

7 February 2019

Week 1, Term 1

Board Chair: Lisa Fior

Teacher Reps: Jessica Lago and Maxine Green

P&C President: Lisa Fior

Principal: Melissa Travers **Deputy Principal:** Haeley Simms (acting) & Kylie Moller (acting)

Executive Teachers: Matt Gowen, Felicity McNeice, Catherine Griffin (acting)

ASSEMBLY:

8 Feb Whole school assembly
 15 Feb Junior - 2MO & 2AF
 22 Feb No assembly
 1 Mar No assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER:

13 Feb Parent Information Session
 20 Feb Swimming Carnival
 25 Feb Canberra Raiders Cyber Safety
 11 Mar Canberra Day - public holiday
 13 Mar K-Yr2 Questacon incursion
 15 Mar Yr3-6 Questacon incursion
 19 Mar Yr3-6 Author visit - Katrina Nannestad
 20 Mar Christian Education

NOTES:

- Swimming Carnival - all
- Parent Information Session - youngest
- 1JT - staffing changes

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Palmerston District Primary School. I hope you all had a great Christmas/summer break. School in 2019 has started with excitement and enthusiasm. I have spoken to many of the students about their holidays. I had many great responses about holiday adventures and all are pleased to be back with friends at school.

Over the summer holidays we have purchased new furniture, installed our last covered walkway, and created a new garden/play space near Pod 7. Thanks to Mr Phil our Building Services Officer who has undertaken/overseen the task once again of beautifying our school. Also thanks to Neil, one of our dad's who has created such a great interactive play space/garden area for Palmerston.

I would like to welcome all new and returning families to our school. I met many new families on Monday and Thursday morning at our Tea and Tissues event. We have a parent/teacher evening on next Wednesday Evening at 5:45pm commencing in the hall. You will have an opportunity to meet all the staff, hear about our school plan, and PBL and then, time in your child's classroom to hear about the 2019 events, programs and about learning at Palmerston.

Staff at Palmerston in 2019

Leadership Team

Principal - Melissa Travers

Acting Deputies - Haeley Simms & Kylie Moller

P/S, Release Team, EALD - Executive Teacher: Felicity McNeice

K-Yr2 Executive Teacher - Catherine Griffin

Yr3-6 , CAP & LSU Executive Teacher - Matthew Gowen

Administrative

Business Manager - Sonya Campbell

Front Office administrative staff - Lisa Braban, MayLin Singer, Jenny Davies, Eleni Velanis, Jill Huber & Kay Carr

P&C BOARD NEWS

P&C:

All P&C activities, meeting agendas and minutes are available from the school website at - [Parent Corner](#)

School Board:

Learning Support Unit & Support Staff

LSU Teacher - Faeza Samnkay

Assistants - Andrew Rice, Nadine Hartley, Jarrad Phillips, Alex van de Rhee, Sharley Pavier-Jones & Melissa Cobbin

Challenging Academic Performance (CAP)

CAP Teachers - Justine Martin, Dean Joy & Hoda Omran

Introduction to English Centre (IEC)

IEC Teachers - Peta-Gai Faulkner, Brianna Reeve & Veena Kumari

Preschool

Preschool Teachers - Leanne Leake, Libby Marley, Yukari Fitzpatrick & Laurie Imhoff

Assistants - Ro Berta Mende, Bec Kimber & Christabelle George

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Teachers - Fiona Dean, Mel Cameron, Garima Singh, Kate Ashcroft, & Georgina

Morrison

Year 1

Yr1 Teachers - Helen Duncan, Katherine Wilson, Dylan Elks & Anna Sanders

Year 2

Yr2 Teachers - Alice Ferrari, Mary O'Kane, Sarah Chandramohan & Samantha Harris,

Year 3

Yr3 Teachers - Collette Avery, Rebecca Fortescue, Alycia James, Albert Palazzo & Jessica Lago

Year 4

Yr 4 Teachers - Maxine Green, Rachelle Evans & Vidhya Saravanan

Year 5/6

Yr5/6 - Lucinda Cooper, Sam Higginson-Collitis, Craig White, David Tilley & Kara Brailey

Library & Coaching Staff

Noreen Pidgeon, Robina Jeffs & Fiona Allen

I look forward to meeting you on Wednesday evening next week.

