



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 3 - Tuesday, 22 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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## Happy Grandparents' Week to all the grandparents in our school community! Thank you to those who assist with activities at school!!

To celebrate Grandparents' Week the K-2 students would like to invite their grandparents to come and join them in their classrooms for a reading afternoon on Friday, 25 October from 2.30pm.

## The shade shelter over our sandpit is finally a reality!!!

Thank you to Jason Kennedy and his band of workers, who have assembled the shelter over the Infants' sandpit. It will be lovely to have the shade during the hot summer months.

**WELCOME** to Tyler Jenkins and Ciara Tandy who have moved from Stuart Town this week. We hope that you enjoy your time at Parkes Public School.

## ST JOHNS FIRST AID PROGRAM

Last week, Years 3 and 4 students undertook some first aid training. Each class had an hour session and feedback was very positive. The children were each given a bandage to take home. Our school was only the second school in the region to participate in the course. Next year it is anticipated the course will also be extended to include Years 5 and 6 students.

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

By the end of Week 4 of this term staff will have already participated in Focus on Reading, online autism training, behaviour modification with Ian Luscombe from Redbank Behaviour School and ICT.

## ORIENTATION FOR KINDER 2014

The next visit for our next year's Kindergarten students will be this Thursday, 24 October at 9.30am.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 7 November. If you would like an issue addressed, please put in writing and address to Mrs Breaden by Friday, 1 November.

**AECG MEETINGS** - Thursday, 7 November at Parkes Public School assembly hall.

## NEW SPORT SHIRTS

There has been a delay from the supplier and the new sport shirts will not be here until at least next week (Week 4). A definite delivery time will be advised in the newsletter.

*Mandy Whitaker, Uniform Shop*

# For Your Information



## Year 7 Selective High School Applications for 2015

Applications are now invited for students who are interested in applying for a position at a selective government high school in Year 7. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 13 March, 2014. Please note, this is also applicable for students who may wish to access the Virtual Selective Year 7 class at Parkes High School in 2015. Please contact Mrs Buchanan for further information.

## Michael Grose's Parenting Ideas Magazine

Issue 10 of Michael Grose's Parenting Ideas Magazine has been released. All parents can access this by googling Parenting Ideas. Simply go to school member. Our user name is parkesps and our password is 2870.

## Kid's Ark East Timor

Money is collected Mondays. This week we collected \$10.00.

# Landcare Excursion to the Library

Very eager environmental activists from 3N and 4M travelled to the town library to learn more about how water is used in our world. 4M student Jai Thompson was astonished to learn that we have less than 1% of the total water available for drinking and household use.

The students enjoyed playing with the interactive trailer and using the model of the town. Caleb Barlow was interested in the factory, and how much green waste it polluted into our water ways. Many thanks to the organisers from Parkes Shire Council and Landcare.



# Mrs Breaden's Message



How lovely it is to be back at school with our delightful students!

I was very excited to be greeted with the news that our debating team has gained a position in the Western Region debating final and that our girls touch team has become the Western Region winners. I am very proud of our students and their teachers, Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Gardiner.

I was also delighted to see the wonderful shade shelter that has been erected by Mr Jason Kennedy and his band of helpers. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful parents associated with our school. Looking at our grounds over the weekend made me realise how lucky our children are to go to school in Australia. Whilst travelling overseas to the East Coast of USA and Canada I saw a number of schools. We are certainly fortunate that we have our grounds! The schools in New York appeared to have no playing fields. The school buildings' walls came out to the sidewalk and formed the fences around the schools. Security guards were at the exit doors and along the footpath where the children were catching buses. There was also a strong police presence. I could see security guards inside the courtyards of the playgrounds.

I visited Hawaii for a few days as a stopover on the way home. The schools I saw there had a few buildings which looked a bit like old fashioned two storey motels with a verandah running along the outside and an outdoor staircase. The grounds

were very bare and had no sporting fixtures, playground equipment and very few trees. Again it was brought home to me how fortunate we are to live in Australia.

Some new Insight material has just been released by Michael Grose. One of the articles is about 'Parenting When You Don't See Instant Results'. The results of parenting often don't come until adulthood and I can vouch for that! That's one of the great frustrations of being a parent. There aren't too many activities you do where it takes years to see the results but parenting is one of them! As your children grow up, you put in a lot of ground work teaching them how to behave, how to be confident, how to treat others well and so on. However you don't always see the *real* results of all that effort until your children become adults. Nevertheless, you've got to keep doing the right thing regardless, even though it takes a lot of faith, particularly when you don't see results for the effort you put in. A very wise saying, 'small hinges swing big doors' is a helpful thought. It's the little things done by parents on a regular basis that make the biggest difference to kids. You've just got to choose the right actions and keep doing them... day after day. Have faith that the results will come.....eventually!

