



# Palmerston District Primary School Newsletter Issue 12

## Principal



### **Athletics carnival**

Thanks to all of our families who were able to come along to our Athletics carnival a little while ago – Ms Edwards certainly ordered a perfect day, sunshine – no wind --- for our athletes to participate in and have a great day. The vibe was so positive with the loudest cheering I think I have ever experienced! It was terrific to have students from both Harrison School and Gungahlin College support us as well across the day. The preschool Athletics carnival is happening next week and we are excited to see them in action across their day.

### **2023**

It has been wonderful meeting new families and our 2023 preschoolers across this week, with more days set to happen in the coming weeks to meet the rest of the families. It always amazes me the depth and breadth of families that join our school – from so many nations, with so many different languages, and so many incredible passions for learning and loving life.

### **Annual School Satisfaction Survey**

Please help us out by completing the Annual School Satisfaction Survey – this information is very important for me to make future strategic plans and decisions for our school. I would dearly love it if we had a success rate of 75% or families --- that would give me such a balanced view for future planning. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey – it takes around 15 minutes to complete – please refer to emails from Marijana Pasalic for your easy access to the site.

### **Book Week**

Book Week approaches us in a few weeks, and as usual, we delight in seeing our students dress up in costumes of their favourite book characters. Please look for information from Ms Rebecca Cameron for the Book week parade.

### **Rostrum Final**

We are very proud of Mack for representing Palmerston Primary at the the Rostrum Finals held at Harrison School. He did a wonderful job!

### **Dress Up day**

Our wonderful P&C have arranged a dress up day – September 1st ---- to start to raise funds for the mammoth landscaping job we have at Palmerston to create new and funky functional play spaces in and around our school. Please pop aside some gold coins between now and then to bring on the day. Details of the theme will be coming soon!!

Until next time, keep well –and thank you for your dedication to keeping your children at home if they are sick – we all greatly appreciate it!

**Kate Smith**

**Principal**





## Pride Awards



### **PARTICIPATION**

Deu - KR, Dut - 6R, Calvin - KV, Ava - 6Y, Riley - 6Y, Yazan - 1O, Tobias - 1B, Riley - 1V, Irene - 2O, Allen - 2O, Charlotte - 1R, Georgia - 1R

Isabel - 5O, Ruby - 2Y, James - 2Y, Dilan - 1G, Zoe - 1G

### **RESPECT**

Aria - 3R, Lachlan - 2R, Leo - 1Y, Lara - 5O, Jasper - 2B,

### **INTEGRITY**

Maisie - 2R, Abel - KY, Adelle - 5Y, Isabella - 5Y

## **DETERMINATION**

Godwin - KR, Nicholas - 3R, Leonidas - 2I, Kyla - 2I, George - 3G, Hazel - 3G, Nate - KV, Oliver - 1O, Sophia - 1B

Anne - 1V, Henry - 2G, Amelia - 2G, Elijah - 2V

## **EMPATHY**

Issac - KV, Bella - KY, Aahana - 1Y

## Key Dates



16th & 18th August - Preschool Athletics Carnival

26th August - Book Week Parade

9th September - Staff Planning/Pupil Free Day

## Library News

### **New Books in the Library**

It is always exciting to get new books in the library. I wanted to share this excitement with all members of our Palmerston DPS community. So, last week I established a Youtube channel to share with you all. On this channel I plan to talk about the new books we have in the library. I hope it will help you all gain an insight into some of the literature available to our students.



Ms Cameron's Library Channel can be found here<sup>1</sup>: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzRLeLjsApUqo5i4ZINoSXg>.

### Overdue Books

We currently have a huge number of overdue library books. Many of these books are from 2021. If you have any Palmerston DPS books in your home could you please return them?

### Book Parade

Book Week is fast approaching and with it our annual Book Parade. The Book Parade is meant to be a fun event whereby students and teachers showcase their creativity and come dressed as a book character. If you and your child are looking for some inspiration one place to start could be Megan Daley's blog, Children's Books Daily: <https://childrensbooksdaily.com/kids-costumes-for-book-week/>. I look forward to seeing the students dressed up on Friday, 26 August, 2022.

