



# Palmerston Post

Issue 3 - Term 4

Palmerston District Primary School acknowledges the  
Ngunnawal People, the traditional owners and  
custodians of this land.



# Principal's Message

As the weather warms up, we are reminded of the care needed to ensure all of our students are safe at school. Please ensure your child brings a broad brimmed hat to school every day, sunscreen applied at home is another great idea. We encourage water bottles in the classroom and regular refilling, prompting children to drink water regularly. Some different options are also offered to students during hot play breaks, with a variety of indoor clubs running daily.

I am eagerly awaiting the Twilight fair this coming Saturday, and even before the day arrives, I would like to express my thanks to the P&C who are working around the clock in getting this amazing community afternoon arranged. There is so much to do and we are very thankful of parents who have signed up to help on the day. Many hands make light work!

Congratulations to the Yr 6 Band who performed at Bandstrav this week, you represented our school so beautifully, displaying strong musicality, school pride and our values. Thank you to Mr Shaw for your amazing leadership with the bands across the year. They are a credit to you!

Teachers have been furiously writing end of year reports – a lot of time is taken throughout the semester and year, looking at the growth achieved by all students. This is a reflective time for teachers to sit back, and remember their class in the first week of school and then make comparisons to their class right now. The growth in confidence, skills, attitudes, learning dispositions and being a good person is an incredible privilege --- it is what has kept me in education for the past 32 years!

A very big thank you to all parents who took up the opportunity to have a say about class formations in 2020. We had a huge response and we genuinely thank you for participating and being part of this important process. We are in the throes now of creating classes and getting excited for 2020. BUT, we are well and truly engaged and committed to having a wonderful last four weeks of term, with a lot of celebrations to come.

On Tuesday morning, 17th December, we will be hosting a *Kindergarten – Yr 5 Awards Ceremony* – we are delighted to announce two recipients from each year level in these three categories:

Excellence - for a students who has achieved academic success across the curriculum.

Endeavour - for a student who has demonstrated exceptional perseverance and resourcefulness in achieving their personal learning goals.

Citizenship - for a student who has consistently displayed the PRIDE and PBL values and behaviours, who has contributed to the community, who helps others and demonstrates leadership.

Families will be notified soon and we hope you can save the date and come to this beautiful morning Awards Ceremony.

Looking forward to see you all at the Twilight fair on Saturday, please come up and say HI if I haven't met you yet...

**Kate Smith**

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## Deputy Principal Message





## Helen Cox - Deputy Principal: Achievement and Potential

### The Value in Knowing Your Child

Central to teaching, is what we *ought* to teach: what we want students to know, understand and be able to do. However, the student is the *focus* of our work as teachers. Teachers know that students differ which is why it matters to teach responsively – to make modifications in how students will get access to important ideas and skills – to make possible learning success for each learner.

That is why it is important that teachers know students, as individuals, as much as we can: their interests, their 'readiness', and their learning profiles. If we know a student's interests we can ensure they are motivated; if we are aware of where they are in terms of 'readiness' we can plan for academic growth; if we enable students to work in their preferred learning modes we can develop their learning capabilities.

Teachers also know that parents and carers are a valuable source of information and we value the information that you can provide us about your child or children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents/carers who have completed the survey already. However, if you haven't already done so, and you would like to complete the survey ***Scales for Identifying Gifted Students (SIGS) Home Rating Scales***, please do so by clicking on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSJkXc-wpj3NkZwWYnWMxNA64z-sS3qazE7ygtGjrWunl1Q/viewform>

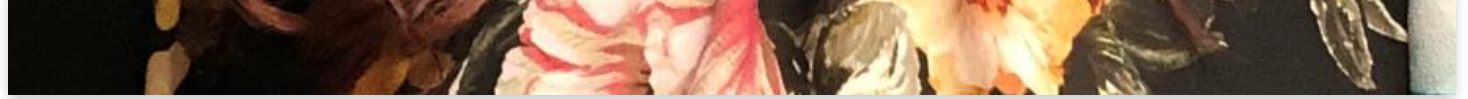
This is a tool that can be used as part of a comprehensive process for identifying gifted children.

