

NEWSLETTER

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Inspiring, motivating and challenging students for successful futures

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We've just completed Week 5 of Term 2. The few short weeks due to public holidays across this term reinforces that every day at school counts.

At this point of the term, as assessment dates come quickly, it is a good time to stop and reflect on the need to use every day wisely. We expect that students arrive at school, on time, prepared to learn.

How can parents or guardians help?

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day; make that the expectation. Regular attendance at school sets up good behaviours for regular attendance at work.
- Help your child maintain daily routines such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep. On average, teenagers need eight to nine hours sleep to be healthy and alert. You may also need to monitor their use of the internet, mobile phone and TV at night to ensure they are not staying up too late or being disturbed while sleeping.
- Try not to schedule hair, dental or medical appointments during school hours. Arrange family holidays during scheduled school holiday periods so that they are not missing out on classes and therefore will not have to struggle to make up for lost time.

- Don't let your child stay home unless they are genuinely unwell. If your child complains of having a headache or stomach ache, this may be a sign of anxiety.
- If your child wants to stay home to finish an assignment, rather than letting them do this, expect them to go to school – make attendance the number one priority.
- Use subject overview information to help your teenager plan their study so that they avoid working late the night before an assignment is due or cramming for a test.

We understand that assessment loads, especially for Year 12 students, are heavy at the moment. The importance of staying well, planning ahead and just keeping going are really important at this time.

Staff Appointments

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Lucy Murrell (PLT Leader – Humanities), Kimberley Petering (English/Humanities), John Iurincich (English/Humanities) and Alan De Beer (Mathematics/ Science).

On behalf of the college community, I would also like to congratulate a number of colleagues on their recent appointments. Congratulations to:

Karen Bungey
PLT Leader – English/EALD
Julie Powell

PLT Leader – Mathematics/IT
Jan Woodward
PLT Leader – SEC (for 2018)

Jane Whiteaker
Assistant Principal

Greg Morgan
Assistant Principal – SEC (for 2018)

Congratulations also needs to go to John Harris, Assistant Principal, on his recent appointment to the principalship of Naracoorte High School in South Australia. We are sad to see John Harris leave us and we wish him all the very best in his new role, one which we are sure he will relish.

ANZAC Day 2018

This year, Palmerston College held two ANZAC Day ceremonies, one at each campus. Once again, our students shone. The College Captains, Vice Captains and Campus Captains did a wonderful job of leading each of the ceremonies, welcoming guests, families and visitors. At each campus, Defence Force cadets who formed the Catafalque Party, performed their roles with precision.

A sincere thank you to all students and staff involved in this year's ceremonies. They were very special services commented on by many.

Thank You – College Uniform

Thank you to our families for your support in maintaining the high expectations of the college regarding the wearing of the college uniform.

Sue Healy, College Principal

FROM THE HEADS OF CAMPUS

7-9 CAMPUS

Last week was NAPLAN week for our Year 7 and 9 students. We had 19 classes doing the testing across the two year levels so it was very busy and took quite some organisation. I'd like to congratulate and thank our students and staff for their effort and participation, making it run smoothly for everyone. Thank you also to parents for your support at home, encouraging students to get plenty of sleep, good food to be in the best shape they could be. There were four tests conducted over three days, Tuesday to Thursday with catch-up testing offered on Friday. To show appreciation to our students for putting in their best, we provided morning tea to all participating students on Thursday at the completion of the testing period which was well received. NAPLAN results will be sent out to schools late in Term 3.

Year 8 and 9 students are currently undergoing subject selections for their Semester 2 electives. Please check with your child, if they have NOT done their selections, please ask them to speak with their homeroom teacher to ensure they do their selections. Due to the holiday structure changing this year with 1, 3 and 2 weeks holidays in the breaks, Semester 2 will start in the last week of this term on Monday 25 June.

As a college, we continue to focus on student attendance as a priority. We have set the goal of 90% or better for attendance on the 7-9 Campus, as students need to be in class if they are to learn. The data presented in the graph below shows that whilst there has been somewhat of a drop across the year levels, we are still doing very well, with Years 7 and 8 still above 90% for attendance, which includes authorised absences. Thank you for informing the school when your child is unable to attend school as that counts in the authorised absences. Our next goal is to increase the percentage of attendance that students are at school learning.

Natalie Banks

10-12 CAMPUS

Year 10 and 11 students are now in week 15 of Semester 1. This means they are starting or about to start their last topics before commencing exam revision and commence the process of selecting subjects for Semester 2.

