Welcome to the new academic year, 2017. This year has started very smoothly at Palmerston Christian School. The teachers and staff are to be commended for their excellent preparation. Students were learning from the moment school officially started. We have high expectations of ourselves and what we are doing at PCS in 2017. Primarily we will ensure your child grows in their faith and understanding of God. Secondly we will ensure your child makes substantial academic progress. We expect that your child’s character will be positively enhanced in our nurturing and safe environment. PCS as a school holds ourselves to a high standard. We value your compliments when we achieve positive outcomes and we also value your feedback if we fall short of your expectations. Together we can work together to ensure Palmerston Christian School is a fantastic place for your child and their growth towards adulthood. It is such a pleasure to partner with you regarding your child in 2017 and beyond.

In the classrooms and on the playground we use “4 Expectations”. Students hear about the “4E’s” or “4 Expectations” regularly and there is regular positive re-enforcement of these expectations. These “4 Expectations” are **RESPECT; SERVICE; RESPONSIBILITY; MAXIMISE LEARNING**. There are many ways we apply these expectations and encourage students positively to apply them. I do believe that the application and demonstration of these values is not just the observable action. It is an attitude of the heart. Luke 10 vs 27 says; **“He answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.”** I believe we as a community will thrive if we put others first. If we seek ways to respect each other, serve each other and behave responsibly. The positive environment at PCS makes it easy to Maximize Learning about God’s world.

We have great expectations of how your child will thrive at PCS this year. I look forward to seeing you at our open evenings this week and other times during the year. We want to partner closely with you and ensure your child has a successful year. Please make sure you get connected on “Compass”. This is an essential portal for you as a parent to receive communication or easily communicate with the class teacher or others in the school.

See you at the open evening

In Christ
Ken McAllister,
Principal
• **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
School photos is fast approaching. Envelopes with orders were sent home last Friday. All orders are due completed with correct money this Friday 10th February. Please see the Office if you need an new order form.

• **BACK TOO SCHOOL VOUCHER**
The NT Government have once again blessed students with the $150 Back to School Vouchers. Please note that these vouchers need to be used by the end of Term 1 and be obtained at the Office.

• **SUBWAY LUNCHES**
This Term, in partnership with Subways, PCS will be trialling Subway lunches each Friday. Each lunch includes a 6-inch Subway sandwich/wrap and a drink for $7.00. Subway cookies are also available for an extra $0.50 each.

All orders need to be received by **Thursday 10am each week** commencing this week (9 February). A special bag will be provided to each class for the orders to go into before being sent to the office.

**Procedure:**
1. Complete the attached order form/envelope (one per student)
2. Place **correct** money in envelope and seal.
3. Return to classroom by **Thursday 10am each week. No late orders will be accepted!**
4. Subway lunch will be sent to the classroom by lunchtime on Friday.
5. Repeat for following week.

Please Note: You must include correct money as change will **not** be provided. All envelopes will be given directly to the supplier and no money will be dealt with by the school office.

If you have a gluten free child, please contact the office to discuss option.

Additional Subway order form/envelopes will be available from the class and office. We are looking forward to a successful trial.
**A Message**
**From The School Chaplain**

Hello Beloved PCS Community!

Some of you would know me from last year. You may have seen me sneaking around the science lab or teaching the middle schoolers a few dance moves.

I am so excited to also be the new School Chaplain this year, so if you see me wandering around the school grounds be sure to come say hi!

I love our PCS community and I am so excited for what this year holds.

Be blessed.

Miss Samantha Price
Primary and Middle School News

Primary News

A big warm WELCOME to all primary students and parents!

We are delighted to have you in our community. We have an incredibly hard working and dedicated team in Primary, and look forward to partnering with you throughout the year. Here at PCS, we value excellence in academics and aim to provide authentic Christian education for all our students as we demonstrate the love of the Lord in all that we do. This year, students will enjoy participating in engaging subjects including Indonesian, Technology and a number of specialist sporting clinics. Students will also take part in different camps, building friendships across year levels. In upper primary our students will participate in leadership training to develop strength in relationship and wellbeing. This year we are blessed to add strength to our primary leadership with the addition of Miss Megan Kennedy joining the team. We are looking forward to the opportunities ahead of us in 2017.

Mrs Lubka Gaitt, Primary Team Leader

Middle School News

Cambodia Mission Trip

We are excited to share that Palmerston Christian School will be offering students from Year 7-10 the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Cambodia on 24 September to 5 October this year.

This trip will give your child the opportunity to actively build a house on Gunty's Island and cultivate a vegetable garden in Ko Ki, helping to change the lives of two Cambodian families. Students will also visit the projects completed by PCS in December 2015 on our first mission trip. Visiting key tourist sites helping the students to understand the poverty and devastation this country has experienced will also be part of this exciting trip.

Uniform

Please see the School website for correct uniform. [http://www.pcs.nt.edu.au/?page_id=232](http://www.pcs.nt.edu.au/?page_id=232)

- Shoes: Must be all black leather, no canvas shoes. Canvas shoes are not suitable for PE classes, Food technology, Science and Woodwork due to OHS.
- White socks- no colours/patterns
- One set of simple earrings, no other jewellery.
- Middles school girls have a new style shorts which are to be worn each day.
- PE shirt and shorts only to be worn on the day your child has PE.
- Alternative PE shoes can be worn only during PE classes.
- No nail polish

Mrs Jill Carter, Middle School Pastoral Care and Curriculum Coordinator
Farewell

The last couple of weeks have been a sad time for our school community with the recent passing of two of our past parents.

Mary-Anne Hunt was a PCS council member, with two sons attending our school. She gave much time and support to our classes and fundraising efforts over the years.

Ruth Taylor was a founding parent, staff member, grandparent and friend to the PCS community since the first day of our school. Her contribution to the school was second to none. She will be greatly missed.

We praise God for both these ladies and our love and prayers go out to their families at this time.
Alpha Parenting:

Date: 8th February, Time: 6:30-8:30pm

(child minding available on registration)

Venue: C3 Darwin, (62 Patterson St, Malak) in the multipurpose room. Duration of course is 5 weeks.

If any parents are interested please contact Kylie Lawrie on 0429 404 035 to let her know for catering and child minding purposes.
YOU’RE INVITED

IMAGINATIONS KIDS

Every Sunday 9.00AM & 5.00PM

Palmerston Morning Service
INKs: Age range 2-12yrs
The INKs programme operates alongside the school term and has a dedicated volunteer children’s ministry team.

Darwin Evening Service
Crèche: Age range 0-4yrs
We have a parents room with audio link for families to supervise their children up to preschool age, complete with toys and activities.

INKs: Age range 5-12yrs
The INKs programme operates alongside the school term and has a dedicated volunteer children’s ministry team.

All our Ministry Leaders and kids church volunteers have current Ochre Cards.