



Pilliga Public School

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*The little school that's BIG
on learning*

**SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**
Term 2, Week 2
Friday, May
10th, 2013

CALENDAR

NAPLAN: May 14th, 15th,
16th

POETRY WORKSHOP:

Thursday, May 16th

2MAXXFM: Thursday,
May 11th, 25th.

PBL TEAM MEETING:

Thursday, May 16th,
3.15pm

SCRIPTURE & SKETCH:

Wednesday, May 22nd

HEALTHY HAROLD:

Wednesday, May 29th

ADVANCE NOTICE

SCHOOL EXCURSION:

June 17th, 18th, 19th,
20th

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NEW SCHOOL MEMBERS! We have added two more members to our School community; our Giant Litter Bugs. Named Trevor and Rosella (popular vote), our Giant Litter Bugs journeyed from Innisfail, North Queensland to reside in their specialised habitat in our classroom. The couple is five years old and can expect to live another 15 years. And the best news is, they are expecting a family in November! Unlike the majority of insects, Giant Litter Bugs give birth to live young, so we are eagerly awaiting the exciting moment; we'll try and film it on our i-pads...

NAPLAN: The National Assessment Plan for Literacy and Numeracy is conducted across Australia on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I will supervise students in Years 3 and 5 while they complete the standardised assessment. While students are encouraged to do their best the testing should not be viewed with any undue negative emphasis.

HOME READING: PLEASE encourage your child to read at home every evening; repeated reading out loud will lead to expressive, fluent delivery, as well as improved comprehension of what they're reading. Students are arriving at School without their Home readers (and with a variety of reasons why it's not their fault!), and their learning is being compromised. If you would like to discuss this please call in and see me.

Regina



Our Giant Litter Bugs will be the focal point of this Term's Science lessons. Students will be looking at the life cycle of other insects, and learning about their habitats and their place in our world environment.

The wonder of learning will be discovered across all subjects, with lessons being predominantly linked to English, Maths and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden lessons.

School Uniforms for Sale

There are a number of new School uniform items available from the Office. They are embroidered with the Pilliga Public School logo where appropriate. The price list is as follows:

POLAR FLEECE JACKETS (sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) Childrens: \$20 .00 Adults Medium and Large: \$25.00

NAVY FLEECY LINED TRACKSUIT PANTS (sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) \$10.00

V-NECK FLEECY LINED JUMPERS (size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) \$20.00

GIRLS' WINTER TUNICS (sizes 4, 6, 8, 14) \$20.00

GIRLS' NAVY TIGHTS (4-6 years, 7-10 years) \$5.00

SPORTS JACKETS (white piping, sizes 4, 6, 8) \$20.0

PILLIGA PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At the disbandment of the P&C Association last term it was decided to form the Pilliga Public School Community Support group, to ensure that the interest of families and the community are represented at our School. The first meeting of that group will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, at 9.00am in the Judy Field Library. It is vital that this group be vigorous in its consultation and commitment to achieving the best for our students. There will be no office bearers in the group; it will not have a fundraising focus. The role of the group is to liaise and consult with me in matters concerning the management and educational pursuits of the School.

At the meeting I will be seeking input into the upgraded format of our School Reports and the process involved in reporting to families. Please advise me, or Liz in the office, if you will be attending this meeting so that I can cater adequately.



Opportunity knocks...

At the Schools Garden Day at Walgett students participated in experimental tasting, trying to distinguish between sweet, sour, bitter and just plain yucky! foods. This was one of the many opportunities that are presented to our students to join with children from other schools in learning experiences. The remoteness of our School and its small numbers could be limiting if these opportunities were not taken. During this term students will be participating in the Eisteddfod at Narrabri, the Cross Country Zone Trials at Bellata and a 4-day excursion to the rich gold-mining areas around Mudgee. Thank you to the parents who support our School in offering our students a diverse range of opportunities.