

# Palmerston District Primary School Newsletter

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Hello families,

Our last newsletter for term 3! Isn't it a lovely time of year when everything feels renewed and new again. We have absolutely loved having families onsite recently for a few different events, and we now invite families to another event to be held in classrooms. We are taking full advantage of having large number of families onsite for the Learning Journey to try and raise some funds, as we have a lot of things to get ready for 2023 – landscaping being a very important part of funds being raised at the moment. We will have our coin spinner on the blacktop if you have any unwanted coins – of any type – to donate to us and pop into the spinner at any time across the morning.

#### **Learning Journey**

Next Tuesday, from 8.30am – 10am, we invite families into classrooms to see the learning that has been taking place this term. Your child will have selected some pieces of work they are very proud of to showcase to you. The Senior bands will also be playing across the morning, at time of print - the Uke band at 8:30, the Year 5 band- 8:50 and the Year 6 band 9:15 on the timber deck at Pod 1. We would value you filling out a little feedback form for your child before you leave, as something to treasure for years to come. If times change, we will send them out on SeeSaw – Mr Shaw will be in full swing with the bands.

#### **Raffle at Learning Journey**

To raise some much needed funds for our school, we are also holding a small raffle the morning of the Learning Journey and hope you will support us with purchasing some tickets – details to come soon. They will be on sale on the Blacktop outside the staffroom door if you could pop by and purchase a ticket or two. Thank you.

#### **Donate canned food at Learning Journey**

Students from 3B are demonstrating their leadership by proposing to me a suggestion for a school wide food donation project. Wanting to serve the local community, students in 3B are asking for families to donate canned or boxed food with a long lifespan to donate to the Gungahlin Community Food Pantry. We will provide a large box on the blacktop and hope each family is able to donate canned foods for them to be successful in using our local Palmerston community to help the wider Gungahlin community. Thank you in advance for your anticipated help.

#### **Tournament of the Minds**

Congratulations to our team who progressed to the State finals, we were incredibly impressed with the manner in which you conducted yourselves and for the very clever thinking that took place that day. This is something we are hoping we will be able to continue in 2023, as it is an incredible experience for our students. Again, a big thank you to Ms Holt for undertaking this fabulous experience for our students.

**Mrs Edwards had a little lamb...**

Having an incredible staff with so many talents and interests can often mean great things happen at our school. This fortnight we have Mrs Edwards bringing in some wee lambs for us to learn more about, to feed, to spend some time with. Thanks Mrs Edwards for bringing them in each day, our students and staff have loved feeding them and soaking up their cuteness!

#### **Public Holiday**

Thursday 22nd September will be a once off Public Holiday. Friday 23rd September will be our last day of term.

Enjoy the Spring break and see you all in term 4, Monday 10th October.

#### **Congratulations Jye!**

Jye Kitto from Yr 4 represented our school by competing in the ACT and NSW regional Skiing Interschools competition for Moguls, Alpine and Skier cross in July. Jye came 6th in moguls and made it through to State. He then moved onto the next level, again representing Palmerston Primary in the NSW/ACT/QLD State Skiing Interschools competition for Moguls in August, and came 6th and has now made it through to the Australian Interschools Championships which will be held on the 8th September this week.

We can't wait to hear how Jye went yesterday, but know that he would have given it everything he had!

***Kate Smith***

***Principal***



Watching our students interact on the playground and in the classroom is a beautiful thing. Whether it be discussing the joys and mysteries of their lives, conferencing with their teacher or greeting a parent at the gate after school, our students are proving they are on their way to be great communicators. With each interaction, and with support and explicit teaching, their speaking and listening skills are always improving. Our children learn by listening, participating and watching. At school we are always busy developing these skills with students in social and educational ways. We make minutes matter and find any, and every opportunity, to engage in teachable moments. Speaking and listening opportunities are created all the time at school in formal and informal ways, for educational and social reasons. We practice turn taking, we listen to class presentations, we role play. We use visual representations of more complex ideas, such as classroom timetables. We use short, simple instructions when needed and scaffold skills and learning when things become a little more complex. We work with students to build their problem solving skills through the use of appropriate questions and support collaboration and team work. We resolve conflicts together and unpack words to describe how we are feeling. This, and so much more, happens at our school all the time, and our students work hard to display these skills consistently.

At home you can improve the language and communication skills of your child by;

- Reading and talking with your child each day
- Ask questions that require more than a yes or no response
- Ask your child to repeat instructions to you
- Find everyday opportunities to model talking and listening skills – e.g. Take a walk around the neighbourhood and ask your child what they see, smell, hear and feel
- Draw pictures together and tell stories about what you have drawn
- Watch age appropriate television shows and discuss the content, or play a board game together
- Plan events, such as birthday parties, together
- Model body language – e.g. Nod, smile and gesture when your child is talking about a topic of interest to them.

Speaking and listening skills are life long skills. These skills help our students to develop empathy, to become aware of others and the environment and assists students to gain information needed to build our knowledge and skills. Speaking and listening skills are important and a continual focus for all students here at Palmerston District Primary School.

I would like to thank students who participated in the ICAS testing over the past three

weeks. They certainly tried their best and results should be provided to us soon. NAPLAN results will be sent home early next week. While we appreciate the information that a NAPLAN result provides, the classroom teacher will have the best insight into the progress of your child. Finally, one of the highlights of my week continues to be the student visitors who pop up to the office during the day. These students come to share completed work they are especially proud of, or discuss whole school initiatives they would like to promote or students who have been safe, respectful learners on the playground and in class. It makes me proud to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates of achievement and excellence in STEM school of excellence program;

- Anderson Geerts – Year Two
- Zahra Schalkwyk – Year Two
- Cooper Stedman – Year Three
- Alexander Di Santo – Year Three
- Samuel Gillon -Year Five

Well done! We are so proud of you!

