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## Family Fun Day

An invitation is extended to all parents of Pre School and Primary School children and members of the community to attend our **Family Fun Day**.

**When: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Puckapunyal Primary School**

Since 1998 we have been holding a **Family Picnic Day** at the school with parents bringing lunch to share with their children in a family atmosphere.

*\* At 1.00 pm parents, students and teachers will meet on the bank near the oval and eat lunch together.*

\* There will be a Sausage Sizzle available on the day as well. Look out for pre order forms in the Wednesday Notes. Drinks can also be purchased.

\* A variety of games and activities will be set up on the oval and the asphalt areas by each classroom for students, families and staff to enjoy. They will go ahead after lunch at about 1:30 p.m. Examples of the activities are - egg & spoon races, sack races, 3 legged races, horse shoe throwing, vortex throwing, cricket, skipping, bubbles and lots of others.

\* We will also conduct the annual **Fun Run**. The Fun Run will start at 2.45pm. Parents are encouraged to join their children for the Fun Run. We will also provide a free icy pole to all students, parents and visitors who join in the Fun Run.

\* And of course, there will be our famous mystery bags to purchase!

***Please come along and spend your afternoon enjoying time with your children.***

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\*\*\*Sunday Nights - a great night to check for Head Lice.\*\*\*

### \*\*\*Have you heard your child read today?

We encourage all students to practise their reading at home about 5 nights per week. Therefore, by now, most students should have read at least between 170-175 nights. **Well done if you have kept up! \*\*\***

## FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ LUNCH

To celebrate our **Family Fun Day** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November we are holding a BBQ lunch. Anyone interested in participating please pre order by returning your completed form (with money) by Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

Sausage Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2-00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Fruit Juice Apple \_\_\_\_\_ Orange \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1-50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Flavoured Milk Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ Strawberry \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 2-00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy Birthday

**Happy Birthday** to Isaac Bennett, Blake Neilson and Ashby Murphy who are having their birthdays this week.

On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish **them** a very **Happy Birthday!**



## School Canteen

The **School Canteen** is open for Lunch Orders again this term. Each and every Friday students can order lunches from the school canteen. The menu will be different each week. Please see the term's menu from a recent newsletter.

**This week the menu is -**

<b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Chocolate or Strawberry milk</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Orange or Apple Juice</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

## Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November is

**Remembrance Day.** The school will be conducting a short Remembrance Day commemoration (15 min) in the PC Centre from 10:45 am. All families are welcome to attend.

We will explain to the students that it is not just a great opportunity to reflect on the people, current and past, who have made sacrifices to ensure that we have a free and democratic country, but also a time to reflect on our loved ones.



There are **Poppies** and **related products** for sale in the school office to help commemorate **Remembrance Day.** Items from \$2-\$10 are available.

## Woolworths Ancient Animal Cards

Do you need any **Woolworths Cards** to complete your collection? Send a list of the numbers in to Ms. O'Connor and she'll try to find them for you!

## D.S.T.A. Report

**Walk to School in October:** Well done everyone for having a go at incorporating active travel into your routine. Stay tuned for some further initiatives that encourage active travel, and keep up the walking (or riding, or scooting...)

**Mystery Bags for the Family Fun Day:**

Thank you to those families who have donated a mystery bag filled with goodies for next week's Family Fun Day. We still need plenty more, so if you are able to fill a bag, we would appreciate it.

Have a terrific week.

**Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide**

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE

Well done Melba for 63 tickets last week! Melba is now almost in the lead! Keep up the positive behaviour everyone!

### **CURRENT SCORES**

**Bradman: 297 points**

**Melba: 293 points**

**Chisholm: 269 points**

**Hume: 262 points**

## Coming Events

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Foundation Excursion Jets Gym Kidstown
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Review
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School Working Bee
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Fun Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 5/6 Somers District Camp
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Pucka Kinder Concert
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Free Day Report Writing
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Years 3-6 Individual Triathlon

# Individual Triathlon<sup>3</sup>

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December the Puckapunyal Primary School will be conducting the **Individual Triathlon**. It will be held at the Puckapunyal Area Pool.

The triathlon will involve students from Years 3-6 and will be a mixture of boys and girls. Only Years 3-6 students will attend if they have entered the event or volunteered as a helper for one of the participants.

## Distances

Swim Leg – 5 laps of indoor pool = 165 m

Ride Leg – 2km lap X 2 = 4km

Run Leg – 1.2km lap X 1 = 1.2 km

The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 3:30 p.m. All students attending the event will be dismissed from the pool at 3:30 p.m. There is no cost for the day. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer.

