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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
This week I had the opportunity to accompany the students and teachers in the Introductory English Centre and the Learning Support Unit on a bush walk at the back of Crace. We had a wonderful time walking through Palmerston and then on to Crace. The students were curious and had many questions about the environment and the animals they saw. We were lucky enough to spot a mob of kangaroos, cockatoos and a very friendly lizard. The students then made a cubby out of twigs, sticks and leaves. A great time was had by all. We all believe Spring weather is truly here!

Yesterday the filming of the Everyone Everyday inclusion in schools video, was completed. I would like to thank the students and staff who gave their time to be interviewed about the program we run at Palmerston. Our school has been nominated for an inclusion award based on the work by the teaching staff in values education.

P&C, Twilight Fair and Election Day BBQ
I would like to thank the many hard working school community members who manned the Election Day BBQ. Some worked the whole day! The money raised goes to the P&C and then the P&C are able to fund, through their donations, events around the school that benefit all the students. Being a member of the P&C does not just mean attending the twice a term meetings, it is about building community and school community. The Twilight Fair committee met today and I popped in to hear about their wonderful event. Please take some time out to join in on volunteering for the Twilight Fair this year, as this is a time to make new friends and help the school community. We will have fun together. This year: the P&C have funded: school concerts, books for classroom libraries and the school library, joint purchasing of play equipment and sporting equipment. Without their funds, we would not be able to provide a wide range of interesting academic and social events and pastimes for our students.
**Teachers' Data Day and professional learning**

This week, teaching teams have been reviewing data across the school. This opportunity provided teaching teams the opportunity to review student absence data, School Satisfaction Data, and student academic data. Teachers are also working on personalising the school reports to enable parents/carers to better understand what parts of the Australian Curriculum are being taught. Later in the newsletter, you will see part one of an analysis of the School Satisfaction Data.

Friday brings a series of great events, we start with a morning assembly in the hall, our Chinese Educators are visiting along with representatives from the University of Canberra and our senior school students are running a market day after recess. I am looking forward to an exciting time filled with activities and experiences.

Have a great week,

*Melissa Travers*

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**PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY**

**Parent Satisfaction Survey Results**

Last term Palmerston District Primary School completed the annual School Satisfaction Survey with our students, parents and staff. We have recently analysed our results and would like to provide you with feedback from the survey over the next few weeks. This week we would like to share with you our results from the parent survey.

*Parents identified the following areas as our strengths:*

96% of parents agree that their child likes being at school

89% of parents agree that teachers at Palmerston motivate their child to learn

90% of parents agree that their child is making good progress at Palmerston

92% of parents agree that the school works with them to support their child’s learning

95% of parents agree that teachers expect their children to do their best

89% of parents are satisfied with their child’s education at Palmerston

*Some of our identified areas of improvement were:*

Computer technology and the availability of healthy food and drink

Currently Palmerston does not have a canteen which is why it has been identified as an area of improvement. This year our fantastic P&C has provided lunch days, which have been a terrific success and we look forward to these continuing.

We are always looking for ways to improve and we welcome your feedback. If you would like to provide further feedback in relation to any of these areas, please contact Haeley Simms through the front office.

Thank you to all of our terrific parents who completed the survey. Next week we will provide feedback from the student survey.
**PARENT SPELLING INFORMATION SESSION**

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the K-6 Spelling Information Session was unable to occur on the 18 October.

Please be advised that the K-6 Spelling Information Session will now be held on Tuesday, 25 October at 5pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

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**CHILDREN’S WEEK**

Children’s Week will be celebrated from October 21-30. The message for this year’s Children’s Week is “Children have the right to reliable information from the media”. Palmerston Primary students from K-6 will be evaluating the advertisements the Year 5/6 students have made for the upcoming Market Day stalls. Class and PoD discussions will take place about what makes a ‘good’ advertisement, persuasive language, how colour, design and images help ads, the use of humour, etc. You might want to discuss advertisements and the media at home as well. On Market Day, Friday 21 October, students in all classes will be voting for their favourite Market Day stall advertisement. The winning advertisement’s team will win a prize!

