



Palmerston District Primary School Newsletter Issue 10 2023

Principal



Hello families of Palmerston,

I would like to begin my messages today by acknowledging the passing of one of our beautiful students, Isabel Mary Thomas, in Yr 3. We have spent this week remembering the light that Isabel was, and the light that she added to make our school a special place. Isabel has left a very big 'heartprint' on us and we are forever thankful to have had her as a student at our school. Grief is a very solo journey, everyone will experience this loss in their own way, and I encourage you to keep discussions open to support your child through this very sad time. As the wonderful community that we are, I believe Isabel's parents feel the love from our school into their home.

Rest In Peace.

Today marks World Teacher's Day. For nearly 37 years I have devoted my life to being a teacher, having taught in Alice Springs, and across seven ACT schools as either a teacher or leader. Across those years I have been a part of much change, initially no computers anywhere in a school to them being the driving force and main tool for getting the work done. I have seen the way we teach change throughout the decades and have had to upskill with numerous new ways of teaching – when writing end of year reports, back at Evatt Primary we would have a 4 page document with carbon paper between each section. Writing on these by hand and pressing hard enough to make the bottom layer be seen – it was a laborious method – the top white paper copy went to parents, the second paper copy stayed in the classroom, and the third green copy went into the child's file in the Front Office. The bottom white copy was used to take to doctors etc upon parents request. If I said to someone back then you would write the report into a machine that with one flick – it would arrive in an electronic mailbox – we would have laughed. SO many things have changed…except one thing. What makes a great teacher. I have been truly blessed to have been surrounded by incredible colleagues throughout my career. Back in 1987 till now, I still see passion, determination, care,

empathy, high expectations, going the extra mile, strong relationships, commitment, intelligence and the list goes on and on.

Today, I thank the teachers not only in my school, but in my past for being who they are and doing what they do – everyone tries their very hardest every day. So, Palmerston teachers – thank you for everything that you do and everything that you are.

Student Leadership

I am very proud of the way our students have been delving into leadership opportunities across this term — with our Japanese Fun Day, and The Yr 6 Market Day — these activities are incredible opportunities for students to brainstorm, plan, design, troubleshoot, resource, advertise, make, do and sell — so many lessons have been learnt and we thank our senior students for the experiences.

Lastly, a very big thank you to the P&C, who raised money recently and are purchasing hundreds of new readers to put into classrooms – we greatly appreciate your time on the day to raise the funds, and all the organisation beforehand.

As we move into the middle of the last term of 2023, we are in the midst of planning the start of 2024. We have several teachers leaving us as they have come to the end of their time at Palmerston, which is always very sad to say goodbye, but we wish them all the very best in their new school. We gain new teachers too, and we will do our very best to have them here for Step Up Day towards the end of the term.

Classes will be formed – thank you for your contribution for us to consider where to place your child, and a lovely morning will be had by everyone.

Until next time, take care and enjoy the warmer weather.

Regards,

Kate Smith

Principal

Deputy Principal



Here are some reminders of upcoming events before the next newsletter comes your way;

• The Colour Run is here – don't forget to continue your fundraising efforts. If you haven't already, you may like to visit this site to create a profile to get

started. www.australianfundraising.com.au¹ We are all looking forward to this fun day.

Week Five is our K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. Please check Seesaw and previous emails sent

home regarding details of these events.

 Our newest, and youngest, students will be visiting the preschool in Week Six. An email about these dates has been sent home, and more information will come regarding times and

other details closer to the date.

Preschoolers will also visit Kindergarten in Week Six to experience life in the 'big

school'. They will spend time meeting staff, exploring the pod and engaging in fun activities.

I would like to extend a thank you to our school staff, students and community members for the care and kindness they have tangibly shown each other over the past week. In times of sadness and

despair there is comfort in others. Please continue to look after each other.

Regards,

Marijana Pasalic

Deputy Principal

Term 4 Assemblies

We wish to invite you to our Assemblies.