## Assembly Performance



Did you hear **Abigail Major** sing 'Love Story' at assembly this week? We did! She was wonderful! Even when the CD player kept playing up, she continued to sing beautifully! Come along and see who performs next week.

## Results of Your Fundraising

Each year some of your **fundraising efforts** financially support a whole range of school technology. Below, Charlotte Lincoln is displaying a listening post that enables several students at once to listen to CDs, recordings or other sound technology. It has certainly helped in our reading and comprehension areas of Literacy. Thanks everyone for your continued support of our school.

## Pupil Free Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** is our next **Pupil Free Day**. Therefore, students are not expected at school that day.

It is **Report Writing Day** for staff. It gives teachers an opportunity to ensure that all students' reports are accurate.

## Rule Reminders

Each week at assembly, SRC representatives remind our students of a few **important school rules**. This week, SRC representatives **Jamie Clark** and **Naomi Pennycook** reminded our students of the following rules:

- Puddles are for ducks, not children.
- Do not enter a classroom unless a teacher is there.
- Good manners cost nothing – they are free, use them all the time!
- Water tanks and garden areas are not for playing in. Please discuss these rules with your children to help ensure that they understand.



## Value of the Week

At assembly this week **Excellence** was announced as our **School Value of the week**. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating 'Excellence' to be eligible for the **Student of the Week** award. We encourage parents to talk to their students about our values throughout the year.

What is **Excellence**? Year 5 student, **Shae Robertson** read out the meaning of **Excellence**. Assembly MC, **Emily Gourlay** asked the audience questions about **Excellence** and handed out some prizes. **Xtina Chalson-Riley**, **Leah Farr** and **Skye Saunders** performed a short play to model **Excellence**. Well done, girls.

'**Excellence** is giving your absolute best to any task you do. When you practise **excellence**, you are not trying to be better than anyone else, just the very best that you can be.'



# Awards for the Week

## Students of the Week

## Authors of the Week



**Congratulations** to the following students who were **'Students of the Week'** for last week. Winners – Penny Goss, Tabitha Turner, Kathleen Cox, Zion Oti, Claudia Carrick, Dakota Chalson, Jamie Clark and Cherie Gourlay. These students were selected because they were modelling **'Reliability'**. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling **'Striving for Excellence (school motto)'**



**Congratulations** to the following students who were **'Authors of the Week'** for last week. Winners – Jesse Avery, Lilly Mackay, Angela Klein, Gracie Beattie, Nathan Hopkins, Teagan Nabbs, Liam Irwin and Jack Chetcuti. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an **author**.

## Times Tables Awards



**5/6 I in Room 1A** won the **Senior School Times Tables Trophy**. Libby Brown and Trinity Boyd were delighted to win the winning trophy this week!

**3/4 A in Room 11** won the **Middle School Times Tables Trophy**. Teagan Nabbs and Dimitee Taylor were very happy that their classroom won the winning trophy again this week!

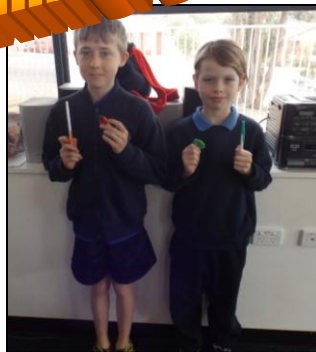


## 'Yard Duty' Award

## Values Quiz Prize Winners

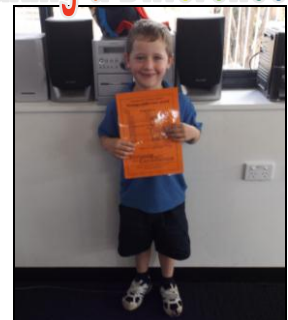


**F/1 O'M in Room 3** won the **Yard Duty Competition**. Lilly Mackay will look after the winning trophy this week.



Congratulations to **Kade Altas** and **Charlie Skipper** who each received a **'Values Quiz Prize'** for answering questions about **'Excellence'** at assembly this week. Great effort, kids!

## 'Making a Difference' Award



Congratulations to **Jackson Scott** who received a **'Making a Difference' Award** this week. Well done, Jackson!

# School Working Bee

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, we have organised a **School Working Bee**. We have many outside jobs that need doing around the school and we need help from our school community. The Working Bee will begin from 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day (hopefully finished by lunchtime).

The Working Bee is an opportunity for families to help. Without your help these improvements will not be able to go ahead in 2015. Over the last few years we have had fantastic support during our working bees. Jobs are listed below. Please mark the day on your calendar!

