Bird HS band
←———— SSO Week —————→					
5	20	21	22	23	24
←———— Book Week —————→ Book Week Parade					
6	27	28	29	30	31 School Closure
7	3 September Student Free Day	4	5	6	7 Road Safety Excursion
8	10	11 Governing Council 3:30 p.m.	12	13	14
9	17	18	19	20 Lauren at Murraylands Partnership day	21
←———— Interviews —————→					
10	24	25	26	27 KIWANIS Assembly 9:05am	28 Sports Day Springton Oval Early dismissal 2:15pm
←———— Interviews —————→					



## PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Small School, Enormous Opportunities*

**Current Attendance rate—81%**

*Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,*

### Road and Cycle Safety Centre

We had a fantastic day at the Road and Cycle Safety Centre on Friday. Students again loved the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence on the fully functioning roads, paying attention to the traffic signals, railway crossing and roundabout. We also had several personal achievements throughout the day, with several students starting the day with training wheels or on a balance bike, ending the day successfully riding a bike without training wheels. Many new road safety facts were introduced to students, and there was also some other reinforcing of prior learning. All centre volunteers were so impressed with the exemplary behaviour all students displayed, and I know I speak for all staff when I say how proud I was of everyone. Students have already asked if we will be going again next year, and if it can be an 'annual excursion' as one student suggested!

### SunSmart Awareness

This week we are fortunate to have some fine and sunny days forecast, and during these days students will need to wear their school hats as per our SunSmart guidelines. This is a good opportunity to transition into next term as students will need to be wearing their hats throughout all of term four.

### Interviews

Interviews are optional in terms one and three, and notes have been included in this newsletter. If you would like to have an interview to discuss your child/ren's progress so far this year, please return the interview note with your preferred timeslots, and we will endeavour to accommodate your preferred times. Interviews will be held between yourself, the student, and the class teacher (Katrina will be available Monday to Wednesday and Pascale will be available Thursday and Friday). However I can also attend interviews if requested. Also, if you would like further information about the intervention that your child is attending, e.g. Minilit or Multilit, Katie is also available to discuss this with you at a mutually convenient time.

### Sports Day

Students have been learning some great moves for the health hustle thanks to Katie's choreographing and they are all looking forward to Sports Day. We are all hoping for a great (not too hot!) day at Springton oval and hope that you can join us on Friday September 28th. A program will follow shortly, however the starting time is 930 and expected finish time is 2:00 due to it being held on the last day of the term. Included in this newsletter is a note regarding transport for the day, please complete and return to the office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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### Learning Teams Tally:

Blue Ice	479
White Pipeline	472
Yellow Suns	340

### Palmer School 'BEAR' Values

Being

Responsible

Excellence

Always Trying

Respect

## 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 5:** Emilly, Jackie, Hayden, Ben, Jordan, Erin,

**Week 6:** , Jordan, Emilly, Jackie, Ben, Hayden

## Attendance

As you would have noticed from the front of our newsletter, our attendance rate is currently sitting at just 81%, which is well below the Department for Education's standard of 95%. Whilst our attendance is significantly affected when even one student is absent on any given day, we are noticing an increase in habitual absences. I have copied the information below from the Department's website, which explains why attending school every day is so important:

Every day matters in the school life of a child or young person. Each day of attendance has a positive effect on their development and future success.

As early as preschool, regular absence can be a predictor of later attendance patterns. Even missing one day a week of school from reception to year 10 adds up to missing 2 years and 1 term of schooling.

Long-term studies have shown that not completing school can be linked with poor physical and mental health, poverty and involvement with the criminal justice system.

Children and young people who do not attend school regularly also miss out on planned learning experiences, sequences of instruction and class participation. The impact of this loss is compounded with each absence. It is also more difficult for them to build positive relationships with others.

Student attendance has 2 categories:

- Habitual non-attendance: where a student has 5 or more absences for any reason in a term (average of 1 day per fortnight)
- Chronic non-attendance: where a student is absent for 10 days or more days in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

It is acceptable for a child to miss school when:

- they are too sick to leave the house
- they have an infectious illness such as gastroenteritis, chicken pox or measles
- they need to attend medical or dental appointments that could not be made out of school hours
- they have been granted an exemption from school
- they have been sent home or suspended from school for disciplinary reasons
- the school principal is given a genuine reason that prevents the child from attending school.

If a student is absent due to reported illness for 3 or more consecutive days, the principal can ask for a medical certificate.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please view our Attendance policy available on our school website, or copies are available from the front office. I am also happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to working with you to support improved attendance for all students.



# FAMILY FITNESS

## FREE COME AND TRY!

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*We are taking Preschool enrolments for 2019 now!*

*We offer full day Preschool programs on*

*Mondays, Tuesdays and every second Wednesday, Occasional Care on Thursday (mornings)*

*Playgroup on Fridays!*