



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 2 - Tuesday, 15 October, 2013



MISSION STATEMENT

Parkes Public School strives for excellence in the education of responsible and respectful students in a safe learning community.

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Congratulations to the Girls Touch Football Team, Western Region Champions!

Welcome to our new students Dokota Bourke and Leela Elliott. We hope you enjoy your time at Parkes Public School.

Debating Success

The Parkes Public School Debating Team has been successful in winning all of their debates in the Western Debating Challenge. Today they debated against Quandialla Central School and the topic was *'That Celebrities are Worth the Money They Earn'*.

The team put forward some very creditable arguments to support their case and effectively rebutted the negative team's case. The team pictured below is Madison Bland (first speaker), Hannah Blunt (second speaker) and Darcy Hilder (third speaker) and Morris Arnold (the fourth member).



NAPLAN Results

Results for the Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN tests will be sent home this week. Please contact the school if have not received your child's results by Friday.

Choir News

There will be choir practice as usual, in KL classroom, on Wednesday.

Mrs Bland

Found

Items of children's jewellery were found outside the infants bus gate late in Term 3. Please contact the office, and describe any your child may have lost.

Kids Ark East Timor

Every Monday morning we collect money from our students and teachers for Kids Ark. This week we collected \$29.00.

Anaphylaxis / Asthma Medication

Important information for parents of children who do not already carry their own medication for anaphylaxis or asthma.

Dear Parent

We are strongly committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our students at this school.

We know that this is best achieved when we keep you informed and work in partnership with both you and, where possible, your children.

In May 2011, a 16 year old boy died after having an anaphylactic reaction at his NSW government high school. An inquest was held into his tragic death in December 2012.

The NSW State Coroner made a recommendation about students carrying their own EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] or asthma reliever medication to and at school.

She recommended that high school aged children with asthma and/or allergies be actively encouraged to carry their EpiPen[®] or Anapen[®] and/or asthma reliever medication with them to school and at school. This would be in **addition** to any medication you provide us to use if your child needs our help.

For some students in their upper primary years it may also be appropriate for them to carry their own medication to and at school.

I know that not every school student will be ready to do this now.

Please seriously consider whether your son or daughter should carry their adrenaline auto-injectors or asthma reliever medication with them to school.

If you are not sure about this - who can you talk to?

Talk to your child's doctor if you have any doubts or concerns.

Is there anything you should tell your child if he or she is carrying their own EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] or asthma reliever to school?

Yes - please remind him or her to:

- carry their EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] or asthma reliever medication with them to and at school each day
- keep a copy of their *ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis* with their EpiPen[®], Anapen[®]; and/or keep their Asthma Action plan with their reliever medication
- know how and when this medication should be used
- keep their medication with them in an easily accessible and identifiable spot. For example some parents have bought pouches so their children can carry around their EpiPen[®] or Anapen[®] wherever they go
- tell a teacher **immediately** if they start to feel unwell or sick at school. Please tell them this won't get them into trouble if they do this
- tell you immediately if their medication is used, lost or misplaced or is nearing its expiration date; and
- carry their EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] or asthma reliever medication with them on all school excursions, training at TAFE and any work experience or structured work place learning your child is involved in.

We in the school will tell your child the same things.

You will still need to provide the school with an EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] or asthma reliever medication.

The school still needs you to provide at least one additional EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] and/or asthma reliever medication for your child in case we need it in an emergency. This could happen, for example, if your child doesn't have theirs with them at school when it is needed. We will store it in a central location in the school and use it to help your child if needed.

It is important to tell the school if your child is carrying their own EpiPen[®], Anapen[®] and/or asthma reliever medication.

The school needs to know that your child carries their own medication. This will be important in the event of an emergency.

Assistant Principal's Message



An increasing number of students in primary school are using social media sites, search engines and online games regularly. Whilst at school students access the Internet through the departmentally controlled server which blocks inappropriate sites and games however, when at home, this responsibility falls on the shoulders of parents who are often not as computer savvy as their children.

Below is a checklist of important things to do when helping children to navigate social networking sites, search engines or online games safely.

