Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 3. Our students are to be commended for the way in which they have returned to school ready to engage in their learning. As I move around the school each day, I have been impressed to see our students motivated and focused throughout their lessons.

The school holidays are a good opportunity to reflect upon the term that just concluded. Looking back over term 2, it was wonderful to see our students involved in a diverse range of learning and extra-curricular events. Some of these included NAPLAN, Colonial Day, Billy Tea Bush dance, cross country and athletics carnivals. These events were highly successful and provide our students with a vast array of learning opportunities.

Congratulations to our Boomerang Club students that created our Indigenous Food garden during NAIDOC week. The opening ceremony was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many of our parents attend. We look forward to seeing how the bush tucker plants grow during spring.

Semester One reports arrived home at the end of last term. Thank you to those families that were able to attend a parent/teacher interview to discuss their child’s learning. We invite any parent that was unable to attend to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. In week 9 this term, our students will be sharing their work during our Learning Journey’s. An invite to this event will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are attending a Canberra Theatre performance entitled “Stripesy” tomorrow morning. They are very excited and having been sharing with me some of their writing pieces with me that include their predictions about the adventures Stripey will be involved in. Please take some time to reflect upon this experience with your child this weekend.
We aim to make communication between home and school as frequent as possible. Ways we attempt to do this often involve social media to update families on things happening within our school. Please take time to check out our website, twitter and Facebook accounts.

This is a friendly reminder that as the weather continues to be wet and cold, please dress your child in appropriate warm clothing. Beanies, gloves and warm winter jackets are recommended.

Thank you to the parents and carers that continue to adhere to the correct parking practices, our children’s safety around our roads is paramount. Roads ACT have agreed to create some additional parking spaces on Kosciusko Avenue adjacent to the bus stop. They will also be installing bollards at the kerb ramps adjacent to the children crossing and footpaths. A map outlining these new parking arrangements will be in our next newsletter.

Ben Hall
Acting Principal

Preschool

Welcome to term 3! It is amazing to think that we are now over halfway through the year. The eager faces of the children on day 1 showed us that they are feeling refreshed and re-energised. We are looking forward to another term of fun and learning.

This is a short newsletter article to complement the comprehensive term overview that you are also receiving. We have many events coming up this term including the hatching of chicks, the Book Week parade, our Father’s Day mornings, the Fresh Food Challenge and attendance at the Cranky Bear performance (for the end of the week groups). Next week, the children in the Monday and Tuesday groups will participate in the Noteworthy musical experience by the Canberra Symphony Orchestra at Llewellyn Hall. Previous performances have been fabulous and I’m certain that this performance won’t disappoint.

I would like to remind you to label all items of clothing- particularly jackets and other warm clothes. On sunny winter days, the children often peel off a layer of clothing as they come inside. Having labelled items ensures that nothing goes missing. Please pack spare clothes for your children as well. Healthy food is a focus for this term. Throughout this time you will see pictures, posters and information around healthy food choices for school. We will be discussing examples of healthy food with the children and we anticipate that they may come home with ideas to complement their lunch boxes. The Fresh Food Challenge planned for week 10 guarantees to be very informative and hopefully a bit of good fun!!

The departmental Hats Off policy ends on July 31. After this time, your child is encouraged to wear their sun smart hat. Please ensure they have a clearly labelled hat ready for August 1.

Have a nice week,
Kate Flynn

Ice
During winter there is often ice on the pavement. Please be careful when arriving at school as the ground is often slippery.
Lost Property
Please come and check the Lost Property area in the school hall foyer, all items that haven’t been collected will be donated to charity at the end of week 2. There are labelled items in the front office and we will endeavour to return these items to families.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations Recap
In the last week of term 2, Dakodah, a Year 5/6 student at Palmerston District Primary designed our whole school artwork after being inspired by a visit to Uluru. She spoke at the week 10 assembly about the feelings she encountered at Uluru and the deep connection she felt with the place. She believed that it is important for Indigenous people to take pride in their heritage and find a connection to culture. Dakodah is a proud Palmerston Indigenous student who is part of the school’s Boomerang Club. On the Wednesday of NAIDOC Week, the club also opened a ‘Bush Tucker’ garden for NAIDOC week celebrations. This was a proud moment for the schools indigenous population. The School Board Chair George Villaflor cut the ribbon on the garden project. NAIDOC week was a special event for Palmerston District Primary where Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students get to better understand indigenous culture and affairs.
Academic Excellence Awards at Palmerston
In recognition of Palmerston’s focus on literacy and numeracy, this semester Palmerston District Primary School will be introducing Academic Excellence Awards to recognise students who have shown excellence in a key learning area. These awards will be awarded in grade levels, each grade will nominate a girl and a boy. These awards will then be handed out at whole school assemblies. The first awards will be handed out during the assembly in week two on 31 July.