**Rebecca Cameron**

**Teacher-Librarian**



*1 - We are now in the final 10 days of the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The Challenge of reading 30 books needs to be completed by Friday, 19th August, 2022. All student reading records then need to be returned to Ms Cameron, the teacher-librarian, by Monday, 22nd August, 2022.*

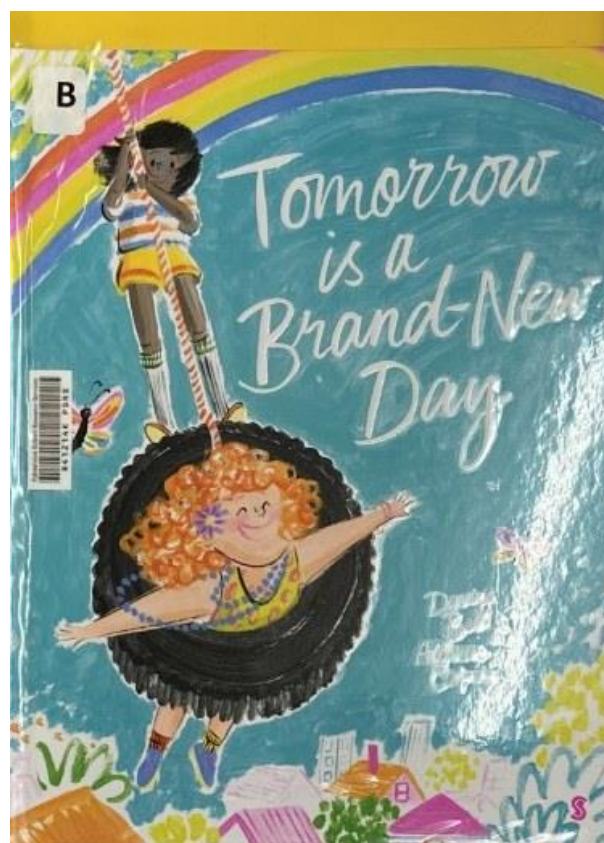
*I am looking forward to receiving more record sheets in the coming weeks.*

