



Palmerston District Primary School Newsletter Issue 17

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Principal



4 weeks to go

Can you believe it that we just have four weeks of 2022 to go altogether? We have lots of work to get through and several fun events to happen. The Yr 6 students have been very busy preparing for Market Day, and I am proud of the way they are working together yet focussing on their special stall. They have incorporated many skills across several curriculum areas to prepare for the day. Please make sure your child gets their tickets in time.

Thank you to Tracey Stow and team

A fortnight ago, many of us had a fabulous night at the Gungahlin Lakes Club for a Trivia Night, expertly pulled together by Tracey Stow and her group of helpers. Thank you Tracey for arranging this, for raising so much money, for some many giggles and for expanding our knowledge of facts and pieces of exceptional interesting information.

Book Packs

Very soon, the list for your child's book pack for 2023 will come to you. Teachers have thought very carefully about what is needed to follow the learning program for the year. We highly recommend that you purchase these packs as they will have necessary items for your child – next year we are including a resilience Diary for Yr 1 to Yr 6, will be support our PBL learning and our SEL program (Social and Emotional Learning). Handwriting is still a very important skill and each book pack from Kinder to Yr 6 has a specific book to use. We understand that some items can be purchased cheaper elsewhere but the quality is not comparable to the school supplies we have access to. For under \$100 – your child will have all they need for the year, that is great value for \$2.50 a week! Please

don't miss out. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please let me know as there are ways we can support legitimate cases.

Singing Celebration

Our two music teachers, Mr Shaw and Mrs Ryan – have been busy writing original songs and making videos for teachers to practise in classrooms. Details will come your way around simple colours and simple costumes for the night. Think of bringing a picnic and enjoying a evening of 830 students singing and celebrating the end of the year. Thursday 9th December at 5pm on the school oval. In the event of inclement weather, it will just be cancelled.

Step Up Day

Monday 12th December will host the K-6 Step Up Day. You will be notified of your child's class, teacher and classroom soon, in plenty of time for the Step Up morning. It is always my intention to get as many new teachers to our school for this particular morning – in the event that they cannot be released from their current school – we will ask them to make a video to show – we will then get one of our 'leaving' teachers to take them for the morning and complete the task set by the new teacher. This initiative has been a very successful way for students to feel more at ease in preparing for the next school year and new students, where possible join us as well.

Farewelling staff

It is always a sad time at the end of the year to farewell teachers that are leaving our school. In ACT Public Schools, we have a mobility scheme whereby teachers generally stay at a school for 5 years and then transfer to another school. This year we have several teachers and Learning Support Assistants leaving and I will be able to make those names known to you in the next and final newsletter for the year.

End of Year reports

Again, this years reports for K-5 will display grades only. Preschool students and Yr 6 students who are leaving their setting – will have comments on their reports. The reason for this is that Preschool and Yr 6 are key transitional year levels.

Until next time, keep happy.

Kate Smith

Principal



Pride Awards



PARTICIPATION

Haiqa - 3B Ojas - 6Y Valentino - 6Y Owen - 3-6FS Natalie - 6R Harley - 6R Chigozie - 3R Yan Shin - 3R Madeline - 3R

Isabel - 2G Amari - 2G Aurelia - 2V Jiah - 1Y Reyansh - 1R Izabella - 1R Nargiz - 1V Olivia - 2Y Nixon - KV

RESPECT

Jarvis - 3-6FS Liam - 3G Kafka - 2G Max - 1O Natalie - 1B Jayden - 2I Zubaydah - KV

INTEGRITY

Charlize - 3B Zara - 2R Sienna - 2R Cataleya - 1B Liam - 1V Aedan - 2I

DETERMINATION

Jedd - 3B Arshia - 3G Ralph - 3G Hannah - 3G Dhieu - 2V Chael - 1Y Kyra - 2B Cruz - 2B Enna - KY Billy - KY

Isabella - KB Khadijah - KB Lennox - KB Etahn - KB Evelyn - 2Y

EMPATHY

Krishna - 3B Vincent - 3G

Key Dates



25th Nov - **Market Day**

28th Nov - **Pupil Free/Staff Planning Day**

2nd Dec - **Japanese Fun Day & Reports home**

1st Dec - **Crescendo Yr 5 & 6**

Library News

Library Dates to Remember

As we draw closer to the end of the year it is necessary to stop student borrowing and prepare for our annual stocktake. Please note the following dates:

Friday, 18th November - Last day of student borrowing

Friday, 25th November - All books to be returned to the library

Overdue Books

In coming days student overdue book notices will be handed out to students. Could you please work with your child/ren to locate overdue books and return them to the library?

If your child receives an overdue notice for a book you believe has been returned, please write a message stating it has been returned on the notice and return the notice to school. Library staff will then check the shelves in the library for the book.

The Library is now open Monday and Friday lunchtime for student to read and borrow.

