



# Palmerston District Primary School Newsletter Issue 8

## Principal



Goodness me! Time sure flies when you are having fun, and time sure flies when you are so busy that a term feels like a week, a week feels like a day and a day feels like it passes in a second. For everything this term has thrown our way we have persisted and shown resilience. This was particularly true in the week that our Year 3 to 6 students were asked to engage in remote learning for a week, and this past week when our Year 1 and 2 students were asked to stay at home. Please know that this is always a last resort. I would like to thank our families for their support during this time. Our two planning days will remain on our calendar. The dates will not change. The planning days are on the 8 June and 22 June. During this time all staff will be taking part in moderating assessment tasks, fulfilling reporting requirements and planning for teaching and learning programs.

Another direct result of the events of the term, is that our reporting time line has been extended. Your child's progress report for Semester One will be sent to you in Week One of Term Three. More information will come home regarding parent/teacher interviews. These will be conducted in week 2, next term.

This week we welcome Emily and Janet to our school. They are here from the University of Canberra and are currently studying to become Occupational Therapists. This week they have spent time with our student leaders working on ways to incorporate Occupational Therapy into play areas across the school. We are looking forward to working with them collaboratively to create spaces for students in the school that are fit for purpose.

Finally, this week is Reconciliation Week. The theme for 2022 is Be Brave. Make change. We are so lucky to have Leah Brideson here at school supporting our Cultural Integrity journey. She has taken our knowledge and upskilled our staff in such an inspiring way. Next week our staff meeting is all about cross curriculum perspectives and how the narrative of our first nations people, their history and their culture can be woven throughout all curriculum areas. I can't wait to learn more. The

theme for Reconciliation Week reminds me to stay connected to community and country and adopt practices that prioritise cultural safety. It is a call to me to move beyond passive allyship and seek out members of our community we can connect with.

Finally, I would like to thank every student, staff member and parent/carer who has provided me with such beautiful words of encouragement over the course of this term. While this term has certainly thrown some challenges my way I am truly honoured and to be leading such a beautiful community. A community I love so much. The smiley faces of our students, the inspiring manner in which our staff have persevered through adversity and the support of parents and carers has brightened each of my days. Stay warm everyone!

**Marijana Pasalic**

**A/g Principal**



Palmerston's Green Team is excited to announce our Go Green fundraising challenge on Thursday 23rd of June (Week 9). Students are to wear something green on the day (socks, clothes, hair, etc) and a monetary contribution to fundraise for our schools recycling program. The class that raises the most money will receive icy poles and their teacher will have to wear a green wig for the rest of the week. Ms Pasalic will also spray paint her hair green if we raise over \$600. Go Green Palmerston!

## Parent Volunteers

*Dear parent and carers of kindergarten, year 1 and year 2*

*Now that Covid restrictions have eased, we are excited to invite parent volunteers to be part of our Palmerston Parent Power Program.*

*Next Thursday 9th June we will be running a session on helping children learning to read. The session will be run at the school in the staffroom between 5:30 and 6:30pm.*

The session is designed to prepare parents/carers to be effective volunteers at school. However, the workshop would also benefit anyone who would like to further develop their skills in supporting their children at home.

*Once you have attended the training session you can register your interest in volunteering. You will be allocated a time and be ready to formally begin the program in week 1 Term 3*

*If you need any other information or to RSVP for next Thursday, please email me at [nicole.taylor@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:nicole.taylor@ed.act.edu.au)<sup>1</sup> or call on 61421440*

*Many thanks*

**Nicole Taylor**

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## Classroom Connections

### National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, 25 May, 2022 Palmerston District Primary School (PDPS) participated in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). An annual event NSS sees a picture book by an Australian author and illustrator shared simultaneously in libraries, schools and homes throughout Australia and the world. This year's book was 'Family Tree' by Josh Pike.

Classes at PDPS watched and discussed the content of 'Family Tree' with some classes also learning about AUSLAN and other creating art inspired by the book.

If you would like to view the story with your child please follow the links below:

- View the Auslan video reading of the story<sup>2</sup>
- Watch Gabrielle Wang, Australian Children's Laureate, reading the story from Melbourne<sup>3</sup>

Watch the Governor General and Mrs Hurley read the book from Government House<sup>4</sup>



1 - Thanks to 3G for sharing a photo of their learning while watching the AUSLAN reading of 'Family Tree'.