Year 10 students will select two Specialist Classes. Students who have not completed Personal Learning Plan (PLP) will select it as one of their classes. The other class could either be a new subject, or an opportunity to extend the skills and understandings in specific learning area before Year 11. Students will be placed in appropriate classes for Maths, English, Humanities and Science by the College.

Year 11 students have commenced their two year journey through the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET). It is hoped that students will continue with part 2 of the subjects they are currently doing. However, if students wish to change a class that is not working out for them they should talk with their class teacher or PLT Leader before making the selection. PLT Leaders are:

Julie Powell – Mathematics

Karen Bungey – English

Gail Lemon – Science

Lucy Murrell – Humanities

Dylan Murray – Specialist Subjects

Subject selections will be done in Wellbeing time starting in the week beginning Monday 21 May. Information about exams and end of semester procedures will be sent home as letters from the college in the coming weeks.

Year 12 students are now officially at the halfway point of their classes. All students have a significant workload and there should be no student who can honestly say to parents "I have no homework". At this stage we encourage students to be using electronic diaries or paper equivalents to plan out and manage their time. Many of the looming deadlines are set by the SACE Board and are not open to negotiation. If you would like assistance in planning a study timetable with your student please contact the school.

Craig Overell

MORE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR 2018

| EVENT | DATES & LOCATON |
|--|--|
| Term Break | Monday 2 July - Monday 23 July |
| College Athletics Carnival | Thursday 7 June Year 10-12 Campus |
| Special Education Centre & Pathways Athletics Carnival | Friday 22 June Year 10-12 Campus |
| Queens Birthday Public Holiday | Monday 11 June |
| College Council Meeting | Tuesday 19 June Year 10-12 Campus |
| Years 7-9 Campus Dance Production | Friday 22 June Giraffes Can't Dance |
| Years 7-9 Campus Health Expo | Wednesday 27 June |
| Years 7-9 Campus NAIDOC Day | Friday 29 June |
| Reports sent home | Monday 2 July |
| Term 3 | Tuesday 24 July |

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

If your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc. Phone the College Administration: (08) 899 77 999

Email
palmerston.college@nts.schools.net

Or through our website:
palmerstoncollege.nt.edu.au

Immediately on return to school Students must give a note to Front Office. In your communication please ensure the following information

is conveyed:

- Name of child
- Dates of absences
- Reason for Non Attendance
- Date of Notification
- Name of person supplying information.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Year 7 students will have NO selection as a rotation of subjects will automatically occur.

Year 8 and 9 students will select their NEW specialist subjects in Week 15, Term 2 by numbering 1-4 on the online choice sheet.

Year 10 students will be given a choice sheet to mark their preferences from 1-4. Students will select both Personal Learning Plan (PLP) and one specialist subject, or students who have completed PLP, will choose two specialist subjects.

Year 11 students will select new subjects for Semester 2. This will be completed using an online system with students numbering their preferences from 1 to 4 on the subject lines. Most students will chose six subjects whilst those undertaking VETis, School based apprenticeships or Police Fire Emergency Services etc. will choose five subjects.

Some subjects have a cost and is required to be paid by 29 June to enrol.

COMPASS IS COMING TO PALMERSTON COLLEGE

An online portal that gives parents and students access to:

- Student assessment tasks and timelines
- Student timetables
- Student grades for assessment tasks
- Electronic versions of Term/Semester Reports
- Student attendance (in the future)

<https://www.compass.education>



READING 4 SUCCESS LESSON OUTLINE

ENGAGE (10 MIN)

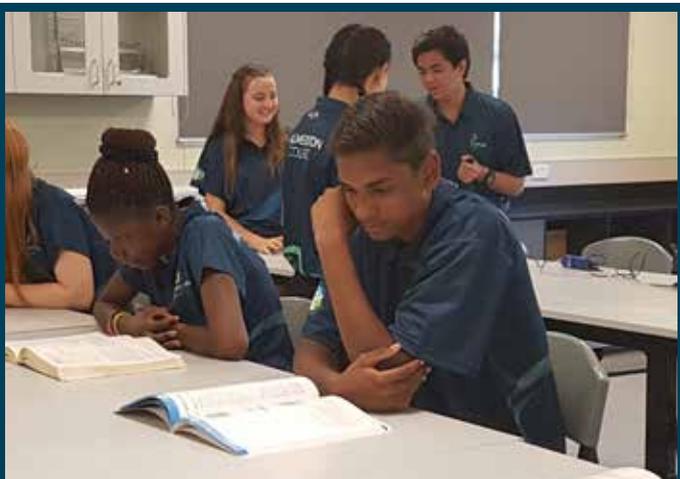
- Students activate their thinking by talking about the novel

