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# Palmerston Post

29 March 2018

Week 8, Term 1



Together we learn from each other.

## ASSEMBLY:

30 Mar No assembly - Good Friday  
6 Apr Whole School - IEC

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

30 Mar Good Friday Public Holiday  
2 Apr Easter Monday Public Holiday  
3 Apr Yr 3/4 Camp - Birrigai  
6 Apr P&C Disco  
9 Apr North/Gungahlin Swimming Carnival  
10 Apr P/S (beginning) Healthy breakfast  
11 Apr Cross Country Carnival  
11 Apr 5pm Seesaw parent information session  
13 Apr P/S (end) Healthy breakfast  
13 Apr P&C Sausage Sizzle Lunch Order

## NOTES HOME:

- Seesaw Parent Information Session - youngest
- Cross Country - youngest
- Yr 3/4 Camp reminder

## **P&C BOARD NEWS**

### **P&C: 8 May 2018**

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

### **School Board:**

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Professional learning update**

At the moment the Palmerston staff have been participating in a range of professional learning activities. These include lesson demonstrations by Anita Chin. Anita is a mathematics consultant from NSW who delivered a day of professional learning to our staff in January around mathematics and the Australian Curriculum. Last week Anita visited our school and through demonstration lessons, she provided teachers with practical activities to meet the individual needs of our students. Some of our staff also attended the 2 hour 'Chin-Up' session where practical advice on the teaching of mathematics through the Australian Curriculum was given.

In line with the 2018 draft Annual Action Plan, the entire staff participated in a session on the use of formative assessment to gauge the learning of students during our Professional Learning Community time on Tuesday afternoon. This session was the first of many sessions on formative assessment that we will roll out this year. Along with that, all teaching staff will be including formative assessment on their development plan for the 2018 school year.

### **Easter Hat Parade**

Tuesday morning and this morning saw us participate in our annual Easter Hat parade. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the start of the week preschool groups model their beautiful Easter hats to us on Tuesday morning. We were overwhelmed with the wonderfully creative hats we saw this morning in the



P-2 outdoor assembly. This has proved to be lots of fun for all and a highlight for many families and staff at Palmerston. I'd like to say a big thank you to Catherine Griffin for organising this event as well as the Easter raffle, which raised over \$690! Thank you also to the community for your fantastic donations.

### Planning Days

This week staff have been engaging in planning days. During this time teaching teams meet with a member of the leadership team to utilise student data to accurately plan engaging unit plans for term 2. Staff work particularly hard at this time to ensure that our planning will continue to see students' growth in learning.

### Cross Country

We are looking forward to our Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday in week 10. We encourage all students to participate to the best of their ability which may be walking, running or jogging the course. As always we remind families to ensure that children have appropriate footwear and sun smart clothing. Sunscreen will be available on the day. Parent volunteers are welcome, please see Mr Susko if you are able to assist.

### Thank you to the P&C

Our amazing P&C have two events coming up over the next few weeks. These include the disco next Friday night and the sausage sizzle special lunch on Friday week 10. We thank the P&C for running these initiatives to support our school- they do an amazing job!

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter break and looking forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

*Kate Flynn*

## PALMERSTON PRIDE AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received a PRIDE Award at assembly on 23 March 2018, week 7.

**PARTICIPATION** – becoming involved, “having a go” and cooperating with others

Natasha - KGS	James - 1MC	Ayush - 1PJ	Pilise - 1HD
Saad - 2LM	Layla - 2LM		

**RESPECT** – respect for self, others and their property

Coby - KGS	Maeve - 1MC	Nikki - 2EG	Kayla - 2EG
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**INTEGRITY** – being honest, fair, responsible and loyalty

**DETERMINATION** - being persistent and resilient

Thomas - 1HD	Amelia - 1PJ
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**EMPATHY** - understanding and supporting others, regardless of our differences

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Yr 3/4 Camp - Birrigai

Date: **Tuesday 3 April 2018** (after Easter)

Location: Birrigai



### P&C Disco

Date: **Friday 6 April 2018**

Location: Palmerston District Primary School, hall

### K - Yr 6 P&C Sausage Sizzle Lunch Order

Date: **Friday 13 April 2018** (please note change of date)

Location: Palmerston District Primary School

## YEAR 4 UKULELE BAND

Parent Information Morning

**When:** Tuesday 3 April

**Where:** 8:30am in the Library

The ukulele band is a great opportunity for year 4 students to learn about music in a fun and supportive environment. Students will be taught by a musically experienced classroom teacher. Expressions of interest notes will be sent home on Thursday 5 April. Selection is limited to 20 places and will be based on students' expressions of interest submitted before the due date. Please join us for the information morning to ask any questions.

## DSTA NEWS



### Canberra College of Piping and Drumming

Thank you to the Canberra College of Piping and Drumming for visiting our school last Friday. Students and staff were in awe of amazing performance demonstrated by Steven, Alaine and Kerrie.



### Defence Club - Anzac Day Care Packages

Thanks to all the defence students and friends for providing beautiful art work and



assisting in packing 10 Anzac Day Care packages. These have been posted off this week to Soldiers, Sailors, Aircrewman (male and female) who are deployed and serving away from home this Anzac Day. Thank you to our serving ADF members.

### Anzac Assembly

Reminder our whole school Anzac Assembly will be on held Friday 4 May at 9:00am, this is the first Friday in Term 2.



## PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

A number of people within our community have identified that a Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) vehicle has recently been patrolling the streets around Palmerston District Primary School. This has led to a number of parents receiving infringement notices.

The ACT Government has provided advice that anyone wishing to contest their infringement notice should do so through the normal process. More information is available on the [Access Canberra](#) website. This needs to be done by each individual as the circumstances will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

The school requested a visit from the Transport Canberra and City Services' (TCCS) Schools Program last week to review and discuss parking around the school. Following this visit, a number of options are being considered to see what can be done to support travel to and from the school.

The ACT Government would like to reiterate that parking along verges is dangerous, especially for children. Children should not be required to avoid cars on the verge when trying to cross the road. It also reduces the line of sight for cars travelling along the road, significantly increasing the risk of a child being struck if they step out from behind an illegally parked car.

If you have any questions, please contact [Andrew Crichton](#) from TCCS directly. You may contact Andrew via his email [Andrew.Crichton@act.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Crichton@act.gov.au). Andrew has also provided us with a survey that parents are able to complete. The link for the survey is: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172965/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Control>.

The Education Directorate (EDU) is in the process of expanding the Palmerston District Primary School car park by 18 spaces (17 standard spaces and 1 Accessibility space). The design has been finalised and construction is expected to start in May 2018. This will bring the total number of spaces at the school to 100 (including all types of spaces onsite).

If you have any suggestions to assist us with the car park area we will have a suggestion box located at the front office for you to place your suggestion. Additionally, we are investigating with ACTION the possibility of a bus route between Crace and Palmerston. If you would like to support this initiative there will be an expression of interest form at the front office where you can put your name and address to allow the bus company to gauge how many families feel strongly about this. This could create an opportunity for a new bus route.

*Hailey Simms*

## PARKING ACTION GROUP – PALMERSTON PRIMARY

In recognition of recent ACT government “parking operations” targeting and issuing numerous parking infringement notices at Palmerston Primary School, the *Parking Action Group – Palmerston Primary* has been formed by concerned parents to lobby the ACT government through all means available, including direct representations, consultations with the School Principal, the press, and social media to:

- construct suitable and sufficient additional short-term parking at Palmerston Primary School for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children
- suspend current parking infringement operations until such time as sufficient suitable short-term parking is constructed at the school
- cancel all related parking infringements issued this year
  - advise parents of the cancellation of such infringements
  - refund infringements already paid.

Parents who are interested in supporting this Action Group and add their views and/or support to the representations being made are invited to contact

Stuart Fitch  
Convenor  
Parking Action Group – Palmerston Primary  
[Stuart.fitch@internode.on.net](mailto:Stuart.fitch@internode.on.net)

If you are interested in the Group please tell other concerned parents. Thank you for your interest.

### Survey: School travel and safety

Transport Canberra and City Services has engaged First Person Consulting to conduct research into parent's attitudes to their children's active travel to and from schools. Part of this process will investigate the role that School Crossing Supervisors have in improving safety around schools, and the extent to which parent attitudes to children travelling actively change as a result.

To complete the survey please click [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172965/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Control>.

**The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.**

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).



## ICAS

ICAS entry forms will be sent home to all students in Year 2-6.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales. Palmerston is once again going to take part in ICAS. This is voluntary for families.

ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program and available in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Unfortunately this year will be unable to offer Digital technologies. The tests take 30–60 minutes and are supervised at school. Certificates are awarded to all students who participate. If you register to participate and are sick on the sitting date you will participate in a catch up at a suitable time in the following weeks.

Results are available to parents and students online. These online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly and compare student performance to that of the other students tested.

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday 13 April (Week 10)**.



**NAPLAN will be online  
from 15-25 May 2018.**



**NAPLAN Online:**

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

**Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN.  
Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see how the test works and for more information.**



## 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.

### What does it cost to top up?

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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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### ***Fresh Tastes Your Little Experts***

The Fresh Tastes team from ACT Health have developed a new series of short videos starring Canberra kids telling us how it is when it comes to healthy eating, packing lunchboxes, cooking food and growing fresh produce.

We just love seeing how these little experts can teach us adults a thing or two. [Click here](#) to view the full suite of hilarious healthy habit forming tips.