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows
The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who show care and compassion for others. The award, now in its fourth year, is supported by the ACT Education and Training Directorate and The Canberra Times and is a fantastic opportunity to recognise students outside the academic and sporting realm.
Teachers, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a student. All nominees will be invited to a presentation ceremony to announce the ACT winner.
To nominate a student and learn more about the Award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward
Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

School Payments
Did you know, now you can make payments on your mobile device (phones, tablets and pc’s) through the payment tab on the schools website?

Demolition of ‘Mr Fluffy’ affected Homes
The ACT Government, with the support of experienced licensed asbestos removalists, licensed asbestos assessors and demolition contractors, with oversight from WorkSafe ACT and ACT Environment Protection Authority, have begun the process to safely demolish houses affected by ‘Mr Fluffy’ loose fill asbestos over the next few years.
Some of these homes are located in the same suburb as schools.
Parents and Carers who may wish to know more about the demolition process can access information from the Asbestos Response Taskforce website: www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au
Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal) to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.)

Win books for your school library

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 76 sets of children’s books for their school library, valued at $200.


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**CAN**

**Things to know before you CAN**

Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizeportal. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 28/8/15. Student Element: Entry is open to all YouSaveAL customers aged 4–13 years. 1 entry received where 3 deposits are made through the School Banking Program. 1 bonus entry received when completing a Money Mission activity at commbank.com.au/prizeportal and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max, of 3 entries per person. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 400 prizes comprising 75 iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB space grey tablets, valued at $399 each; 125 Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 On-ear Headphones, valued at $259.95 each; and 200 $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The winners’ names will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 29/10/15. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking Program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a selection of children’s books to the value of $200 for each winning school’s library will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEST 13/8/15 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 11, Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value $15,019.75. Apple is a trademark of Apple Inc., registered in the US and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No LTPS/15/03900; ACT Permit No TP15/03507; Vic Permit No 15/920; SA Permit No 715/632.
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS OPEN DAY
AT PALMERSTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL!
Elementz Rhythmic Gymnastics is excited to invite you to our Open Day at Palmerston District Primary School. Girls aged 5 years and older will have the opportunity to participate in a free open class, have some free time to play with the apparatus (rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon) and watch some performances from some of our very talented competitive gymnasts. There will be games and a show bag to take home.

When: Wednesday 5th August, from 3.30 to 5.30pm
Where: Sports Hall, Palmerston District Primary School.
Register your interest in attending via phone: 6112 8460 or email: sales@elementz.com.au

ZUMBA®

WITH SHIRLEY

7.30pm Thursday nights @ Palmerston Primary School

Zumba Fitness is not your average Fitness Class, it is exercise in disguise! You don’t need to know how to dance to enjoy the benefits from this class. The music and easy to follow steps will get you moving, having a blast, and burning calories in no time. So ditch the workout and join the party with Shirley, your friendly local Zumba Instructor. Please contact Shirley on 0417 282 173 or email funkshirlnal@gmail.com for further information.

Find us on Facebook “Funkshirlnal Fitness”
EMERALDS JUNIOR CHEER ACADEMY  
(Raiders NRL official cheer squads)

The Emeralds Junior Cheer Academy is happy to confirm that they are bringing their exclusive cheer leading classes to Palmerston Primary for Term 3, 2015 and beyond!  
Students now have the opportunity to enroll in the Emerald’s cheer lessons, to be held at the school, learning dance and cheer leading skills from the Professional Emeralds cheer-leader’s themselves!

Enrolled students will also have the opportunity to perform at the Raiders home games, and other events (Performance component is not essential however, students may just wish to do lessons only.

Classes will be taught in the Palmerston school hall, in the divisions and times below, and will begin in week 3 of this term.

Mini-Emeralds (Age 3/4) Thursdays 4:45-5:30pm  
Princesses (Age 5/6/7) Wednesdays 5:15-6:15pm  
Belles (Age 8/9/10/11) Wednesdays 6:15-7:15pm  
Divas (Age 12-17) Thursdays 5:30-6:30

ENROLMENT
Please see below for enrolment options:

1) ENROLMENT FORM
   • Email info.mgdancestudio@gmail.com to obtain an enrolment form and return by email by next Friday July 31st  
   • Request an enrolment form from the Palmerston school front office, and return to the office by next Friday 31st July.