I hope you find the above encouraging!

Have a wonderful week!

*Mrs Breaden*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 25 October	Primary Swimming for Sport Starts
Wednesday, 6 November	Year 1 Excursion to Telescope
Thursday, 7 November	AECG Meetings
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

- ◆ **Book Club - Issue 7**  
Closes tomorrow, Wednesday, 23 October
- ◆ **Years 3-6 Swimming Programme**  
Starts Friday - Pool entry money due
- ◆ **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**

Jessica Tassell	4S
Genevieve Bland	2P
Lachlan Tassell	6B
Laura Rusten	4S
Harry Jones	1D
Trae Kirwan	5A

**Badge**

Lucy Flynn	6B
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## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Thomas Ball Dylan Pearce
Year 1	Hunter Green Caitlin Brown
Year 2	Harmih Turnbull Molly Kennedy



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

Kirah-Lee O'Malley	Molly Kennedy	Aleena Phelan
Matilda Wilson	Maely MacGregor	Chyler Skillin
Josephine Lynch	Jorja Rusten	Simon Hogan
Nicholas McMaugh	Hunter Hawke	Jack Pinkstone
Zac Nash	Liam Moody	Laney Cantrell
Bryce O'Malley	Lochie Trueber	Jesse Woods
Camron Prior	Harmih Turnbull	
Dylan Tyne	Heidi-Lee Pearce	

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who have gone up a level on the PBL Commendation System:

Nikita Martin	Hannah Martyn	Tayla Laneyrie
Caleb Wirth	Tobey Thorne	Bridget Matthews
Rebecca Kearney	Connor Trueber	Georgia Smith
Jacob Berry	Michael Ross	Dylan Duffy
Dylan Jeffery	Jack Woods	Brendon Clarke
Ebonee Harding	James Garraway	Will Bevan
Jack Whitaker	Lachlan Hando	Blake Whitney
Georgia McHugh-Douglas	Katie Tanswell	Brandon Mitchell
Jade Verstegen	Larni Maxwell	Christopher McCreadie
Emily Sole	Tiarne Rusten	Amba Fairley
Jason Wright	Alice Hayes	

# Canteen News



## Save Time

Order on-line at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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 3

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

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4, WEEK 4

Tues	29 Oct	Help / Help
Wed	30 Oct	A Weber
Thur	31 Oct	Help / Help
Fri	1 Nov	Help / Help

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



# Possum Magic

By Angelique Bland, KE

Once upon a time, but not very long ago there were two possums named Grandma Poss and Hush. Hush asked if he could be invisible. So Grandma Poss used her bush magic to make Hush invisible. Then quite unexpectedly, Hush said can I be visible again? "Yes sure", said Grandma Poss. So Grandma Poss looked in her magic book but the magic she was looking for wasn't there at all. The next morning, Grandma Poss shouted "it's something to do with food, people food". "But I can't remember what". Then they found a vegemite sandwich and Hush's tail appeared. Then they had some Pavlova and Hush's legs and his body came back. Then they had some ANZAC biscuits and Hush's arms appeared. Then they had some lamingtons and Hush's head appeared, and they sang "here we go round the lamington plate 'til early in the morning".

# Student of the Week



**Name:** Connor Morgan

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6B

**Teacher:** Mrs Buchanan

**Favourite activities:**

I like pigging, hunting, motorbike riding, skiing, tennis and visiting friends.

**Teacher Comments:**

Connor is an outstanding student. He enjoys working with other students and is a good presenter in our peer support lessons.

**What career interests you?**

I want to be a farmer or professional motorbike rider.

# *Sport News*

***Congratulations to Zoe Hall, Kodie Lee Whitney and Hannah Potts who last week represented Western Region at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush.***

Zoe Hall competed in the junior girls' shot put and Kodie Lee Whitney ran in the 10 year girls' 100m and 200m events. The two Year 5 students put in super efforts with Zoe finishing 21st out of 41 competitors and Kodie Lee putting in two strong performances finishing a credible seventh out of 40 in each of her two respective events.

Year 6 student Hannah Potts competed in the 11 years girls' high jump. Hannah found fine form at Sydney Olympic Park recording a personal best height and completing five rounds of jumping.

The girls were all a little nervous at the start of competition and each enjoyed the experience of competing at such an elite level.

Congratulations on your amazing efforts girls!

## **NSW PSSA State Cricket Carnival**

Year 6 siblings Hannah and Phoebe Potts are representing Parkes Public and Western Region at the NSW PSSA State Cricket Carnival at Bomaderry this week. The girls and their Western team mates will play two matches daily against primary school teams from Sydney and throughout New South Wales. Good luck girls!

