**What’s on**

**Week 3, 14 May 2015**

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<td>- Workshops then Dance at 6:30pm</td>
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<td>- P&amp;C Sausage sizzle 5:45 – 6:30pm</td>
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**Upcoming Events**

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School Photos Order Form  
Year 2-6 Parent Information Reading Workshop

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**Rostrum**

Term 2 is Rostrum Public Speaking Competition time. All senior school students are working hard on their speeches for this exciting annual event. Lessons on how to be a good public speaker are being held, drafts of speeches are being written and presentations are being practised.
Final speeches will be given in classrooms during Week 4 and a class finalist will be decided. On Friday, Week 4 we will hold our school final. The winner of our school final will then go on to represent Palmerston at the quarter finals. You can help your child prepare by listening to their speech and offering constructive feedback.

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School Photos

Tomorrow your child will receive their ordering envelope for school photos. Please read carefully and return the envelope to your classroom teacher. Photo envelopes and money are due on the following days:

**Brave and Itchy Bears: Tuesday 19 May**  
**Kindergarten – Year 6: Thursday 21 May**  
**Cranky Bears and Hungry Bears: Fri 22 May**

Family/Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the Front Office if you would like a family photo. A discount applies for families with 3 or more children. After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a Siblings Presentation pack of your choice will be free. Only children who present a Siblings Presentation order form to the photographer on Photo Day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken. If you require additional photo envelopes, please pick one up at the Front Office.

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Semester 1 Reports 2015

Reports will be sent home with children in week 9. Preschool children will receive a developmental report. If your child is in Kindergarten you will receive the school report. Children in Year 1-6 you 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.
If you choose to withdraw your child from the A-E reporting process, please advise the school in writing. Interviews will be offered in week 10, more information to follow later in the term.

Please indicate below whether you require duplicate copies of your child’s report.

__________________________________________________

Request for duplicate reports – please return to the Front Office – Semester 1, 2015

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)

__________________________________________________

Year 2-6 Parent Information Reading Workshop
There will be an information session for parents of children in years 2-6 on reading. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 26 May at 8:30-9am and Wednesday 27 May 5-5:30pm. An invitation has gone home today with further information.

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Front Office Reminder
When sending payments to school please ensure you use an envelope for cash payments. Please include:
Student name: 
Class:
Stranger Danger – Educate your children

ACT Policing is reminding parents to enforce the importance of stranger danger messages to their children following an incident in Conder last month (April), but also wants to assure the community that these events are rare and ‘not every white van is a concern’.

A student was walking home from Lanyon High School when she was approached by an unknown man on Box Hill Avenue in Conder. The man approached the student and tried to engage her in conversation. The student became frightened and ran to a nearby oval adjacent to Charles Conder Primary School. The man followed the student for a short distance before leaving the scene. The student was unharmed.

The man is described as Caucasian, about 5’7” (170cm) tall, around 30 years old with short dark hair. At the time he was wearing a grey and black flannelette shirt with dark track pants.

ACT Policing encourages parents to continue to educate their children in good personal safety practices including 'stranger danger' awareness and where possible, travelling in groups.

"This incident is a timely reminder to people to be mindful of their surroundings and to keep their level of awareness active regardless of what activities they are undertaking," Acting Superintendent Jo Cameron said. Police however also want the community to be assured that these events are rare. Over the past two years police have received some reports of children being approached by a man in a white van.

This has led to heightened public concern in regard to white vans around schools. Police encourage parents to talk to their children about this, but to keep things in perspective for their children, who should not become overly anxious when a white vehicle is seen near them or their school grounds.
“It’s important that just because a white van is seen around a school that the public does not immediately associate this with a possible abduction,” Acting Superintendent Cameron said. “There are thousands of white vans that are driven around Canberra, many of which are owned by parents or tradespeople who are simply dropping their kids off to school.”

For more information on child safety and security, please visit the Constable Kenny Koala website at http://www.constablekenny.org.au/

P&C News

Mothers Day
A big thank you to those mums who helped in wrapping the 300 + gifts supplied for the Mothers Day stall. In particular I would like to thank Marina Zwangobani, Mandy Scanes, Rebecca Atkins and Melissa Thompson who gave their time to make all the gifts look so lovely. The P & C raised over $600 from this event. We hope everyone had a special Mothers Day.

Banking
School Banking is on every Wednesday. Bank books need to be at the front office no later than 9.30am. Stay tuned for a special guest coming to the school soon.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books are now available from the Front Office if you would like to purchase one.

Edwina Samuelson
NOW OPEN AT PALMERSTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL!
Offering beginners and advanced recreational Rhythmic Gymnastics programs for children 5yrs and older.
Classes on Tuesday (6 – 7 pm) and Wednesday (4 – 5pm) afternoons!
Call today to arrange an obligation free trial class or enrol. Check out our Living Social deal: great discount for the first 4 classes!
Spaces are limited so please get in touch!