If attending, please commit to the whole time slot and remain seated for the entire assembly. This will allow students to concentrate on the presenting tasks at hand and remain focused on being safe,

respectful learners.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 9 November 2023 K-2 Assembly

9.15am - 10.15am

Where: School Hall

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 10 November 2023 3- 6 Assembly

9.15am - 10.15am

¹http://www.australianfundraising.com.au

Where: School Hall

Junior and Senior Palmerston News continues each week in classes and is led by the Year 6 students.

Please note that there will be no assembly in week ten due to the K-5 End of Year Awards taking place.

More information about this will be shared at a later date.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Marijana Pasalic & Trish Foster

World Teachers Day



To our wonderful teachers at PDPS,

Today is World Teachers Day. It provides an important opportunity for us as parents and carers, to take a moment to acknowledge and recognise the incredibly important role you play in our community - the nurturing and development of the most valuable and vulnerable members of our families.

A person does not go into such an important profession without recognising this responsibility. It is a demanding role, particularly in a post COVID era where the incidence of mental health issues have risen and additional demands are placed on you to support all our learners.

I've often reflected and discussed with friends the changes in the education system since I was at school. With such a culturally diverse school community, this creates even greater complexity, having to shepherd parents and carers through their child's learning journey.

Nonetheless, the title of "Teacher", I believe, is not reflective of the broad scope of responsibilities you have in todays educational system. You are a planner, a negotiator, a mediator, a listener, an emotional support person, an assurance officer, and an IT guru, just to name a few.

As a parent of two eager learners at PDPS, I'm certain I can say I speak for all parents and carers, and your students, when I say a heartfelt **thank you** to each and every one of you on this World Teachers Day. May you be showered with gifts of coffee mugs, baked goods, bunches of flowers, thank you cards, or at the very least - a hug and a big smile.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Bowyer

Parent and PDPS Board Chair

Key Dates



Thursday 9th November 2023

- Colour Explosion Run for Fun
- Junior Assembly K-2 9:15am

Friday 10th November

Senior Assembly Yrs 3-6 9:15am

Monday 4th December

Step Up Day

Thursday 7th December

End of Year Celebrations

Tuesday 12th December

K-5 Awards

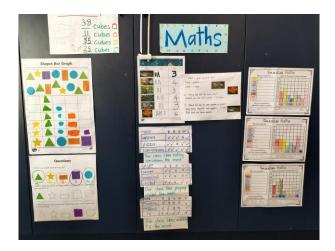
Year 6 Graduation

Class Connections - Small Group Classes

This term in **SGO**, students are learning about asking and answering simple questions to collect and record data. For an assessment activity, we used Smarties which we sorted and recorded information onto a table and graph. We answered questions about the data collected.





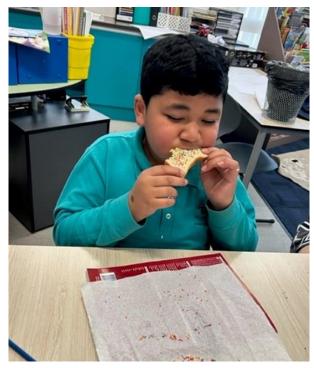


In **SGG** and **SGI** we have been learning about the language features and structure of a procedure. SGI collaboratively wrote a procedure on how to make a vegemite sandwich and SGG wrote a procedure on how to make fairy bread. The teachers then followed each direction literally. The children thought it was hilarious when one of the instructions was "scoop some vegemite out onto the bread" and Mrs Alexander used her hand to scoop the vegemite out instead of the knife.

Following this activity:

- SGI read Wombat Stew and then created their own stew with a different animal of their choosing.
- SGG read a balloon rocket procedure and followed the instructions to see how far the rocket would go.



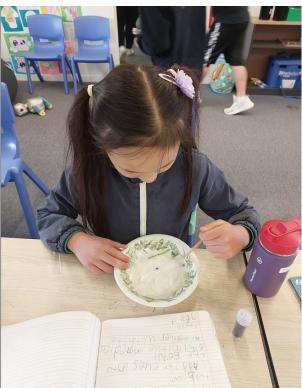












In **SGY** we have been learning to recognise who is a stranger and who is a safe stranger. We cut out and sorted pictures into these two groups and this is what we found out.







