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What's On

23 August 2018

Week 5, Term 3



DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we learn from each other.

ASSEMBLY:

24 Aug Senior - Yr6

31 Aug Father's Day Celebrations

DATES TO REMEMBER:

24 Aug Yr5 Band Pair (at Palmerston)

28 Aug P/S Father's Day Stay & Play

29 Aug Yr3-6 Author Visit—Susan Berran

30 Aug Nth/Gungahlin Track & Field

31 Aug P/S Father's Day Stay & Play

31 Aug K-Yr6 Father's Day Breakfast & maths games & stall

3 Sep Yr5/6 Think U Know - Cyber Safety (students)

4 Sep Parent Information Session - Cyber Safety

6 Sep LSU DreamCricket Clinic

7 Sep P&C School Disco

NOTES HOME:

- School Photos
- K-Yr6 Mathematics Information Night (youngest)
- Father's Day Breakfast information (youngest)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the families that could make it to our annual Book Week Parade. A great time was had by all. Each year we are so lucky to have a community that so values books, reading and community events.

This weekend we have our annual Tournament of the Minds (ToMs) weekend at Campbell High for our senior students. ToMs is run by Mrs Fletcher and our students compete against other schools in Canberra in interpretive drama events over Saturday and Sunday. Palmerston students have been in ToMs for many years and we always do well. Thanks Mrs Fletcher. Also big thanks in advance to the teachers who attend and support and to the parents who transport their children there and support them. We have a great event on next week, a favourite author of the Palmerston students will be visiting – Susan Berran. And remember, Friday next week is our Father's Day breakfast and maths games morning.

ACT Policing is investigating reports of a child approached at a Belconnen area primary school.

These unfortunate incidents are a good reminder to us all to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately. ACT Policing urging anyone who may have witnessed any incidents or have any information that could assist Police to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via

www.act.crimestoppers.com.au Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the ParentLink website for tips. Our teachers will also discuss protective behaviours next week.



P&C BOARD NEWS

P&C: 7:00pm 17 Sep 2018

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

School Board: 7:30am 6 Sep 2018

The School and the Education Support Office will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Have a great week,

Melissa Travers

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Book Week

What a fantastic week we have had this week celebrating the wonder of books! We kick started the week with a book parade of costumes by our start of the week preschool classes. In line with the 2018 Book Week theme "Find Your Treasure" we saw many fabulous pirate costumes as well as fairies, Dr Seuss characters and many more.

Today we had a fabulous time at both end of the week preschool group parade and the K-6 Book Week parade. The costumes were amazing and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing the characters from books come to life. I would like to say a big thank you to Ms McNeice and Mrs Fletcher for organising this event and thank all families for supporting this successful event.

Wellbeing

Here at Palmerston we run a variety of wellbeing programs throughout the year under the KidsMatter umbrella. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework that has been proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. It provides the methods and tools to help schools support the social and emotional needs of children.

In my newsletter items for the remainder of the term I thought I would take the time to focus on and highlight some of the wellbeing programs and processes we have in place to support our students at Palmerston.

Peer Support

Peer support is an evidence based, peer led approach designed to enhance the mental, social and emotional wellbeing of children. All year levels K-6 participate in this program and it supports a positive school climate and culture.

Peer support empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to the life of the school, develops skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and leadership and provides authentic leadership opportunities for our year 5/6 students.

The Peer Support program operates on a Thursday afternoon for the majority of term three. This program is run by our year 5/6 students who have had specific training in the Peer Support modules which take a different focus each year. This year the focus is on relationships and building and keeping friendships. Please go to www.peersupport.edu.au for more information.

Circle Time

Circle Time is an evidence based, positive whole school approach that empowers students. It is used to support children and teachers to work together to celebrate successes and to discuss ideas and problems that may affect either individuals or groups of students. Circle Time has proved successful in promoting positive relationships and makes significant impact in developing children's social and emotional skills and attitudes. Circle Time also helps to create a sense of belonging and connectedness within a group.

PBL update

We are pleased to announce that we now are moving forward with the mascot competition. We were overwhelmed with the amount of entries received for the completion and staff and students have had a really tricky time choosing semi-finalists. The semi-finalists will be announced on Monday during morning lines by our PBL student group. We would love to hear from you about what you would like the mascot to be. Voting slips will be available on the black top before morning lines each day next week including at the Father's Day breakfast. A table with voting slips will be set up in front of the deck near kindergarten. The students will also be provided with the time to vote. If you cannot make it into the school before school or on Father's Day you can also pop by the front office and place your vote.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Father's Day breakfast next week.

