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DAY 8

Day 8 has come and gone since the last newsletter and our predicted student/staffing ratio was a positive outcome, therefore no class changes were necessary. This was possible due to strategically using flexible staffing to use an extra teacher to eliminate the need for composites and to provide small class sizes in our early year's classes, especially prep. All year levels are under size except year 4, where all three classes are two over. This will remain as is for now. This group of students have had four years of small classes, and staff on this year level were consulted on how best to support them. We were fortunate to be able to finance the employment of a dedicated science teacher for each year 4 class, which also provides additional non-contact time for these staff members.

NEW LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

Last Friday the temporary buildings were 'dropped in' and will be fitted out in the next few weeks. Handover to the school will be mid-March and that is when the Year 1s currently in the demountables will be relocated to the new temporary buildings.

CASHLESS OFFICE and UNIFORM SHOP

In line with recommendations from the Finance Branch, our school office will become cashless for all payments from the commencement of Term 2. The preferred payment option will be Bpoint. EFTPOS will still be available through the payment window.

Please ring the school office anytime that you require any assistance or further clarification.

The Uniform Shop will also become cashless from the commencement of Term 2. Orders will still be available through Flexischools and EFTPOS payments directly at the Uniform Shop.

COVID REMINDERS

Whilst we have been blessed so far in Queensland with very few strict COVID lockdowns and restrictions compared to other states, we certainly cannot be complacent. Please remember that on the school site, all adults should adhere to social distancing of 1.5m and please keep your child home if they display any COVID symptoms. The office will contact you to pick up your child if they display any symptoms whilst at school.

FACEBOOK

Please 'LIKE' our Palm Beach State School Facebook page for regular updates, news stories and reminders.



Deputy Principal's News

Tyson Upton

Megan Woodley

Student Attendance

Why does school attendance matter?

Regular school attendance gives students a better chance at life. Students achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day because:

- they have increased access to learning opportunities
- they maintain friendships
- they stay connected to the curriculum progression
- they develop self-efficacy as a learner
- they have better long term life outcomes.

If your child is having trouble attending school everyday, please contact us to offer advice and support.

If your child is absent or will be absent from school please call the school Absentee Line on 5520 8360. Please state your child's name, class and a reason for the absence, otherwise

your child will be marked as an unexplained absence. We appreciate your help in following the PBSS attendance procedures.

Positive Parenting Program - Triple P

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is used around the world and was developed right here in Queensland. It helps parents to raise children and teenagers who will grow up to be happier and healthier.

Triple P gives parents the skills to manage the common day-to-day challenges of parenting by offering practical skills and tools to help parents:

- develop positive relationships so you can get along well with your kids and argue less
- effectively set family routines and rules that work
- manage problem behaviour and support positive behaviour
- raise well-adjusted, emotionally resilient children
- balance work and family with less stress
- create a happier, safer, more supportive family so you can be the parent you want to be.

PBSS has three members of staff who are accredited Triple P practitioners and are here to support our school families. If you would like further information about Triple P, follow the links below or contact the office to speak with one of our trained practitioners.

Link to website:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/community/caring-child/positive-parenting>

Link to Free online parenting course:

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-ukn/find-help/triple-p-online/>



Overdue Library Books

Currently there are just over 100 outstanding library books that need to be returned from 2020. Can you please ask your children to have a look and check there are none hiding in their room!



P & C News

P&C Meeting Postponed

The Palm Beach State School P & C Association general meeting scheduled for next week on *Thursday 18 February 2021* has been postponed and will now be held on **Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 5.30pm** in the school library.

Through the operation of our school tuckshop, uniform shop and through various fundraising events throughout the year our P&C raises valuable funding to help enrich the journey of learning at Palm Beach. To pitch in and share ideas, or to join in on the conversation to determine how these funds are spent at your child's school, please join us on Tuesday 9th March from 5:30pm in the library. Alternatively, please contact us anytime at pandc@palmbeachss.eq.edu.au.

Due to social distancing requirements in our meeting room, we ask all members and non-members who wish to attend to please **register your attendance to all our meetings by return email** to pandcsecretarypbss@gmail.com so we can ensure compliance with the social distancing requirements.

Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a Special meeting on **Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 5.30pm** in the school library for member and community consultation regarding the proposed handover of the running of the school tuckshop from the P & C Association to the school.



The Special meeting will be an opportunity for the P & C to explain the reasons for the proposed handover of running the school tuckshop to the school and provide as much information as possible on the total process so that members and the community are aware and can make an informed decision in the future vote.

No vote will take place at the Special meeting on 2 March 2021. It is foreshadowed that an Association member will present a motion to vote by eligible members on the handover of the running of the P & C's tuckshop business to the school at the next general meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 5.30pm in the library.

Annual General Meeting

Also with the Annual General Meeting next month **Thursday 18th March 2021** it is time for us as a school community to think about the coming year and what we would like to see achieved through our P&C Association throughout 2021. It is also the time where the existing executive committee hand over the reins to others. ***All general memberships and executive positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) lapse at the AGM every year.***

We are fortunate at Palm Beach State School to have a P&C Association and school administrators who take a consultative and cooperative approach. If you would be interested in learning more about the executive positions and what is involved, please contact us at pandc@palmbeacss.eq.edu.au

As a parent of a student at our school, you are not automatically a member of the P&C.

To become a member you must first attend a general meeting and present your membership application form *in person*, which is approved at the end of that meeting.

This means that should an issue arise during the school year which you feel strongly about, and you are not yet a member, you will not be able to vote on the matter until you have attended a general meeting first... i.e. you will qualify to vote at your second meeting (the Annual General Meeting is the *only meeting where a person may apply to become a member without being present*).

To become a part of the process and ensure you can have your say, please either join us at our next meeting, attend our AGM (or submit a membership application

beforehand). Membership forms are available from the uniform shop or by emailing pandc@palmbeacss.eq.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

PBSS P&C Executive committee

Palm Beach SS P&C proudly uses **AFM Accountants**



Tuckshop



break.

Opening hours

Tuckshop is open Monday – Friday for **both first** and **second break** (unless otherwise advised).

On Monday's 22nd February & 1st March tuckshop will not be open for second

Flexischools Ordering

Don't forget to sign up to Flexischools, our online ordering system for tuckshop, uniform shop and P&C run events such as school discos.

Download the free Flexischools app or join at flexischools.com.au. Attached are step by step instructions on how to set up a Flexischools account.



Getting started with Flexischools.pdf



Please let your children know when you are placing a tuckshop order for them, so that they are aware that they will need to go to the tuckshop box and collect the order.

If your child is sick please call the office or the tuckshop before 9.30am so that we can cancel the order for you.

We are also open for over the counter snack sales during both lunch and afternoon tea breaks. Snacks include popcorn, tortilla crisps, muffins, fruit pieces and ice blocks. Prices range from \$0.50 - \$1.00.

Please note: Tuckshop will not accept any notes higher than \$5.00 for over the counter purchases during lunch break and afternoon tea.



If you're looking for a way to support your school this year, our tuckshop is looking for volunteers. It can be as little as once a term, once a month, or once or twice a week for as little as two hours a morning or afternoon. The shifts are usually 8.30-11-ish or you can even do a 1-2.45pm right before pickup to help with food prep (and get a great car park for pickup!).

We really do need your help for Term 1 following reduced volunteers after covid and would greatly appreciate you letting us know if you can help out or grabbing a friend and volunteering together. If you are able to help, please send an email to tuckshop@palmbeachss.eq.edu.au or see Mia or Kelly in the tuckshop.

All volunteers will still be required to continue to adhere to the social distancing/covid-safe rules while assisting in the tuckshop. If you're a parent of a child at the school, you do not require a Blue Card however if you're a grandparent wishing to volunteer you will need a Blue Card.

Ten reasons to volunteer



- Your child benefits
- It's good for your health
- It improves your employability
- You'll learn new skills
- You'll make meaningful connections
- Creates a resilient community
- Meet more people within your neighbourhood
- You get to give something back
- Gives you a sense of purpose and belonging
- You'll live longer



Uniform Shop



Our Uniform shop is open from **8:15 – 9:15am, Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. You can also order at your convenience **anytime** through **Flexischools** and your order will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Hair Accessories	\$4.00 - \$7.50
Library/Music Bag	\$10.00
Reversible Hats	\$16.00
Fleece Zip Jacket	\$25.00
Unisex Polo	\$30.00
Shorts	\$30.00
Skorts	\$30.00
Unisex Sports Polo	\$30.00
Jackets	\$50.00

Backpacks

\$60.00 *NEW*

Second hand uniforms

Our uniform shop would love to receive any of donations of old school uniforms that your children have grown out of. If you have any old school uniforms that are in good condition please drop them in to the uniform shop.

