# Palmerston *Post*

21 June 2018
Week 8, Term 2

PALMERSTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL
*Together we learn from each other.*

ACT Government Education

**ASSEMBLY:**

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| 22 Jun | Senior - Music |
| 29 Jun | Whole School - Indonesian |

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| 22 Jun | Yr3-6 Constable Kenny |
| 22 Jun | P/S Sammy Seal Music |
| 25 Jun - 6 Jul | P/S Hatching Chicks |
| 25 Jun | P/S Sammy Seal |
| 28 Jun | LSU - Magic Mania |
| 28 Jun | Yr3/4 Children's Opera |
| 29 Jun | Yr2-4 & IEC Canberra Theatre excursion |
| 2-4 Jul | Kindy Health Checks |
| 2-5 Jul | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| 3 Jul | P/S Fresh Food Challenge |
| 4 Jul | Transport & Parking Parent Info Session |
| 6 Jul | P/S Fresh Food Challenge |

**NOTES HOME:**

- Transport & Parking Parent Info Session

**P&C BOARD NEWS**

**P&C: 7:00pm 25 June 2018**

All P&C activities, meeting agendas and minutes are available from the school website at – Parent Corner

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week I have been reading the student's reports before they are ready to go home to parents next week. While reading the reports it has again highlighted to me the wonderful work the teachers at Palmerston do. I know that teachers put hours of work into these reports to ensure they are detailed and accurate. The depth of knowledge of each and every individual child and the growth that the students have shown is wonderful to see. This growth is also evident when I walk around the classrooms, I have seen many students this week showing me their writing that they have been working hard on. I have also seen lots of progress with the students' reading. A reminder that reports will be going home next week and you are able to book an interview with your child's teacher for week 10 via the front office.

This week teachers have been meeting in teams to plan for term 3. Some of the students in year 2,3 & 4 have been reading George's Marvellous Medicine in preparation for their visit to Canberra Theatre next Friday. The year two students in particular are getting very excited!

Next week Wayfarers Australia will be coming to Palmerston to present the children's opera *Heavenly Grandfather's Banquet,* which one of our talented students, Annabella, will be performing in. We can't wait to see the show.

Please remember that we are enrolling for preschool 2019. If you have a child going into preschool or know of someone who does, have them fill in the online enrolment form. Later in this newsletter we have a slip for you to fill in if you think you will be leaving Palmerston in 2019. This information assists the school with staffing requirements for 2019.

As always if you would like to discuss an area of concern or have a question please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or one of the members of the executive team. We are always happy to help and enjoy getting to know the families in the community.

Have a great week,

*Haeley Simms*

## YEAR 2 NEWS - KENNY KOALA VISIT

On Friday 15 June, year two had a visit from Constable Kenny Koala. Kenny Koala came to teach us about how to be safe in our community. He talked to us about road safety.

Kenny Koala also talked to us about stranger danger. He gave us strategies we could use if we were ever approached by somebody we didn't know. He explained that if we were to yell out "help, I don't know this person" it immediately alerts people around us that we need help as an unknown person is near us. Kenny also explained that we could seek safety from a family nearby with other small children or if we're at the shops, a shop keeper. He told us that we can identify a shop keeper by looking at their uniform.

Year two thoroughly enjoyed our engaging visit from Constable Kenny Koala and the messages he shared about being safe.

<u>Extra, extra! Read all about it!</u>

"I enjoyed when we practised walking across the road." – Elijah

"You need to put your seat belt on and hold an adult's hand while crossing the road." – Lacey

"You have to wear a helmet when riding a bike, skateboard or scooter to protect yourself." – Reign

"The red light is for stop and the green light is for go." – Eluney

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Yr3-6 Constable Kenny

Date: **Friday 22 June 2018**
Location: Palmerston District Primary School

### Preschool - Sammy Seal Music

Date: **Friday 22 June 2018 & Monday 25 June 2018**
Location: Palmerston Preschool

### Preschool - Hatching Chicks

Date: **25 June - 6 July 2018**
Location: Palmerston Preschool

### LSU - Magic Mania Show

Date: **28 June 2018**
Location: Hellenic Club of Woden

### Yr3/4 Children's Opera

Date: **28 June 2018**
Location: Palmerston District Primary School

### Yr2-4 & IEC - George's Marvellous Medicine show

Date: **29 June 2018**
Location: Canberra Theatre

### Kindy Health Checks

Date: **2-4 July 2018**
Location: Palmerston Primary District School

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Date: **2-5 July 2018**
Location: Palmerston Primary District School

## BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 has now closed and I am expecting the books will be distributed to all students in week 9. However, I have 1 child who placed their order into the Boomerang box and paid with cash and ordered "100 Deadliest things on the Planet" ($12). The form did not have any name or contact details. If this was you, please contact me to advise the student name and class for delivery.

