Welcome to Week 2!

Time is flying and we have already achieved many wonderful things in such a short amount of time. We have hosted a tea and tissues morning tea, the Parent Information Sessions and today we ran our Swimming Carnival.

I would like to thank the teaching staff for their participation in the Information Evening on Tuesday night. We aim for transparency between home and school and the Information Sessions provide the opportunity for families to gather an insight into the wonderful learning programs that children at Palmerston will engage with this year. It also allows staff to share important information regarding upcoming events and expectations for the year.

Today we held our annual Swimming Carnival. It was impressive to see how successfully the majority of the school could relocate to Dickson Pool for the day. I congratulate the students on their outstanding choices and their demonstration of Palmerston PRIDE, particularly around the encouragement of others. You would have been blown away by the cheering from each house group! Many staff members played a vital role in ensuring the smooth running of the day and I would like to thank Justine Martin, Rachel Ashcroft, Libby Marley, Emma Gusse and Cheryl Cassella for the amount of work they carried out behind the scenes to ensure that this was a successful day.

Moving into next week we have two very exciting events planned. On Wednesday 15 February the year 3/4 students are heading to Birrigai for a day excursion and the following day we have the Billy Tea Bush Band coming back to the school. We look forward to a day of dancing with the band. We hope that you can join us for the night time session of dancing from 5:30pm-7pm. There will be a BBQ sausage sizzle running from 5pm. The cost of a sausage is $2.00.
Communication at Palmerston
We are always looking for ways that we can enhance our communication with families. Our school newsletter, website, Facebook page and the new school App provide information around upcoming events. The large noticeboard at the front of the school also provides information around events as they are about to occur. Our preschool and Kindergarten classes also write information on the noticeboards located outside the classrooms.
We maintain an open-door policy. Please feel free to make an appointment to come in and speak to us. Our avenue for communication is as follows:
1. Contact the teachers at school on 6205 7241
2. Contact the deputy/executive
3. Contact the principal
Concerns, suggestions or complaints:
Community Liaison Section
Education and training directorate
Phone: (02) 6205 5429
Email: DET.CommunityLiaison@act.gov.au
Executive teachers for the year levels are as follows:
Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1: Emily Ashcroft
Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4: Haeley Simms
Year 5 and Year 6: Kate Flynn
LSU, IEC and support staff: Eleanor McMillan
Tomorrow we have our first whole school assembly for the year. This is held in the school hall commencing at 9am. We are looking forward to seeing all the new faces to Palmerston joining us for this and we welcome the return of the familiar faces again. Thank you in advance to 5/6CC and 6KB for hosting this for us.

Kate Flynn

Did you know we have a Skoolbag App? Download it on the app store!
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 3/4 - 1 day camp to Birrigai** - see notes sent home

*Date: Wednesday 15 February*

*Location:* Birrigai

8:00am - all year 3/4 children meet at Palmerston - bus departs at this time

4:30pm - bus returns to Palmerston

**Year 5/6 - 3 day camp to Berry Sport and Recreation Centre** - see notes sent home

*Date: Monday 20 February - Wednesday 22 February*

*Location:* Berry Sport and Recreation Centre

7:00am - Students to arrive at school for a 7:30am departure on Monday 20 February

4:00pm - bus returns to Palmerston (approx.) on Wednesday 22 February

**Billy Tea Bush Band** - notes to come home shortly

*Date: Thursday 16 February*

*Location:* Palmerston District Primary School

9:00am-3:00pm - workshops run throughout the day for classes

Billy Tea Bush Band dance at school for entire school community.

5:00pm - Sausage Sizzle ($2 per sausage)

5:30pm - Dancing
SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2017

School Board - School Board elections will be held in early 2017

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school’s future directions. There are two (2) vacancies for parent representatives on the Palmerston District Primary School Board for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019. Election of the parent representative will be undertaken in the first few weeks of the 2017 school year.

Nomination period:
Opens – 11:00am on Monday 6 February 2017
Closes – 11:00am on Monday 13 February 2017

Voting period (if election is required):
Opens – 11:00am on Monday 27 February 2017
Closes – 11:00am on Monday 6 March 2017

The positions for election will be:
One (1) - Parent Representative Position.

Elected positions run for a two (2) year term.

The successful candidates will be announced by Monday, 27 March 2017.

If you are interested in being a member of the Palmerston District Primary School Board for 2017-2019 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Melissa Travers on 6205 7241. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms will be available from the school front office from Monday, 6 February 2017. If you would like to have a form before that date, please contact the school front office on 6205 7241.
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P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting - SAVE THE DATE - Monday 13 February 7pm

Upcoming events:

P&C AGM and Meeting Monday 13 February at 7pm (week 3) – we welcome new parents to join us at this meeting.

