Thank you

A huge thank you to Miranda, Leila, Chayse and their families for their generous donations of goods for the mud kitchen. Students have spent many days making amazing creations out of these generously donated items so they are certainly being well loved! Also a big Thank You to Faye for purchasing a great deal of silverware from the Cambrai Op Shop for students to use.

Literacy Pro

Palmer Primary School has just implemented the Literacy Pro, an online reading resource that supports students and teachers in implementing a successful independent reading programme.

As students move towards fluent independent reading and the end of reading recovery levelled readers, they will be introduced to Literacy Pro to support their reading choices and measure comprehension of their reading.

The beginning of the process requires students to take an online test to obtain a student lexile. This reading level then guides children in choosing books that are "just right" for them, that is books that they can read with confidence and understand. Literacy Pro will also assist students in selecting the types of books they enjoy. The test is only taken by students a few times a year and during school time, never at home.

Once children achieve their individual student lexile it is time to start reading! The most important part of the Literacy Pro resource is reading books! Lexile books are just normal library books and children can search for them online and find them in the school library. The more books your child reads, the better they become at reading. At Palmer Primary School we encourage daily independent reading at home of at least 20 minutes per day. When students complete a Lexile book, they are encouraged to take a quiz, a short 10 question test that measures their comprehension of the book they have read. We encourage students to read as many books as they like and take as many quizzes as they can at home and at school.

Of course, reading is not just about Lexile books, it is all books. We encourage our children to read books they love and want to read, some will be a Lexile book with a quiz, some won't. Children are encouraged to read non-Lexile books as well. To encourage the children to read we will be launching our Lexile Dragon which grows as we count the words we read. As a whole school we will be counting the number of words we read from week 2 to week 10, our aim is to read as many words as we can. There will be prizes and certificates given to those who make the most progress or are putting in the most effort.

This is the link to your child's account which they can access from home and read on-line books, then complete the quizzes.

https://slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/slz-portal/#/login3/AUSJFHW

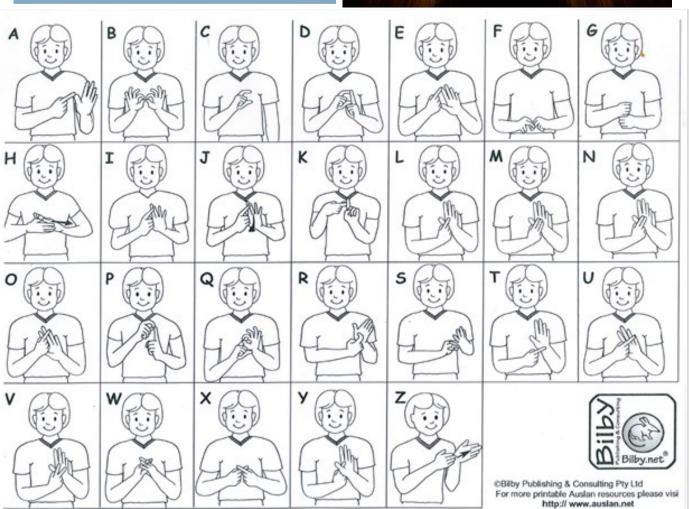
The online sign-in for each child has been sent home in a paper version of this letter.

If you would like to find out more about Literacy Pro and your child, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

Community Notices







Term Three Calendar 2020

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20 Student Free Day	21	22	23	24
2	27	28	29	30	31
3	August 3	4	5	6	7
4	10	11	12	13	14
5	17	Governing Council 3:30 pm	19	20	21
6	24	25	26	27	28
7	31	September 1	2	3	Road & Cycle Safety excursion
8	7 Student Free Day	8	9	10	11
9	14	Governing council 3:30 pm	16	17	18
10	21	22	23	24 Sports Day at Cambrai	25 Last day of term 2:15 dismissal



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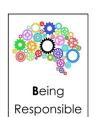
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Teams Tally:

Blue Bears 1090

White Polars 1248

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Dear Families.

Message from Lauren....

We are almost in week five, halfway through the term already! We are still hoping that Covid-19 restrictions will stay as they are so that our excursion at the end of week seven will be able to take place. Kellie has asked to remind families to bring forms and payment for this great excursion by Monday 24th August 2020. The cost is \$10.00 per student and this can be paid via cash or direct deposit. Please see Kellie for details if required. If we do have to cancel the excursion if Covid-19 restrictions increase, the money paid for the excursion will be refunded to families. Just another reminder that students can, but do not have to, bring their own helmets if they wish, however the road and cycle safety centre have plenty available for students.

Cambrai Sports Day

Our first combined Sports Day with Cambrai last year was a huge success with students loving the opportunity to try some challenging athletic events including discus, shot put, high jump etc. The feedback we received was extremely positive and after post-poning it in term one, we are very excited that it will (hopefully!) happen on Thursday, September 24 if restrictions stay as they are. More information about this day will follow closer to the date.

Wet Weather

We have seen some wet days lately which have resulted in many wet shoes and socks! Students are welcome to wear gum boots during recess and lunch, or to change into a dry pair of socks afterwards if they choose. Students are also welcome to wear a beanie inside to keep warm. Although we do have wet and rainy days, we still need to check the daily UV rating and will be requiring students to wear hats when the UV is three or above.