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<sup>2</sup><https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Falia.us5.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D3d85c7e31956025c7f13258fb%26id%3Dc6b6a10826%26e%3Dfc6beedaa4&data=05|01||10fe9d03061d44c13bdd08da3c50aa18|f1d4a8326c2144759bf48cc7e9044a29|0|0|637888614547741574|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=x4iAY1ykLj6X4LGOcVfXEgPkO1jZ5e2v7AyNzBiTxY%3D&reserved=0>

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## Key Dates



8th & 22nd June - Pupil Free Days

13th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

14th June - Rostrum Final Yr 3-6

23rd - Go Green Fundraising Challenge

## Sports News



2 - <https://evenplayingfield.com.au/products/palmerston-district-primary-house-tshirts><sup>5</sup>

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## Get Into Rugby

Palmerston Primary are hosting a Rugby program with our local Rugby club, Gungahlin Eagles and Brumbies Canberra during term 2, 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 5 and 6. Term 3 will be for years 3 and 4, and term 4 will cater for kindergarten to year 2. If you are interested, please email [Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au)<sup>6</sup> for more information.

## 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>7</sup>

## Natalie Edwards

HPE Specialist

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## Congratulations

The students listed below have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2022. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music.

Isabel Yr 5 - Primary Concert Choir

Anna Yr 6 - Primary Concert Band

Sopiato Yr 6 - Primary Concert Choir

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## Cultural Integrity at Palmerston



### Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week<sup>9</sup> is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

The theme for 2022 is, 'Be Brave, Make Change'. Change begins with brave actions in your daily life – where you live, work, play and socialise.

Take these Actions to Make Change with you every day of the year, not just during National Reconciliation Week.

Classes at PDPS will be taking part in different learning experiences, including visual art, guided by our newest resource addition, 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art in the Classroom' by the Art Gallery of South Australia. Students across the school will also engage in opportunities to learn and reflect on what Reconciliation means through literacy and class discussions.

Reconciliation Australia<sup>10</sup> have provided some actions to support change and to build on your understanding and discussions at home. Look through their website for more resources.

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<sup>9</sup><https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

<sup>10</sup><https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/2022-actions-to-make-change/>

**Leah Brideson | Cultural Integrity Coordinator**

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

Palmerston District Primary School – Mon-Wed

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*Kamilaroi Yinarr – Kamilaroi Woman*

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land in which I live, breathe, work and play on, the Ngunnawal people. I also acknowledge other First Nations people and Country across Australia. I pay deep respect to the past, present and future Elders and recognise their eternal spiritual connection to the land, water and skies. dhawun nhalay winanga-y.lanha ngaya (I respect Country)



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## Join the fun at the Palmy P&C

Being involved in the P&C gives you the chance to meet new people, get to know school staff and help build a stronger school community. Research shows that when parents are involved, their children have a better attitude to school.

### You are welcome

Every parent of a child attending Palmerston Primary is eligible to be a member of the P&C.

### Join the Committee

Nominate to join the executive committee and help our association run effectively.

### All help needed

Can you:

- Cook sausages?
- Help at a working bee?
- Manage social media?
- Apply for grants?
- Contribute ideas?

We need all kinds of skills and abilities!

### Come to our first meeting

**AGM 6pm 21 Feb 2022**  
followed by  
**General Meeting at 7pm**  
**The Gungahlin Lakes Club**  
110 Gundaroo Drive, Nicholls

### Want to know more?

Or can't make the meeting but keen to help?  
Contact Kate or Calli  
kate\_baron@outlook.com  
calli\_bowyer@yahoo.com.au

### 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 bolognese, salads, muffins, and lots more are available.



## Additional Information

### Missing Books Library Books

The library currently has a large number of overdue books. Many of these are from 2021. It would be wonderful to have these books back for others to borrow.

If you have time this weekend, could you spare a few moments to see if any PDPS books are lurking in your home? If you do find some, please ask your child to return them to the library as soon as possible.

Thanks,

**Rebecca Cameron | Teacher-Librarian**

### RAT TESTS

The ACT Education Directorate will no longer be asking schools to distribute two RAT's per week to students. Instead from the commencement of week 9, RATs will be provided on an as needed basis for all students in ACT schools. 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>12</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.

