Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the families for attending the Father’s Day Breakfast/BBQ. A great morning was had by all. A big thank you to the P&C for the event and the teachers who attended to the BBQ and organised the maths games. Well done for wearing the Footy/sporting colours on Friday. Over $400 was raised for cancer research by our students. Friday was a great display of what a community can do when we come together.

This time of the year we are planning for 2016. A number of our teachers have gained their permanency and will be remaining at Palmerston for the next 5 years at least. We were also able to advertise a few jobs for next year. We have seen our year 6 students nominate their high school of choice for 2016 and enrolled over 90 pre-schoolers for 2016. We expect to have 100 students in preschool in 2016. Our new families for preschool 2016 will commence getting our newsletter from this week. This is a busy time for us.

If you know that you will not be at Palmerston in 2016, please notify the front office, as we need to make classes up next term for the following year. Early next term, your child will be asked to nominate friends...
they would like to be with in their next class. We try to accommodate their needs within the confines of staffing and meeting all the various needs our students have. If you have a request for consideration, please put it writing and we will put this into the mix for classes where possible. Just drop this off to the front office. We do not encourage teacher requests.

Palmerston had 18 students represent us at the **Target- Kids Teaching Kids program** at the Canberra Zoo on Monday. A great time was had by all and a big thanks to Mrs Levinson and Mrs Cassella. Our students did us proud and media attended and interviewed our students.

We had four teams enter **Tournament of the Minds (ToMs)** on Sunday at the ANU. They competed on prepared performances and on improvisation. We have an excellence award on our students’ achievements. Thanks to the parents who supported their children in this event and to the teachers who attended and provided their support. Thanks to Mrs Fletcher for organising ToMs and to Mr Smith, Mrs Breen, Mr Powell, Mrs Flynn and Mrs Campbell. I was very proud of our students and enjoyed their performances.

Over the last few weeks and next, we have had **swimming lessons** at Palmerston. Every day, our younger students, as well as students who were not able to attend when in year 2 last year, have participated in swimming lessons. The weather started our cold, but now has warmed up for them. We are impressed with the uptake from families to participate in swimming. Palmerston is very lucky to have access to such a quality program at the local swimming pool.

The Gungahlin police have established relationships with the local schools as part of Community Policing, allocating a police officer for each school. Palmerston’s police officer is SGT Chris who will be popping into the school at lunch time occasionally.

I welcome you all to our **Learning Journey** next Friday. Learning Journey provides an opportunity for students to show you, their family, what they have been learning in class. This year I set a challenge to all teachers. As a staff they were given the book **“The Day the Crayons Quit”**. I asked teachers to have the students present to you a piece of work they have undertaken on this book. Enjoy as you walk around the classes, the different ways the children have embraced this activity.

Our annual **Walkathon** is on after recess next Friday. Thanks to families who have been busy collecting money, colouring in and participating in the event. We have a set track around the school and the money raised goes this year towards equipment for the outdoor library area. Our library is a hub of activity every day. We have so many clubs, SRC, play and reading happening in and around our library. Thanks to Mrs Dugbaza and Mrs Black for the organisation of the walkathon. Keep fundraising!!

Watch out next week for the Google docs permission note, which will be out next week. Thanks to all who attended our information session.

"**Dear Duncan,**

It has been great being your FAVOURITE colour this PAST year. And the year before. And the year before THAT! I have really enjoyed all those OCEANS, LAKES, RIVERS raindrops, rain CLOUDS and CLEAR skies.

But the BAD NEWS is that I am so short and stubby, I can’t even see over the railing in the CRAYON BOX anymore!

I need a BREAK!

Your very stubby Friend,

Blue Crayon."

Drew Daywalt

**Melissa Travers**

Principal
You may have seen signs around the preschool about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The NDIS is a generational reform that delivers a national system of disability support (including funding) focused on the individual needs and choices of people with disability. The NDIS provides people with disability support that is reasonable and necessary to live life their way, achieve their goals and participate in social and economic life. Under the NDIS, people with a disability (or their family if under 18) will make the decisions about their supports, including who will provide them. Funding for disability supports is allocated to each eligible individual, not to a service provider. Young children are a priority, as early intervention is important. If you feel that your child may benefit please go to www.communityservices.act.gov.au for further information.

We have recently purchased some new bins. These bins are the same bins that are being introduced in the primary school as well as the bins used at home. Using these bins is part of the vision that staff have created around sustainability. We aim to continue to promote sustainable practices and raise awareness and embed sustainability each day.

Tomorrow, our end of week classes will be heading off to the Canberra Theatre to see a performance of The Very Cranky Bear. I am certain that this will be a wonderful performance and the children will enjoy seeing a well-known story “come to life”.

Have a great week,
Kate Flynn

Flute Ensemble
A visiting Flute Ensemble is coming to our school on Wednesday 23 September (Week 10). They will give a concert in the hall for the whole school at 9am. This ensemble is made up of 19 selected ACT High School students who have auditioned for extension opportunities through the IMP. The concert will go for 30 minutes (9:00-9:30am). Parents and carers you are most welcome to come and enjoy the concert too!

School Leavers 2016
We have now reached the time in the year when we begin to look at our school numbers for 2016. If you circumstances have changed and your child will not be attending Palmerston District Primary School in 2016 can you please let the front office staff know as soon as possible.