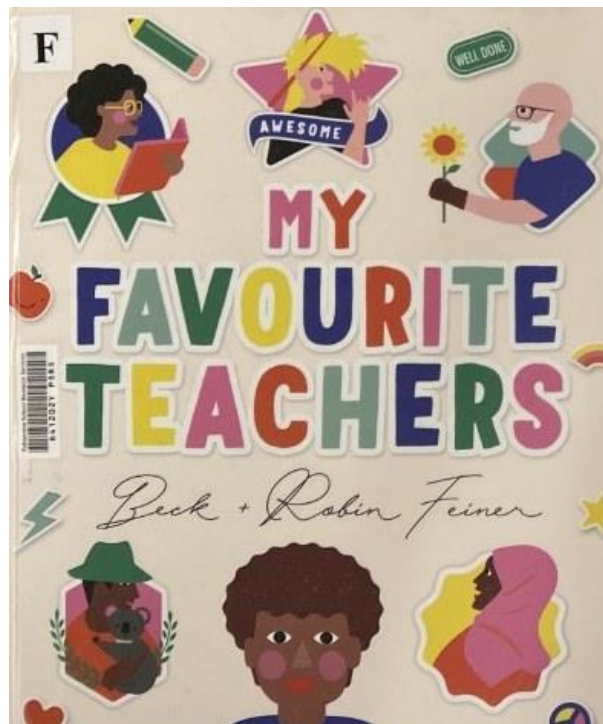
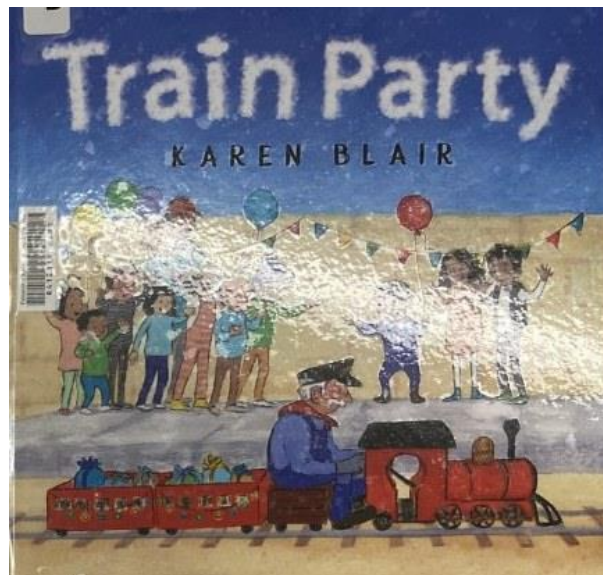
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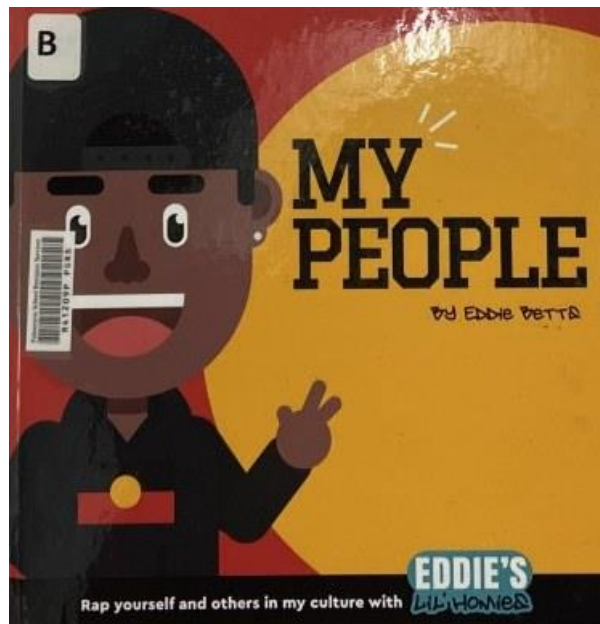
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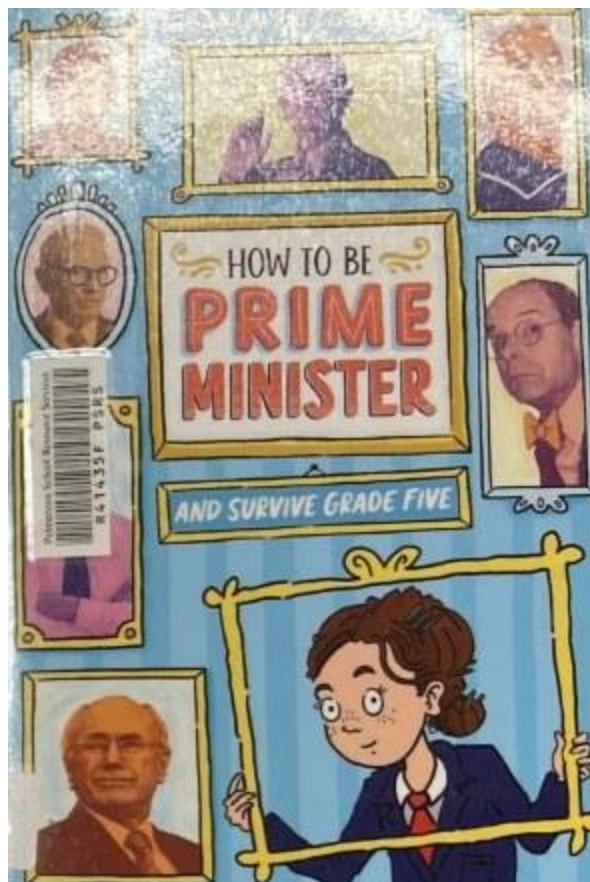
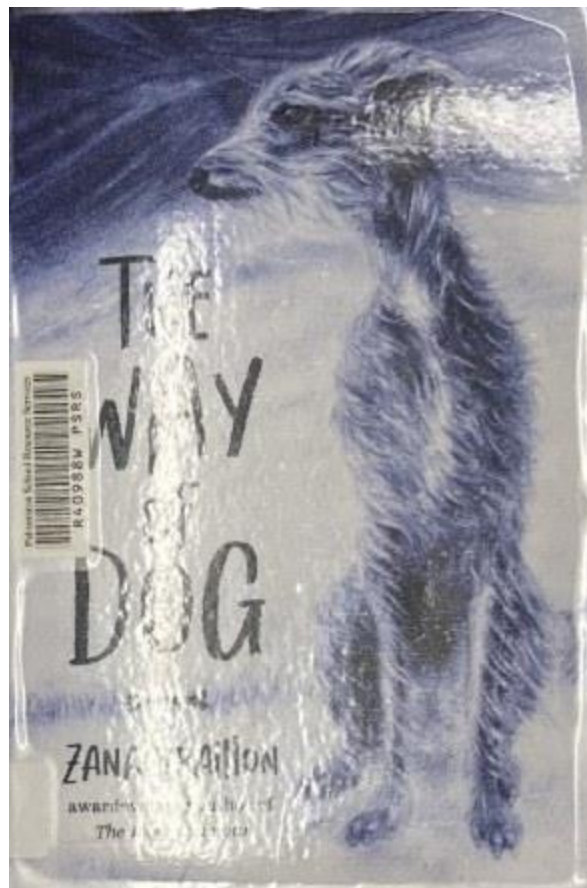
This week we have added several new books to the collection. Below is a sample of the titles now ready to be borrowed.