### **Rapid-Antigen-Tests, Symptoms, When to get tested**

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/symptoms-and-getting-tested/when-to-get-tested/> [recache#Rapid-Antigen-Tests](#)

### **Public Health Alert-protect against Mosquito Bites**

<https://health.act.gov.au/public-health-alert/public-health-alert-protect-against-mosquito-bites>

## Defence News



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<sup>12</sup>[mailto:info\\_palmdps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info_palmdps@ed.act.edu.au)



As cold weather sets in this is a great time to remind your child/ren about the lunch time clubs the staff offer throughout the week. If you know your child struggles playing outside at breaks times on the really cold days you might like to encourage them to attend a lunch time club. Defence club is a session I run twice a week which is open for all defence students who can invite one friend to join them. Years 3 to 6 club is held on Tuesday first half of lunch in pod 7. Kindy to year 2 club is held on Wednesday first half of lunch in the kindy pod. There are posters with all the clubs on them around the school to help remind the students what's on and where.

At the end of term I would like to hold a parent morning tea to welcome all our families, new and returning to the school and connect with each other again. If there is a service such as the Family Liaison Officer, Soldier On coordinator etc that you are interested in speaking to and learning more about please let me know and I will organise a representative to join our morning tea to share their information and resources with you. Can you please send me an email if you're interested in attending and what week would work better for you. Either end of term 2 or start of term 3. I am available Mondays and Wednesdays. Looking forward to hearing from you and welcoming you back onsite.

Stay warm and have a great weekend.

**Kristle Cross | Defence School Mentor**

## Community Connections



### **FUN WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW THESE WINTER HOLIDAYS!**

Communities at Work Winter School Holiday Programs are open for bookings. The Daily Highlights (program calendars) with a list of activities for each program location will be available in early June on their website, but bookings can already be made!

The programs will be running weekdays from 4 July to 15 July 2022 (inclusive) from 7.30 am to 6 pm, with qualified and dedicated educators providing a nurturing and entertaining environment. Children will enjoy a variety of excursions, incursions and fun activities that will encourage lots of fun with friends, old and new, and guarantee a new adventure every day!

Communities at Work continue to ensure the safety of your child is paramount with increased hygiene and cleaning protocols, guided by the latest advice from the ACT Government and ACT Health.

Visit [www.commsatwork.org/shp](http://www.commsatwork.org/shp)<sup>13</sup> for more information about the upcoming school holiday programs, locations in Canberra, activities in store, and to make a booking.

programs@royalact.com.au'."/>

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<sup>13</sup><http://www.commsatwork.org/shp>

## Seeking Participants for Head Lice Treatment Trial

Do you or your child suffer from head lice? You may be eligible for **FREE** treatment as a participant in this research study

Researchers at the University of Canberra are trialling a new natural topical treatment shown to kill head lice and eggs rapidly in pre-clinical studies.

**UC head lice survey summary results**

**1 in 5** school-aged children are affected by head lice

Head lice affects **1 in 5 SCHOOL CHILDREN** in Australia at any time - nearly **30% MISS SCHOOL** as a result.

Head lice infestation causes **parental anxiety** and leads to significant and economic loss through missed school days and caregiver time off work.

Our recent survey showed that there is poor activity, acceptance and tolerability towards existing treatments. There is an absolute need for novel treatments to get rid of this nuisance.

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### You are eligible if:

- Aged 5-55 years
- No known history of irritation or sensitivity to malathion, essential oils, or other components of the test product, pediculicides or hair care products

### What is involved?

- 3 in-person appointments at the University of Canberra Health Clinic, Bruce, across a two-week period.
- Telephone follow ups during the study.

### Participants will receive:

- Free treatment
- A ticket to a lucky draw to win an iPad.

### Book an appointment today:

<https://calendly.com/headlice-research-uc/head-lice-clinical-trial-appointment>



### Or contact the study team via:

[headlice.research-uc@canberra.edu.au](mailto:headlice.research-uc@canberra.edu.au)

Phone: 0466346532

Facebook: UC Head Lice Trial (<https://www.facebook.com/UCheadlice>)

## Enrol now

Enrolments for the 2022 school year are opening 6am Tuesday 26th April for 2023 with the initial round closing at 11.59pm on 3rd June 2022

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/)<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

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

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



Enrolment timeline for 2023 2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf(act.gov.au)<sup>16</sup>

## Contact Us

You can contact our school using our details below.

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Visit us on the web at [www.palmdps.act.edu.au](https://www.palmdps.act.edu.au)<sup>18</sup>



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<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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