Being Cyber Smart:

- Look after each other online - talk with your family and friends about how to be cybersafe.
- Download the Government's Cybersafety Help Button. The Help Button provides internet users, particularly children, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia. (This download is available from the CyberSmart site listed below.)
- Think before you post! Posting personal information - including photos - may seem harmless but could put people at risk. Once it's online, it's really hard to take down.
- Keep your passwords secret. To make your password really hard to hack make sure it includes numbers and symbols, and change it often. Visit Stay Smart Online for more information.
- Smartphones can pinpoint your exact location and publish this online. Think carefully before you check in and tell the world where you are. Learn more at Cybersmart's Geolocaters page.

- Check if the site has an age limit or rating. Some have age limits to protect you from inappropriate content. Parents can check out Cybersmart's infographic for handy tips on pre-teens that want to join social networking sites.
- Use the Cybersafety Help Button to report cyberbullying and inappropriate content directly to social media sites, the ACMA or the Australian Federal Police.
- Use the privacy settings to control who can see your personal information. You can also use a site's settings to block users who make you feel uncomfortable.
- There is no such thing as safe sexting. You could be breaking the law if you send, receive or forward these types of pictures. Learn more at Cybersmart's Sexting page.
- Tribute pages dedicated to the memory of a friend or loved one need to be carefully monitored - it can be very upsetting if people make disrespectful or offensive comments on these pages. Carefully manage your page permissions to control who can access and post to the page.

These tips, links and more valuable information to educate your children can be found at: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> including cybersmart information for 0-7 year olds, 8-12 year olds and 13-18 year olds.

Mrs Earsman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 25 October	Primary Swimming for Sport starts
Wednesday, 6 November	Year 1 Excursion to Telescope
Friday, 15 November	McDonald/Magill Tennis Cup
Thursday, 21 November	K-2 Socials
Weeks 8 and 9	Year 2 Swim School
Tuesday, 3 December	Years 3 to 6 Socials
Wednesday, 4 December	PBL Awards Ceremony
Thursday, 5 December	Christmas Street Parade
Monday, 9 December	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, 10 December	K-2 Presentation Assemblies
Wednesday, 11 December	Reports Home to Parents
Thursday, 12 December	Presentation Night
Monday, 16 December	Year 6 Pool Party
Wednesday, 18 December	Last Day for Students to Attend
Thursday, 19 and Friday, 20 December	Staff Development Days

DON'T FORGET

- ◆ **Kindergarten 2014 Orientation**
Begins Wednesday, 16 October
- ◆ **Book Club Issue 7**
Closes Wednesday, 23 October
- ◆ **Year 1 Excursion**
Money due for excursion to Parkes Telescope on Wednesday, 6 November

Student Achievements



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Lucy Flynn	6B
Katie Tanswell	5K
Kasey MacDonald	4S
Izaak Longhurst	5K
Samuel Davison-Henry	2M
Jackson Guy	5A
Thomas Barnes	4/5R



Badge

Kodie Lee Whitney	5A
Izaak Longhurst	5K

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

The children who received the literacy awards and capes at the Infants Assembly were:

Kindergarten	Alek Smith Sumika Prescott
Year 1	Jade Harding
Year 2	Dominic Brown
Welcome	Dean Anforth



CONGRATULATIONS to the following infants students who have been awarded a mufti day:

Savannah Shea
Brock Charlton
Jaden Hartley
Jake Sinclair
Marnie Noakes
Lilly Turner

Thomas Fredericks
Nicholas Gascoigne
Hunter Green
Sterling Green
Ethan Hunt
Rhys James

Gage Kirk
Jazara-Maree Gibson
Jackson Smythe-Evans
Daniel Chambers-Hando
Harrison Vasconcelos

Canteen News



Save Time

Order on-line at www.flexischools.com.au

Nut and Seafood Products

Please do not send peanut butter or fish/seafood sandwiches for school lunches - and please try very hard to avoid packing nut products. **Thank you for your consideration.**

The Canteen Needs Your Help!