What really matters in teaching? The students; and no one knows a child better than their parent or carer.

Helen Cox







# Marijana Pasalic - Deputy Principal: Inclusion, Diversity and Wellbeing

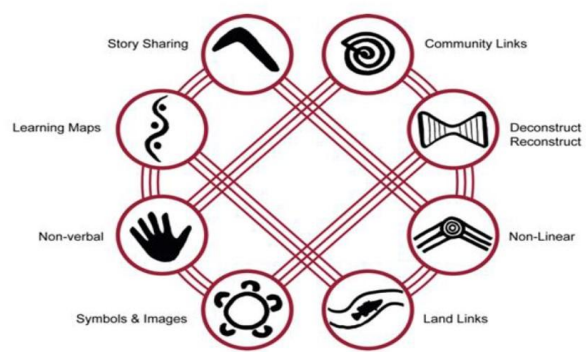
This week I attended a professional learning experience about cultural integrity. It was a day of learning, reflection and hope. Cultural integrity describes the environment a school creates to authentically and successfully support and celebrate the culture and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and to welcome and engage their families and the community. This is done through a whole school approach and encompasses the curriculum and the many ways that individuals learn – ways of doing, ways of knowing and ways of being.

Cultural integrity and building our capability to talk about it, involves four main parts;

- Thinking about our lived experiences - such as the museums we visit, the movies we watch and our own cultural awareness.
- Understanding white privilege and our own cultural backgrounds – thinking about what it means to be a minority?
- Training for our staff - so that we are role models for culturally appropriate behaviour and actions.
- Relationships and partnerships with Aboriginal students and their families in our community.

Aboriginal Australians have a special connection to land and country, and it is one that we can all learn from. We all need to promote and share the pride of Aboriginal Australians. We need to celebrate diversity and recognise the contribution made by all Australians. I would love to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in our community who can help shed light on this path we are to travel. There is a lot to do in this space, and I am excited and hopeful for the journey ahead.

Marijana Pasalic



## 8 Aboriginal Ways of Learning

Dr Tyson Yunkaporta (2009)



Family Spirits - Linda Syddick Napaltjarri



# Absence Notifications

An important part of our transition into the new School Administration System (SAS) is sending SMS messages to inform of student absences. You will receive an SMS message to let you know your child has been recorded as absent on the morning of their absence. We will endeavour to send this by 9.30am every day. This will reassure you of your child's arrival at school and make it easier for you to keep your child's attendance record up-to-date when they are absent.

You simply reply via SMS, with your child's name and the reason for your child's absence and this will be saved directly to child's attendance records. If you do not reply, your child's absence will be recorded as "unexplained". For unexpected absences, responding to the SMS will streamline our processes. The preferred way of explaining your child's absence will be responding to the txt message. Please note the Skoolbag absence notification is no longer available for absence notifications.. **If your child arrives at school after 9.05am they must be signed in via the front office .**

*Some examples of Parent Replies:*

*(Student Name) is sick today, thanks (Parent Name)*

*(Student Name) (Roll Class) was late to school this morning because ....., thanks (Parent Name)*

*Hi (School Name). (Student Name) is at home sick today, thanks (Parent Name)*

*Both (Student Name) (Roll Class) and (Student Name) (Roll Class) will be absent from school (date) because ....., thanks (Parent Name).*

As always if you have any concerns please contact the Front Office on 61421440.

# 2020 Host Families Needed

In 2020 Palmerston will be hosting a volunteer Japanese Language Teacher's Assistant (JTA), Miss Asahi Sekimoto from Kagoshima University in southern Japan. During her stay she will be assisting in Japanese language classes 3-6, while also hoping to also improve her English skills. (Please see the reverse page for more information on her.)

JTAs are home stayed within the school community and pay a contribution towards food and board of \$180 a week to their host families. Assistants need their own rooms but can share the family bathroom.