Rebecca Cameron

Teacher-Librarian

Sports News

Rugby Fun

This Thursday was the last week for our Rugby Come and Try program for years K-2. Thank you to all the parents/carers and students who participated and came to supervise. If you would like more info on joining a Rugby team please visit <http://www.gungahlineagles.com.au/> or email Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au¹

Thank you also to the Gungahlin Eagles junior President Leigh Hancock who took the kids through fun activities each week, learning all about the great sport, Rugby Union.

We hope to continue to provide after school Rugby programs in 2023, watch this space for more information.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

You and your family are truly amazing! It is wonderful to share that our Colour Explosion School Fun Run was a huge success.

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Of course, the true highlight is the smiles on the student's faces as they ran their Colour Explosion School Fun Run.

We raised \$20,572.30 which will go toward our play spaces.

More smiles to come! Your incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way! They will arrive shortly and be distributed to students accordingly.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Natalie Edwards

Junior School HPE Specialist

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P&C/Board News

School Uniform Shop

Lost property will be displayed out the front of the school from 2.45 to 3.15pm on Wednesday 9th November. Please have a look to see if any items belong to your family.

The school uniform shop will now be open from 8.30am-9.30am First Friday of every month.

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**

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



Additional Information

Mathletics

Recently you would have received a note for your child to participate in the online Maths program called Mathletics. Students who have returned the note have now been given by their classroom teacher a login and password and are able to begin using this tool to support their learning. Students are able to use this program at home. Ask your child if they know their password or contact your child's teacher for it. Have a look at this video to see the functionality of it from a child's perspective. <https://fast.wistia.net/embed/iframe/kvotn0qidw>

If you haven't returned the note yet it is not too late as we are adding students continually to use the program.

Supporting an anxious child video series for families

In support of Mental Health Month, the Directorate has produced a short video series to help families support their child if they are feeling anxious. The three videos are presented by one of our senior psychologists. They cover understanding and responding to a child's anxiety and tips about supporting a child when they're feeling anxious.

They are available now on the ACT Education website at Wellbeing Support Resources for students and families³.

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.au⁴ stating:

Child's name

Class

³<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/wellbeing-support-resources-for-students-and-families/> nocache

⁴mailto:info_palmdps@ed.act.edu.au

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.

Kindergarten Catch Up appointment

Appointments are held in the City Health Centre, Level 2, 1 Moore Street, Canberra City, and are available from ***Friday 9th December until Friday December 16th.***

Parents can call ***Central Health Intake on 5124 9977*** to make this appointment. When there is a queue, they offer a call back service. Parents may choose this option to retain their spot in the queue and receive a call back in turn.





Have an eSafe Summer!

ACT Public School Parents and Carers **eSafety** Webinar

Time: 6pm-7pm

Date: 22 & 24 November

Audience: P-12 parents/carers

*Register using the QR Code
or Link: bit.ly/3Q35xCP*

Webinar topics:

- Online safety over summer holidays
- Family tech agreements
- Gift guides
- And more!






DONUT STRESS HOMEWORK CLUB WITH VINNIES

Do you need help with school homework? Are you from a multicultural background? Then bring your homework to Gungahlin Library on Saturdays from 1.30-3.30pm.

Our friendly multilingual volunteers are here to help. And you get a free donut too!

 Gungahlin Library

 1:30-3:30pm

 Saturdays



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 Vinnies
good advice



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Defence News



Remembrance day 2022 was commemorated in person with whole school for the first time in nearly 3 years. It was lovely to be able to have all students attend on the blacktop and invite parents onsite to join us. It was great to see everyone together again. I am very proud of our wonderful year 5 and 6 students who led the ceremony and spoke so beautifully. All students showed respect and understanding throughout the whole service. We were very lucky to have Private Fraser Bullied from Australia's Federation Guard attend as a guest speaker. His words had a lot of impact. My favourite was being able to share the morning with our Defence parents over morning tea. Seeing families and talking to you in person was lovely.

The end of year is approaching very quickly, and a large number of families have received their posting orders. We have already farewelled a couple of students and doing so again next week. It is sad to see you go but especially this year, many are off to amazing places and I'm excited for you to start your new journeys. If you have received your orders or know there will be a change in the household such as going MWDU please let me know so I can best support you child/ren through this transition.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Kristle Cross | Defence School Mentor

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Community Connections



Catch Palmerston Music Teacher, Mr (CJ) Shaw performing at the prestigious Street Theatre on Saturday December 3rd.

CJ will be performing a special matinee performance of his album 'All Sorts' as well as some of his classroom classics.

Family packages are available.

Tickets are limited so head over to the website

<https://www.thestreet.org.au/shows/cj-shaw-all-sorts>

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback





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](https://www.education.act.gov.au)⁶ or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429. You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing PalmerstonPS.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au⁷

⁶<https://www.education.act.gov.au/>

Preschool

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

Enrolment timeline for 2023 [2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf \(act.gov.au\)](#)⁸

Contact Us

You can contact our school using our details below.

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⁸ https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1743489/2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf

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