***Marijana Pasalic***

***Deputy Principal***

Spring is here! We are a Sun Smart school and are encouraging all students at school to wear a hat when they are playing outside, or participating in outdoor lessons. Ideally wide brimmed or legionnaire style hats are best as they protect the face, neck and ears. It is also recommend that shirts with collars, elbow length sleeves, longer skirts and longer shorts be worn. We thank you for your support.

Hello Palmerston families!

3B are organising a food drive as a way of helping people in need in our local community. All items collected will be donated to the Communities at Work Gungahlin Food Pantry.

We are seeking donations of tinned food (soup, beans, tuna, fruit and vegetables), long life milk, tea, coffee, cereal, spreads, rice, noodles, pasta and crackers. We are also accepting household, sanitary and pet care supplies.

All items must be unopened and within its best before date.

Please place any donations in the labelled box in the school foyer or bring them directly to the 3B classroom in Pod 5.

Thank you so much for your generous support!

***Stephanie Roberts***

***Classroom Teacher***

#### **PARTICIPATION**

Ty - 3Y Darcy - 3Y Seanna - 5O Kylah - 6Y Tyrone - 6O Chinmay - 3V Korina - 3V  
Jonathan - 2R Maisie - 2R

Maddie - 2R Safa - 2B Robert - 2B Aiden - 1B Jackson - 1V Ibrahim - 1G

#### **RESPECT**

Zandar - 5G Devine - 5R Sione - 6Y Kobe - 6O Lazar - 2V Kuno - 1V

#### **INTEGRITY**

Paarth - 5G Yuchen - 5R Jacqueline - 5O

#### **DETERMINATION**

Lylah - 3B Kevin - 3B Leah - 5Y Holly - 6R Lucy - 6R Ibrahim - 4G Tony - 4O Jesse - 4O  
Oscar - 4Y Rohanpreet - 4Y

Matthias - 3V Mohamed - 3V Hayley - 3V Lachlan - KI Phoebe - 2V Tana - 2I Chelsea -  
1B Amari - 1O Dilan - 1G

Apajok - 2Y Achyut - 2Y

#### **EMPATHY**

Hazel - 5Y Domonic - 4G Stevi - 1O

athletics carnival -end of  
the week. Starting at  
11.30am

20th Sept - Learning  
Journey 8.30am-10am

22nd Sept - Public Holiday

23rd - Last day of term 3

10th - First day of term 4

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

***Rebecca Cameron***

***Teacher-Librarian***

### **Rugby Fun!!!!**



Get Into Rugby

Palmerston District Primary School are hosting a Rugby program with our local Rugby club, Gungahlin Eagles and Brumbies Canberra during term 3, 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 3 and 4. Term 4 will be for years K, 1, and 2. If you are interested, please email [Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Natalie.edwards@ed.act.edu.au) 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>

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HPE Specialist

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### **Indigenous Literacy Day – Wednesday 7 September 2022**

Taking place on the first Wednesday of September each year, Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD) raises awareness of educational barriers impacting First Nations groups in Australia, while also serving as a fundraiser to collect literary resources for children living in more isolated areas of the country.

Providing more than just books, ILD celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders cultures and the stories and languages that helped to build the country we know today. Indigenous literacy is important not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but for everyone to ensure we preserve our unique heritage and create opportunities for fellow Australians.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation who host ILD are a not-for-profit charity which respects the unique place of Australia's First People and draws on the expertise of the Australian book industry. Have a look at their [website](#) to see the work they do to support First Nations communities across Australia.

### **Indigenous Literacy Day at Palmerston**

To acknowledge the importance of ILD, several classes across Palmerston took part in a special online event hosted by the Sydney Opera House. A lively group of children from remote Milikapiti and Jilkminggan Country in the Northern Territory, joyfully shared their Stories, Cultures and Languages through a 20-min story.

All classes across Palmerston were encouraged to read stories by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Authors. At Palmerston, we have a growing collection of authentic First Nations books, including books from diverse First Nations communities, bilingual texts and picture books that link naturally to everyday learning.

Mrs Denmead and Mrs O'Kane's Year 1 classes read the books, 'When We Go Walkabout' by Rhoda Dugururru Lalara and 'Little Birds Day' by Sally Morgan. The children went for a walk to find birds around the school, followed by engaging in a writing task inspired by Little Birds Day. Both classes also used the Aboriginal Australia Map to acknowledge Country through their learning.

***Leah Brideson***

***Cultural Integrity Coordinator***



## School Uniform Shop

**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](https://myschoolconnect.com.au)

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



## **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.au](mailto:info_palmdps@ed.act.edu.au) 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.

## **Cyber Security for Kids – new guide for parents from the Australian Cyber Security Centre**

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) has launched a 'Cyber Security Instruction Manual: Kids Cyber Security Guide'. The guide is for parents, teachers and carers to teach children in primary school about basic cyber security steps and how to stay secure online.

To download the manual and cyber security resources and activities for children, visit [Cyber Security for kids | Cyber.gov.au](https://www.cyber.gov.au/cyber-security-for-kids).

## **Road safety**

We are reminding drivers about the dangers associated with parking illegally in school zones. Parking across pedestrian crossings, corners, verges and double parking can block students seeing the road and can be fatal. From Monday 18 July 2022 Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling school zones to enforce safe and legal parking and ensuring drivers are adhering to the speed zone.

**Kristle Cross | Defence School Mentor**

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](http://education.act.gov.au) 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)

Preschool

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

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

You can contact our school using our details below.

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