



Palmerston District Primary School Newsletter Issue 12 2023

Principal



As we come to the final week of 2023, I appreciate the opportunity to sit, reflect and smile for all the things we have achieved across the year. I would like to take this final opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for the varied achievements, celebrations and highlights that we have experienced together.

Being part of the Palmy Army means a great deal to us all. In leading this school, I have the solo opportunity of watching absolutely everyone in our learning community: try, strive, bounce back, delight, reach, stretch, accomplish, challenge, care, laugh, support, succeed and grow. I confidently share my pride and gratitude to every child and every staff member this year for the incredible way they have encountered every day, and tried hard to be the best they can be.

Students at Palmerston have re-joined the post-Covid world by attending numerous learning opportunities such as sporting clinics, sports days, camps, excursions, Tournament of the Mind, Japanese challenges, Reading competitions, to name a few. Their passion for learning has further been reinforced through high participation rates in a range of lunchtime clubs and activities.

At this time of year, I congratulate all of our students for their personal successes, and I thank our wonderful staff for their dedication, creativity and technical skills to provide stimulating, supportive learning environments and opportunities all across the year.

A highlight of 2023 for me has been every Yr 6 student become a leader and forged through with projects that made an impact on our world. I have been incredibly impressed with their confidence and imagination to do what they have done. I wish every single one of you an exciting move into High School, where you will take your Palmerston PBL and PRIDE values to continue the next chapter of your learning and shaping of who you are and what you stand for. Your journey on Ngunnawal land will be important, leaving your footprints and heart prints on those you know. Try to remember that, as you face big changes, you are not alone. We will be thinking of you. There are good things waiting for you just around the corner. So step out with confidence and take new opportunities in your stride.

I take time now to thank my entire staff for their amazing positivity, high energy, love and commitment to their job, even on days when there aren't enough of us... everyone jumps in and

steps up to make the difference. I could not be prouder of you for the love you give and the difference you make.

Thank you to the School Board, the P&C and wider family population for showing your care and commitment to our school, for getting your children ready for school, appreciating their efforts, supporting them, teaching us and trusting us to carry them through their educational experience at Palmerston.

To all of our departing staff – I hope your new school will relish you as much as we have. Just today we have learnt that Mrs Nicole Taylor will also be leaving and driving down to Gordon Preschool every day as she takes up her new role as Executive teacher – Early Childhood. Thank you so much Nicole for your leadership, passion and dedication to your role, your students and families – you will be greatly missed.

2023 has been a wonderful year.

2023 has brought a sense of high accomplishment demonstrated by our overall Outstanding rating of School review.

2023 has given us time and reasons to connect with each other and ‘see’ who we can be.

I send my fondest wishes to families departing from Palmerston and wish you well in your new location. I send my warmest wishes to all other families, hoping for you a healthy and happy Christmas, celebrating special time with your family.

I am already incredibly energised for 2024 and all that it will bring for us, as we come together again as #ThePalmyArmy.

Regards,

Kate Smith

Principal

Deputy Principal



Could it be the end of the school year approaching? My goodness! How? How can this be? It will most certainly be a busy, but joyous and reflective end of the year for us here at Palmerston District Primary School. I am so proud of our staff and students for all they have accomplished and so thankful to our parents and carers who continue to work in partnership with us. It is so evident that every student is at the centre of what we do together. I sincerely hope we continue to grow as a strong community. There are no challenges we can't overcome when we communicate and work together. We all make this school the truly special place it is and I am thankful for each day I get to come to work here.

In Preschool, Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two there were many events that celebrated our students and their creative and sporting skills. What a clever group of students we have! Across the year students were provided time to expand their inquiring minds, share new knowledge and practice new skills. Across many parts of K-2 students expressed much delight in meeting Kenny Koala and learning about how to be safe in the community. A highlight of the visit was the opportunity to see a police car and listen to the siren blast from the speakers. Kenny will back next year, and we cannot wait to welcome him. We had a marvellous Bookweek, the parade always a highlight for me, a fabulous Easter Hat Parade, a groovy incursion from Musica Viva and fantastic sporting events, such as the Athletics Carnival, Cross Country and The Colour Run. We celebrated Science and dressed the part as we became keen detectives and constructors of strong, rigid bridges. We showed off our love of numbers on world Maths Day!