As we are currently awaiting our uniform order for 2021 we would really appreciate any donations but especially any size 6, size 10 & size 12 polo shirts as we have some families waiting on these items to arrive.



Supply waiting times

We received some size 10 polo shirts last week but for those waiting on other sizes we should see our uniform stock mid March, please watch this space for updates.

While we understand your frustrations with our uniform shop selling out of some stock, we do ask that you please treat our staff and volunteers with respect at all times as these things are sometimes out of our control.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.



If you've got time to spare between 8:15am-9:00am on a Monday or Wednesday morning we'd love to have some help in our uniform shop!

Tasks include serving parents and students who are purchasing uniforms, filling any online orders and restocking. Please come and see Sam at the uniform shop or email uniformspbss@gmail.com for more information.



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KIDS CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP:

Kids Club is an activity for Grades 1 -6 during first break each Friday in the PAC. There is no budget for this popular activity and Jan Talbot (BST) is requesting from parents donations(in VERY GOOD repair) for the following items:

Lego

Wedgits

Board Games (not requiring batteries)

Hot Wheels cars PLUS roadway and raceway sets

BayBlade stadiums

Dress Up clothing (washed please)

Plastic or rubber dinosaurs

Doll Fairy Castle

Large stuffed toys (washed please)

Any donations, please bring to the BST/GO office in the library.

With thanks

Jan Talbot



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Through our classes your child will;

- Learn practical self defence skills
- Become more confident
- Make new friends
- Handle bullying
- Become fitter and have fun!

Thursday afternoons from 3:00pm - 4:00pm
With Instructor Nick May

Come down and try your first group class complimentary!

Contact the Arakan office for more information
1300 13 23 11 www.arakan.com.au

Soccer X Pty Ltd
After School Soccer Programme

We are excited to tell you about the after school soccer program we will be running at Palm Beach State School during Term 1.

Throughout the 9 weeks our coaches will teach fun, educational and active lessons ensuring your child become energized and with a smile on their face.

Why choose Soccer X?
As well as providing fun filled Soccer sessions where teach the players new skills & techniques we aim to provide the following skills:

- Social Skills
- Team building
- General Fitness
- Sense of Achievement

We believe by integrating these skills into our programs it will help your children become well rounded young adults.

All standards are welcome, so do not worry if you have never played before. Most answers to your questions can be found by checking our website, but if you do not find an answer, please telephone 088178888 or email info@soccerx.com.au

For more information please follow SoccerX on Facebook or see us at www.SoccerX.com

Programme Details:

Day: Wednesday
Start Date: 10 Feb 2021
Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm
Where: School Oval
Ages: Prep - Y14 (Boys & Girls)

Registration:
To meet disappointment ALL registrations and payments must be completed ONLINE before the first session.

Cost: \$120 (9 weeks)
Please visit www.SoccerX.com to register and pay.

Schoolyard Equipment (Soccer Program)
Each team during 9 weeks will be wearing a Soccer X program kit. All other equipment will be provided by the school.

Not sure if your child is ready to join the Soccer X program?
Our Soccer X program provides a perfect foundation for the school program in the long run. Soccer X is a fun and exciting program that will help your child develop the skills and confidence to join the school program in the long run.

FAQs:

- What happens if it rains?
- The session will take place undercover. In extreme weather conditions sessions will be cancelled and parents notified via SMS & Facebook.
- What should my child wear to soccer?
- Anything that is comfortable. Shorts, t-shirt, socks, sneakers. Soccer socks are not essential.

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Information Evening for students entering Year 7 in 2022

Wednesday 17 February 2021
6:00pm, The PBC Hall
Thrower Drive, Palm Beach

RSVP your attendance to enrolments@pbc-shs.eq.edu.au

"Nil Sed Optima"
Meaning: Not the Best, but the Best