**Job No 1.** Amphitheatre needs sweeping and tidying up

**Job No 2.** Old play equipment needs checking and fixing

**Job No 3.** Garden Beds weeding

**Job No 4.** Mowing and whipper snipping

**Job No 5.** Roof gutters need cleaning

**Job No 6.** Asphalt and gutters swept and cleared

**Job No 7.** Veggie garden work

**Job No 8.** Chainsawing dangerous tree branches

**Job No 9.** Clean sand pits

Please return the attendance slip below to indicate that you can come and what job you would like to help with.

The more people there, the better the chance to be completely finished by lunchtime. Even if you can only attend for an hour or so please do. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

## Working Bee Attendance Slip

Yes, I/we can attend the Working Bee on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.**

Name - \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with Job No \_\_\_\_.

Tools I can bring \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Valedictory Dinner

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, our Year 6 students will attend their graduation night - the **Valedictory Dinner**.

All Year 6 students will need to arrive at the PC Centre by 6:00 p.m. to begin their night with a Dinner. All parents are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. for the Graduation Ceremony after dinner. We do not have the room for siblings and other family friends to come along as well. Please appreciate our request or it will be too crowded to proceed.

### TIMELINE:

6.00pm Students are expected to arrive at PC Centre

6.30pm meal

7.30pm Parents arrive - presentations followed by dancing

**Cost:** The cost for the dinner is \$25. Payment is due by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please Note:** All Year 6 students are to bring a 2 litre bottle of soft drink for serving at dinner on the night. The bottle needs to be at school leading up to the night.

### Awards to be presented at the Valedictory Dinner:

- Year 6 Valedictorian
- 4 Student Bursaries
- Sporting Award
- Academic Excellence Awards
- Striving for Excellence Award
- Quiet Achiever Award
- Mitchell Shire Citizenship Award
- Lion's Club Community Award

**DRESS:** We remind families that it is a primary school function and that school council expects that we keep the dress code 'neat and casual'. We do not want students away from school attending hair dressers, or having formal dress/suit fittings. We also need to remind students that our school policy of not wearing make-up to school and school functions still applies.

All students seem very excited about the big night. Good luck to all Year 6 students.

We hope they all enjoy the occasion.



# <sup>6</sup> The M113 has Arrived!



Our **new 'tank' (M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier)** has arrived. It has been placed in an area for Years 3-6 students to play on and around. We will need to do a little bit of welding before we allow our kids to play on it yet. Stay tuned!

Our Years F-2 students already have their 'tank' (**Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier**) at the front of the school.

# Week 5 in Term 4 Teaching/Learning Focus....

Each week in the newsletter, we will give families a summary of the **Teaching/Learning Focus** for the week. **That can help families by:** being aware of what classrooms are covering; with discussion topics at the dinner table when discussing school (eg. 'How are you going with addition in Numeracy this week?'); helping their children study at home, etc. Parents have indicated that this information would be very useful. We also ask families to be aware that schools are very busy places and events can be unpredictable at times. We therefore must remain flexible. That means, we can plan to cover certain topics at particular times and have to change them according to arising needs.

## Junior School – Preps/Foundation Rooms 3 & 6

**Literacy:** We are continuing to develop our writing skills with a focus on sounding out and using the red and blue in our writing and learning the 'th' blend. We are practising Kung Fu punctuation and talking about WOW words.

**Numeracy:** We are continuing to learn about ordinal numbers and time.

## Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 8 & 9

**Literacy:** We are focusing on verbs and adjectives and continuing punctuation skills (Kung Fu punctuation). We are identifying the author's purpose.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at multiplication and division, fractions and calendars.

## Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 8 & 9

**Literacy:** We are looking at the difference between facts and opinions and learning about contractions, verbs and adjectives.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at multiplication and division, fractions and calendars.

## Middle School – Years 3/4 Rooms 10 & 11

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on Poetry. We will continue to focus on our editing skills.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on measurement and geometry. Another continued focus will be place value. Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

## Senior School – Years 5/6 Rooms 1A & 1B

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will continue to focus on Poetry. We will focus on Acrostic poems. In reading we will be focusing on strategies, fluency and expression.

**Numeracy:** We will continue with work on the four processes, the order of operations, place value, number patterns, decimal fractions, common fractions and percentages. We will continue to complete work relating to Symmetry (line and rotational). Tables facts will be practised throughout the week.

# Indo Lingo

Children will be revising **angka** (numbers), **warna** (colours) and **bagian kepala** (head parts) this week by making a **kotak bercakap-cakap** (chatterbox).