A reminder to all parents to please check the orders if your child is completing the form. Please make sure the form is completed correctly, with the books required marked, the correct amount of money is included if paying cash (with no foreign currency) and their name and class is clearly visible on top of the order form.

Thanks,
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You are invited to attend the

## 2018 TRANSPORT AND PARKING PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Palmerston District Primary School has been working with members of the ACT Education Directorate and ACT Transport to streamline transport and parking processes at our school. A member of the ACT Education Directorate will be on site to answer your questions in regard to our processes.

**Time: 5PM**
**Date: WEDNESDAY JULY 4**
**Location: THE LIBRARY AT PALMERSTON PRIMARY**

We look forward to seeing you there.

## KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS

Earlier this year a pack of information was distributed to all Kindergarten families in relation to health checks conducted by School Health Team Nurses. The health checks are conducted across all ACT Government schools to assist children to have the best possible start at school. The information you returned to the school has been supplied to School Health Team. The nurses will be conducting the health checks on 2- 4 (Monday - Wednesday) July. If you have not returned your child's health check information and you wish for the health check to be conducted, please return the envelope to your child's teacher.

## RECYLING PROGRAM

Want to raise money for the school and at the same time recycle items you normally throw away?
Palmerston Primary is registered to be part of a new recycling program. The school will be a collection point for oral care waste that we will send off to earn money for the school.
Al you have to do is bring your finished toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, dental floss containers and packaging and place them in the box just outside the staffroom where the club board is. We will do the rest.

Just so you know... even though the collection box has pictures of Colgate products on it – ANY BRAND OF ORAL CARE PRODUCTS IS ACCEPTED!

The program will be officially launched on World Environment Day June 5 at morning lines. If you already have some products you would like to bring in before then please hand in to the front office or directly to Karon Campbell - Environmental Science Teacher.

## REPORTING

Over the last few weeks teachers have been very busy collating and recording information in order to provide you with clear, accurate and objective information about the learning and development of your child, via the ACT Directorate reporting template. At Palmerston, we use a range of mechanisms to provide information - these include Learning Journeys, informal and formal interviews and end of semester reports.

For students in Kindergarten to Year 6, teachers report student achievement using the Australian Curriculum achievement standards for each learning area. The achievement standards describe the quality of learning comprising the extent of knowledge, the depth of understanding and sophistication of skills expected of students at the end of each reporting period.

In the areas of English and mathematics you will find comments relating to the strengths of each child and areas for development. Aligned with these strengths and areas for development you will find strategies to maintain and support the progression of learning. Reports will be sent home with children on Thursday 28 June, week 9.

### A-E Reports

Preschool children will receive a developmental summary report. If your child is in Kindergarten you will receive the school report. Children in Years 1 - 6 will receive a copy of the school report and an A-E report. As parents/carers you have the option of withdrawing your child from the A-E reporting process. This means that your child will still be awarded an A-E grade in the key learning areas, and a copy of the A-E report will go onto their school file. However, an A-E report will not be sent home with your child. You will receive only the school report.

### Interviews

Teachers will be running interviews after reports go home, on Monday 2 - Thursday 5 July week 10. Preschool teachers will also offer interviews throughout week 10. Please call the front office on 6142 1440 to book in an interview time.

### Request for duplicate reports – please return to the Front Office – Semester 1, 2018

Please indicate on the form attached if you require duplicate copies of your child's report.
I will require a duplicate copy of my child/ren's report. My child/ren's name/s are:

_____ class _____

_____ class _____

_____ class _____

Please address the duplicate report to: (please include name & address)

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## SCHOOL INTENTIONS 2019

### School Leavers 2019

We have now reached the time in the year when we begin to look at our school numbers and staffing arrangements for 2019. If your circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Palmerston District Primary School in 2019 can you please let the front office staff know as soon as possible.

My child/ren will **not** be returning to Palmerston in 2019.