Kate Flynn

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CARD

Just a reminder, to families, we support the ACT Government Policy in safeguarding our students by complying with the Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP process). We ask our parents/carers who volunteer regularly in our school to apply for the WWVP card.

The WWVP Act requires those who work or volunteer with vulnerable people to have a background check and be registered. The process is very simple to apply for a WWVP registration card follow these three easy steps.

1. Complete a WWVP application for registration (online)
2. Attend an Access Canberra Service Centre located at Belconnen, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong or Woden to provide proof of your identity and have your photo taken.
3. Receive your WWVP registration card by post after access Canberra has assessed your application.

When you have your card, drop into the front office show us and we will keep a photocopy of it.

THINK U KNOW PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Save the Date!!

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on 4 September at 5:30pm in the CAP Pod. ThinkUKnow is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers on how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way. ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. It will cover issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing. The ThinkUKnow team will also be providing an education session for our year 5/6 students. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment. For more information you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Haeley Simms via the front office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yr 5 Woodwind Band Pair

Date: **Friday 24 August**

Location: Hall, Palmerston District Primary

Preschool (Brave, Itchy & Noisy) Father's Day - Stay & Play

Date: **Tuesday 28 August**

Location: Palmerston Preschool

Yr3-6 Author Visit - Susan Berran

Date: **Wednesday 29 August**

Location: Palmerston District Primary

Preschool (Cranky, Hungry & Sleepy) Father's Day - Stay & Play

Date: **Friday 31 August**

Location: Palmerston Preschool



K-Yr6 Father's Day Breakfast & Maths Games & Stall

Date: **Friday 31 August**

Location: On the blacktop & in PoDs

Yr5/6 Think U Know Cyber Safety

Date: **Monday 3 September 2018**

Location: Palmerston District Primary

Think U Know Cyber Safety Parent Information Session

Date: **5:30-7:00pm Tuesday 4 September 2018**

Location: Multipurpose Building, Palmerston

LSU DreamCricket

Date: **Thursday 6 September 2018**

Location: Palmerston District Primary

P&C "80's/Neon" Disco

Date: **Junior - 6:00-7:15pm, Senior - 7:30-9:00pm Friday 7 September 2018**

Location: Palmerston District Primary

PALMERSTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C presents

“80’s/Neon”

P&C DISCO - FRIDAY 7 September Entry: \$3 at the door.

JUNIORS: Preschool – Yr 2
6:00pm-7:15pm

SENIORS: Yr 3 - 6
7:30pm-9:00pm

The P&C will be selling pizza/nuggets/hot dogs/drinks/ice blocks/ glow sticks etc

PARENT HELPERS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Are you staying at the Disco? Can you help for Half an Hour? We need Volunteers from 4pm for Setup, Collecting Door Entry Fee, In the Canteen, Door & Dance Floor Security, Pack-up and Lock-up (til 10pm).

Please contact Lina on 0416 056 755 if you are able to help.

P&C DISCO RULES

Preschool to Year 2:

Students **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian (OVER 18yrs) for the **duration** of the Junior disco. (6:00pm-7:15pm) **NO PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED as parents MUST STAY.**

Years 3 to 6:

Students need to **BRING** the Permission Note (below) **ON THE DISCO NIGHT**, to be admitted & to be able to remain unaccompanied by a parent/guardian, for **duration ONLY** of Disco.

ALL notes & information will be destroyed after the Disco.

Please escort your child/ren to and from the Hall Door. Prompt pickup is most appreciated.

Children will **ONLY** be released from the **HALL DOOR** after the Senior Disco at 9pm. They will not be allowed to leave the Hall without an adult collecting them from the door.

The disco is for Palmerston Primary students only. Students from other schools are not permitted to attend.