LEARN (25 MIN)

- Students listen to text being read/ audio file being played

REVIEW & CLOSURE (10 MIN)

- At the end of each chapter, students engage in class discussion
- Students list new words in glossary page of their books



MATHS

STEM - YOUNG CHANGE AGENTS WORKSHOP

Students from Year 7 to Year 10 participated in the 3 day workshop, teams ranged from 2 students up to 5 students to create social enterprises. In their teams they had to:

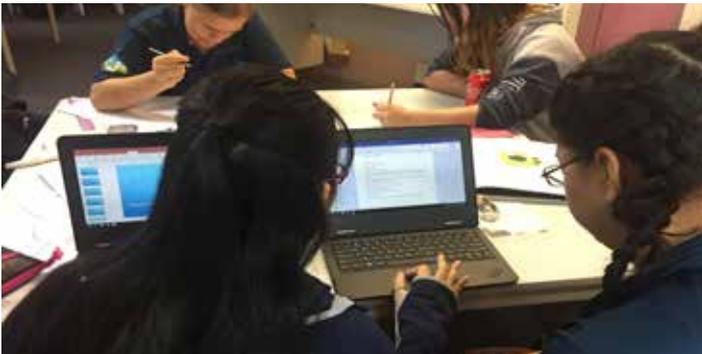
1. Decide on their key focus area.
2. They researched their key focus area.
3. They decided on an application, device or programs they could design to help with their key focus problem
4. They collected information from different sources, eg, surveys and phone calls to relevant parties.
5. They designed their application, device or programs examining what was needed and the start up and running costing. They then had to create a presentation to promote their application, device or program to a panel of 3 independent judges.

6. They undertook their presentation and answered difficult questions from the judges.

There were 2 awards given out to the groups. The first award was the Judges Award that went to the team that created a viral games idea called "Living in the Life of Others" and the People's Choice Award went to team that created a Doggy Café idea.

These teams are able to participate in the school holiday to explore their concepts more and to compete against other schools in Darwin.

There will be another opportunity for more students, both males and females, to participate in a similar workshop in Term 3. This workshop will be facilitated by Mr Campbell McDonald who participated and helped supervise the first workshop.



SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

VISUAL ARTS 7-9 CAMPUS

So far, during Semester 1, the Visual Art students on the 7 – 9 campus have worked very hard and produced some excellent results in response to their classroom studies. As well, some have received some much-deserved accolades for competition entries.

Road Safety Council Bus Shelter Art Work Competition:

The N.T. Road Safety Council has conducted a Bus Shelter Art Design competition since 2016. Students from local schools, primary through to senior level, have been invited to undertake road safety lessons and then design art work for bus shelters. A winning design is then painted on a bus shelter in Darwin or Palmerston.

During Term One, the Year 7 and 8 students had learning sessions with the Road Safety Council which allowed them to participate in the 2018 Bus Shelter Art Work Design competition.

We have three winners, Year 8 students, Codie, Neave and Ginna. Their bus shelter art work can be seen on two shelters in Raffles Road, Gray. Codie and Neave share one bus shelter and Ginna has a shelter to herself. Congratulations to our winners!

The Young Archie's, Art Gallery of New South Wales

A Year 9 Visual Art student, Freya Gornall, has an entry in The Young Archie's award which is the young adolescent equivalent of the prestigious Archibald Prize – a national competition which is open to Australian portrait painters. An exhibition of the entries for the Archibald Prize and The Young Archie's is held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney during the first half of each year with the winners announced in July. Congratulations to Freya for making the deadline and having her work accepted in this exciting competition.



SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

MUSIC - CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are on a Monday at 3:00pm to perform in the 2018 Beat festival "Ignite". Odd numbered weeks are at the 7-9 campus (Forrest Pde) and even numbered weeks are at the 10-12 campus (Tilston Ave):

- Week 17: 28 May – 7-9 campus
- Week 18: 4 June – 10-12 campus
- Week 19: 11 June – 7-9 campus
- Week 20: 18 June – 10-12 campus
- Week 21: 25 June – 7-9 campus

Cluster 2 Rehearsal excursion Thursday 7 June 9:00am – 12:30pm at Sanderson Middle School.

Cluster 3 Rehearsal excursion Wednesday 22 August 9:00am – 2:00pm at Marrara indoor stadium.