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**SCHOOL INTENTIONS 2017**

**School Leavers 2017**

We have now reached the time in the year when we begin to look at our school numbers and staffing arrangements for 2017. If your circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Palmerston District Primary School in 2017 can you please let the front office staff know as soon as possible.

My child/ren will **not** be returning to Palmerston in 2017.

Child’s name: ___________________________ Child’s class: ________

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My child/ren will be attending:

________ Another government school in the ACT

________ A non-government school in the ACT

________ Moving out of the ACT
Kindergarten 2016

This semester Kindergarten students have been busy continuing to improve their English and numeracy skills, as well as participating in a range of other learning experiences.

Each week Kindergarten participates in a range of activities including gross motor, the arts, science, technology and our integrated units. Kindergarten have also been lucky enough to be involved in extra curricula activities such as a Science Week, DMA day, Kenny Koala, AFL Clinics, and other events organised within our school. Here is a range of photos of the Kindergarten students participating in some of these activities.
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PALMERSTON ACHIEVEMENTS

Ballet
Palmerston students, Madeleine and Natalie have been offered a contract to perform with the Queensland Ballet Company. They will be dancing as child extras in the November season of the Nutcracker at the Canberra Theatre. Madeleine has been studying classical ballet for nearly 9 years and Natalie for the past 5 1/2 years. Congratulations Madeleine and Natalie on this exciting opportunity.

Dragon Boating
Congratulations to Palmerston and Cranleigh staff who are part of a dragon boat team. This year they had the Director General of the Education Directorate, Natalie Howson, join them at the regatta.

Carbon Challenge
Well done to everyone in participating in the Carbon Challenge.

NUTRITION MAGICIAN
On Thursday 27 October, the K-2 classes will be having a special visit from the Nutrition Magician. This interactive and educational magic show promotes the message of healthy food choices for students.
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Twilight Fair
Stalls - Rides - Multicultural Food

Saturday 19\textsuperscript{th} November 3.30-7.30pm

We hope you can all join us at the school for the Twilight Fair- there will be great rides, food and entertainment as well as a variety of stalls.

We welcome all community members who would like to be involved in the fete, who have any questions or who may like to put up their hand to help out to contact us on: palmpande@hotmail.com

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Trash and Treasure

Help us in making our Trash & Treasure sale a success! Now is the time to clean out the spare room, the house and garage.

Donations are required for the Trash and Treasure stall at the twilight fair. Do you have any items you no longer want or may have never used lying around at home that you no longer need? Let us help you have a spring clean. Collection boxes are in the front office foyer near the boomerang box!

Examples include: Books, CDs, Toys, DVDS, Household goods
Examples of what not to bring: Clothing and goods not fit for sale

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions please contact the stall Coordinator – Tara McGowen at taralmcgowan@gmail.com or on 0421 686 400.
**Cake and Sweet stall**

**IT’S BACK!** The Twilight Fair will again have a cake stall.

We are looking to our families to help make this stall a success, by donating some delicious homemade goodies.

In week 4, Term 4 each student will take home a paper plate, in which we kindly ask that you fill with homemade cakes or sweets. Spare plates will be available at the front office if required. The filled plates can then be returned to school from Friday 18 November, right up until the Fair on Saturday afternoon.

Here are some ideas: cupcakes, whole cakes, chocolate crackles, honey joys, biscuits, toffee, fudge, popcorn, brownies, cake pops, and jelly cups.

We are also seeking your help to set-up, run and pack-up the cake stall. If you are available to help, please contact the stall Coordinator – Emma Davidson at davidson.emma@hotmail.com or on 0409077125.

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**Stall holder applications now open!**

Are you interested in having a stall at the Palmerston District Primary School Twilight Fair?

We welcome all community members who would like to operate a stall at our fete, if you are interested contact the stall holder Coordinator, Mandy Scanes at palm pande@hotmail.com or on 0411 032 860.

Stalls could include craft, jewelry and Tupperware. All welcome!!!!!
Twilight Fair

Plant Stall

Now is the time for you to:

- Propagate or divide any plants
- Plant some seeds in pots
- Go through your plant collection and donate

We need donations of:

- Plants in any condition – we’ll rejuvenate them for you
- Potting mix
- Garden ornaments
- Seedlings – any sort
- Pots

Bring donations to morning lines or drop off in the courtyard next to the staffroom.

