Term 1 Week 1  6 February 2014
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Board Chair: Traci-Ann Byrnes  P&C President: George Villaflor
Principal: Melissa Travers  Deputy Principal: Tania Collis
Executive Teachers: Kate Flynn, Sylvia Headon and Kirrally Talbot
Preschool to Year 6

Next P&C Meeting Monday 17 February at 7pm including Annual General Meeting

Principal’s welcome message available  www.palmdps.act.edu.au

Palmerston Information Evening – Preschool to Year 6
Tuesday 11 February 2014

The staff of Palmerston District Primary School would like to invite you to attend an information evening on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at the school. The evening will provide:

- An introduction to new staff
- An overview of the school’s Operational Plan for 2014
- An opportunity for teaching teams to outline the year and invite parents into their classrooms
- P&C Welcome BBQ

Each teaching team will present their sessions twice to enable parents to choose which session they attend based on the age/s of their child/children.

Details: Tuesday 11 February 2014

- P&C BBQ from 4:30pm
- 5:00pm General Session in the school hall with whole staff
- 5:15-5:45pm Session 1 in teaching teams (Held in PODS)
- 6:00-6:30pm Session 2 (repeat of session 1)

For further information, please contact your child’s class teacher. We look forward to meeting you.

Palmerston Teaching Staff
Assembly Dates – Friday at 11.30am
- 14 February – Whole school assembly
- 21 February – Junior & senior assemblies
- 28 February – Whole school assembly

February Dates to Remember
Tuesday 11 – Parent Information Session at 5pm. P&C BBQ from 4:30pm
Wednesday 12 – Year 5 band testing
Monday 17 - P&C Meeting at 7pm.
Friday 21 – Fresh Taste Launch at 10:30am
Friday 28 – Clean up Australia Day

Palmerston District Primary School Board Election 2014

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school’s future directions.

There are three (3) vacancies for parent representatives on the Palmerston District Primary School Board. One (1) vacancy is for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015. Two (2) vacancies are for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2016. Election of the parent representatives will be undertaken in the first few weeks of the 2014 school year as set out below.

Nomination period:
 Opens – 11:00am on Monday 3 February 2014
 Closes – 11:00am on Monday 17 February 2014

Voting period (if election is required):
 Opens – 11:00am on Monday 24 February 2014
 Closes – 11:00am on Monday 3 March 2014

The successful candidates will be announced by Monday 31 March 2014.

If you are interested in being a member of the Palmerston District Primary School Board for 2014 – 2016 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Melissa Travers on 6205 7241. The school board meets in the mornings, a couple of times each term.

Nomination forms are available from the front office.

How to Help the Front Office Support Your Child
Front Office hours are Monday to Friday between 8:30am – 3:30pm

Payments
Please use a Palmerston payment envelope when making payments for excursions or voluntary contributions. The envelopes are available at the front office. The envelope has a place for the students name, class and method of payment. This allows us to ensure your money is allocated to the correct activity and child. We accept cash, cheques, direct deposit and credit card payments. If you are making a Direct Deposit payment, please make sure you include the student’s name, class and what the payment is for.

Online Banking Information
Westpac Bank BSB: 032 777
Account #: 001754

Lost Property
Lost Property is located in the hall foyer. Please make sure all your child's belongings are labelled, including clothing, lunch boxes and bags. The P&C is also running a fundraiser for U-Can label it labels - great for making sure your property is returned to your child! Brochures for U-Can Label It can be collected from the Front Office.

First Aid
If your child requires First Aid or if they need to take medicine while they are school they need to come to the First Aid room. The room is located adjacent to the front office. Please keep us informed of your child’s medical requirements so we can best support them whilst they are at school.

Emergency Medical Plans
If you have already informed us that your child has a medical alert we will be sending home an Emergency Treatment Plan for you to complete. Your child’s plan must be updated every year and returned to us as soon as possible.
Medication
If children need to take medication during school hours, please fill in an “Authority to Administer Medication” form which is available from the front office. If the medication is prescribed by a doctor, it is also preferable to have the doctor sign the form. Due to departmental policy, school staff are not able to administer medication without this authority. All medication to be administered must be in the medication container/box from the chemist with dosage and time of administration and handed to the front office staff.

Student Absences
If your child is absent for any reason, could you please call the school on 6205 7241 on the day of their absence and write a letter with the dates and reason for their absence. This note should be handed to their teacher on the day they return.

Contact Details
For the well-being of your child please keep us informed of up-to-date contact phone numbers, addresses and essential details. We would also appreciate being informed of any changes in domestic arrangements in your child’s family.

Please make sure you provide us with your current email address. We send out email reminders about notes and newsletters as they are updated on our school website. You can find current information at www.palmdps.act.edu.au. Please remind your friends to provide us with their email addresses too. If you have not yet provided your information, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the front office.

If you require further information on general procedures within the school please do not hesitate to contact us on 6205 7241.

P&C Welcome for 2014
The Palmerston District Primary P&C Executives and members wish a warm welcome to all students and families.

All parents, guardians and others who have parental responsibilities for a student at the school are automatically members of our P&C. We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 17 February 2014 at 7pm and we hope to see many enthusiastic new and old faces. Please think of putting up your hand for one of the many positions on the P&C. You will not regret it! It’s a fun way to contribute to the school and community and your child’s education with the school. Our meetings start at 7:00pm and finish at 8:30pm.

Don’t worry if you are unable to nominate for a position on the P&C. There are so many events throughout the year where you can volunteer. Our local community always responds to a call for volunteers so well. The contribution and community support of the P&C volunteers ensure it will be a very successful year.

Last school year was a lot of fun for parents, friends, family and students. Your P&C will be trying to improve on that. It’s been a great start already for our current P&C members having the opportunity to meet new parents and being reminded how we handled our children attending Preschool for the first day. The teachers are so good at engaging the students and easing the apprehensions of parents. The children are all in good safe hands and parents will be amazed of just how quickly they grow into their own independent personalities. Being able to contribute to their growth at the school is what makes the P&C so vital an old time honored school support organization.

Welcome all once again from your P&C and we look forward to seeing you at the next P&C meeting.

George Villaflor
President
0429 140 528

Front Office Hours
Palmerston District Primary Front Office hours are:
Monday to Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm
Community News

26 Canberra Model Train Expo
Saturday 29 March 9am – 5pm
Sunday 30 March 9am – 4pm
University of Canberra High School, Kaleen
Admission: Adults $10, Children/Seniors $5,
Family ticket $20.

FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDS
Looking for a winter sport - come and play rugby union where you can learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun! We have teams for age groups 5 -18 years and provide a supportive environment for all abilities. For more information please email juniors@eaglesrugby.com.au or visit our website at www.eaglesrugby.com.au

Play Netball with South Gungahlin Raiders
Netball Club
REGISTRATION DAY: Saturday 15 February 2014
10 am – 3.00 pm The Salvation Army
The Valley Avenue, Gungahlin
Saturday winter competition March to September for girls and women aged 8 and over and for boys 8-12 years.
New players welcome. Coaches and umpires are needed for all divisions.
Find out more southgungahlinnetball@gmail.com

Please use this form to provide us with your email address. We will remind you when a newsletter or note has been updated on the website. You can also find other useful information such as notes, school events and P&C information. www.palmdps.act.edu.au

Ensure you have given your email address to the school. Please complete slip below:

Parent Name: ____________________ Email Address: ____________________
Child/rens Name: ____________________ Class: ____________________
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