



# Pilliga Public School Newsletter

*The little school that's BIG on learning*

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## Term 3

Welcome back to school for Term 3!

I hope everyone had a relaxing holidays and have come back to school ready to work hard. We are starting the term running—literally! We have our 6-Ways Athletics Carnival in Walgett on Friday, and over the next couple of afternoons, we are planning on finishing our Field Events that were cancelled due to rain at the 2-Ways Carnival last term.

This term we also have some staffing changes: Mrs Lord will be working on Thursdays to allow for the Infants and Primary classes to remain separate for 4 days, and Mr Dunlop will be working on Thursdays

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## New Sporting Equipment

At the end of last term we received a huge order of Soccer and Rugby gear, and other fitness equipment as part of our Sport in Schools funding.

As you can see, the new equipment is a hit with the students and will add to our Sport and Fitness program.

### COMING UP:

- 22/7 6 Ways @ Walgett
- 27/7 Transition Starts
- 29/7 Rugby Union Clinic @ Gwabegar
- 3/8 Rugby Union Clinic @ Pilliga. CANTEEN will be running.





## Excursion Payment

The **first instalment of \$100** per child for the Lake Burrendong Excursion is now due. Please bring payments to the school office as soon as possible.

## Book Fair Orders



The families who have outstanding orders from our Book Fair in May need to contact the school immediately to arrange payment. Please understand that we only kept these books because families requested that we hold them and everyone was given the chance to drop the order, which nobody did.

These orders cannot be returned, and must be finalised.

Thanks to those families who have paid.

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## Kindergarten Transition

Transition will begin on Wednesday in Week 2—**27th July**. Students will attend school for the whole day, from **8.30am—3.00pm**. All students need to bring **a piece of fruit, food for lunch, a snack for recess, a bottle of water, and a hat**.

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## Canteen

The first canteen will be run in Week 3 on **WEDNESDAY**. The reason for the change in this fortnight is that Gwabegar Public School will be joining us for a Rugby Union Clinic, and Transition will also be in school that day.

The canteen is organised and operated by our school parents. If you have any questions about the day you are rostered on contact Jasmine Pagett 0411 383 531

### Price List

Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Pizza	\$2.00
Nestle Milo	\$1.50
Icy Pole	.50
Frozen Yogurt (strawberry or mango)	\$1.50

\*Subject to availability



# 6 Ways

## Location

No.1 Oval (next to the Walgett Hospital) Corner of Dewhurst & Fox Street

## Organisation of the day

8.30am: 6 Ways Commences – Meet with other schools to discuss the day

8.45am: School March & War Cry

9.00am: Events commence

3.00 – 4.00pm: 6 Ways Ends

## Canteen

A canteen will be in operation all day serving the following options;

Bacon & Egg Rolls

Steak Sandwiches

Sausage Sandwiches

Hot Dogs

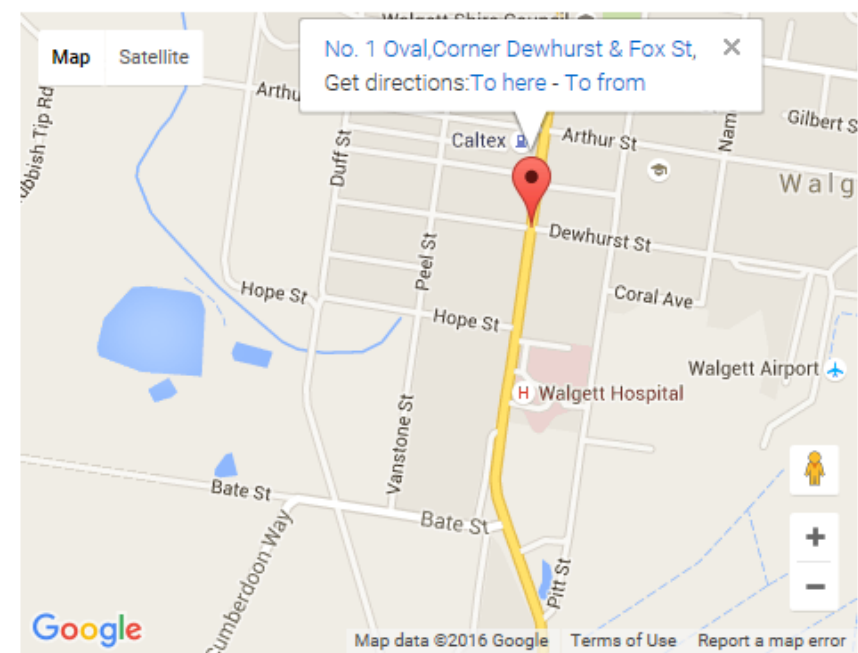
Cup of Soup

Tea & Coffee

Cake Plates

Misc Lollies, Chips,

Canned Drinks and Water





There will be some changes to **K-3 homework** this term and students will need some parent help each night. Each student will come home with a folder of resources (sight words, number flash cards, dice, number charts, letters or blend cards) depending on their needs. This folder will **remain at home**.

At the beginning of each week students will bring home a set of tasks to complete **each night** with the help of an older sibling or parent. At the conclusion of each week or fortnight (depending on how the students are going), Mrs Lord will contact the parents of students from K-3 to discuss how the tasks went and if there were any problems.

The main focus of homework in K-3 will be on helping students to achieve outcomes in number and spelling over the next term. Some of these outcomes will include:

#### **Kinder**

- Count to 30
- Recognise numerals to 30
- Count backwards from 10
- Basic Sight Words
- Sounds and names for all letters in the alphabet

#### **Year 1-3**

- Count to 1000
- Recognise numerals to 1000
- Recognise numerals to 10 000
- Count backwards from any number
- Count by 10's on decade (e.g. 30,40,50,60)
- Count by 10's off decade (e.g. 46,56,66,76)
- Levelled Sight Words (from reading level at school)
- Long Vowel Sounds

Students will not need to bring anything back to school at the end of the week, as the follow up phone call with parents will be evidence that students are completing set tasks, and will give parents the opportunity to discuss individual student learning goals. If a new task sheet is not given out at the beginning of a week, the expectation is that students will continue with the previous week's activities.

The learning benefits of reinforcing these basic core concepts at home, will be huge for all children and we look forward to seeing them achieve both at school and home.

If you would like to discuss this new style of homework, please call the school Monday—Thursday.

**Homework for years 5 & 6** will be project based, with the expectation that a completed project is returned to school after 5 weeks. Resources and tasks will be sent home weekly to aid in the construction of the project over that period.