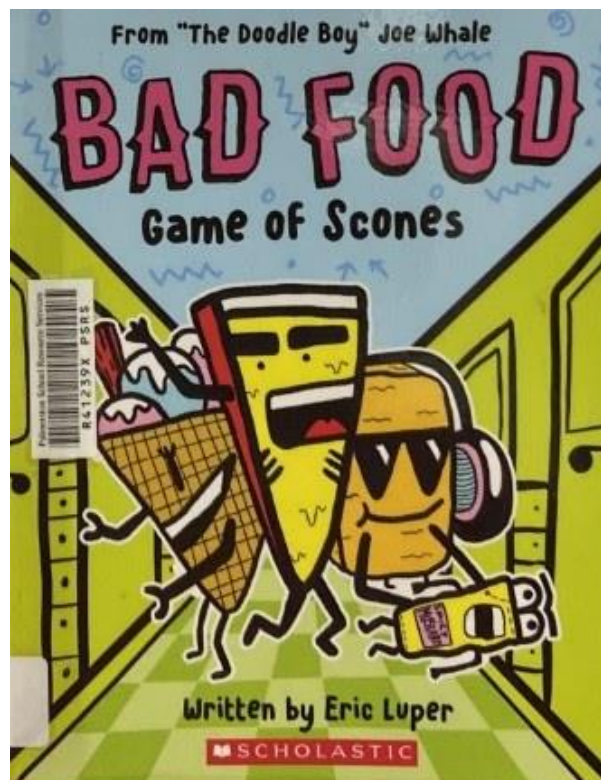
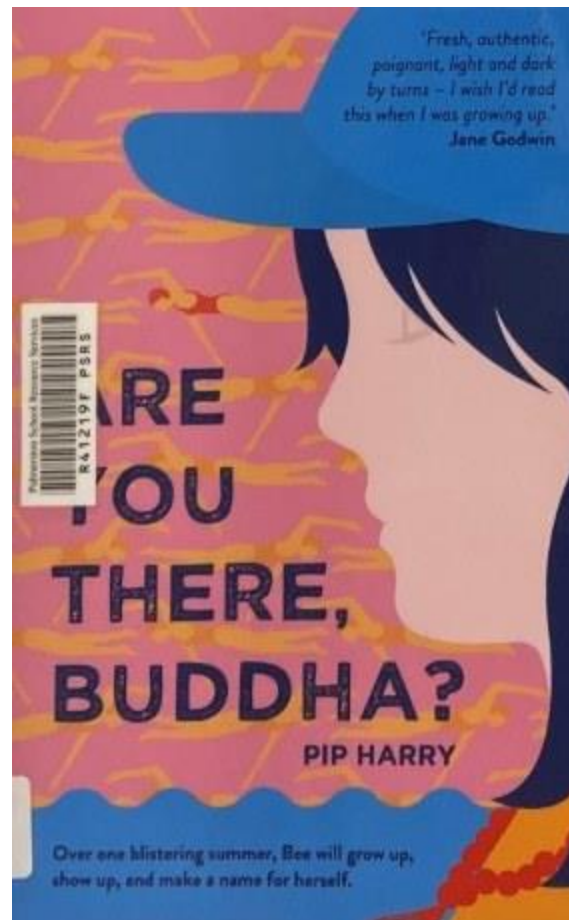




