

2 August 2018  
Week 2, Term 3

**Board Chair:** Lisa Fior **Board Members:** **Parent Reps:** Jesse Dang and George Villaflor

**Teacher Reps:** Jessica Lago and Maxine Green

**P&C President:** Lisa Fior

**Principal:** Kate Flynn (acting) **Deputy Principal:** Haeley Simms (acting)

**Executive Teachers:** Kylie Moller, Jacqui Warden, Matt Gowen, Catherine Griffin (acting)

## ASSEMBLY:

3 Aug Senior - 3DJ, 3RC & 3/4JL  
10 Aug Junior - 1PJ, 1MC & 1AS

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

3 Aug Mufti day for Market day  
3 Aug National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Children's Day celebrations  
7 Aug Parent Information Sessions - Puberty & Personal Development  
13 Aug Yr2 Dental Awareness  
14 Aug ICAS - maths  
14 Aug P/S Community Walk  
16 Aug Yr5/6 Touch Football Gala Day  
16 Aug P/S Community Walk  
17 Aug Science Week activities  
17 Aug Winter Walk to School day

## NOTES HOME:

- CAP Passion Project
- Taco Truck - CAP PoD

## EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to week 3.

Now we are into August, it is now time to be wearing hats again. As we are a SunSmart school, students are strongly encouraged to wear a wide brimmed or legionnaires hat.



It is now time to start thinking about costume ideas for the PDPS Book Week Parade in week 5 on Thursday 23 August. Students are encouraged to come dressed as character from a book. Costumes can be made at home by using recycled materials or store bought items. Students are also welcome to bring along a copy of the book which includes the character they are dressed up as.



The whole school community is invited to the PDPS Book Week Parade on the blacktop. We look forward to seeing some creative costumes.

Have a great week,

*Catherine Griffin*

## P&C BOARD NEWS

**P&C: 7:00pm 6 Aug 2018**

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

**School Board: 7:30am 6 Sep 2018**

## SEESAW UPDATE

The students and teachers have been enjoying using Seesaw over the past two terms. This term we will be increasing our use of Seesaw to include specific reminders/notices to families through the app. You would have noticed last week your child's term overview was added to Seesaw. This assists with ease of communication to all families. If you are yet to sign up for Seesaw you can see the front office staff who will be able to provide you with a copy of the note. Thank you to all of the parents that have been liking their children's work and commenting. We have had fantastic feedback from many parents on how they are enjoying seeing it. We have also had grandparents who are overseas being able to access their grandchildren's work. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to pass it on to your child's teacher or myself via the front office.

Thank you,  
Haeley Simms

## PBL in PRESCHOOL

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) in preschool is aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). It also supports the guidelines of the National Quality Standard and addresses key features of preschool learning environments.

**Outcomes of PBL at Palmerston preschool revolve around three key areas:**

- Supporting children to have positive social behaviour experiences
- Supporting staff capacity and knowledge about behaviour guidance
- Building connections between the school and preschool that support positive learning environments

**What has happened so far at preschool?**

- Two Educators have visited Charnwood Dunlop School to discuss the implementation of PBL in their preschool unit
- All educators have met to discuss PBL and how it might 'look' in our preschool
- All preschool staff have completed a questionnaire regarding behaviour expectations in our preschool setting

**What's next?**

- **Week 2-3:** Educators will complete a DRAFT 'Behaviour Expectation Matrix' for preschool
- **Week 4:** Students will be given an opportunity to voice their behaviour expectations within the preschool environment
- **Week 5:** Families will be provided with a copy of the DRAFT 'Behaviour Expectation Matrix'. Your feedback on this document is both encouraged and welcomed.
- **Week 7:** The preschool 'behaviour expectation matrix' will be finalised, printed and displayed in all preschool classrooms and the outdoor learning environment. It will also be available on the school's website.

## BOOK CLUB

Everyone should now have Issue 5 for Book Club. All orders are to be received by Friday 10 August.

Reminder you can order online via LOOP (see back of catalogue) or if you prefer to pay with correct cash/chq (made payable to Scholastic Australia) then place with the order into the Boomerang Box located in front office foyer.

Books can then take up to 2 weeks to be received and distributed.

Thanks,  
Edwina

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## TRAFFIC UPDATE

Towards the end of last term members from ACT Transport and the ACT Education Directorate ran a meeting for our school community on transport and car parking at Palmerston. Items covered during this time included the use of buses to and from school, the improvements to car parking and the history of car parking at Palmerston.

Via the School Board, ACT Transport and the Education Directorate have provided the following responses to community questions and thoughts:

[Palmerston would like to be the next school to have a lollypop/traffic controller at our crossing if the trial of this goes ahead](#)

If the program is expanded to include additional crossings in the future, Palmerston will be considered along with other schools.

[Is it possible to extend the 40km an hour zoning to past the roundabout so cars have to slow before the crossing?](#)

Based on a desktop assessment, it looks like the signage already extends beyond the roundabout.

[Is it possible to have better signage at our crossing?](#)

Flashing lights aren't used at children's crossings in the ACT. The children's crossing signage used at Palmerston is consistent with the Australian Standards, this is consistent across all schools.

