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Palmerston Post

2 May 2019
Week 1, Term 2



Board Chair: Lisa Fior

Teacher Reps: Jessica Lago and Maxine Green

P&C President: Lisa Fior

Principal: Kate Smith **Deputy Principals:** Haeley Simms (A/g) & Kylie Moller (A/g)

Executive Teachers: Matt Gowen, Felicity McNeice, Catherine Griffin (A/g)

ASSEMBLY:

3 May Anzac Day
Assembly
10 May Mother's Day
Concert

DATES TO REMEMBER:

7 May P/S (beginning)
Nutrition
Magician
10 May P/S (end)
Nutrition
Magician
22 May Simultaneous
Storytime
24 May Yr3/4 & IEC
Theatre
excursion

NOTES:

- Mother's Day
- Yr3/4 & IEC theatre excursion

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Hello everyone, can I start off by saying how thrilled I am to be your new Principal! This is my 32nd year as either a teacher or leader, and I cannot think of a better place to be than at Palmerston Primary. Back in 1995, I was a teacher here when this school opened. I joined a highly enthusiastic staff, under the leadership of Mr John Griffin. I lived in Palmerston, I watched the school being built, and dreamed one day to be Principal. I seem to have now also joined a very enthusiastic staff and want to thank Ms Melissa Travers for her fabulous leadership.

Across 32 years, I have been in a unique position to have taught every year level from preschool to Yr 10. I have belonged to Gillen Primary (NT), Curtin Primary, Evatt Primary, Palmerston Primary, Gold Creek Senior Site, Charnwood Dunlop School as Deputy Principal, Hughes Primary as Principal and most recently, Director of School Improvement for the 21 Tuggeranong public schools.

Within this time, my instinctive drive has been to build trusting, respectful and synergistic relationships with all members of each school community. Parents, carers and families are so important when establishing and nurturing the partnership we have in ensuring each child's needs are met and that they love their learning environment. I relish the opportunity to build the capabilities of teachers and staff, prioritising we are "all on the same page and singing from the same song-sheet". As a teacher and leader the most magical element has been working with hundreds of students over the years and the beauty there is in watching children learn.

My vision for the school is 'to be curious together', and I am curious to know where this will lead us! Together we can do so much.

A little bit about me – I have fabulous three grown up children, Sam, Molly and Jeb. My husband Darren is in IT and he supports me greatly. I have a real interest in the Performing Arts- particularly singing, choirs and musicals. I am highly invested in STEM and the curiosities associated with STEM/STEAM. I love Rugby Union and am an avid Brumbies supporter. I believe deeply in service leadership and global connections and to this end,

P&C BOARD NEWS

P&C: 13 May 2019

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

School Board: TBA

I have developed a preschool in Nepal and, with fundraising, will continue to financially support the students throughout their schooling years. This gives me great pleasure.

Returning to Palmerston this week has been incredibly joyful and students are ready to learn – thank you for the massive part you play as parents/carers to instil in your children a love of learning – it is clear to me, that our students value their time spent at school. I have been in classrooms and on the playground meeting students and their broad smiles make me leave work each day smiling too.

I am so thankful already to Kylie, Haeley, Sonya, Matt, Felicity and Catherine for the warm welcome into the school. I am very excited about the next chapter of Palmerston Primary.

I eagerly look forward to meeting you all, seeing you inside the school, and beginning my journey with you,

Until next time, keep curious,

Kate



PBL at Palmerston



Our whole school focus, for recognising positive behaviours outside the classroom, for

weeks 1 and 2 (term 2) is....

- **I hear the bell ring at the end of recess & lunch & move quickly to class lines.**
- **I use walking feet and quiet voices when walking from my classroom to other areas in the school.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anzac Day Assembly

Date: **Friday 3 May 2019**

Location: PDPS

Preschool (beginning) - Nutrition Magician

Date: **Tuesday 7 May 2019**

Location: Preschool

Preschool (end) - Nutrition Magician

Date: **Friday 10 May 2019**

Location: Preschool

Mother's Day Concert

Date: **Friday 10 May 2019**

Location: PDPS, hall

DEFENCE NEWS



ANZAC Commemorative Assembly

All Defence families are invited to attend the ANZAC Commemorative Assembly on **Friday 3 May** at

9:10am, followed by a morning tea in the staff room, please RSVP

Kristy.retzlaff@ed.act.edu.au for catering purposes.



Mother's Day Celebrations

Defence Community Organisation – Mother's Day Morning Tea
For Australian Defence Force members and their families.

Date: **Thursday, 9 May 2019**

Time: **10:00am – 12:00pm**

Location: Soldier On, Robert Poate Centre, 80 Bellenden Street, Gunghalin, ACT

RSVP: Defence Community Organisation, PH: 02 6265 8777

DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au or call the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

HIRERS NEWS

Talon Karate Do

SOJUKAN KARATE

Learn from the Champion

Instructor: **Sensei Suresh Guna Black Belt 4th Dan (Yondan).**

- Increased fitness
- Increased strength
- Increased flexibility
- Better focus
- Reduced stress & Tension
- Improved self confidence
- Learn practical self defence

Beginners classes starts on 8th May 2019
Every Wednesdays 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM
At: Palmerston Primary School Hall. Contact: 0468 932 422



COMMUNITY NEWS



We invite all prospective parents of
Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 7
to attend our
2019 Open Days



Whole School Open Days

Gold Creek School
Kelleway Ave
Nicholls

Tuesday, 7 May – 9:15 - 10:15 am

Thursday, 16 May – 1:45 – 2:45 pm

*Come and tour the facilities and speak with staff and current students
about the many opportunities available at
Gold Creek School*



Year 7
To be held at the Senior Campus
(entrance junction with
McClelland Ave)
Contact: Sam Beattie
Tel: 6142 1300

Please RSVP to
info@goldcreek.act.edu.au
with your preferred date, session time and year
group of interest.



ParentLink

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety.*

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

TRANSPORT CANBERRA'S NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK STARTS

WE'RE CONNECTING CANBERRA

From Monday 29 April 2019 our transport network will be transformed.

Routes and timetables will change to deliver a better, more connected transport network by having light rail and more buses, more often, 7 days a week.

To find out how Canberra's network is changing or to plan your future trip, visit transport.act.gov.au

CANBERRA IS BETTER CONNECTED

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The advertisement features a purple and blue color scheme with icons for a bus, light rail, wheelchair, and pedestrian. A circular graphic on the right shows a bus and a train icon.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS



As we drive and park our cars around schools we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority. Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/AsIMVXpA9Zc>

Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.