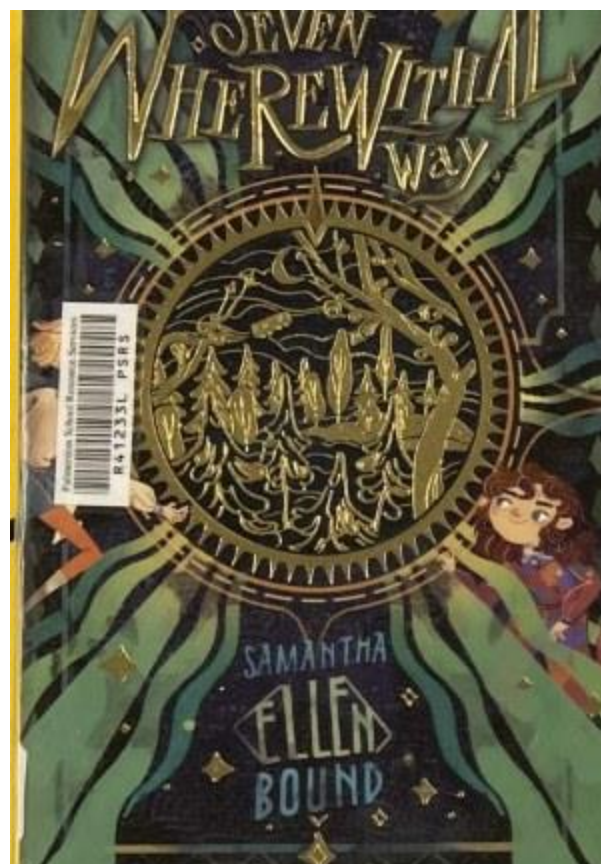
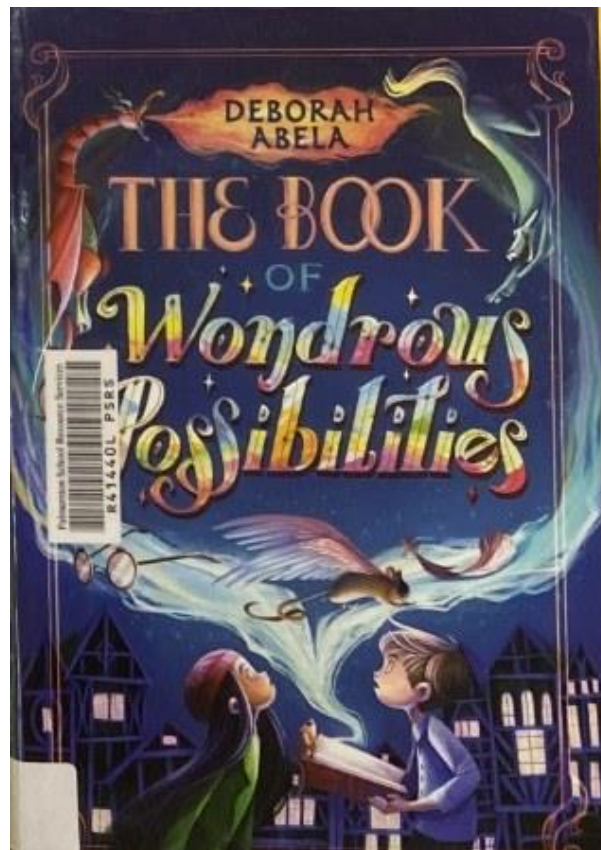












## Sports News

### Rugby Fun!!!!

#### Get Into Rugby

Palmerston District Primary School are hosting a Rugby program with our local Rugby club, Gungahlin Eagles and Brumbies Canberra during term 3, after school for students keen to give Rugby a go. The program will run for 4 weeks, 1 day a week for one hour each session at no cost to participating families. We have 20 available positions for children in year 3 and 4. Term 4 will be for years K, 1, and 2. If you are interested, please email [Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au)<sup>2</sup> for more information.