Melissa Travers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Information Session

Date: **Wednesday 13 February 2019**

5:45pm General session in the hall

6pm Session 1 held in your child's classroom

6:30pm Session 2 (repeat of session 1) held in your child's classroom

K-Yr6 Swimming Carnival

Date: **Wednesday 20 February 2019**

Location: Dickson Aquatic Centre

CAMPS

Year 3/4 camp to Birrigai - Term 2 - Friday 14 June

Year 5/6 camp to Cooba - Term 4, Wednesday 30 October - Friday 1 November

SCHOOL BOARD 2019

This year we will have 2 parent vacancies on the School Board. Nominations opened on the 4 February 2019 and close on 18 February. Please keep these dates in mind if you are interested in applying for one of these positions.

E Safety Tips

[5 Tips for back-to-school online safety – information from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#)

Tuesday 5 February is Safer Internet Day which is an annual, worldwide event to help encourage a better internet. The beginning of the school year is a good time to review online safety and get ahead of any issues that may arise. A recent blog post published by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner provides parents and carers with [5 tips for back-to-school online safety: Sharent](#) responsibility, being mindful of sharing e.g. your child's first day of school and other milestones; [know the signs for cyber-bullying](#); [set screen time limits](#); use tools such as [parental controls](#) and [privacy and reporting tools](#); and [stay engaged](#). The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) website is a great place to visit to keep pace with the latest in online safety for children and young people all year round.

CANTEEN UPDATE 2019



As mentioned last year, PDPS would like to thank Y's Bites for providing the school with the Thursday canteen service over the past two years. We would also like to thank the P&C for supporting this initiative and assisting with the sorting and delivery of the lunches each Thursday.

Unfortunately, the food service will not be provided in 2019 due to the conclusion of grant funding with the YMCA, they are no longer able to provide the school the current service. We are currently looking into an alternate lunch option with more information available in early 2019.

PARKING REMINDER

Traffic management and road safety around schools are a matter for everyone in the school community. It is important to drive cautiously near schools.

Sometimes schools become congested at peak times and we have a few suggestions to assist with this. Encourage students to walk or ride to school. Palmerston is a part of the active streets for schools, there are stencils along walkways which provide safer routes for children to travel.

Alternatively vary the drop off and pick up locations, which can make a significant difference to traffic around the school. You can also vary the timing of your pick up, For example pick your child up at 3:10 instead of 3pm.

We would like to remind parents that parking officers regularly patrol Palmerston and we have had seen parents issued with parking fines. Please remember to park in dedicated road spaces. Please do not park on the verge as this causes limited visibility. Be patient in the car park. Last year we added an additional car park which has assisted but we must remain vigilant as a community to keep the flow of our car park, this includes using the kiss and drop facility in the correct manner. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your patience as we get through the start of the year, which is always a little bit busier than usual.

Palmerston recently received a report on our car park and traffic around the school. This report suggested a few ways to improve the carpark flow. We have met with John from traffic and asset management to discuss this and will keep you informed of the progress.



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 14 and 24 May 2019.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

School Banking Information Session

Tuesday 12 February.

Palmerston Primary is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2019 are:

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Yeti Fluffy Notepad
- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Please deliver your deposit book to either the Front Office or Class Teacher prior to 9.30am.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30 – 9.30am

Date: Tuesday 12 February

Location: Morning assembly courtyard

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

PDPS SkoolBag App and Facebook Page

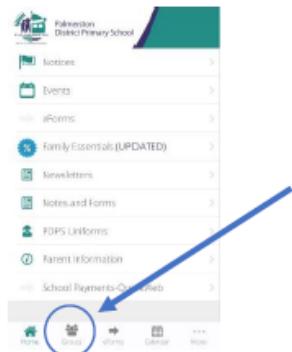
Palmerston District Primary school SkoolBag app and Facebook page will continue to be another form of communication about school events in 2019.

PDPS SkoolBag App

PDPS app can be found by searching Palmerston District Primary School with the App Store or Google Play.



As in 2018, community members will be able to subscribe to 2019 year level groups on the PDPS SkoolBag app. This will enable our community to personalise their app settings to receive only reminders they wish to see. Subscriptions to groups can be made when logged onto the app in the 'groups' section on the home page.



Please note, the 2018 groups will be closed as of week 3.

PDPS Facebook Page

PDPS Facebook page can be found by searching *Palmerston District Primary School*



COMMUNITY NEWS



NORTHSIDE
COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SPORTS FAIR

Come along and chat
with local clubs & sport groups.
Try out different games.

7 FEB 2019 . THURSDAY
5.30 PM TO 7.30 PM
MONCRIEFF RECREATION PARK

Free Entry. All Ages.

Events@northside.asn.au
@Northsidecs

The poster features a yellow background with various green sports-related icons: a football, a boxing glove, a basketball, a soccer ball, a tennis racket, and a baseball bat. The text is primarily in green, matching the icons.