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Palmerston District Primary School 2026 ICAS Competitions Years 2 - 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Palmerston District Primary School in conjunction with the University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Palmerston District Primary School will support families to participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in **Mathematics**, **Writing** and **Spelling**

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

If you are interested in entering your Year 2-6 child into ICAS this year, the assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/>

In 2026 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

Subject	Relevant Year level	Sitting Date	Price per Student (inc. GST)	Closing date for parents to purchase via PPS
Writing	Year 3-6	Wed - 05 August	\$25.95	Monday 27 July
English	Year 2-6	Tues – 11 August	\$21.95	Monday 27 July
Spelling Bee	Year 2-6	Thurs – 20 August	\$21.95	Monday 27 July
Mathematics	Year 2-6	Tues - 25 August	\$21.95	Monday 27 July

It is anticipated that these assessments will take place during the day at school.

If you would like your child to participate in any/some/all the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System (PPS) to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The PPS is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/XGJ535>

The code for parents/carers is: XGJ535

Please note the closing date for parents/carers to purchase via PPS is Monday 27 July 2026.

When you have paid via the above portal please return the note below to the front office.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.

Kind regards,
Chloe Hulm
Classroom Teacher/ICAS Coordinator



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Student Name: _____

Student Class: _____

I have paid in the ICAS portal for the following competition/s for the above student.

- Writing on Wednesday 05 August 2026
- English on Tuesday 11 August 2026
- Spelling Bee on Thursday 20 August 2026
- Mathematics on Tuesday 25 August 2026

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____