***After school Rugby for years 3 and 4 will be moved forward due to weather***

*Palmerston district School Club Connect*

*Thursday 3-4pm*

- 18th August
- 25th August
- 1st September
- 8th September

### Athletics Carnival

Well done to all our Athletics participants and winners! Ribbons will be handed out on Friday and notification for the regional Athletics carnival qualifiers will be sent home in week 5.

Thankyou to all the students, staff and families who participated, cheered, and volunteered on the day to make the carnival a great success.

### School House T-shirts

School House T-shirts are now available through Even Playing Field. Please order through the website

<https://evenplayingfield.com.au/products/palmerston-district-primary-house-tshirts><sup>3</sup>

### Natalie Edwards

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## Cultural Integrity at Palmerston



### P&C/Board News

Dear Families,

The P&C is providing some opportunities for you to get together with other Palmerston Primary families. Come along to meet new people and share your ideas with the P&C. Save the dates (below) and keep your eye out for more details.

We will also be offering family portrait sessions with Lasso photography as a fundraiser towards the end of term.

#### **P&C Upcoming events**

1st August - *General Meeting*

7pm in the school staffroom

15th Aug - *Cuppa and chat*

9am at the school

9th Sept - *Play date on the Pupil Free Day*

10am @ Palmerston playground beside the shops

12th Sept - *General meeting*

7pm in the school staffroom

18th Sept - *Family portraits* with Lasso Photography



## School Uniform Shop

Second hand uniforms can be ordered through the My School Connect App under Uniform Shop.

The school is asking for any small (size 4-8) donations of pants, skirts, undies etc to be used in our first aid room. If you could please drop them to the front office. If your child has come home with borrowed school clothes can you please wash and return them.

## Canteen News

The canteen is operated by Healthy-Kids Association.

The canteen is open for online orders Tuesday to Friday

Counter sales are available for recess snacks, drinks & ice blocks.

Your student can order via **[myschoolconnect.com.au](https://myschoolconnect.com.au)**

Interesting items such as honey soy chicken, pasta bolognaise, salads, muffins, and lots more are available.



## Additional Information

### 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be

available online from 19 August to 9 September. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college. For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- An email about the parent survey, including a link to access the survey.; and
- A letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data

If you do not receive the survey invitation (from the 19 August), please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, contact the school and you will be provided a survey link. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the office and an alternate arrangement will be made. The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys will be available at the Front Office. For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

## **RAT TESTS**

Schools will hold a supply of RATs that can be sent home with students at the request of a parent/carer (2 per student) if required or can be collected from the Front Office between 8.30am to 3.30pm.

In the event that you require RAT tests please email [info\\_palmdps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info_palmdps@ed.act.edu.au)<sup>6</sup> stating:

Child's name

Class

RAT tests will then be given to your child to bring home and a confirmation email sent to you that this has occurred. If students are not attending school when requesting tests, or are subject to isolation or quarantine requirements, families can make alternative arrangements to collect RATs through a relative, neighbour or other student.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact the Front Office on 61421440.

## **eSafety webinars for ACT public school parents and carers**

The Education Directorate's eSafety team will be delivering webinars (repeated each term) for all ACT public school parents and carers to learn more about eSafety and how they can best support their child to develop eSafety knowledge and skills. Topics covered in the webinar include:

- understanding eSafety issues impacting young people

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- hard to have conversations with your child
- where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- current trends and updates.

The webinars will be held online from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for:

- secondary schools on 4 August or 30 August 2022
- primary schools on 1 September 2022.

Please use the attached flyers to advertise the webinars to parents. Parents and carers will be asked to fill out surveys and feedback forms before and after the sessions to ensure we are developing targeted and effective webinars. Please contact the eSafety team if you have questions or would like to discuss the webinars.

Attachments:

- eSafety Parents and Carers Webinar Flyer – Primary (963kb Word)<sup>7</sup>
- eSafety Parents and Carers Webinar Flyer - Secondary (963kb Word)<sup>8</sup>

Contact Ryan Elwell/Sarah Darcy on EDUeSafety@act.gov.au<sup>9</sup>.

### **Cyber Security for Kids – new guide for parents from the Australian Cyber Security Centre**

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) has launched a 'Cyber Security Instruction Manual: Kids Cyber Security Guide'. The guide is for parents, teachers and carers to teach children in primary school about basic cyber security steps and how to stay secure online.