This program is widely used in ACT schools (there have been over 90 assistants since 2004) and is of great benefit to both the Japanese program and to the families who become involved. We find that families really enjoy this experience as it allows them to expand their knowledge and understanding of Japan and its' people as well as contribute to the corporate life of the school. This is an ideal way to encourage your children to engage with Japanese language and culture and make lifelong friends.

We are therefore seeking expressions of interest from families who would be willing to host our JTA for a period of 6-10 weeks (eight weeks in ideal) in Terms 2 – 4 of 2020.

If you are unable to host for a longer term but are interested in offering weekend stays, emergency back up or the occasional social activity please also return the form below.

If you are able to assist us or would like more information please either return the slip attached to the front office or email me at [Kristina.collins@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Kristina.collins@ed.act.edu.au) and I'll get in touch. This program relies heavily on the support and hospitality of the school community and your generosity is much appreciated.

Kristina Collins

Executive Teacher & Japanese Language Teacher



# Japanese Language Teacher Assistant Host Family Slip

Asahi is 20 years old and is currently a student of the Faculty of Education. She plans to teach Maths in Junior High School eventually. She likes swimming and Volleyball. In College she tried drums, bungee jumping and boxing!

She doesn't like birds very much. She dislikes leeks and mushrooms, pickles and dried fruit but likes cheese, meat and dessert.

[Download](#)

I like to travel!!  
I went to many places so far.



I like swimming.  
Diving was a lot of fun.



I did a bungee jump.  
I was very scared.



I like driving a car.  
But I don't have a car.



I can wear  
a yukata alone.



I like to see flowers.  
I go to see the cosmos  
every year.



this year.



I like to eat.



last year.



# Volunteers Needed

We would like to complete a stock take of the home readers in our school and are asking for volunteers to assist us in the sorting of this huge task. We are in need of about 5 – 6 parents in weeks 8 & 9 from about 9:00 – 11:00 each day to sort through the home readers.

If you can assist in this way could you please contact Felicity McNeice - 61421440. You will need to have your WWVP card and sign in at the front office.

## Classroom Connections

### Graduation - Year 6 - Photo

As part of our Graduation ceremony we would like to display a photo of the graduating class when they were in Kindergarten. To do this, we are asking for you to send or email your child's classroom teacher a photo of your child when they were in Kindergarten. Please label the photo with your child's name and they will be copied and returned to you before the ceremony.

If you can't find a photo of them in the Palmerston uniform when they were in Kindergarten or they didn't attend our school, then either a school photo or a portrait shot of your child at around the age of 5 will be suitable. If you could send them in before Friday 29th November 2019 it would be greatly appreciated.

Year 5/6 teachers



## Environmental Science News

In Environmental Science classes students have enjoyed cooking San Choy Bau again as it was popular and we had fresh garlic, spring onion, parsley and mint from the garden. There are many versions of this recipe and I have encouraged students to reflect upon what they might like to add in to the recipe to make it even tastier.

Karon Campbell

Environmental Science Teacher





# San Choy Bau

## Ingredients

- Lettuce leaves
- Vegetable oil – 1 tablespoon
- Garlic – 2 cloves finely chopped
- Ginger – 2cm piece grated
- Parsley – small bunch – finely chopped
- Celery leaves – finely chopped
- Brown onion -1 finely chopped
- Spring onion – 2 thinly sliced
- Chicken mince- 300 grams
- Soy sauce – 1 tablespoon
- Hoisin sauce – 2 tablespoons
- Lime -1 juiced (or lemon when limes expensive)
- Water chestnuts- ¼ cup finely chopped
- Celery – chopped finely
- Carrots - grated
- Rice Noodles- 1 square soaked in hot water
- Coriander- ¼ cup fresh leaves- roughly chopped for topping
- Mint – 1 small bunch – finely chopped – for topping
- Optional: fresh red chilli finely chopped and /or sweet chilli sauce – for topping

## Method

Step 1 Wash lettuce leaves, pat dry and prepare leaves on a tray.