## **Lachlan Cricket Trials**

Last Monday, 14 October Mitch Wright, Matthew Dillon, Koby Johnstone, Lachlan Vasconcelos and Toby Thorne attended the Lachlan Cricket Trials at Woodward Oval.

After a long session in the cricket nets and on the field a team was selected.

Congratulations to Mitch, Matthew and Koby who made the team and will now represent Lachlan at the Western Cricket Trials in Dubbo on Friday, 22 November.

## **Years 3-6 Swimming Programme**

The Year 3-6 swimming programme begins this week. Students will need swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and t-shirt or rashie for Friday sport. Pool entry of \$2.00 can be paid to class teacher on Friday morning. The total (\$12.00) for the six week programme can be paid to the office. Students with season tickets will need to provide their class teacher with their ticket number.

Our Friday timetable is altered for the duration of the programme. Recess for Primary students will be after students have returned from the pool. The primary canteen will not operate at recess on Fridays. There will be a fruit break at 10.00am.

# *Value of the Week*

## **DETERMINATION**

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

Without determination, things don't get done. People give up easily and don't ask for help when they need it. With determination, even the hardest task becomes a challenge we are willing to accept. We do things that matter in the world. With determination, we can make our dreams come true.

# Hot Shots Players of the Week

**Name:** Dylan Pearce

**Age:** 6

**Class:** KL

**Plays:** Right-handed

**Favourite player:**

Miss Woodley

**Favourite Hot Shots game:**

Pancakes

**Hot Shots Coach:** Miss Woodley

**What's the first thing you think of when you hear the word Tennis?** The letter T

**What do you dream of achieving in tennis?** To hit the ball over the net!



**Name:** Hannah Potts

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6S

**Plays:** Left-handed

**Favourite players:**

Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal

**Favourite Hot Shots**

**game:** Craters and Volcanoes

**Hot Shots Coach:** Helen Magill

**What's the first thing you think of when you hear the word Tennis?** Trophy

**What do you dream of achieving in tennis?** To serve as fast as 120km!



**Name:** Mrs Gardiner

**Age:** Young and fit

**Class:** 1/2G

**Plays:** Right-handed

**Favourite player:** Brad Magill

**Favourite Hot Shots game:** Rallies using the pegs

**Hot Shots Coach:** Helen Magill

**What's the first thing you think of when you hear the word Tennis?** Ball

**What do you dream of achieving in tennis?**

Being able to serve the ball and have it go over the net!



## Community Noticeboard

### St Georges Anglican Church Activities

- ◆ **Kids Club**
  - Friday afternoons from 4.00-5.30pm
  - \$2.00 includes afternoon tea
- ◆ **Sunday School**
  - Sundays during school terms
  - Parents are welcome to stay for the 9.30am service while the children are at Sunday School
- ◆ **SGY's**
  - Friday from 6.00-8.30pm
- ◆ **Little Acorns Playing Group**
  - Tuesdays 10.00am-12.00pm
  - Contact Michelle on 6862 2083

**Corner Hill and Church Streets, Parkes**

**6862 1868 or 6862 2083**

# Community Noticeboard

## Free two day workshop and information sessions for Parents/Carers of school age students on the autism spectrum.

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

### ***What will you learn?***

As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child's participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system's processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families.

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

### **Workshop details:**

Venue: Bathurst Convention and Function Centre

Corner Howick and Peel Streets, Bathurst, NSW, 2795

When: Two day workshop - Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 November 2013

Day 1: 9.00am-4.30pm (Registration from 8.15am) Day 2: 9.00am-3.30pm

Registration opens Wednesday, 9 October 2013 and closes two days prior. We strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible. You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au).

## **Netball Representative Team Trials**

Parkes and District Netball Association (PDNA) will be holding Representative Team Trials for the 2014 seasons on Thursday, 31 October. Trials will be conducted for all age groups from 11-17 years from 4.30-5.30pm and Opens and State League from 5.45-6.30pm. Player nomination form and information pack can be found on the PDNA website [www.parkes.netball.asn.au](http://www.parkes.netball.asn.au) or from control during the Tuesday night competition.

## **Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival**

Don't miss the Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival beginning Friday, 25 October. The festival is held in Forbes and is totally free. So set aside Friday night and all day Saturday to celebrate this brilliant community event worth supporting. Sunday head into the Kids Pool Party at the town pool from 10.00am with a show at 1.00pm.

Please hop on line and check out [www.riverartsfestival.org.au](http://www.riverartsfestival.org.au) or River Arts Festival Forbes on Facebook.