## What’s on

### Week 9, 25 June 2015

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### Upcoming Events

- 24 July: Stripey Performance Excursion, K-Yr 2
- 28 July: Noteworthy Concert, Itchy/Brave Bears

### Notes Home

- Noteworthy Concert, Itchy/Brave Bears
- Emeralds Cheer Squad enrolments
- Swimming Expression of Interest (K-2)

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### Semester 1 Reports 2015

Reports will be sent home with children today. If your child is away it will be held in the front office for collection and will be mailed in week 10. Preschool children will receive a developmental report. If your child is in Kindergarten you will receive the school report. Children in Year 1-6 will receive the school report and an A-E report.

Interview schedule times are available in the front office, please contact the front office to book in a time.
Writing Awards – Outstanding Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who received writing awards for achieving their goals on Friday 19 June:

Amelia 5/6ML  Andy 5/6ML  Hayley 5/6ML  Dennie 5/6ML
Monjama 3/4RH  Cohen 2VS  Rachel 2VS
Maxinne 2HS  Keira 2HS  Niina 2HS
Kiril K2VS  Sheza K2VS
Dante 2/3WW
Ellie IEC

Expert Panel - Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour

You will be aware that in April this year, an independent investigation and an Expert Panel review were called to respond to a withdrawal space placed in a Canberra school. The paramount concern is for the privacy, welfare and rights of the people associated with the school.

If any Palmerston Primary School parents and carers have any concerns or issues they would like to discuss in relation to this issue or any others, they are encouraged to contact their teacher in the first instance, or I am available through the front office on 6205 7241.

The Directorate has also established a hotline for any parent who would like to confidentially discuss any issues or concerns: Ph: 6205 5429
You can also email the Directorate at DET.Consultation@act.gov.au
The Expert Panel is currently calling for submissions from the public as part of their review. You can find information at:
http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au

Ben Hall
Deputy Principal
Dear Parent and Carers

It is that time again when the School Board asks Palmerston District Primary School parents to dig deep and make a financial contribution to our children’s education. While it is not compulsory to contribute financially to government education, any monies provided as voluntary contributions to the Library Trust Fund help to enhance the quality education our children receive here at Palmerston District Primary School*.

The school is grateful for the contributions provided at the end of last year/earlier this year as part of the back to school book packs and congratulate these families for contributions made this financial year. All contributions will positively assist your child’s learning and enjoyment at our school. The reason why the school is requesting financial donations again is that there are only a few days left in June, and contributions made this month can be claimed in your 2014/2015 tax return. We understand, of course, that not every family is able to make a full contribution, however we hope that families will consider how much they are able to contribute toward better resources for our children. This year we would like these contributions to go towards non-fiction books in the library.

Over the past few years, contributions made by our school community have greatly assisted in providing the literature for borrowing from the library. This year, we will continue to boost our library's resources. Our library resource centre is being remodelled and reformed to ensure the library is accessible to everyone in our school community and our current resources are being evaluated and refreshed. Our children will benefit by having access to the very best educational materials.

To help us ensure our children have access to these educational materials, the school board is asking for a small contribution of $80 per child for the year. This amount is fully tax deductible and can be paid in
instalments. If your family is unable to contribute the full $80, any contribution will be welcome.

* Please Note: The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.

George Villaflor  
Board Chair

Melissa Travers  
Principal

........................ Please sign payment slip and return with payment ........................

**Library Trust Fund – Voluntary Contribution**

Student Name: _________________________ Class Name: _________________________

Your name for tax-deductible receipt:
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**Receipt collection:** from School Office ( ) send home with child ( )
I enclose payment of $ ______ Cash ( ) EFT/Quickweb ( )
Credit Card ( )

**Your payment may be debited to your Credit Card by completing the authority form below:**

Payment by: Visa ( ) Mastercard ( ) Amount: _______________

Card No: __/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__  Expiry Date: __________/________

Name on Card: ___________________________
Signed: ______________________________

Direct Debit – Palmerston District Primary School
Westpac Bank BSB: 032-777  Account Number: 001754
or Quickweb: GL Code: 7602-000-14  Fee Code: LIBTRUST
Swimming
This year at Palmerston there has been a change in the way swimming will be run. Our Year Two students will be participating in a brand NEW water safety and awareness program, AQUASAFE. This program is the result of a partnership between the ACT Education and Training Directorate and Royal Life Saving ACT. It aims to instil vital water safety skills in all Year 2 public school students. It consists of 5 classroom based lessons and 10 pool based lessons. We encourage all year two students to participate in this fantastic program, to achieve this the Education and Training Directorate has provided funding for year two students to attend, this means that this fantastic program will only cost $50 per student, this equates to only $3.50 per lesson! This program will take place from 24 August to 4 September, an expression of interest has been sent home for this program.