Step 2 Heat wok or frypan. Add oil and fry garlic, ginger, parsley, celery leaves, brown and spring onion. Add chicken mince and fry until mince changes colour.

Break up chicken mince into small pieces.

Step 3 Add soy sauce, hoisin sauce, lime/lemon juice, celery, carrot and water chestnuts and fry until all combined

Step 4 Stir noodles through the chicken mix. Break into small pieces

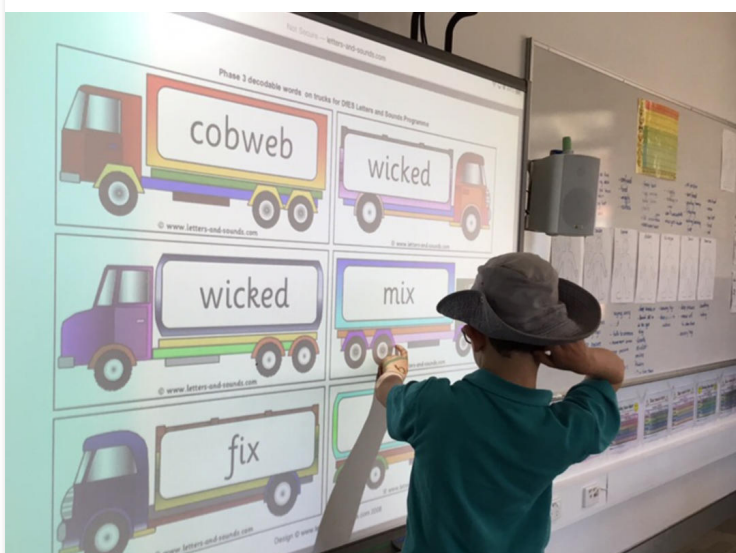
Step 5 Spoon chicken and noodle mix into lettuce leaves. Sprinkle with coriander and mint leaves before serving. Add fresh chilli and or sweet chilli sauce if you like.

## LSU - The Alpaca's

The Alpacas enjoyed Art with Annie, our community volunteer, this week and continue our Totem Pole project which was inspired by the Indigenous Totem Pole installation in the National Museum. We also had our shop which is part of our financial mathematics, banking and life skills program. We learn to save, budget, shop and calculate change in a real world context. During writing sessions we have been exploring personal responses such as letters and notes. We also focused on problem solving during geometry and made lava lamps during our scientific inquiry with Ms Campbell, allowing us to work with different states of matter. As it was Kindness day last week we have been deconstructing the concept by exploring kindness, care and politeness during our social skills and guided reading sessions. We have all been working hard at being safe, respectful learners.









The P&C are fundraising with the Entertainment book. The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the finest restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. The Membership entitles buyers to exclusive offers that are virtually restriction-free, and is valid through to 1 June 2020!

The Entertainment™ Digital Membership (app) puts all of the value of the Entertainment™ Book into the customer's smartphone. With 'near me' technology and the ability to show and save using a phone, this is perfect for the person on-the-go, with no card or voucher to present.

You can purchase a book through the front office or download the app via this link

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2487s6>

## 2020 Board Vacancy

Next year we will have 1 parent vacancy on the School Board. Nominations will open on the 4 February 2020 and close on 18 February. Please keep these dates in mind if you are interested in applying for this position.

# Scholastic Book Club

The P & C will now only be accepting orders via the ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM (LOOP) starting from this last catalogue and continuing on through next year.

**NO CASH ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

When you order and pay by **LOOP**, you do not need to fill in any order forms or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your schools order.

Visit **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or download the app.

This will eliminate issues that include: incorrect money received, foreign money received & also no name or contact details being written on orders. By changing to online orders only, it will make the process much easier for the volunteers who offer their time to manage the large numbers of orders we receive for each catalogue.

Any cash orders received will be returned to the students.

We appreciate your assistance with these changes.

## P & C Parent Corner

All P & C activities, meeting agendas and minutes are available from the school website. Please click on the button above to take you there.