In Preschool, our students have grown up so much across the year. They have explored and played and learned so many new skills. They have demonstrated an inquisitive mind. They have met Healthy Harold and learned about healthy life choices. Preschoolers have experienced so many firsts. So many! A few highlights for me are the first walk outside of school to discover all manner of things in our suburb. There is the first successful mud pie baked in the mud kitchen. The first painting created. The first time 'ice-cream' was served in the classroom 'café'. The first time they were successful in writing their name. So many firsts! Thank you to all families who came on Wednesday night to celebrate such a successful year.

Kindergarten were all systems go throughout 2023. They showed their skills in games of dodgeball and Sumo tips with Mrs Edwards, laughing with utter delight at the fun they were having. Watching the butterfly in class hatch from a chrysalis was also a highlight. Kindergarten became keen, successfully gardeners growing broad beans from seedlings and then spent time each day tracking the growth of each plant and recording observations. So clever! Another mind blowing moment in Kindergarten was the creation of a cardboard city built as part of the inquiry unit about the community. So detailed! So impressive!

Year One had a fabulous year. They certainly proved themselves to have star quality on stage at assemblies each term and shone as learners too. Their inquiry into the past and present saw them exploring items, donated from the Hall Museum, from yesteryear (including a very cool typewriter). They asked questions about what was discovered inside suit cases, researched the objects and looked at how things were different today. They also took time over the year to learn

more about themselves and how they have changed from precious little babies to the confident children we know today. Students in Year One visited Mulligan's Flat and learned about our community and the natural wonders that are at our fingertips. It was certainly a big year one.

Year Two are so ready for their next learning adventure and all the things that will come their way in 2024. They have had a whole year of investigating many different concepts, exploring historical artifacts, such as milk jug covers and rotary phones, and compared them to items we use today. Students designed and created time machines and water filters to answer inquiry questions. Such investigators, scientists, designers and entrepreneurs. They examined the life cycle of meal worms and silk worms and observed how our water cycle works. Students cooked up a storm this term and made some very interesting food items.

Year Two showed us all they were able to be safe in the water and showed exceptional safe, respectful learner behaviours as they travelled to and from the pool.

Phew! That is only a small part of all the fabulous work being done across P-2. What a busy and positively beautiful year! I wish all students graduating from Palmerston all the very best as they leave us to show the world how wonderful they are. I have absolutely loved every minute spent with the stunning students in our school and look forward to supporting them and our school community in 2024. I hope you all take the opportunity and time to relax over the Summer break, before preparing the wonderful year to come.

Regards,

Marijana Pasalic

Deputy Principal

[Key Dates](#)



Tuesday 12th December

- K-5 Awards- 9:15-10:30am
- Year 6 Graduation- 11:30-1:00pm

Thursday 14th December

- Year 6 Fun Day- Kingpin

Friday 15th December

- Term 4- last day of term

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

Givemas Appeal

A huge thank you to our community for donating gifts and money for the Givemas Appeal.

Thank you Palmy Army - together, we've made a difference for children in hospital over Christmas.





End of Year Celebration







2024 Preschool

Beginning of the week Preschool will start Tuesday 30th January.

End of the week Preschool will start Thursday 1st Feb

Preschool Wednesdays -

BOW odd week (for example 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9)

EOW even weeks (for example 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)

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 school](#) 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-school>

P&C News 2023

A black and white poster for Palmerston Primary P&C. At the top, the text 'PALMERSTON PRIMARY P&C' is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, a section titled 'What is a P&C Association?' explains that it is a group of community-minded volunteers who assist the school in providing: feedback on school policies and activities, fundraising for additional resources to enhance student learning, and parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education. The lower half of the poster features a large, dark, irregular shape containing the text 'We want to know....' and 'what do you want from your P&C?'. To the right of this shape is a QR code with the text 'Take our survey:' above it and the URL 'https://bitly.ws/Uacy' below it. At the bottom left, there is a Facebook logo and the text 'Email us pdpspandc@gmail.com' and 'www.facebook.com/palmerstonprimarypandc'.

