Dear Parents/Carers
Welcome back to Palmerston and Term 2.
I hope you all had a great school holidays and time together as families.
As you walk or drive around the school, you will notice that the new fence is gradually taking shape. This will assist the school in reducing the vandalism. We were notified last week that we will be having a new bus shelter installed near the Kosciuszko avenue roundabout this term. A photo of the new bus shelter will be placed in the school foyer for you to view. This may cause road blockages.
The Canberra Times recently ran an article from the police about driving around schools. They said “when dropping off or picking up children, parents and guardians are reminded that they must not obstruct other traffic, or park illegally because these offences compound traffic problems and hazards around schools, causing dangerous situations for children. Children are not as aware as adults of possible dangers. When people double park or park on dividing strips, it restricts the child’s line of sight and other motorists. Due to the height of children they are often not seen by motorists until it is too late.”
I would like to remind all families dropping off their children that our car park does have narrow driving spaces, but we are lucky to have a drop off zone at the front of the school and pedestrian markings to support our children. Please discuss with your children about safety around cars. Our new fence will support the children crossing at an appropriate place. Part of the new fencing will be bollard next to the preschool as the dirt area is not a designated parking area now that the new BER building is complete. I know this may upset a few parents, but we need to park in the designated parking bays to comply with road authorities. The parking inspectors at times drop by schools and parking outside parking bays is what they look for.
I would like to welcome to our school Mrs Alex Breen. Alex will be undertaking a permanent executive position overseeing our special needs areas. She will also be our Literacy and Numeracy officer and working in classrooms with teachers on teaching and learning. You may have notice we have a few extra teachers around the school. We are hosting student teachers at the school. The student teachers are in classrooms and teaching along with the class teachers. Our library will need this week to complete the changes and the book audits. So, hang in there, we will see it brighter and better very soon.

Have a great Term 2,

Melissa Travers

“No matter where they go, children lost in books will always find their way home.” Paul Jennings