**Name** **Class**

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**Last day at Palmerston**: _____

My child/ren will be attending:

☐ Another government school in the ACT: _____

☐ A non-government school in the ACT:_____

☐ Moving out of the ACT

Forwarding Address:

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Phone number: _____

Parents name: _____

# Y's Bites Canteen Service

## Kindergarten-Year 6

# Every Thursday

**What can I order?**

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| Chicken Enchilada | $6.00 | Beef Lasagne | $6.00 |
| Build your own Wrap | $5.00 | Build your own Salad | $5.00 |
| Beef Bolognaise w/Penne Pasta | $5.80 | Vegetarian Spinach & Ricotta Roll | $4.00 |
| Beef Bolognaise w/ Gluten free Penne Pasta | $6.00 | Beef & Pork Sausage Roll | $4.00 |
| Vegetable Bolognaise w/ Penne Pasta | $5.80 | | |

**Meat is Halal (except the pork sausage roll)*

**How do I order?**

Register online at www.flexischools.com.au

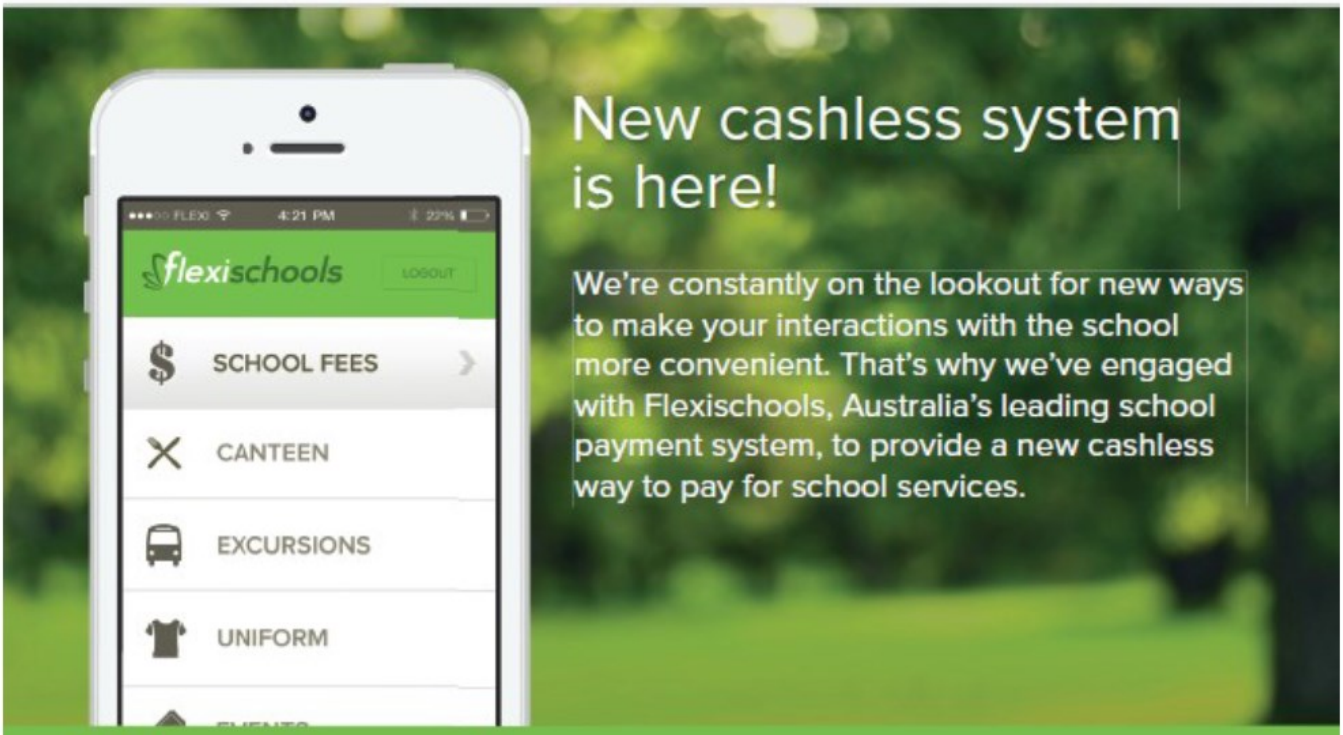
Follow the easy steps on the flyer provided

Orders need to be completed by 5pm each Wednesday

Orders can be made in advance

**Other Information:**

- Orders **will not** be taken at the school office or by the classroom teachers
- This is the second year PDPS has offered this service
- There will be a survey later this year for community input
- For more information please email catherine.griffin@ed.act.edu.au




# New cashless system is here!

We're constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with the school more convenient. That's why we've engaged with Flexischools, Australia's leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way to pay for school services.