PERMISSION NOTE – SENIOR DISCO - YEAR 3 to Year 6

FRIDAY 7 September, 7:30pm-9:00pm Admission \$3 (pay at Hall Door)

My child/ren have permission to attend Palmerston District Primary School P&C Disco on
FRIDAY 7 September 2018 **BRING NOTE ON THE NIGHT!**

Child's SURNAME:

Child's FIRST NAME:

Class:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Contact Ph No TONIGHT

Disco Canteen Prices

Hot Food

<u>Hot Dogs</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>
<u>Pizza</u>	<u>\$1.50/slice</u>
<u>Chicken Nuggets</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>

Drinks

<u>Soft Drink Cans</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
<u>Juice Popper</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>Bottled Water</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>

Snacks/Lollies

<u>Mixed Lolly bags</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>
<u>Diced Peaches/Pear</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>Lemonade/Cola/Raspberry Icy Poles</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>Frozen Yoghurt</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
<u>Chips (Plain, Salt & Vinegar, Chicken & BBQ)</u>	<u>\$1.00/bag</u>
<u>Killer Pythons/Sour Straps/Musk Sticks</u>	
<u>Banana Lollies</u>	<u>\$1.00/bag</u>
<u>Popcorn</u>	<u>50c</u>
<u>Whizz Fizz</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>Sherbert Cones</u>	<u>50c</u>

SCHOOL INTENTIONS 2019

School Leavers 2019

We have now reached the time in the year when we begin to look at our school numbers and staffing arrangements for 2019. If your circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Palmerston District Primary School in 2019 can you please let the front office staff know as soon as possible.

My child/ren will **not** be returning to Palmerston in 2019.

Name

Class

Last day at Palmerston: _____

My child/ren will be attending:

Another government school in the ACT: _____

A non-government school in the ACT: _____

Moving out of the ACT

Forwarding Address:

Phone number: _____

Parent's name: _____



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

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



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. Add your student, their school and form class to get started.
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Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT .

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES



Changes will come into effect from Monday 3 September 2018. These changes are being implemented to improve the provision of consistent, accurate and easily identifiable bus services across regional New South

Wales and improve customer access to current transport information. The naming and numbering of school routes will be updated as detailed on the Schedule of School Route Service Changes attached. In addition, a full listing of the new school route numbers will be available on the Qcity Transit website, www.qcitytransit.com.au prior to the changes coming into effect on the 3rd September 2018.

During a transition period of one month all school bus services will display the current/old bus number and the new bus number to ensure students and teacher can clearly identify them.

A list of the school services that effect your school is in the table below for information.

Current Bus No.	New Bus No.	AM/PM	Coming From (AM)/Going To (PM):
81 (Bilby)	S102	AM	Jiparu via Hall Interchange
83 (Koala)	S203	PM	Murrumbateman via Hall Interchange

Communities@Work

Spring - Palmerston 2018

School Holiday Program

Monday 1

**Closed for Labour Day
Public Holiday**

Tuesday 2

Rock Climbing

We're off to try our hand at rock climbing today. Indoor rock climbing is a safe and fun way to build confidence and develop problem-solving skills in a new setting.

9am-12pm

Wednesday 3

Movies: *Christopher Robin*

Today we head out to the cinemas to see *Christopher Robin*! As a working-class family man, Christopher Robin encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh, who helps him to rediscover the joys of life.

9am-12pm

Thursday 4

Pirates Ahoy!

Bring your peg legs and eye patches because today we are pirates on a search for buried treasure. Make your own treasure map and a hooked hand too as we play pirates.

In-Service Day

Friday 5

Inflatables-Jumping Mad

Today we go jumping mad with inflatables at our service. A 10-metre bouncing obstacle course, giant slides and jumping castles are just the start of the fun we have in store today.

10:30am-1:30pm

Monday 8

Battle Games

Battle Games is a tough mudder style obstacle course specifically designed for children. Obstacles range in difficulty from very low for our younger children, to a proper challenge for our older children.

Make sure you bring a change of clothes!

1pm-4pm

Tuesday 9

Kids Love to Cook

Kids Love to Cook is a mobile cooking school, providing hands-on workshops specifically designed for school-aged children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our menu has been chosen to cater for all children's dietary needs within the service.

1:30pm-3:30pm

Wednesday 10

Life of Luxury

Luxury is our aim today so expect nail painting, bath bomb making, whacky hair and a very comfortable day hanging out with friends in our pyjamas.

In-Service Day

Thursday 11

Culture Club

This 2-hour interactive exploration of different cultures is brought to you by Laura Monro. Children are inspired to learn, perform and participate, developing their cultural appreciation through drama, music and movement.

1:30pm-3:30pm

Friday 12

Movies: *Smallfoot*

From the makers of movies like *Chicken Run* and *The Smurfs 2* comes *Smallfoot*, a movie about a Yeti convinced that the elusive creatures called "humans" really do exist.

9am-12pm

Call: 1300 212 273

Email: enrolments@commsatwork.org

Please bring: plenty of healthy snack options, plus lunch

*Limited places available, book early to reserve