2016 Class Information
Child/ren’s names and year level: __________________________________________________________

_____ My Child/ren will not be returning to Palmerston in 2016

My child will be attending:

_____ Another government school in the ACT

_____ A non-government school in the ACT
3/4 Happenings
It’s been a very busy term for year 3/4. We have been investigating ‘forces’ and their effects on our everyday lives. We have participated in hockey clinics, to develop our skills and understanding of how to play hockey games and have had lots of fun dressing up and participating in whole school ‘Book Week’ activities.

We helped our little buddies with a book week craft activity and we also dressed up as our favourite book characters, enjoyed sharing a costume walk around with the whole school and then wrote about why we chose our book characters for book week parade.
Wow, what a busy term!

Book Week News
Week 6 was Book Week and we finished the week off with a bang!
The massive Book Week Parade on Friday August 28 was a huge success.
Students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters and paraded for the whole school.
It was an amazing display of creativity and colour with some amazing costumes.
A fantastic and fun way to finish Book Week 2015.

Tournament of Minds News
On Sunday September 6, four teams from Palmerston Primary competed in the Tournament of Minds competition.
The Tournament of Minds event is a problem solving program for teams of students.
Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges.
Two teams competed in both the Maths Engineering and Social Sciences disciplines.
All teams did a fantastic job and presented their solutions to the judges in a creative and entertaining way demonstrating amazing team work.
A special mention needs to go to Team 2 who won an excellence award for their long term challenge.
We are so proud of the students who were all beautifully behaved and demonstrated their Palmerston PRIDE values throughout the day.
Mufti Day

To start fundraising for the Twilight Fair that will be held on the 20\textsuperscript{th} November, the School and the P&C will be holding a Mufti day on \textbf{Friday 25 September} (Last day of term 3). Students are encouraged to wear ‘casual sun-smart clothing’ for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards a new Halal BBQ to be used at the Twilight Fair.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!

\textit{PALMERSTON’S TWILIGHT FAIR}

\textbf{DATE: FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER}
\textbf{TIME: 4-8PM}

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 including art work created by Palmerston students. We welcome all community members who would like to operate a stall at our fete to contact us on: palmpandc@hotmail.com
Stalls could include craft, jewelry and Tupperware. All welcome!!!!

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\textbf{P&C News}

\textbf{Book Club}

Book Club: Issue 6 is now closed and we should expect the orders to be delivered next week. Thank you to all the families who continue to order books from Book Club. The points earned from your orders allow the school to order books at no cost!

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\textbf{School Banking}

Reminder school banking is every Wednesday. All books must be up to the front office by 9.30am. There will be a special guest from the Dollermites visiting the school on Friday. They will be here to give out some banking certificates. Jo from the Commonwealth bank will also be here on Friday (on the blacktop) from 8.30am. If you have any questions about school banking please come up and say hi.

Thanks,
Edwina
Earn & Learn

The earn & learn promotion has now finished. Could you please bring your stickers to school by Tuesday 15 September, thank you.

School Hirers

EMERALDS CHEER LEADING - SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORK SHOPS

The Emeralds cheer squad are holding exclusive cheer leading workshops over the school holidays! You do not need to be currently enrolled in the cheer leading program, workshops are open to ALL students and their friends!

Workshops will be taught by our Professional Raiders Emerald cheer leader & Junior coach - Thea! Please see below for information;

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**Costs**
Week 1 program - $50 (2 x workshop sessions)
Week 2 program - $50 (2 x workshop sessions)
Both weeks (4 x workshop sessions) - $80

**Booking Cut-Off**
Positions must be reserved and paid for by **Monday 21st September**.
To reserve your child's position in the workshops, please email info.mgdancestudio@gmail.com, or phone 040 5380 015
Community News

Family and Community Day Outreach Singing Concert at Floriade

Monday 28 September 12:30-1.30
Come one, come all! Bring your family, bring your friends!
Come and join in with the singing at the FREE Family and Community Day Outreach Concert at Stage 88 in Floriade, Commonwealth Park.
Once again, the ANU School of Music, via the Music Engagement Program invites you to a participatory concert, where the whole family and community will join together in song. Hosts and song leaders will include community members of all sorts, and, of course, the children! Jump on stage and help lead a song, or simply join in from your blanket while you eat lunch. Word-sheets will be available on the day, with repertoire including perennial favourites the whole family will enjoy.

So, bring a picnic blanket, bring your singing voices and join in the fun!
For more information contact mep@anu.edu.au or phone 61258978

Gungahlin Little Athletics

Come and join in the fun at Gungahlin Little Athletics Centre. Fun and friendly athletics in a safe and enjoyable environment.
There’s something for everyone: running, jumping, throws, hurdles, walks.
Who: 4½ to 17 years; for the 2015/16 season we welcome athletes born between 1 Oct 1998 and 31 March 2011
Season Dates:
The 2015/16 season commences on Saturday 17 October 2015 (season runs across Term 4 and Term 1 of school).
Weekly meets are held at Amaroo Oval, Horsepark Drive (behind Amaroo and Good Shepherd schools) on Saturday mornings from 8.55am to 11.30am.
Registration Details:
Registration and Come & Try days will be held at Amaroo Oval on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 10.00am - 12.00pm.
On-line registration is available through the ACT Little Athletics website - www.actlaa.org.au (registration tab).
Bring a copy of your on-line payment receipt along to a Registration / Come & Try Day to collect your registration pack.
It’s easy to register so come and have some fun with us.

For more information please go to our website at www.gunlac.org.au, visit our Facebook page or email enquiries@gunlac.org.au
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