Dress Rehearsal and Performance Night Friday 14 September Darwin Entertainment Centre.

Pitch Perfect Vocal Competition

Discovering Darwin's Next Superstar

Be among the first to witness the breakout performance of Darwin's next superstar at the Pitch Perfect vocal competition at Charles Darwin University, Music Auditorium on Saturday 7 July, 2018.

Come along and enjoy the singing spectacular as Darwin's standout middle and high school vocalists take to the microphone in order to win a once in a 'lifetime' prize package including the opportunity to perform in front of 3,500 people at the Northern Territory's night-of nights the Qantas Darwin Turf Club Gala Ball.

The competition will see each high school put forward a maximum of two students to perform before our judging panel, comprising of Zoe Scroggings, Development Manager Darwin Festival, Max Fredericks, NT Schools of Music and Matt Bersconi, Territory 104.1FM.

"Darwin has unearthed several amazing performers who have participated in successful TV vocal competitions including the likes of Jessica Mauboy, Shiane Hawke and Luke West. Students aged 12 to 17 years are eligible and we're hoping Pitch Perfect will provide the platform for the breakout performance of the next big name to come out of the Territory," she said.

On top of the opportunity for the winning performer to sing their feature song on stage at the 2018 Qantas Darwin Turf Club Gala Ball they will receive \$2000 Darwin Turf Club cheque for their school's music department plus vouchers from local retailers and tourist companies, together with styling and media opportunities.



THE BEAT SOLOIST WINNERS

Congratulations to Whitney Mugadza, Kiara Ceniza, Zyla Peacita all in Year 10 and Cassie Ariuu Year 12.

These students were successful at audition and are all soloists in this year's Beat Festival in September at Darwin Entertainment Centre. Well done to all!!! We look forward to seeing you on the main stage in September!

Mrs Gavican

SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Friday 13 April, SEC celebrated National Youth Week by participating in two different hands on classes; breakdance/hip hop and circus skills. Students were given the chance to learn new dance techniques with the support of class

teachers and the visiting artist. Students also learnt juggling, poi swing and many other circus skills. During assembly some of the students were chosen by the artists, to perform with them showcasing what they learnt during the workshops.



ANZAC DAY

As part of the whole school ANZAC day remembrance service, Keeley proudly represented SEC by laying the wreath.

Keeley is very proud of her family and their service to the country and she proudly wore her mother's medals during the service.



ROAD SAFETY BUS SHELTER COMPETITION

The opportunity was presented to Palmerston College to participate in the Darwin Region, Palmerston Region and Rural Regions Bus Shelter Art Competition.

Students create art in conjunctions with a local artists to express their ideas about Road Safety.

We congratulate Marcos Steinhardt for his winning entry and encourage him to continue using his creativity to beautify Palmerston Region with more fantastic ideas!



ANZAC STUDY TOUR

CHIEF MINISTER'S ANZAC STUDY TOUR



AROUND THE COLLEGE

AJ Uybenes up close and personal when Prince Charles visited the NT Government house with the Administrator.



Ms Polly Johnstone completed this mural earlier this year. It was part of the Darwin Street Art Festival. It is in Austin Lane in Darwin City on the Book Shop wall.

PARRS Interschool Sport Events

Students competed in basketball and won overall – Great effort by all.

Netball teams x 2 teams competed and came 2nd and 3rd. The girls also did an excellent job in umpiring and scoring throughout the day. Well done! NOTE: The next PARRS event is Touch Football on the 25 May.



CLONTARF

7-9 CAMPUS

Seven Clontarf academy members from the Palmerston 7-9 Campus joined Haileybury (Host), Sanderson, Dripstone and Nightcliff academies in an after-school activity titled "The Amazing Race" on Wednesday 9 May. This involved a variety of short missions including pitching a tent, completing a jigsaw puzzle, throwing a cricket ball into a set of wickets and kicking Five goals amongst other stages. This activity improved our boys confidence, communication, self-esteem and leadership skills.



10-12 CAMPUS

On ANZAC Day our leaders across both campuses stepped up on the public holiday and showed their respect to the fallen soldiers of the ANZACs.

The lads participated in the march, joining in with all the local schools and community organisations. The boys marched through the city centre and down to the cenotaph and stood in honour. The boys got a chance to lay the wreath on behalf of the foundation. After the ceremony we took the boys for breakfast and dropped the lad's home.