Welcome to Term 1 all families at Palmerston District Primary School, both new and continuing. We commence the 2017 school year looking forward to being part of all that our wonderful school and teachers have been busy preparing for our children and school community.

I am the current P&C President and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of both the Palmerston School Community as well as the P&C for a number of years. I have had the privilege of getting to know many families at Palmerston through various connections. The P&C and all of its wonderful volunteers again co-ordinated many both enjoyable and successful events in 2016 and we look forward to the year ahead.

We welcome and warmly encourage new parents to the P&C. Being a member is a great way to contribute to and be part of your child’s schooling. Meetings are held in week 3 and 9 of each term. All positions on the committee will become vacant at our AGM on Monday 13 February.

2017 P&C Positions

President and Vice President
Secretary and Assistant Secretary
Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
Fundraising Coordinator and assistants

If you can help in any of these roles or would like more information on them please see one of the P&C executive or email palmpandc@hotmail.com.

Lisa Fior
P&C President

School Banking

School Banking is back every Wednesday at 9am in the staff room.

Please remember this service is provided via volunteers from your P & C. They coordinate the deposits and rewards.

Joanne from Commonwealth Bank will be at school from 8.30am on Tuesday 21 February (Tuesday week 4) to assist with questions and information about school Banking.

We will also be offering 2 account opening information sessions at preschool on Wed 1 March (week 5) & Wed 8 March (week 6).

If you would like to open a new account, a Youth Saver account can be opened online by all parents. Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youth Saver account. Parents will need their child’s birth certificate or similar identification as well as their own to complete the process and generate an account.

Or you can visit any Commonwealth Bank branch with identification and open an account.

Please remember to make your FIRST deposit via the school so that the P&C receives the benefit.
Parent Information Packs will be sent out to everyone shortly, these include the coupons for the rewards for this year.
The theme for this year is “Future Savers”, there are some great rewards this year. As always, 10 deposits equals 1 reward, so start saving everyone.
School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives from the Commonwealth Bank $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
Last year we raised approximately $1200.00.
If you have any questions, please pop into the staff room on Wednesdays from 9am.

Thanks
Edwina & Bronwyn
School Banking

School Uniform Shop
The position for the school uniform shop manager is available, please leave your interest at the front office

Defence Transition Mentor Position
Gold Creek School

This is a full time contract position 8:30 – 3:30 Monday to Friday and will work across a P–10 school. The continuation of the position is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.
A Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence. The DTM would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children and their families to integrate into the school community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.
Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DTM role description and selection criteria from Kerry Lyttle the Business & Facilities Manager of Gold Creek School.
For information relating to this position please contact Kerry on 62051814
Applications close COB on 17 February 2017. Applications are to address the selection criteria and sent to Gold Creek School attention Kerry Lyttle.
Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
HIRERS

CHESS!!

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Palmerston District Primary School is held on Tuesday from 8:30am – 9:00am. Term 1 lessons will commence on Tuesday 14th February.

Chess is the world’s most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, please pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or you can email enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.
COMMUNITY NEWS

BELSOUTH
Online registrations are now open
Belsouth cater for all ages from 5 yrs to adults

- Get Fit
- Have Fun
- Make Friends

Go online and register today at
belsouthfootball.club

Showtime in the City

Showtime in the City brings the best of the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show to the city centre, with snow cones, popcorn, show bags and a petting zoo all on offer between 10 and 11 February, in Petrie Plaza.

This free event showcases the family-fun atmosphere away from the showground in one of Canberra’s most accessible spaces, as part of the Government’s commitment to bring our city to life through the City Action Plan.

Tickets to the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show will be available for sale at a ticket booth both days. Showtime in the City will take place in Petrie Plaza 10 (4pm-9.30pm) and 11 February (10am-4pm).

Showtime in the City is an initiative supported by the ACT Government and the City Action Plan, the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society and ActewAGL. To find out more information or to have your say on the future of Canberra’s city centre visit YourSay.act.gov.au/activatecivic.
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It's Week 2 for our ACT Primary Schools and our after-school tennis programs at Tennis Canberra have launched. It’s not too late to sign up however our summer registrations are closing soon.

Every student that plays tennis at Tennis Canberra goes into the ballet to win free tennis lessons for the school when we do our school tour in Term 2.

**Tennis Coaching for Years K-6 - North Canberra & City Clubs**

- **Majura Tennis Club in Dickson** - Thursday & Saturday
- **Turner Tennis Club** - Tuesday
- **Reid Tennis Club** - Wednesday

*See specific times on the academy timetable

**Online Bookings:**

**Email:** play@tenniscanberra.com.au

**Mobile:** 0416 186 121

**Website:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au)