PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Twilight Fair
A great time was had by all at the Twilight Fair. A very big thank you to all in our P&C who worked so diligently to provide a wonderful fair. Thanks also to those who could attend. Please have a look at the photos. A community event such as the fair brings us all together and last Saturday was proof of what a great whole school community exists in Palmerston, Crace and surrounds has.

Preschool
Next year we will be able to open our 5th preschool class. The Directorate has provided our school with a new building. You may have noticed the trucks and builders around. Drop by the preschool and have a look at the area. This building will provide Palmerston school with the capacity to take 110 preschool students. On the weekend of December 3rd, four trucks will arrive and crane in our new building. This will disrupt traffic on Kosciusko Avenue for a while over that weekend. Plans of the disruptions are on the notice board in the admin area at the front of the school. Please take some time to review them.

Bands & Bandstravaganza
Palmerston had two of our three bands perform last week at Bandstravaganza. A great time was had by all and we are pleased to say a number of our year 6 students are going on to play in bands at High School. We are disappointed to say that next year the Instrumental Music Program is unable to support our fife band program. As such, we will not be having a year 3 & 4 fife band. Though we are disappointed in this we understand that IMP is only able to support schools for a set period of time. They are committed to our year 5 & 6 bands and this program will continue. Fortunately, we will be looking to switch to a year 4 Ukulele band in 2017.
School events
On Tuesday evening we ran a workshop with Megan Campbell on *Inclusion in Schools* and how we cater for students with different abilities at Palmerston. This is part of our *Everyone Everyday* program, which is under the KidsMatter umbrella of Values Education at Palmerston. Wednesday evening was Passion Project evening for the CAP program. I always enjoy this evening where the students showcase their work on their passions. Thank you to the families that could attend.

Preschool held 2017 parent interviews this week. Thank you to the new and existing families that attended these interviews. If you have not been able to make it this week, please make a time with the front office.

**Palmerston Christmas Concert** is on next Thursday commencing at 5:30pm. Please bring your children early to be in classes to prepare. Bring a rug, a chair or just yourselves to have a great time and a sing-a-long with the children of Palmerston. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this special holiday time with families. The P&C will be holding a BBQ.

Lost property reminder
We have many, many, many, jumpers and lost items in our lost property box. Please take some time to do a stocktake at home to see if you are missing anything. We will be sorting and sending home any named items we find over the next week or two. A reminder that we need your children in appropriate sunsmart clothing in the hot weather- some students are arriving in weekend wear and Palmerston supports a sunsmart school uniform and appropriate footwear for safe play.

Have a great week,

*Melissa Travers*

November is Movember month, where men grow moustaches to raise funds and awareness about men’s health.
Palmerston Primary have put a team together called: **Palmerston Primary Mo Pros**
If you would like to donate please follow the team link: [http://moteam.co/palmerston-primary-mo-pros](http://moteam.co/palmerston-primary-mo-pros)
For more information about the Movember Foundation: [https://au.movember.com](https://au.movember.com)
Thank you everyone for coming along to the Palmerston District Primary School Twilight Fair 2016!

We hope that those who joined us at the school for the Twilight Fair had as much fun as we did. The rides were a hit, the food was absolutely delicious and the entertainment was a stand out.

A very big Thank you

Our fair could never have happened without the tireless effort and commitment from all of the volunteers including parents, students, community and staff.

Thank you to the P&C members for all of their hard work in the overall planning organisation and running of the fair.

A special thank you in particular to the stall coordinators who spent many hours planning and preparing for the day, Emma Davidson (cakes), Mandy Scanes (stall holders), Julian Fior (BBQ), Helen Ritchie (art/craft/hands), Tara McGowan (trash & treasure/raffle) Edwina Samuelson (multicultural food), Karon Campbell and Jasmine (plant stall).
Thank you........ to the school and teachers who contributed in many different ways to making the fair a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you........ to all of our entertainment providers who showed us their amazing talent.

Thank you........ to the stall holders for bringing many things along for us to purchase.

Thank you........ to all who played a part in helping make the fair happen in anyway.

Finally thank you to everyone who came along and helped Palmerston have a very enjoyable and successful day.

See you all again at the fair in 2017!

Thank you to the following businesses for supporting our fair:
**P&C NEWS**

**School Banking**
Week 8 is the last week your child can order a reward this year. If you don’t have enough tokens then it is perfectly OK to hold them over and use them next year.

**Book Club**
The final book club has now closed for the year. The children should receive their books over the coming week.

**Twilight Fair**
A big thankyou to everyone who helped out in the canteen during the Twilight Fair. Mrs Saro (3/4VS) for making the tastiest curries around!, Leanne H, Fran D, Sally V, Jo P, Emma Lea S, Peta, Mandy S. Without the help of these ladies it wouldn’t have been possible.

Regards
Edwina

**5 CENT CHALLENGE**
The 5 cent challenge has now finished. Thank you to everyone for their support. Overall we raised over $1000 with 2DT taking the honors of 5 cent fundraising champions!

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**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.

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My child/ren will be attending:

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

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