2023 Annual Japanese Fun Day

Our Annual Japanese Fun Day was a big success with students in Years 2-6 in multi age groups. Our Year 6 Leaders did a fantastic job supporting their groups and leading them around the school.

Activities included a range of traditional games, craft activities and of course our favourite – cooking! This year student made rice balls and both sweet and savoury pancakes.



Hats On!



Spring signals ${\bf Hats} \; {\bf On} \; {\bf again} \; {\bf for} \; {\bf all} \; {\bf Canberra} \; {\bf primary} \; {\bf schools}.$

Please ensure your child has a sun smart hat.

Sports News & Information



Get your colour on, Palmerston Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser is off to a great start! We have raised \$2325 so far.

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be in week 5. Preschool beginning of the week groups and years K, 1 and 2 are on Tuesday 7th November, and Preschool end of the week groups are on with years 3, 4, 5, and 6 on Thursday 9th November.

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, students can win up to 15 awesome automated incentive prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations.

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au². If you need another booklet please see the front office staff. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Please bring a white shirt to school and give it to your classroom teacher to mind for you for the big day. The event will be after lunch both days. If you do NOT want your child getting squirted with colour, please inform your classroom teacher and there will be an alternative run for them where they will not get squirted.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student it could be you!

²http://www.australianfundraising.com.au/

- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Natalie Edwards at natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au Happy fundraising!

Natalie Edwards

Junior School HPE Specialist





Raiders Tag Gala Day

A Junior Year 3-4 and a Senior 5-6 team participated in this year's Raiders Tag Gala Day held at Southwell Park on Tuesday 24th October. Many students had their first experience with tag football and in the lead up to the competition trained well with Mr Downey and a guest coach from the NRL in the weeks prior to the day. It was great to see such enthusiasm and skill on display throughout the day. Well done to all of those involved.

North/Gungahlin District Year 3-4 Soccer Gala Day

Over 60 students from Years 3 and 4 represented Palmerston at the North/Gungahlin District Soccer Gala Day held at Harrison Playing Fields on Wednesday 25th October. 3 boys and 1 girls team competed in 5 matches throughout the day. Our Palmerston 3 Boys team were one point short from

making the grand final and our girls team made it to the semi finals where they were knocked out by the eventual girls champions. A big thank you to the staff who came along, namely Mrs Hulm, Miss Isobel and Mr Jeb, and to those parents who helped out with coaching teams throughout the day when Mr Downey lost his voice early on! Great to see our school community get involved.

Upcoming Gala Day (Term 4)

Softball Years 3-6 - 10th November (Week 5)

Jacob Downey

Senior School HPE Specialist

Library News



As the end of year nears I would like to thank all families for their support of the library. It is always wonderful to see students enthusiastic about borrowing. Sadly, we will need to stop borrowing mid-November to begin our annual stocktake. Your support in the return of library books is greatly appreciated.

Dates to Remember

Friday, 17th November, 2023: Last day of borrowing

Friday, 24th November, 2023: All books to be returned to the library

Monday, 4th December 2023: Library closed for stocktake

Rebecca Cameron

Teacher-Librarian

2024 Enrolment Applications

2024 PRESCHOOL FAMILIES:

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

2024 Preschool families have received an email from Kate Smith regarding stay and play sessions. Sessions will be held down in the preschool- dates are as follow:

- Beginning Of the week students with their families can attend 14th of November and the 5th of December 9:30-10:30am
- End of week students with their families can attend 16th November and the 7th of December 9.30 and 10.30am.

