Dear Parents/Caregivers,

World Environment Showcase Day—Tuesday July 5 2016 2:15 p.m.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents, caregivers, friends and family members to join us for our second showcase afternoon. This will be focused around ‘World Environment Day’ and will involve students showcasing their learning across several learning areas. We will also be running a ‘re-use and re-love’ stall which will involve students re-selling their toys, books and games that they no longer want. Students will be responsible for the pricing of these items, selling of the actual items and will be deciding how the money from this stall will be spent.

You will notice that this newsletter is accompanied by letters written by students of the Palmer Student Council, asking for any donations of unwanted items for the stall. Whilst we would appreciate any donations of unwanted items, please know that this is voluntary on your part.

We had such a successful turnout for our first showcase day last term, and would love for an equally successful showcase day this term. We hope to see you all at school on Tuesday afternoon, July 5 at 2:15 pm, commencing with a ‘Recycled art show’ in the technology room.

Live performance—the 52 Storey Treehouse

Just a short reminder that payments are required for the upcoming excursion, the 52 Storey Treehouse. The cost is $7.50 per student, which is half the price of retail tickets, and the cost of the private bus will be paid for by the school and partly subsidised by the Festival Theatre. We appreciate all payments being finalised as soon as possible so that we may confirm numbers. Thank you for your support in this.

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Achievement benchmarks at Palmer PS

Right now, staff are busy writing each student’s mid-year report and assessing them against the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum. As a site we have been reflecting on the expected achievement benchmarks for students at every year level, and have reached a set of expectations that we will strive for.

It is also a good time to remind everyone that the grades given in your child’s report are different to the grades that you or I would have received at school. With the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards, a ‘C’ grade is actually an achievement, something to celebrated as it means that your child is working at the expected level for their year. It is certainly not the ‘just passed’ grade that a C has historically represented. Information about each grade is written on your child’s report, and if further information is sought, you are welcome to speak to either Katrina, Meagan or myself about this.

A copy of the achievement benchmarks will be sent home with the mid-year reports and if you would like any clarification about any of the information on this, please feel free to speak to myself, Katrina or Meagan.

End of term Assembly

We would like to invite you all to join us for the end term ‘special assembly’ as we celebrate student achievements and acknowledge our KIWANIS ‘Terrific kids’ recipients. Murray from the Murray Bridge Lions Club will be presenting the ‘Terrific Kids’ award to the selected Junior and Upper class student at approximately 9:15 a.m., our Assembly will start just after 9:00 on Friday July 8.

BEAR Essential and Last day of Term

As usual, the BEAR Essential will be sent home instead of the fortnightly newsletter on the last day of school. We would also like to remind everyone that students will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. on the last day of school.

Kind regards,

Lauren