[Is it possible to survey how many children use this crossing in the morning?](#)

We surveyed the crossing in March 2017 as part of the development of the School Crossing Supervisor program. 14 children crossed in the AM (8:00-9:15am) and 20 in the PM (2:30-3:45pm).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### K-Yr6 Mufti Day

Fundraising for Yr6 Market Day

Date: **Friday 3 August 2018**

Location: Palmerston District Primary School

\*please bring in a gold coin donation\*



### National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Children's Day celebration

Date: **Friday 3 August 2018**

Location: Gungahlin Child & Family Centre

### Puberty & Personal Development Parent Information Sessions

Date: **Tuesday 7 August 2018**

Times: **9-10am & 6-7pm**

Location: Palmerston District Primary School, library

### Yr2 - Dental Awareness

Date: **Tuesday 7 August 2018**

Location: Palmerston District Primary School

## SCHOOL INTENTIONS 2019

### School Leavers 2019

We have now reached the time in the year when we begin to look at our school numbers and staffing arrangements for 2019. If your circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Palmerston District Primary School in 2019 can you please let the front office staff know as soon as possible.

My child/ren will **not** be returning to Palmerston in 2019.

**Name**

**Class**

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**Last day at Palmerston:** \_\_\_\_\_

My child/ren will be attending:

☐ Another government school in the ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A non-government school in the ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Moving out of the ACT

Forwarding Address:

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Y's Bites Canteen Service

### Kindergarten-Year 6

# Every Thursday

#### What can I order?

Chicken Enchilada	\$6.00	Beef Lasagne	\$6.00
Build your own Wrap	\$5.00	Build your own Salad	\$5.00
Beef Bolognese w/ Penne Pasta	\$5.80	Vegetarian Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$4.00
Beef Bolognese w/ Gluten free Penne Pasta	\$6.00	Beef & Pork Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Vegetable Bolognese w/ Penne Pasta	\$5.80		

*\*Meat is Halal (except the pork sausage roll)*

#### How do I order?

Register online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Follow the easy steps on the flyer provided

Orders need to be completed by 5pm each Wednesday

Orders can be made in advance

#### Other Information:

- Orders **will not** be taken at the school office or by the classroom teachers
- This is the second year PDPS has offered this service
- There will be a survey later this year for community input
- For more information please email [catherine.griffin@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:catherine.griffin@ed.act.edu.au)





## New cashless system is here!

We're constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with the school more convenient. That's why we've engaged with Flexischools, Australia's leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way to pay for school services.

### Order and pay online

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for school services from home or on your mobile. Flexischools makes our school services available to you 24/7. All you pay is 25c per canteen order and all other services are free to use.

- ✓ **PARENT SETS UP A FLEXISCHOOLS ACCOUNT ONLINE AND PRE-LOADS THE ACCOUNT WITH FUNDS**
- ✓ **PARENT CAN USE THE FUNDS IN THEIR ACCOUNT TO ORDER AND PAY FOR A RANGE OF SERVICES ONLINE**
- ✓ **PARENTS CAN VIEW THEIR ORDERS ONLINE AND CAN SET DAILY SPENDING LIMITS**

### Get started with Flexischools

You can set up an account online - it only takes a minute.

- ✓ Register for Flexischools by visiting [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Add your student, their school and form class to get started.
- ✓ Top up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
- ✓ Make an order by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make a payment for the order listed in your order pad.
- ✓ Review orders by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

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Choose to top up your Flexischools account via credit card, paypal or bank transfer. Funds are automatically debited from your account as purchases are made via Flexischools online ordering.

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(Immediate)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Free flu vaccine for children aged 6 months to under 5 years**

Earlier this year, the ACT Government announced it will provide a free influenza ('flu') vaccine to children from six months to under five years of age to help protect them from getting sick this flu season.

Whilst the supply of Government funded vaccine was briefly interrupted recently, vaccines are still available free for children in this age group.

You can get the free flu vaccine for your child through your usual immunisation provider, including your General Practitioner (GP) or ACT Health Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics. Families should be aware that GPs may charge a consultation fee.

The 2017 flu season was a particularly bad season around the country. In the ACT, children under five years were most affected. We know children under five years of age are at increased risk of hospitalisation and severe illness, including death, from flu. Young children also contribute significantly to influenza transmission in the community.

A yearly flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the risk of your child getting sick with the flu and spreading it to others.

Generally the flu season usually occurs during winter and spring, however it is never too late to have your child vaccinated. It is important to know that if your child is receiving the vaccine for the first time, they will require two doses at least four weeks apart.

For more information about the ACT Childhood Influenza Vaccination Program, please visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

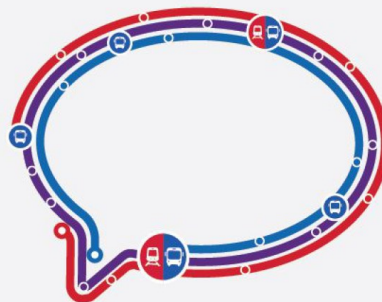
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Kelly', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr Paul Kelly  
Chief Health Officer

4 July 2018



# A NEW BUS NETWORK FOR CANBERRA



More buses, more often, 7 days a week

## What does this mean for school travel?

Look up your school on [canberrabuses.com.au](https://canberrabuses.com.au).  
Tell us how we can help you use the new network.



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