2024 Preschool students- Get To Know You-This link https://forms.gle/cdoNUxNLyeB34GL26

All current PDPS students returning in 2024:

We are now seeking your input in determining how students may be placed in their 2024 cohorts. Our main priority is setting students up for success and to be productive and engaged learners. We have several factors we take into account such as: mutual requests for students to be together, gender balance, appropriate placements for students with additional needs, separation of students who have demonstrated this year patterns of inappropriate behaviour, as well as academic and wellbeing needs. It is a complex task, and we take it very seriously. We strive for students to have productive working partnerships for our classrooms - and friendship requests need to be mutual.

Please share with us your thoughts, with information for us to consider when forming classes by the 31st of October. Please have a chat with your child/ren and provide 3 student names on the following google form https://forms.gle/4xs2VxJfM38NxV7E8 for us to consider.

2024 Enrolment Timeline

- Tuesday 30th January 2024 All new ACT school students commence first day of Term 1 2024
- Wednesday 31st January 2024- All returning ACT school students commence first day of Term 1 2024

If you have any questions about enrolment or schooling, such as setting up healthcare supports or inclusion and access adjustments for your child, please contact your local school³ as soon as possible to discuss how we can best welcome, support and include your child.

https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-schoo⁴l

Defence News



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day Commemoration will be held during our school's assembly. Starting at 9:15am in the hall. Families are welcome to attend.

Junior school K-2 9th of November

Senior 3-6 10th of November

End or year celebration

I will be hosting an end of year celebration for the defence students during defence club at the end of the term. Dates and activities will be advised in the coming weeks.

End of year Posting

This time of year can be very busy with some families already receiving their posting orders. If you haven't let myself or the front office know you will be posting out please do so to allow me to support your child/ren prepare for the move.

Kind regards,

Ella Braban

³https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/school-enrolment-email-addresses

⁴https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school

Defence School Mentor

P&C News 2023

What a few weeks for the P&C and the AMAZING school support.

The Referendum BBQ & Bake sale was an outstanding success due to the huge efforts of our community! We were able to donate \$3,808 to the school which will see 448 new home readers in our classrooms for early 2024!

We also held the final school disco for the year with over 450 students coming along and dancing up a storm! There is a small profit from this event which will go towards end of year teachers gifts and a morning tea event for them on behalf of the school community.

Please remember to collect your lost property from the library foyer! Our racks are over flowing!

The team has started planning for the 2024 fete with gusto! Our goal for that is to raise between 30-40k to buy the school a new PA system. The fete is scheduled for March 2024.

Please also keep completing your online P&C Surveys. We look forward to continuing to improve and listen to make our school the best place we can for our students and teachers! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM_cLBjMnq6Ha-YVcwOgJbOh43JhNjJzsOQXEmaESvyHehSg/viewform⁵

For any further feedback/comments or question please join us on social media or vis email at pdpspandc@gmail.com⁶



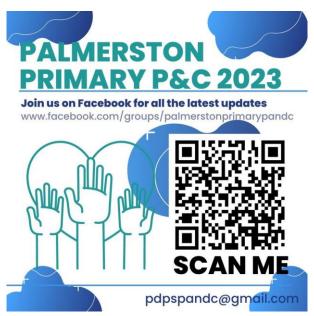
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⁶mailto:pdpspandc@gmail.com







Canteen

Canteen News

Its lovely to see your students using the School Canteen. We would like to give you a few ideas to make their canteen experience a fun one.

Each week the canteen will have a "lunch special" that will be advertised on Face Book which you can select on the app.

Lunch & Recess orders can be placed via myschoolconnect.com.au Tuesday - Fridays

Recess – Over the counter & online daily.

Please remember to look at the recess & lunch snack and drink menu and ensure your child has enough money for what they wish to purchase over the counter. Prices start from \$1.00 in the Canteen.

We would appreciate it if you could not send large notes to school with your child.

Recess & lunch menus attached.

We would welcome any parent/career who would like to volunteer in the Canteen. You would need to have your WWVP card.

Thank you from the HKA team.