# Twilight Fair Volunteer Sign Up

The Twilight Fair is seeking volunteers to assist at the twilight Fair on 23 November. If you can spare an hour or two to help out on the day please click on the above button and register your time. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated in making the day a success!



## Twilight Fair Parking - Enforcement around schools

Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrols school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence.



While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children’s crossings start from \$114.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe.

Please park safely and legally at the Twilight Fair.



## Dates to Remember

Twilight Fair	23 November
Whole school Assembly	29 November
Christmas Concert	4 December
Junior Assembly	6 December
Preschool End of Year Celebration	10 December
Whole School Assembly	13 December
Preschool End of Year Celebration	13 December
Aqua Safe Yr 2	9-19 December
K - 5 Awards	17 December
Year 6 Graduation	18 December



## Palmerston Pride

Congratulations to the following students who received a PRIDE Award at assembly.

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

*Taleah - KMC    Manning - 2SH    Vincent - 2SH    Joanna - 1DE*  
*Matea - 1DE    Caitlyn - 1KW    Usman - 1DE    Charlotte - KKA*  
*Chloe - KFD    Carter - KFD    Bindu - 2DZ    Niansh - 2MO    Maddox - 5/6KB    Oliver - 5/6DT*  
*Sebastian - 5/6CH    Maria - 5/6CH    Jessica - 5/6JM*

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

*Violet - KMC    Lucy - 1KW    Thomas - 2AF    Srija - 4VS    Zac - 5/6KB    Elka - 3AP    Umar - 3AP*  
*Ruqayya - 5/6DT*

**INTEGRITY** – being honest, fair, responsible and loyal

*Aastha - KGM    LiYa - 2SH    Jake - KGM    Usman - 1DE*  
*Aaron - 2AF    Vidya - 4VS    Vivaan - 3NS    Violet - 5/6KB    Dumbledore's Army - 5/6JM    Molly - 5/6JM*

**DETERMINATION** - being persistent and resilient

*Gunav - 1HD    Shehzad - 1KW    Luis - IEC    Vaydah - 1DE    Louis - KKA    Rohan - 2AF*  
*Muneer - 2DZ    Rishva - 2MO    Hunter - KGS    Harshini - KGS    Aaron - 3AP    Declan - 5/6DT*  
*Jasper - 5/6JM    Jessica - 5/6JM*

**EMPATHY** - understanding and supporting others regardless of our differences

## Defence News



## HMAS Harman Christmas Party

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Sir Victor Smith Oval

Friday 29th November 2019

5:00pm – 10:00pm

Tickets \$5.00 through online booking

All ADF/APS members and families welcome

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=550956>

Entry tickets on the night are \$10 for adults and children.

# Postings

Postings – Are you posting this year or early next year? I would love to know where you are heading for 2019/2020 so I can support your child, if your family are moving into another locality or school. You can contact me via email [kristy.retzlaff@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:kristy.retzlaff@ed.act.edu.au) or 6142 1440.