Please consider helping out in the canteen. It can be for a few hours or once a week, once a month or once a term. Children love seeing their parents or even grandparents helping in the canteen.

Please give the canteen a call or pop in and see Lisa and the crew anytime Tuesday to Friday.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4, WEEK 2

Tues	15 Oct	Help / Help
Wed	16 Oct	A Weber
Thur	17 Oct	Help / Help
Fri	18 Oct	Help / Help

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4, WEEK 3

Tues	22 Oct	Help / Help
Wed	23 Oct	M Whitaker
Thur	24 Oct	Help / Help
Fri	25 Oct	Help / Help

If you can't do your rostered day, please try to find a substitute.

Sport News

Girls Touch - Western Region Winners!

Parkes Public School girls are the 2013 Western Region Touch Champions. The girls played their regional final against Wallerawang in Parkes on Friday in their toughest game of the year. They produced some excellent dodging skills and taps and maintained a strong defence line to keep a nil-all score at half-time.

Manager/coach Mrs Gardiner gave the girls a pep talk during the break - reminding them of using smart and skilful strategic play during the second half. She also reminded them to have fun. The words of wisdom seemed to rally the girls with some excellent wide passing out to wing Kodie Lee Whitney who managed to dive across the line to score an awesome first try of the game.

Not too long after, a speedy run again on the outside, resulted in Kodie Lee securing our second try - a penalty try awarded by the referee due to continuous phantom taps from the opposition.

Parkes wings: Marites Woods, Kodie Lee Whitney and Abby Greenaway showed excellent defence skills while link players: Madison Bland, Hannah Potts, Annalise Maier and Kaiawa Welsh held their positions well to keep the opposition at bay and to get the ball out to their wings. Centre players: Phoebe Potts, Ashleigh Ward and Cassandra Ward showed great shooting skills making sure the opposition did not gain too much ground.

Boys Cricket

The boys last round of PSSA cricket, against Dubbo Public School will take place at Keast Park-2 on Monday, 21 October. The game will begin at 10.00am. Training will be held on Thursday, 17 October from 4.30pm at Keast Park.

Close to full-time Wallerawang replied with a fast run on the left wing resulting in the visitor's first try of the game.

At full time with the score 2-1 Parkes way, Cheney Park came alive to the sounds of 10 extremely excited Parkes Public students realising they were Western Region Champions!

Congratulations to the girls and thank you to Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Earsman and parents for supporting our school's latest Western Region Champions.

Thank you also to Parkes Touch Association for supplying a referee.

The team will compete in the NSW PSSA Touch Finals Carnival at Wyong on the Central Coast on Monday, 28 October. Good luck girls!



Student of the Week



Name: Aaron Wright

Age: 12

Class: 6B

Teacher: Mrs Buchanan

Favourite activities:

I like hockey, hunting, skiing and rugby union.

Teacher Comments:

Aaron is a very talented sportsperson and is a very valued member of Parkes Public's hockey, rugby union and AFL teams.

What career interests you?

I want to be a hockey player or a farmer.

P&C News

P&C Meeting - Monday, 21 October at 7.30pm

Howard Orr, the Senior Environmental Health and Building Surveyor from Parkes Shire Council will be coming to speak at Monday's P&C Meeting. Mr Orr will be speaking about the **changes to the parking signage** around the school and the **future operation of the parking officer in the school zones**.

Picture Plates

Thank you to everyone who ordered plates and helped support our school's P&C. Remember money raised does go back into supporting our kids!

Orders have closed now and art templates have been handed out. The children will be doing their art at school and needs to be completed by Friday, 25 October. All artwork will then be collected and sent off to be made into plates. The plates will be back before end of Term 4. Thank you again for your support.

Sam Lydford, P&C President

Community Noticeboard

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive Starting Soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for pre-schoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$65.00 for school-aged children and \$47.00 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.



St George's Toy Library

- ◆ 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
- ◆ Starting Tuesday, 22 October 2013
- ◆ 3.30pm-5.30pm

St George's Anglican Church
(Lower Hall)
Church Street
Phone: 6862 1868