1 **satu**  
2 **dua**  
3 **tiga**  
4 **empat**  
5 **lima**  
6 **enam**  
7 **tujuh**  
8 **delapan**  
9 **sembilan**  
10 **sepuluh**

blue **biru**  
red **merah**  
yellow **kuning**  
purple **ungu**  
white **putih**  
green **hijau**  
pink **merah muda**  
orange **jingga**  
brown **coklat**  
black **hitam**

head **kepala**  
hair **rambut**  
eyes **mata**  
nose **hidung**  
face **muka**  
mouth **mulut**  
ears **telinga**  
teeth **gigi**  
tongue **lidah**  
cheeks **pipi**

Salam (Regards)  
Bu Hooper (Mrs Hooper)  
Guru Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian teacher)



# LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Photographs and writing by Year 5/6 students, Francina, Lochlon and Naomi

## **3 Day Bike Ride**

On Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, 24 Year 5/6 students left for the 3 Day Bike Ride. At 6:45am, all students met at school to catch the bus to Mansfield and load their luggage onto the trailer. At Mansfield, all students from other schools met and Mr Warne spoke to them about the rules. Afterwards, we jumped on our bikes and got organised into our riding groups. There were 6 different groups; the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> groups were the fast groups, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> groups were the medium and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> were the slower groups. On the first night, we camped at Yarck and we set up our tents. After a delicious BBQ, we had to brush our teeth and get ready for bed. In the morning, we woke up and had a choice of cereal for breakfast. That day was the most exhausting day because we had to ride up a hill which went on for 8kms. That night we camped at Yea Primary School. After hamburgers and chips for dinner, we went to bed. The next morning we had delicious pancakes cooked by Mr Warne and other lovely people. Later we set off for the last day of riding. When we got to Tallarook the teachers had a talk to us and then we went home. We would like to congratulate all students because they trained for weeks and weeks. We would like to thank all of the teachers and volunteers who helped run this bike ride.



## **Years 3/4 Bike Ride**

Due to the success of the Years 5/6 Bike Ride, we have decided to give our **Years 3/4 students** an opportunity to participate in a **1 Day Bike Ride**. The ride will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, therefore will only involve the students who are still here. They will ride approximately 25 kms or so. From now on, we encourage all Years 3/4 students to begin some training a couple of times per week. They will need to discuss this with their mums and dads. Stay tuned for more information. We will also be looking for parents to participate too!



# The Great Victorian Rail Trail

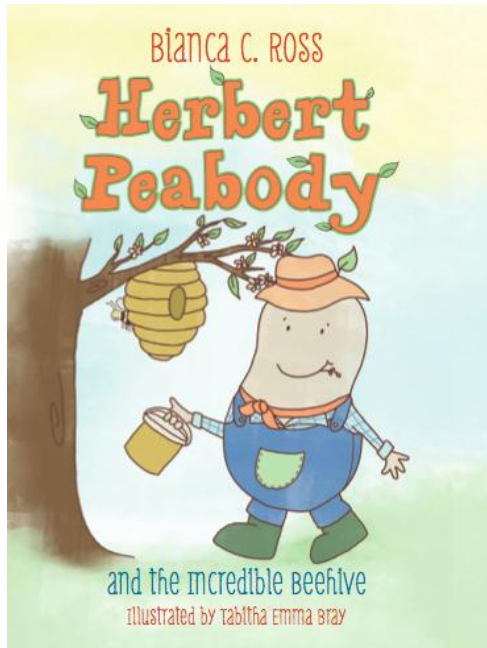


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## Puckapunyal Primary School Visiting Author Book Deal



On Monday, November 9, Puckapunyal Primary School will welcome Bianca C Ross, author of the *Herbert Peabody* children's book series.

The books connect children with where food comes from, and share the magic of growing food through farmer Herbert Peabody. Herbie, as he's known to his family and friends, is fun-loving and a little bit cheeky, just like the children who the books are written for. The *Herbert Peabody* series launched in June 2014, and has received great publicity from ABC TV and radio, print titles including *Better Homes & Gardens*, and online including *news.com.au*

Herbie's second book has now officially launched, and Puckapunyal Primary School has the opportunity to purchase signed copies of the books.

Bianca Ross is volunteering her time and has offered parents the chance to pre-order the books, have Herbert Peabody include a personalised message, and receive a "free freight price."

Please place orders by Sunday, November 8. Follow the instructions below to order your copies of the *Herbert Peabody* books.

1. Visit <http://herbertpeabody.com/store/> and place your order
2. Click "Proceed to checkout"
3. In the "Have a coupon field?" click on "Click here to enter your code"
4. Enter "puckapunyal" and click "Apply coupon"
5. Enter your own address details
6. If you would like a personalised note for your child, enter their name in the "Order notes" field
7. Scroll down and choose the free shipping option - your book will be delivered to Puckapunyal Primary School for collection.