## Parent/Carer Information

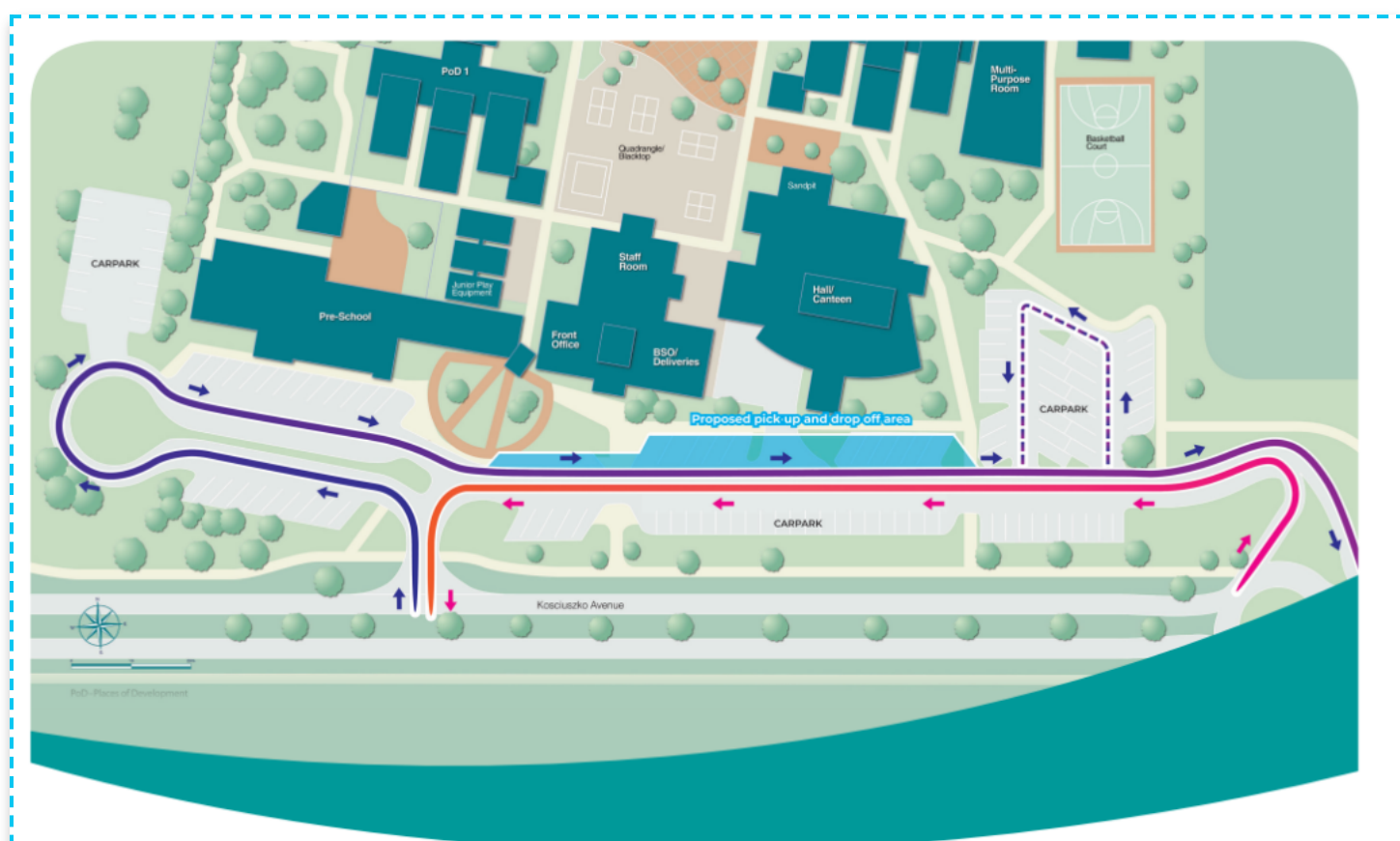
### ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme 2020 Applications

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families with student(s) in years 7 to 10 with the costs of schooling. To be eligible, applicants must have a current means tested Centrelink card or Healthcare card.

The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme is an annual payment of \$750 per eligible student. To ensure eligible applicants receive a payment in February or March 2020, **applications must be lodged by 30 November 2019**. Applications received after this date will be processed as soon as possible after receipt.

The ACT Education Directorate will send out application forms to all current recipients. Additional copies of the application form are also available at the school's front office. Electronic copies can be found on the Directorate website at:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-assistance>





# New Car Park Directions

As you are aware we now have a new car park with some changes that we want to explain and ask for your compliance to ensure safety for all, by doing the following:

- If you are entering the car park nearest the preschool end, from Kosciuszko Ave, you **must** turn left and drive down around the loop at the end of the car park, heading up towards the Administration building.
- We have a new elongated drop off zone along the school side of the car park. There is **NO** permanent stopping at all along the school side of the car park. The intention is to create a smooth flow of traffic in and out.
- There are now 14 additional car parks on the Kosciuszko Ave side of the car park.
- The two disabled car parks are located on the Kosciuszko Ave side of the car park.
- The four separate reserved car parks at the front of the school are for Principal, Deputy Principals and Executive Staff, please do not park in those car parks as these staff frequently leave the school for meetings etc and must be guaranteed a space.
- If you enter the car park via the eastern end near the Hall, you will notice the central island has been removed. Please either park in the designated parks, or keep driving through the car park to the preschool end.
- You may **NOT** park behind cars parked in designated bays or along the kerb of the middle island at the preschool end - Kosciuszko Ave side of the car park.