## Order and pay online

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for school services from home or on your mobile. Flexischools makes our school services available to you 24/7. All you pay is 25c per canteen order and all other services are free to use.

- **PARENT SETS UP A FLEXISCHOOLS ACCOUNT ONLINE AND PRE-LOADS THE ACCOUNT WITH FUNDS**
- **PARENT CAN USE THE FUNDS IN THEIR ACCOUNT TO ORDER AND PAY FOR A RANGE OF SERVICES ONLINE**
- **PARENTS CAN VIEW THEIR ORDERS ONLINE AND CAN SET DAILY SPENDING LIMITS**

## Get started with Flexischools

You can set up an account online - it only takes a minute.

- Register for Flexischools by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Add your student, their school and form class to get started.
- Top up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
- Make an order by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make a payment for the order listed in your order pad.
- Review orders by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

## What does it cost to top up?

Choose to top up your Flexischools account via credit card, paypal or bank transfer. Funds are automatically debited from your account as purchases are made via Flexischools online ordering.

- **15c + 1%** Credit Card (Immediate)
- **15c + 1%** Paypal (Immediate)
- **$0** Bank Transfer (2-3 days)

Australia's leading online ordering & cashless system for schools

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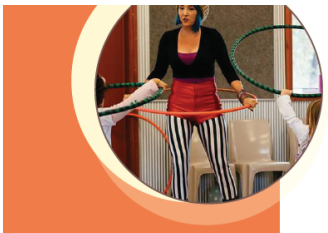
## HIRER NEWS



# Communities@Work

### Palmerston - Winter 2018

# School Holiday Program

**Monday 9**

### Weird Science

Today ought to get messy as everyone becomes a scientist, so don't forget your lab coats! We'll experiment, question, wonder and investigate. Be prepared to be amazed by all the discoveries you'll make.

**In-service**

**Tuesday 10**

### Gold Creek Station*

Today we are invited to participate in an interactive sheep shearing demonstration where we will get to see how sheep dogs work and maybe play with some young lambs too!

**9.30am-12.30pm, Excursion**

**Wednesday 11**

### Dr Hubble

Today we get a visit from the great Dr Hubble, who will show us the magic and beauty of bubbles. Big bubbles, little bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, no doubt we'll have a bubbly good time!

**1.30pm-3.30pm, Incursion**

**Thursday 12**

### Runaway with the Circus

Today we run away with the circus as Benny O visits us to teach us some amazing circus skills. We'll learn as much as we can from Benny O before we put on our very own circus act.

**10.00am-12.00pm, Incursion**

**Friday 13**

### *Incredibles 2**

After 14 years, today we will finally be seeing the second instalment in the Incredibles family story. Mr Incredible is left to care for Jack-Jack, Dash and Violet while his wife Elastigirl is out saving the world.

**9.15am-12.30pm, Excursion**

**Monday 16**

### The Great Palmerston Bake Off

Today is all about baking cakes of all shapes and sizes before experimenting with different and challenging ways to decorate our creations using icing, fondant, ganache and stencils.

**In-service**

**Tuesday 17**

### Tribal Masks

Today we have the chance to make our own Tribal Masks using air drying clay. We'll be able to paint and decorate them using recycled hardware such as screws, nuts and bolts.

**1.30pm-3.30pm, Incursion**

**Wednesday 18**

### *Hotel Transylvania 3: Monster Vacation**

Ever wondered what it would be like to take a holiday with your favourite monster family? Find out as today we go to Hoyts to see *Hotel Transylvania 3: Monster Vacation*.

**9.15am-12.30pm, Excursion**

**Thursday 19**

### Andy Jones: What's the Joke?

We'll be rolling around laughing when bestselling children's author and entertainer, Andy Jones, visits us with a hilarious music show about jokes and humour.

**1.30pm-3.30pm, Incursion**

**Friday 20**

### Questacon*

Learning science is always more fun when it's interactive so today we head to Questacon for a day packed with laughter and fun-filled learning.

**9.00am-12.30pm, Excursion**

**Call:** 1300 212 273
**Email:** enrolments@commsatwork.org

**Please bring:** plenty of healthy snack options, plus lunch
***Limited places available, book early to reserve**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS