Welcome to week 6! It is hard to believe that we are over half way through the term. The end of year is often so very busy for all of us with end of year celebrations. Please keep an eye on the newsletter as we will publish dates of the school’s end of year celebrations. Looking towards 2017 our start of year Information Night will be held in week 4. This aligns with the return of our spelling consultant Chris Killey who will be available that night.

Twilight Fair
Twilight Fair is approaching fast. Saturday (19 November) is the Palmerston District Primary School P&C Twilight Fair. The whole school looks forward to being able to celebrate together and have a great time as a whole school community. The school has been a hive of activity and excitement as the event draws closer. We are really looking forward to the day and anticipate a lot of happy faces in the crowd. Fingers crossed for warm weather, the forecast is looking good! In advance we would like to thank the P&C who have put in countless hours planning and preparing for the day, as well as the volunteers- we are really grateful for your support.

Reporting update
This week I have had the pleasure of reading the end of year Student Achievement reports. As I have been reading, I have reflected on the work that the teachers have carried out this year with all of the students. The teaching programs offered are of the highest quality and reporting is a wonderful way to reflect on the students’ growth academically and socially.

Within your child’s report you may find a ‘P’ identifier is indicated on the subject bar of the report. This identifies that your child is accessing an adjusted curriculum to meet their learning needs and the content of the student’s learning program may be drawn from any number of year levels.
Together, we learn from each other

In this instance a grade indicating achievement in relation to the student’s curriculum adjustment will be provided. The P identifier is not used to grade students who are participating in extension or enrichment classes. You may also notice that there is generic information at the top section of each learning area. This information is taken from the Australian Curriculum and describes the learning of children in each year level. For English, the Australian Curriculum describes learning across a stage, for example learning in years 5 and 6. Semester 2 reports will be sent out on Wednesday 7 December with Parent-Teacher Interviews following in week 10 (8 - 14 December) Interview schedule times are available in the front office. Interviews are not compulsory, however, if you feel you would like an interview please contact the front office to book in a time.

A reminder that if you choose to withdraw your child from the A-E reporting process, please advise the school in writing by tomorrow, 18 November.

Please indicate on the form attached whether you require duplicate copies of your child’s report.  
Request for duplicate reports – please return to the Front Office by tomorrow.

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)

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Remembrance Day

A small garden service was held last Friday 11 November. During this time the Palmerston District Primary School Memorial Garden was opened and our memorial plaque was unveiled. Take a look at the garden - it is lovely. This was followed by Whole School service at 11am with The Last Post and The Pledge of Remembrance being read out to all staff and students. As with any school event a lot of work goes on behind the scenes and I would like to thank our DSTA Mia Bartlett for organising this day.

Communications

A reminder of our avenues for communication if you have a query or concern.
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

Kate Flynn
IEC - Celebrations

The IEC have been learning about celebrations. We celebrate for many different reasons. Birthdays, weddings, religious festivals and other special days of the year are celebrated in Australia and around the world. Many people celebrate traditions from the countries their families came from. In the IEC we have been talking about the celebrations that we have in our families, cultures and communities.

Last week in our classroom we learned about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. This Festival is an important Indian festival and it celebrates the victory of light over darkness. We listened to a story about why Diwali is celebrated and Mrs Kumari showed us many of the decorations and objects that are used to celebrate this important festival. We lit oil lamps and made Rongoli. Mrs Kumari showed us some traditional patterns and then we used coloured salt to make our own. We tasted a special Diwali sweet called Kaju barfi.

Happy Diwali!

Together, we learn from each other
DEFENCE NEWS

Thank you to all those families who attended last Friday's Remembrance Day Service and opening of our Commemorative Garden, it was a special morning. I would also like to thank students Lily, Ella, Jasmine and Emma who all spoke so well during the Service.

Defence Kids Lunch Club- Held each Friday at Lunch in the Library Resource Room. Open to all Defence students K - 6 and a friend.

Save the Date: Defence Kids Xmas Party will be held on Friday 9 December. Invitations will follow in the next few weeks.

Enjoy your week,
Mia Bartlett, DSTA

LIBRARY NEWS

As we approach the end of the year the library staff is working very hard to set up the library ready for stocktaking in the last two weeks of school.

We would love to have all the books back in the library by 25 November. This is the due date for all books borrowed by students and parents. After that date we will be asking for a payment or replacement of any books not returned.

If you think a book has been returned please let us know.

Noreen Pidgeon (Teacher-librarian)

NAPLAN ONLINE - UPDATE

Following the successful trial and readiness test of NAPLAN Online, a demonstration site has been set up for schools to continue their familiarisation activities in all NAPLAN test domains.

The demonstration site provides students, teachers and parents with the opportunity to take demonstration tests, using the NAPLAN assessment platform.

This is a good opportunity to use the demonstration site, as part of the transition to online NAPLAN testing from 2017.

Access to the demonstration site is available at: http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

Supporting your use of the site is a user guide which explains the overall test layout, tools available, different question types and question functionality.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education will be held on Wednesday 23 November (week 7). A brief summary of the program: "We will teach the children Jesus’ story about the greatest treasure in life from the book of Matthew in the Bible. We will teach using songs, story and a game to teach the children. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities".

If you would like your child to attend and have not filled out a permission form please go to the Palmerston website, under Notes or see the front office.
SCHOOL INTENTIONS 2017

School Leavers 2017
We have now reached the time in the year when we begin to look at our school numbers and staffing arrangements for 2017. If your circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Palmerston District Primary School in 2017 can you please let the front office staff know as soon as possible.

My child/ren will **not** be returning to Palmerston in 2017.

Child’s name: ___________________________  Child’s class: __________

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Child’s name: ___________________________  Child’s class: __________

Child’s name: ___________________________  Child’s class: __________

My child/ren will be attending:

- [ ] Another government school in the ACT
- [ ] A non-government school in the ACT
- [ ] Moving out of the ACT
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.

Volunteers: We need your help! The fair only runs through the amazing effort of our school community volunteers.

Please sign up here to volunteer to help for the twilight fair or go to our website http://www.palmdps.act.edu.au/ for the link. Alternatively contact one of our stall coordinators.

We need volunteers for set up and pack up, the BBQ, Cake stall, Multicultural Food, Trash & Treasure and more! Anytime you can give will help!

Rides Wristbands & ‘Hand’ Pre-Purchase Ordering now available

Pre purchase through one of our flexible options. Hands $10 Wristband $20. Hands & Wristbands are available for separate purchase on day, BUT at Fair Day Prices! On the day prices Hand $12 Wristband $25. Look out for your note that came home today for further information.

How it works:
1. PRE-PURCHASE a HAND and/or WRISTBAND using the form & payment details.
2. Collect your Hand and/or Wristband on Twilight Fair Day from the Hand & Wristband stall.
3. Tear off each FINGER and present at appropriate stall, to get your goodies or food
4. Wear your WRISTBAND, and get unlimited rides on Durkin’s Amusement Rides (but NOT including the LAUGHING CLOWNS)
**Twilight Fair CAKE STALL**

Thank you to those families who have been busy baking for our cake stall. Please remember to return your delicious treats to school tomorrow or Saturday before the start of the Twilight Fair.

If you haven’t started baking there is still time. Please remember to include the ingredient list with the goodies, so families know what is in the food they are purchasing.

Here are some ideas: cupcakes, whole cakes, chocolate crackles, honey joys, biscuits, toffee, fudge, popcorn, brownies, cake pops, and jelly cups. (Please no cream or custard)

We are still seeking your help to set-up, run and pack-up the cake stall. If you are available to help for 30 minutes or so, please contact the stall Coordinator – Emma Davidson at davidson.emma@hotmail.com or on 0409077125.

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**Trash and Treasure**

*Help us in making our Trash & Treasure sale a success!* Now is the time to clean out the spare room, the house and garage.

Donations are required for the Trash and Treasure stall at the twilight fair. Do you have any items you no longer want or may have never used lying around at home that you no longer need? Let us help you have a spring clean. Collection boxes are in the front office foyer near the boomerang box!

**Examples include:** Books, CDs, Toys, DVDS, Household goods

**Examples of what not to bring:** Clothing and goods not fit for sale

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions please contact the stall coordinator – Tara McGowen at taralmcgowan@gmail.com or on 0421 686 400.
Thank you to our sponsors:
2017 BOOK PACKS

2017 Office Max book packs are ready to be ordered. Simply follow the link and enter the code: 27SD5T to order the pack for your child.
https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/ACT/Palmerston/Palmerston-Primary-School

Back to School Shopping that Gives Back.

Your child’s School Requirements List is ready to go. And every time you buy textbooks or stationery, we give a portion back to your school.*

Order today at officemaxschools.com.au

*Excludes graphic calculators and textbooks sold with OfficeMax eBooks.

Catch the first wave and wipe out delivery fees by December 4.

Delivery for orders placed after December 4, $9.95.
Delivery for orders placed after December 18, $19.90.

Order today at officemaxschools.com.au

Orders placed after December 31 are not guaranteed to arrive before school starts.
ROAD CLOSURES

Our new preschool classroom is almost complete. Please see map below for details of the road closures for delivery of the demountable classroom over the weekend 2-3 December. Any further inquiries please see the school.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Noah’s Ark 3 year old Playschool at Giralang Community House.

1 Hirst Place Giralang.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017

Playschool.

A licensed pre-preschool program for 3 year olds which aims to prepare children for the transition to formal schooling. The program fosters social, physical, cognitive and emotional development through a play-based program delivered by early childhood educators.

Sessions Monday, Tuesday and or Thursday 9.30am - 1.30 pm or 9.30am – 2.30pm

Cost per School Term: $440.00 for 9.30am – 1.30pm and $550.00 for 9.30am – 2.30pm

Places are Limited.

For more information please contact Jan Brennan on 62871117, j.brennan@noahsarkact.com.au

Parentline

6287 3833

Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833
**P&C Christmas Tree Fundraiser!**

This year why not have a beautiful, real Christmas tree in your home? Not only do they look fantastic, they smell amazing.

Full priced trees are on sale for $60.00 around Canberra.

The P&C are selling trees for $40.00 each!!

The trees will be delivered to the school for collection on Friday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December.

If you’d like to purchase a Christmas tree please contact Tara McGowan taralmcgowan@gmail.com/0421 686 400 before Friday the 25\textsuperscript{th} of November.