**PALMERSTON
PRIMARY P&C**

What is a P&C Association?
A Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of community-minded volunteers who assist the school in providing:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- fundraising for additional resources to enhance student learning
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education

We want to know....
what do you want from your P&C?

Take our survey:



<https://bitly.ws/Uacy>

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www.facebook.com/palmerstonprimarypandc

EVENTS

We hold two meetings
each term - online
and in person

- Annual General Meeting - 13 Feb
- **School Fete - 23 March 2024**
- Trivia Night
- **ACT Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall**
- School Discos in terms 2 & 4

SCHOOL UNIFORM POOL

Buy second hand school
uniforms in person by
appointment or through t



FUNDRAISING

Entertainment membership



Entertainment (previously the Entertainment Book)

is the easy-to-use App packed with incredible savings of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, so you can save on takeaway, dining, shopping, groceries, gift cards, activities and more! And what's even better, 20% of every membership purchased goes to support Palmerston District Primary School!

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2487s6>



Purchase a new pair of shoes from Athlete's Foot Belconnen and mention Palmerston District Primary School, and they will donate \$5 per pair of shoes to the P&C. This applies for both adults and children's shoes

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Brochures come home twice each term and 15% of every purchase goes to Scholastic Rewards so we can buy valuable educational resources that benefit your child.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

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PALMERSTON PRIMARY P&C

in **2023** ...

PALMY PARENTS BOUGHT

ENOUGH FROM THE BOOK CLUB TO PROVIDE

154 books



\$1700

BACK
TO THE
SCHOOL

WE DONATED

448

NEW READERS

WE HELD
fun-filled
2
DISCOS



WHERE WE GAVE OUT
NEARLY

1,000

LOLLY BAGS



70 people
CAME TO THE
TRIVIA NIGHT



WE PACKED

120

welcome bags
FOR NEW PRE-SCHOOL KIDS



1500 SAUSAGES
SOLD



BUNNINGS BBQ
Referendum Day BBQ

116 uniforms

WERE BOUGHT
FROM THE

uniform shop



Email us pdpspandc@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/palmerstonprimarypandc

Canteen

Canteen News

For the last week of 2023 the canteen will be open Tuesday to Friday.

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	\$3.50
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



Healthy Kids Canteen Menu
Palmerston District Primary School
Order online at myschoolconnect.com.au

Term 2
2023

Sandwiches

All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Wraps also available.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.00
Cheese V	\$3.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Ham & cheese	\$4.80
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.80
Ham & salad	\$5.00
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Chicken & cheese	\$4.50
Chicken & salad	\$4.80
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.00
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot V	\$5.00
Salad & cheese V	\$4.50
Egg & cheese V	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$4.50

Toasted sandwiches (in press)

All served on wholemeal bread unless whole bread is requested.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.00
Cheese & tomato V	\$4.50
Ham & cheese	\$5.00
Chicken & cheese	\$5.00
Tuna & cheese	\$5.00
Egg & cheese V	\$5.00
Ham	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.50

Looking to change up your sandwich?

Add ham, chicken, tuna	\$1.50
Add egg or cheese	\$1.00
Add Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, beetroot	\$0.60
Add Mayo	\$0.60
Change to wrap	\$0.50
Change to club sandwich	\$0.80

Hot meals

Pasta Bolognese	\$6.50
Pasta Napolitana	\$5.50
Sausage roll	\$5.50
Veggie fried rice	\$5.50
Beef lasagna	\$6.50
Veggie lasagna	\$6.50
Butter chicken & rice (vegetarian available)	\$6.50

Weekly specials

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets	\$6.50
Thursday: Crispy chicken burger wrap	\$6.00
Friday: Stone baked pizza	\$6.50

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$4.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$2.50
Benene bread	\$2.00
Fruit jelly cup	\$2.00
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.00
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$1.50

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (orange/mango, apple, apple/blackcurrant)	\$2.50
Flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 300ml	\$3.50
Plain milk: 300ml	\$2.00
Chill J	\$3.50
Sipahh straws	\$0.50

Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00
Quelch sticks	\$1.00

SKIP THE CANTEEN LINE WITH



1. DOWNLOAD THE MY SCHOOL CONNECT APP



2. SELECT MY SCHOOL TUCKSHOP



3. ORDER YOUR LUNCH



4. SKIP THE QUEUE!



Community Connections

Give a tree a drink

Have you noticed your neighbourhood street trees recently? Are they thirsty? This summer is going to be hot and dry. We encourage all school students to help protect our urban forest and make our city a great place to live by regularly watering their street trees. Water saving tip: take a bucket in the shower with you, and use the excess, to water the base of a street tree at least once a week.

Canberra's incredible trees provides much needed shade, clean our air and provides habitats for local wildlife. Help us protect trees so they can protect us.

The ACT Government has almost 60,000 young trees on the current watering program. While young street trees are watered by the ACT Government regularly to ensure their establishment and survival, the community can help by giving their local trees a drink over summer. For more information about caring for our public trees, read [City Services Trees and Nature](#).



The Christmas/Festive season is fast approaching, and along with it is the additional Christmas/Festive preparation expenses, not to mention the bills that will start rolling in come the New Year!

Care continues to facilitate the ACT Government's Rent Relief program for those who rent privately in the ACT. **Eligible renters can apply for the one off grant of 4 weeks rent up to a maximum of \$2,500.**

Please note: The current turn around for applications is 2-3 weeks, but could increase depending on the volume of applications received.

For more information, eligibility criteria and application form head to our website – www.carefcs.org/rent-relief-scheme

Care will be closed for Christmas from Friday 22nd December 2023 reopening Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Deal: 20% off

Chilada

School Uniform Sale

When: 1/12-31/12/2023

Where: Majura & Gungahlin

Online: www.chilada.com.au

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

CANBERRA REGION
RUGBY LEAGUE



THANK YOU!



TO EVERY PLAYER, TEACHER AND PARENT THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE RECENT NRL DEVELOPMENT GALA DAY, WE ARE SENDING A HUGE THANK YOU!

WE APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT THE TEACHERS & PARENTS PUT IN TO ENSURE EVERYONE ATTENDED. WE ALSO WANTED TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS THAT WERE ALL SUCH GREAT SPORTS AND PARTICIPATED WITH SUCH ENTHUSIASM, IT WAS CONTAGIOUS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE PLAYING WITH YOUR MATES IN A SAFE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT, SIGNUP TODAY!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

1ST DECEMBER FOR OUR 2024 WINTER SEASON

SEE BELOW FOR LINKS TO THE CLUB IN YOUR LOCAL AREA



WEST BELCONNEN WARRIORS



NORTH CANBERRA BEARS



GUNGALIN BULLS



BELCONNEN UNITED SHARKS



WODEN VALLEY RAMS






HOLIDAY HOCKEY


MONDAY 22ND JANUARY - THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

NATIONAL HOCKEY CENTRE, LYNEHAM


ALL SKILL LEVELS | AGES 5+ | LUNCH & SNACKS INCLUDED

REGISTER NOW!






TRY HOCKEY THIS YEAR




Hookin2Hockey provides kids with the opportunity to make friends and have fun in a safe, welcoming & inclusive environment!

- Ages 5 - 10
- All abilities and skill levels welcome
- Experienced coaches
- Optional equipment packs available



YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS:



CLUB North Canberra Eagles Hockey Club
EMAIL ncejuniors@gmail.com
CENTRE Weetangera Primary School & Lyneham Hockey Centre
 Click logo to go to club page
www.hookin2hockey.com.au

COME & TRY WEEKEND

Grab a stick and have a hit at our annual Come & Try Weekend! Come and see what hockey is all about with an easy and fun introduction to our sport. No experience necessary, all ages and all abilities welcome!

NORTHSIDE	SOUTHSIDE
🕒 9AM - 12PM	🕒 9AM - 12PM
📅 Saturday 24th February	📅 Sunday 25th February
📍 196 Mouat St, Lyneham	📍 288 Soward Way, Greenway

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