A member of staff will be on duty until 3.15pm every day to assure everyone is driving safely and following the new structure.

Thank you for your cooperation with this change.

## Community Connections



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Assisting & supporting parents with ideas about raising children.

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**6287 3833**  
**9AM-5PM**

FREE TELEPHONE



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## Communities@Work

A new adventure every day!

**December 2019  
January 2020**

7.30am - 6pm

Please bring:  
Morning tea, lunch,  
hat and a drink bottle

# Holiday fun at Palmerston

### Hooray for Holidays

Friday 20 December

Let's celebrate the start of the school holidays with a day of fun and relaxation. Come ready to participate in Christmas crafts, enjoy some outdoor water play, or make a suggestion. Today is all about you.

In-Service

### Special Delivery

Monday 6 January

Some new little pals will be delivered today in the form of chicken eggs. Today and over the next two weeks we will be learning about how to care for our new friends and doing lots of chicken activities.

All day Incursion

### Big Splash

Tuesday 7 January

Our morning today will be filled with fun in the sun at Big Splash in Belconnen. Children can enjoy nine giant water slides and a water park to themselves! Back at service we'll continue summer fun crafts and games.

08:45am-12:00pm Incursion

### Circus Show and Workshop

Wednesday 8 January

Adrian Dean visits today to present a show of danger, delirium and delight and the trickster challenges nature, defies gravity and teaches us some amazing circus skills that we can continue to work on for an afternoon of fun.

10:00am-12:00pm Incursion

### Movies: Addams Family

Thursday 9 January

Do you think your family is weird? Wait until you meet the Addams family today at Hoyts! Once back at service we will continue our theme with spooky, creepy activities all day long.

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion

### Out of this World

Friday 10 January

Explore the unknown depths of space as we learn about what is and what might be out there. Whether your interest lies in galaxies, aliens, or Star Wars, today we will have space exploration for you.

In-Service



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### Questacon

Monday 13 January

Learning science is always more fun when it's interactive so today we head to Questacon for a day packed with laughter and fun-filled learning. Play with light, experience an earthquake or drop from great heights: there's plenty to do!

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion

### Hakuna Matata

Tuesday 14 January

Next Move Studio brings the Hakuna Matata workshop to us today. This Lion King themed song and dance event focuses on personal development in a fun, nurturing and creative environment.

01:30pm-03:30pm Incursion

### Movies: The Queen's Corgi

Wednesday 15 January

Today we head to Hoyts to see the Queen's favourite corgi. Rex embarks on new adventures when he gets lost in London. Once back at service we'll engage in fun cooking and craft activities learning about the places we've seen.

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion

### Water and Wheels

Thursday 16 January

Today you're invited to bring your bicycles, scooters or other wheels to service as we get active outside. Don't worry about the heat as we will have plenty of water games going as well.

In-Service

### Farmer Dave

Friday 17 January

This spectacular show is filled with fun and cuteness as Farmer Dave and his furry friends teach children about acting safely around all kinds of dogs. These dogs are specially trained so even the most nervous of children love this activity.

01:30pm-03:30pm Incursion

### Rainbow Warriors Colour Run

Monday 20 January

Today we participate in a mix of ninja warrior and colour run activities. This obstacle course setting will push our physical limits, encourage problem solving and promote teambuilding all under a rainbow cloud of colour.

01:30pm-03:30pm Incursion

### Movies: Playmobil

Tuesday 21 January

A young woman travels to the animated world of Playmobil to find her missing younger brother, Charlie. In order to bring him back home, she must embark on a thrilling adventure. Today we're off to Hoyts to see it unfold.