2) PAYMENT OF FEES
Make your payment of term 3 fees, of $140 (8 week term) by Friday 31st July, to the bank details or PO Box below:

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| **EFT:**         | Address cheque to: Melissa Gelonese  
| St George Bank   | Post to: PO Box 176,  
| Account Name: Melissa Gelonese | Gungahlin, ACT 292  
| BSB: 112-908     | *Please use Student name followed by cheer as reference.  
| Account #: 429 438 620 | Eg: Amy Smith cheer |

THE EMERALDS CHEER ACADEMY  
PO Box 176, Gungahlin ACT 2912  
e info.mgdancestudio@gmail.com  
m +61 (0) 405 380 015  
w mgdancestudio.com.au
EMERALDS JUNIOR CHEER SQUAD ACADEMY ENROLMENT FORM

NAME OF STUDENT
_______________________________________________________________________________

AGE ___________ DATE OF BIRTH _______________________ CHEER GROUP ____________________

STUDENT PHONE NUMBER (if applicable) __________________________________________________

STUDENT EMAIL ___________________________________________________________(if applicable)

PARENT 1 ____________________________________ PHONE ________________________

EMAIL __________________________________________________________________________

PARENT 2 ____________________________________ PHONE ________________________

EMAIL __________________________________________________________________________

POSTAL ADDRESS
__________________________________________________________________________________

PREVIOUS DANCE/GYMNASTIC EXPERIENCE:

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/MEDICATION:

MY CHILD ________________________________ WISHES TO PERFORM AT RAIDERS HOME
GAMES, AND OTHER PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES WHERE AVAILABLE

MY CHILD ________________________________ WISHES TO ATTEND LESSONS ONLY,

SIGNED ____________________________________________ DATE __________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN__________________________________PRINT NAME

Taekwondo classes at Palmerston
Hi! I’m Sharon from United Taekwondo, and I have been running classes in the Palmerston Primary School hall since the beginning of 2015. Many Palmerston students have already been promoted one, two or three grades up since then and are really enjoying the **discipline, respect, coordination, confidence, empathy and great physical exercise** they get when they participate in a friendly and safe martial art!

If you would like to book in to this class, please email to reserve a place. After your first FREE class, you will receive a booklet with information on United Taekwondo and details on how to join.

**I hope to see you in Term 3!**

Branch Instructor Sharon  
0401 476 050  
utkdcanberra@grapevine.com.au

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**Community News**

**Woden Valley Youth Choir**

It’s YES time! Do you have a great voice? Do you want to show-off your talent globally? Do you want to be a part of an awesome musical experience?  
If YES then **Woden Valley Youth Choir** needs you!  
Join over 100 singers in three choirs as they perform at some of Canberra’s premier events, including Carols by Candlelight, The Canberra International Music Festival and Voices in the Forest.  
Brag about the opportunity to sing locally and overseas with well known professional musicians and alongside choirs from around the globe.  
Sing from a repertoire that includes Contemporary, Broadway, Folk, Classical and Sacred. There’s sure to be songs you’ll love to sing!  
Develop your musical skills and enjoy friendships to last a lifetime! If you are 8-21 come and join **Woden Valley Youth Choir NOW**  
Applications for the next round of auditions close on 15th August. To book an audition visit wvyc.org.au and fill in the form on the JOIN page.

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**NDIS Pre Planning Workshops**

Would you like help to prepare for your planning conversation with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)?

Are you unsure of what an NDIS planning conversation might be like?
The NDIA are running regular workshops for participants, families and carers to assist with understanding NDIS processes.

In these sessions the NDIA will:
- Explain how the NDIS works
- Provide tools to help you identify your goals and aspirations
- Explain and assist you to prepare for the planning conversation

Please RSVP by emailing communityact@ndis.gov.au or call (02) 6146 8200

Please advise the names of those attending, contact phone number and any support requirements.

Both Libraries are fully accessible and have ample parking. 
Friends, family members and carers are welcome.

**Workshops scheduled for:**

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**Venues:**
Gungahlin Library, Cnr of Hibberson & Gozzard St, Gungahlin ACT 2912
Tuggeranong Library, Cowlishaw Street 212, Tuggeranong ACT 2900
NDIA Braddon Office, Northbourne Ave, Braddon ACT 2612

If you have any enquiries about preparing for your planning conversation please call the ACT Trial Site on 6146 8200.

Please RSVP by emailing communityact@ndis.gov.au or call (02) 6146 8200
43rd ANNUAL MALKARA MODEL RAILWAY AND SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2015 9am - 5pm
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 9am - 4pm

ADMISSION
Adults $10.00,
Children over 5 & Seniors $5.00
Family Ticket $20.00
(2 adults/ 2 children or 1 adult/ 3 children)

MALKARA SPECIALIST
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Model Railway layouts, Victorian Doll’s Houses, Model Retailers,
Big Boy Toys Remote Controlled Vehicles, Miniature Live Steam Train Rides and Lego.

Organised by the Malkara School P&C and The ACT Model Railway Society Inc.