To download the manual and cyber security resources and activities for children, visit Cyber Security for kids | Cyber.gov.au<sup>10</sup>.

### **Road safety**

We are reminding drivers about the dangers associated with parking illegally in school zones. Parking across pedestrian crossings, corners, verges and double parking can block students seeing the road and can be fatal. From Monday 18 July 2022 Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling school zones to enforce safe and legal parking and ensuring drivers are adhering to the speed zone.

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<sup>10</sup><https://www.cyber.gov.au/cyber-security-kids>





RSVP using the QR Code or Link:  
[bit.ly/3nIdMIP](https://bit.ly/3nIdMIP)

A promotional graphic for a webinar. It features a dark blue background with a yellow horizontal stripe at the bottom. On the left, a smartphone is shown with a purple screen displaying '01:01' and a '2 min 20 sec' timer. Surrounding the phone are various social media and tech icons: Facebook, Instagram, a thumbs up, a globe, a video camera, a person icon, a speech bubble, a Twitter bird, and a Wi-Fi symbol. The text on the right is white and centered.

## ACT Primary School Parent & Carer eSafety Online Webinar

Time: 6pm – 7pm  
Date: 1 September 2022  
RSVP: QR Code/Link

Topics:

- Understanding eSafety issues impacting young people
- Hard to have conversations with your child
- Where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- Current Trends and Updates

## Defence News



### LEGACY WEEK CREATIVE COMPETITION

The Legacy Week Creative Competition: The Competition is open to all Canberra schools and their students. Students can enter each category, though only one entry per student per category can be accepted.

Opens Friday, 5 August 2022 and closes on Friday, 2 September 2022. The panel will review all entries and decide on winners by Thursday, 8 September 2022, with the winners' school contacted by Friday, 9 September 2022 to organise prizes.

**The colouring in category:** Designed with young students in mind (though not limited by age), students can colour the provided image and give a name to our new Legacy Bear mascot. The artwork must be the original work of the student, though teachers or parents can assist with writing the students answers for clarity if necessary. Please include student name, age, school, and suggested name for the Bear with the entry.

**The creative writing category:** Designed with older students in mind (though not limited by age), students can write in a style of their choosing (such as an acrostic poem, limerick, or short story), with their writing addressing the theme of Legacy. Addressing the theme of Legacy can be as simple as spelling out LEGACY in an acrostic poem, or as complex as writing a short story on what the student knows about Legacy or any experience with Legacy that they may have had. The response is to be no greater than 200 words. The creative writing piece must be the original work of the student and not published anywhere else before. No offensive or inappropriate work will be accepted. Please include student name, age, and school with the entry.

If you would like more information and to enter the competition please email me at [Kristle.cross@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Kristle.cross@ed.act.edu.au)<sup>11</sup>

The Legacy Club of Canberra Incorporated Supporting our veterans' families Legacy House

Email: [executive@canberralegacy.com.au](mailto:executive@canberralegacy.com.au)<sup>12</sup> [www.legacy.com.au](http://www.legacy.com.au)<sup>13</sup> /canberra

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## Community Connections

### Enrol now

1st round of Enrolments for 2022 has now closed, however enrolments are still open for 2nd round.

Every ACT public school is a great school, and if Palmerston District Primary School is your local priority enrolment area (PEA) school your child is guaranteed a Kindergarten to Year Six place here .

Your best source of information for enrolling is the Education Directorate website [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)<sup>14</sup> or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429. You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing [PalmerstonPS.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:PalmerstonPS.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au)<sup>15</sup>

#### Preschool

Every four-year-old is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool

Enrolment timeline for 2023 [2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf](https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1743489/2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf)(act.gov.au)<sup>16</sup>

## Contact Us

You can contact our school using our details below.

### Palmerston District Primary School

80 Kosciuszko Ave

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<sup>12</sup><mailto:executive@canberralegacy.com.au>

<sup>13</sup><http://www.legacy.com.au>

<sup>14</sup><https://www.education.act.gov.au/>

<sup>15</sup><mailto:PalmerstonPS.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au>

<sup>16</sup>[https://www.education.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/1743489/2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf](https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1743489/2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf)

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