Stall contact: Karon Campbell

karon.campbell@ed.act.edu.au
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A Professional Family Portrait P&C Fundraiser Day

Please join us for a professionally posed Family Portrait shoot of your family to raise funds for the P&C.

When

Saturday the 22nd of October
Book a session from 9:30am

Where

Kosciuszko Ave, Palmerston ACT 2913

What You Receive for $20

Plus get the chance to purchase extra poses, a variety of sizes, black and white prints and the digital copies to use on canvases, and gifts.

To Book

Please contact the P&C Fundraising Officer, Tara McGowan – taralmcgowan@gmail.com to reserve your photography session before they're all booked out.

Please pay your $20.00 to Tara McGowan prior to the shoot.

4 Simple Rules

- Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
- No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
- An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
- Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day.
Palmerston District Primary School Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy

Policy Statement
All ACT Public Schools have a uniform, colour code or school dress standard. The uniform at Palmerston District Primary School may include colour code as well as the official uniform with logos attached.

Rationale
The school colour code or uniform reflects community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, equal opportunity legislation and the Education and Training Directorate’s Sun Protection policy.

Definitions
Dress Standard
A dress standard is a detailed written statement of the expectations that Palmerston District Primary School holds regarding student appearance.

Colour Code
School colour code refers to the colours chosen by the original Palmerton District Primary School’s Board to represent the school for uniforms and other items of identification. The colours of Palmerston District Primary School are teal and blue.

School Uniform
A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing that identifies students as belonging to Palmerston District Primary School.

School Uniform
All students are expected to wear school uniform and take pride in being a part of Palmerston District Primary School. Where uniform is not available for some reason, it is desirable that students wear the school colour code. The school colour code for Palmerston District Primary School is teal and blue.

The Palmerston District Primary School uniform is outlined in the table below.
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Girls
- Single colour navy blue shorts, skort, skirt or long track pants
- Teal colour polo shirt
- Single colour navy blue jacket or jumper
- Enclosed footwear
- Navy blue broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat
- Blue beanie in winter
- Navy blue winter dress
- School dress in plaid pattern

Boys
- Single colour navy blue shorts or long track pants
- Teal colour polo shirt
- Single colour navy blue jacket or jumper
- Enclosed footwear
- Navy blue broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat
- Blue beanie in winter

All students to wear a blue broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat.

Responsibilities
Students attending Palmerston District Primary School are expected to come dressed in school uniform or colour code during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of school.

Students are reminded of the school dress standard through class meetings and assemblies as well as individually when required. Students will not be disadvantaged where required dress standards are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.

Parents are informed in writing of the school’s Dress Standard and Colour Code policy which is found on the school website and displayed in the school foyer. Parents are informed of the school uniform and where it is available when they enrol their children.

Palmerston District Primary School Parents & Citizens association operates a second hand uniform shop at the school offering preloved items and regularly advertise opening hours. All parents and their children have equal access to these items of clothing as needed either by contacting the P&C or the Palmerston District Primary School Front Office.

Teachers and other school staff model appropriate dress standards for students by dressing in a professional manner at all times.
Non-compliance with dress code
All students at Palmerston District Primary School are expected to meet the dress standard unless an exemption has been granted.

Strategies used to deal with non-compliance of a student to uphold the required dress standard include:
- positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour,
- the offer of appropriate items from the Palmerston P&C second hand uniform pool,
- informing parents or carers of non-compliance to prevent reoccurrence, and
- implementing a process of mediation if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers.

Special Considerations
The Principal will consider the following when resolving matters of student dress standards:
- mobile families,
- unavailability of an item,
- student’s health,
- economic hardship,
- conscientious objection for religious or cultural reasons, and
- an exemption to wearing dress standard granted by the Principal.

Developed: September 2016
Approved by School Board
You’re invited to our
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!

Don’t call me BEAR!

Book Fairs ignite an excitement around books and reading.

Choose from a huge selection of books at the fair!

Date: Tuesday 8 - Friday 11 November
Time: 8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm
Place: Library

Every purchase earns free books and resources for our library—thank you for your support!

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