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion

### Big Splash

Wednesday 22 January

Our morning today will be filled with fun in the sun at Big Splash in Belconnen. Children can enjoy nine giant water slides and a water park to themselves! Back at service we'll continue summer fun crafts and games.

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion

### Battle of the Bees

Thursday 23 January

The qualified horticulturalists at HortiKids are visiting for a hands-on gardening activity for all our little green thumbs. While we're at it we'll also learn why bees are so important and how worms improve our soil.

01:30pm-03:30pm Incursion

### Marvelous Mysteries

Friday 24 January

Today we become amazing detectives as we work to solve the mysteries of the school holidays. You will need your wits to crack secret codes and solve puzzles to find the answers you seek.

In-Service

Visit [communitaswork.org/holidayprograms](http://communitaswork.org/holidayprograms) for more information  
 Phone 1300 212 273 or email [enrolments@communitaswork.org](mailto:enrolments@communitaswork.org)



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## PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 27 January

### African Percussion

Tuesday 28 January

Today we will learn about the vibrancy, passion and energy of African music. Through hands-on activities we will understand how tone and rhythm can be used to celebrate, communicate, and reflect countless customs and beliefs across Africa.

01:30pm-03:30pm Incursion

### Inflatable Fun

Wednesday 29 January

Last holidays we enjoyed jumping with our inflatable obstacle courses in our services. They were so popular we've decided to do them again... with water. Come enjoy our water fun day complete with jumping castles galore!

10:00am-01:00pm Incursion

### Movies: Spies in Disguise

Thursday 30 January

When a super spy and scientist accidentally turn the super spy into a super pigeon, they must work together to find out how to save the world in a different way.

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion

### Battle Games

Friday 31 January

Get out of the heat and into the mud as we head out to Battle Games this morning! Bring a change of clothes, a towel and your enthusiasm as children and educators enjoy a muddy obstacle course!

09:00am-12:30pm Incursion



Have an  
adventurous  
new year!

[communitaswork.org/holidayprograms](http://communitaswork.org/holidayprograms)



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## Pop! Goes the Muso

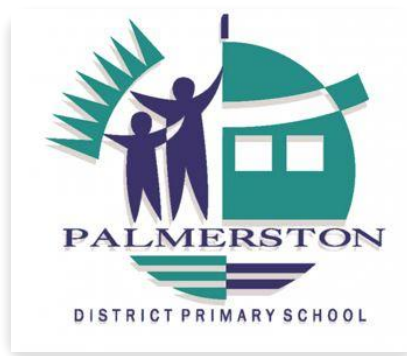
Hi Palmerston

Mr E is organising a free pop-up concert for the community. It is called Pop! Goes the Muso. See below: Pop! Goes the Muso is a free family-friendly series of summer concerts by Yerrabi Pond presented by Gungahlin Arts. The series is run to create an opportunity for Gungahlin locals to connect with each other and enjoy some live local tunes and art projects. Discover local musicians and artists, join in crafting activities and share stories in a relaxed community atmosphere. Food and drinks will be available for purchase including ice creams and cool treats from Cool Penguin ice cream van and sizzling sausages from the Gungahlin Rotary Club. Participate in the pop-up printing station run by local artist Jo Hollier and play with colour, texture and pattern using her simple and exciting printmaking technique that will allow you to explore and satisfy your creative urges. Create one print to take home with you, and another to contribute to a community quilt! The Pop! Goes the Muso stage will be powered by the Communi-fi Sound Solar Sound Bike.

Where: Yerrabi Pond District Park, Gungahlin - entry via Wunderlich Street

When: December 8th Who: Featuring local musicians: Dylan Elks, Luella Adams and Dan Bennett, CJ Shaw and Evan Buckley (The Burley Griffin).

More information at: [www.belconnenartscentre.com.au/pop](http://www.belconnenartscentre.com.au/pop) Or search 'Pop! Goes the Muso' on Facebook.



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