Due to this new program the Kindergarten and Year One swim and survive program will be running separately to the Year Two program. This program will consist of 10 pool based lessons and will take place from 7-18 September. An expression of interest has been sent home for this program.

Early next term, you will receive further information regarding enrolling and payment.

If you have any questions or queries regarding these programs, please contact Haeley Simms through the front office.

Academic Excellence Awards at Palmerston
In recognition of Palmerston’s focus on literacy and numeracy, in semester two 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 awarded in grade levels, each grade will nominate a girl and a boy. These awards will then be handed out at whole school assemblies.
2015 Lions Club of Gungahlin Primary School Public Speaking

On Friday the 19 June 2015 the Lions Club of Gungahlin held their 2015 Primary school public speaking competition. Eight competitors from the local Gungahlin primary schools participated in the two sections of competition - Year 5 and under and Year Six.

The standard of presentation was high with many entertaining speeches that were well delivered by the eight contestants. All of the participating schools should be extremely proud of the efforts put in by their students and the teachers who helped prepare them for the competition.

Overall Results
Year 5 & under Section
1st place - Mother Teresa School
2nd Place – Kien – Palmerston Primary

Year 6 Section
1st place – Mother Teresa School
2nd Place – Amaroo Primary

The high standard of speeches made a tough night for the three judges producing a very close result with a small margin separating the entire field.

Congratulations to all of the competitors for their hard work and thank you to all of the schools who supported the event.

Preschool Enrolments
Enrolments for 2016 are open. If you know of a preschool aged child please let them know to enrol now. The online application can be found at:


If you do not have access to a computer please contact the front office and they will assist you to complete the application process at school.

Offers of placement will be made from Friday 19 June 2015.
PYJAMA DAY – Friday 3 July 2015
The P&C are excited to be holding a PYJAMA day. What a great way to spend the last day of term in this cold weather!
Wear your PJs to school and bring along a gold coin donation to help fundraise for the Twilight Fair. When is the Twilight Fair?

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 20 November 2015. There will be rides, stalls, food, entertainment and lots more.
Lisa Fior

Entertainment Books
2015-2016 Entertainment Books are now available. Purchase your book or digital copy online by following this link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2487s6
Or purchase with cash at the front office. For any questions, please contact Jenni Palombi on 0416 180 225.
Community Hirers

“THE EMERALDS” (Raiders official cheer squads) are coming to Palmerston!

The Emeralds cheer squad, are bringing their cheer leading classes to Palmerston Primary school from Term 3!

Students now have the opportunity to enrol in Emeralds cheer lessons at our very own school, learning dance and cheer skills from the Professional Emeralds cheer-leader’s themselves.

Students who enrol in lessons will also have the opportunity to perform at Raiders games, and other events! (performance is not essential)

Classes will be taught in the Palmerston school hall, in the divisions below:

Mini Emeralds (Age 3-4)
Emerald Princesses (Age 5-8)
Emerald Belles (Age 9-12)
Emerald Divas (Age 12-17)

Fees are $160 for a ten-week term (in line with school terms)

Emerald Junior Cheer Academy is now taking official expressions of interest for term 3 in Palmerston, with official lesson times confirmed in the last week of term 2.

To register your expression of interest, please fill out the form below and return to your class teacher, or the front office by Monday, 29th June.

For more information contact Melissa on 040 5380 015 or visit the website: mgdancestudio.com.au

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Student Name ____________________ Age (turning this year) ________

Please tick availability for rehearsal times:

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Community News

Cool Kids

The Gungahlin Child and Family Centre is running both the ‘Cool Kids’ program and the ‘Cool Little Kids’ program in Term 3. The ‘Cool Kids’ program is an Australian program designed to teach children practical ways of better managing anxiety. The program focuses on learning skills to deal with situations when the child feels anxious and to build resilience. The program is suitable for children aged 9-12 years.

The ‘Cool Kids’ program will run for eight (8) sessions during Term 3 on Monday afternoons. Parents will be required to attend a parent information session and 2 additional sessions with their child. A screening interview will assess suitability for this program. Please contact Gungahlin Child and Family Centre Intake to register your interest on 6207 0120.