### What’s on

**Week 7, 19 March 2015**

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- NAPLAN Information for parents (Year 3 and 5)

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### Harmony Day and IEC Opening Reminder – tomorrow

Palmerston District Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow, Friday 20 March. We will also be officially opening our Introductory English Centre (IEC) and launching the Directorate’s English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) documents. We have invited Joy Burch, The Education Minister to officially open our IEC. We will be hosting a short assembly on the blacktop on the Friday morning. During this assembly we will also be conducting a traditional smoking ceremony, which is performed on special occasions. Parents are welcome to attend. Students are invited to wear their **traditional cultural dress or orange** (orange is used to represent Harmony Day) to celebrate Harmony Day. Thank you for your support.
Ride2School Day Statistics

Statistics from last week’s Ride2School Day on 13 March regarding our student population:
• 52 students rode a bike
• 33 rode a scooter
• 66 walked
• 8 took public transport and 110 took a private car

World’s Greatest Shave – Leukaemia Foundation

On Monday 16 March at morning lines Mr Higginson, Mrs Cox and her daughter Deanna had their heads shaved!
Thank you to the Palmerston School Community for your support and congratulations to these brave members of our community who have raised over $3300 for The Leukaemia Foundation. Donations are still being collected if you would like to donate.

Anita Cox - Sponsor page
Deanna Cox – Sponsor page
Sam Higginson – Sponsor page
NDIS – Parent Information Sessions

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – what does it mean for my child?

ACT Education and Training and the National Disability Insurance Agency invite parents and carers of students with a disability to an information session about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Find out what the NDIS means for your child, how you apply for your child to participate in the Scheme and how this relates to the support your child receives at school.

**LOCATION** | **DAY/TIME** | **DATE** | **FOCUS**
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Dickson College | THURSDAY 6-7PM | 19/03/15 | High school and College students
Macgregor Primary | MONDAY 6-7PM | 23/03/15 | Primary school students

No need to book, just come along to a session that suits you.

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**Term 2, 2015 - Start Date**

Please note that Monday 27 April is a public holiday. Please be advised that due to ANZAC Day (25 April) falling on a Saturday, Term 2 will commence for all ACT Public Schools on Tuesday 28 April.

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**Community News**

![ACT Playgroups Logo]

**National Playgroup Week**

During National Playgroup week playgroup families around Australia will celebrate this year’s theme, Connecting Communities through Play!! ACT Playgroups invite families with children under 6 to join us at the World’s Biggest Playgroup on Wednesday 25 March, 10 am – 1 pm at Cook Community Hub, 41 Templeton Street, Cook. Lots of free, fun activities for children aged 0 -5 and valuable information for their parents/caregivers! Sunscreen and water available, please wear
comfortable clothes (and don’t forget hats!). Bring a picnic and make a
day of it. For more info visit: www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/act

Raising Children in More than One Language
Seminar and Discussion - For parents and grandparents, carers, 
educators, teachers and others interested in bilingual education.
Sunday 22 March 2015
1.30pm-4.30pm
Molongolo Theatre, JG Crawford Building, 
Australian National University (ANU),
Lennox Crossing, Acton ACT
see MAP at http://www.anu.edu.au/maps#
FREE ENTRY     REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
Children welcome but must be under parental supervision
Bookings and more details: 0408 089 235 (Mandy)
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