Canteen News

HEALTHY KIDS ASSOCIATION -PALMERSTON DISTRICT PRIMARY

Over the counter sales Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday lunch & recess

DRINKS:

PLAIN MILK	\$2.50
JUST JUICE	\$2.20
FLAVOURED MILKS-CHOCOLATE/STRAWBERRY	
CHILL J	\$3.50

FROZEN:

QUELCH STICKS	\$1.00
FROZEN JUICE CUPS	\$2.00
VANILLA ICE CREAM TUB-Light	\$2.00
TWISTED FROZEN YOGHURTS	\$3.00
PADDLE POPS-rainbow/chocolate	\$3.00

SNACK FOOD:

POPCORN	\$1.00
MILO COOKIE	\$1.50
BANANA BREAD	\$2.00
MUFFIN	\$2.00
JELLY CUP OR CUSTARD CUP	\$2.00
SEASONAL FRUIT	\$2.00
MOUSSE	\$2.50



ttealthy kids Canteen Menu Palmerston District Primary School

Order online a+ myschoolconnec+.com.au



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Sandwiches		#o+ meals		
All served on wholeheal bread unless otherwise requested.		Pasta Bologna		9
Wraps also available.		Pasta Napolita	na	5
Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.00	Sausage roll		95
Cheese V	\$3.50	Veggie fried rid	08	00.00
Cheese & tomato V	\$4.00	Beef lasagna	_	200
Ham	\$4.00	Veggie lasagn	a & rice (vegetarian available)	200
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Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.80			
Ham & salad	\$5.00	Weekly spe	ecials	
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50	room 5 ope		
Chicken & cheese	\$4.50	Wednesday:	Chicken nuggets	5
Chicken & salad	\$4.80	Thursday:	Crispy chicken burger wrap	
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.00	Friday:	Stone baked pizza	1
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50			
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50	And the second		
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato,		Snacks		
cucumber, beetroot V	\$5.00			
Salad & cheese V	\$4.50	Fruit salad		1
Egg & cheese V	\$4.50	Popcorn		3
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$4.50	Cheesy garlic	bread	3
		Banana bread		3
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		Corn on the co	b	1
All served on wholeheal bread unless white bread is requested		Chocolate mou	usse	-
Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50	Milo cookie		3
Cheese V	\$4.00			
Cheese & tomato V	\$4.50	The best of		
Ham & cheese	\$5.00	Drinks		
Chicken & cheese	\$5.00			
Tuna & cheese	\$5.00	Water: 600ml		1
Egg & cheese V	\$5.00	Juice (orange/mango, apple, apple/blackcurrant)		
Ham	\$4.50		(choc, strawberry): 300ml	,
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.50	Plain milk: 300	ml	-
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Community Connections





Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!









Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. You daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kyle Minogue. You may have seen our girls perform for the FIFA Women's World Cup or AFL Grand Final; or on television appearances on Sunrise, Today, Carols by Candleight and Carols in the Domain.

Now accepting 2024 enrolments for our rehearsal venue in Deakin



JOIN US AT OUR **NOVEMBER** OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 02 9922 6733





24 hr Tennis Challenge



All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House Canberra

- DURATION: 1 hr per lesson
- · STARTS: Fri 20 Oct 4 pm
- ENDS: Sat 21 Oct 4 pm
- COST: \$25 per lesson

Cardio Tennis is a Tennis Australia program. It is a fast, fun and high intensity tennis workout. Bring your friends, family or work teams!

The Canberra School of Tennis 24hr marathon will be followed by a 3-hr Community Tennis Day: 1-4 pm on Saturday 21 Oct.













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COMMUNITY TENNIS

DAY 2023

Weston Creek Tennis Club

Saturday 21 October 1-4 PM
Dillon Close, Weston Creek (Opposite McDonalds)

Try the latest Tennis Australia programs | Face Painting | Jumping Castle | Wilson Racquet Demo | Speed Serving Competition | Free Social Tennis | BBQ | DJ & MC | Prizes & Giveaways | Discounts on

Membership & Coaching Programs



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR FREE TRIALS: <u>mark@csot.com.au</u> | 0408 486 191 www.csot.com.au

Plus 24hr Tennis Challenge Supporting Ronald McDonald House Canberra, for families with seriously ill children





















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