GIRLS ACADEMY

WHOLE COLLEGE

ANZAC Day

Palmerston Girls Academy participated in this year's Anzac Day Dawn Service and March held at Palmerston War Memorial Park.

Both PGA campuses created a wreath using flowers and vines. The wreaths were laid at the service on behalf of PGA staff and students to show respect for fallen soldiers, their families and all past and present defence people.

Couch Surfing Event

During our school holidays PGA students competed in the Couch Surfing Race in Darwin city. This event was hosted and coordinated by Anglicare. PGA students designed and painted the couch and participated in the race. The event was held to raise awareness for homeless youth in the NT

Sport & Fitness

Students have enjoyed learning new skills and playing basketball after school. PGA have played against the Clontarf crew and enjoyed the challenge.

In-Class Support

Each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – All staff sit with students in their classrooms during Lesson 3, staff assist with this Intensive Reading Program to support teachers and ensure students remain focused.

We also support students with their literacy/ numeracy, often our staff will assist in class and/or students may work in the academy. However, we encourage all students to complete their work in class – priority.

We would like to congratulate the following students for their sporting achievements:

- Tabitha for making the women's NT AFL Thunder team that is competing in the Victorian Football League.
- Tulaha for representing the NT in the National Basketball Championships.



COMMUNITY

NTMS MUSIC SCHOOL AT MINDIL BEACH MARKETS

The NT Music School would like to invite students and their families to the Mindil Beach Markets on Thursday 7 June 2018.

Meet the NT Music School teachers and listen to ensemble students featuring choir, guitar, concert band, percussion and rock bands. Performances run from 5.15pm – 8.00pm.

Please join us for this free family event.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Our sister school in Aridagawa, Japan will be visiting for approximately 9 days from around the 10 August. We are seeking families to host the Japanese students. This is a great opportunity to establish friendships with international students, learn about their culture while sharing life in Australia with them. For students of Japanese it is also an opportunity to converse with a native speaker and enhance your language skills. To help with expenses there is a payment from the college of \$250 per week for each student hosted, and students ideally stay in pairs. If you are interested in hosting students, please contact Ms Newman or Mr Overell at the 10-12 Campus.

TRAVEL TO JAPAN

Palmerston College is in the process of organising the return visit by our students to Japan. This experience is open to students from Years 9 to 11. Touring students will experience a week of homestay with a Japanese family while visiting four local schools plus a week of touring Japan with expert local guides. Students will visit places such as: Hiroshima, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka. Students interested in this once in a lifetime experience should collect a brochure from Mr Overell on the 10-12 Campus or Ms Downie on the 7-9 Campus.

PALMERSTON COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year we are holding the Athletics Carnival at the 10-12 Campus on Thursday 7 June. Notes for parents/guardians will be sent home for students on the 7-9 Campus to arrange transport for the day to be dropped off at the 10-12 Campus. More information will go home in the coming weeks.



UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

Dress Matters!

Students are reminded that uniform standards apply at Palmerston College.

Dress Code

- College Polo Shirt
- Black coloured shorts, jeans, trousers or skirts of appropriate length (at least mid-thigh)
- Enclosed shoes



Unacceptable Dress

- Students without College polo
- Light/multi-coloured clothing
- Untidy/dirty uniform
- Ripped/torn clothing
- Very short skirts/shorts
- Tights/leggings or bike shorts
- Rude or offensive slogans/logos
- Spikey/sharp or dangerous jewellery
- Open shoes/thongs



Note: Non-compliance by students with the Uniform Policy and Dress Code may result in consequences being applied

REPORT AN ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY AND IS A KEY TO STUDENT SUCCESS

If your child/ren will be absent from school or if your child is sick or unable to attend for other reasons, you must contact the College and let them know why your child is absent. If more than 3 consecutive days absent it is your obligation as their parent/caregiver to supply a medical certificate.

Attendance is as much parents'/caregivers' and students' responsibility as it is the College's.

Contact Details

Years 7-9 Campus **8997 7999**, option 1

Years 10-12 Campus **8997 7999**, option 2

Special Education Centre (Years 10-12 Campus) **8997 7860**

Student Absentee line – **8997 7999**, option 9

Email: palmerston.college@ntschoools.net

Website: www.palmerstoncollege.nt.edu.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/palmerstoncollege

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I _____ (parent/guardian's full name would like to notify that my child _____,
Year _____ was absent from school on _____ (dates) for the following reason/s: _____

Parent/guardian's signature: _____ Mobile phone number: _____

Please return to the front office on the first day of returning to school.

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