



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 5 - Tuesday, 8 November 2016



## 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 Harry Jones, Mikayla Swain and Charlotte Gould on achieving School Merit Badges!

Congratulations to our cricket team who had a very strong win over Eglinton Public School last week! They now go on to play Hanwood Public School, the winner of that match will progress to the state semi-finals. Good luck to our team!



Good luck to our Hot Shots Tennis Team who are playing in the state finals of the Todd Woodbridge Cup tomorrow at Homebush!

Congratulations to our choir for their wonderful performance at the Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House, last week!!

# For Your Information



## **ALL SYSTEMS GO!!!**

### **Performing Arts Concert**

Rehearsals are in full swing for Parkes Public School's Showcase Concert. The concert is on Tuesday, 22 November at 7.00pm in the school hall. Audience entry is a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to our Creative and Performing Arts program.

Students have received a note regarding their costume requirements. If you have not received this, please contact your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to performing for you.

*Mrs Peden*

### **Band News**

It is great to see so many students turning up on time to band practice. Please remember that band fees are now due and will need to be paid by Week 9.

Students should be practising their pieces daily as we have lots of performances coming up including the performing arts concert on Tuesday, 22 November and presentation night on Thursday, 8 December.

*Mrs Watson*

### **Week 5 Infants Assembly**

1L will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 9 November. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Thank you, Miss Lee*

### **Kindergarten Excursion - Bushman Dam**

As part of our science topic 'Living Things' the kinder students will take part in an excursion to Bushman Dam on Thursday, 10 November. This excursion is very kindly organised for us by Parkes Shire Council in association with Landcare.

This day will provide 'hands on' experiences for our students.

We will walk from school at approximately 9.00am and walk back to school by 12.00noon.

Students will need to bring:

- a bottle of water and food for recess in a clearly labelled plastic bag
- a hat
- asthma medication for those who may need it.

With thanks, *Kindergarten Team*

## **PBL Celebration**

Our next PBL celebration to acknowledge the hard work and positive behaviour of our students will be on this **Friday, 11 November**.

The students from K-6 are invited to go around an obstacle course and join the water play in the primary playground. They will go over the course in stages at various times during the day for about 20-30 minutes. They will get changed, as it is possible that they will get wet, so it is important that they bring the following items in a separate bag and that their extra clothes are labelled.

**Infants** students will need to bring:

- swimmers or their sport uniform
- a towel
- water shoes or an extra pair of shoes that might get wet.

**Primary** students will need to bring:

- swimmers or some clothes that can get wet. Students may like to wear their swimmers under their uniform and bring underwear to change into
- a towel
- water shoes or an extra pair of shoes that can get wet.

There is no swimming this week for primary classes so these students will already be in sport uniform.

We are looking forward to having a fun time.

**The next P&C meeting** will be held on Monday, 21 November at 6.30pm.

## **Lost**

- ♦ Sloppy-joe with 'Kade' embroidered
- ♦ Hat with 'Kade' embroidered
- ♦ Hat with 'Bodhi' embroidered

If found please return to Kade Ashcroft in 1L or Bodhi Ashcroft in 2E.

- ♦ Hat with 'Venaglia' embroidered

If found please return to Jensen Venaglia in 1L.

- ♦ Silver signet ring with 'CG' engraved

If found please return to Charlotte Gould in 3W.

# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 5!

I would like to begin this week by saying what a privilege it was for me to be able to attend the Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House last week. I was absolutely blown away by the talented students who performed on the night, from public schools right across New South Wales. Our choir were fantastic and it was a pleasure to see the enjoyment the children gained from participating in such a wonderful event. A huge thank you needs to go to Mrs Colleen Leonard, Mrs Sonia Bland and Mrs Judy Elliott who have spent many, many hours preparing our choir for the festival!

Congratulations to our cricket team which defeated Eglinton Public School last Thursday. They now progress to the state quarter-finals, with their next match to be played against Hanwood Public School next Tuesday, 15 November in Parkes.

Our Hot Shots Tennis Team are competing in the state finals of the Todd Woodbridge Cup tomorrow at Homebush. Best of luck to all the students involved and Mrs Dolbel who has coordinated our tennis program.

Our Year 5 students who nominated themselves to become prefects in 2017, will be invited to stand for election for school captains positions in 2017 over a two week period from Monday, 21 November to Friday, 2 December. Students will be given time to prepare their speeches and will address our primary student body during this time. Voting will then commence for students in Years 3-5. This is certainly a time of excitement and encouragement for those students wishing to be elected. Our school captains and vice-captains will be announced at our presentation evening on Thursday, 8 December. Good luck!

Last week we finalised our orientation to Kindergarten, 2017 program. Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended the information sessions about life in Kindergarten next year. A big thank you to our P&C President, Jason Kennedy, our P&C Treasurer Vivienne King and our P&C Uniform Shop Coordinator, Tanya MacGregor, for speaking so positively about our school to the families who were present. Also, thank you to Mrs Judy Elliott who ran the sessions.

Have a great week everyone.

*Mr Smith*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 10 November ..... Kindergarten to Bushman Dam  
Friday, 11 November ..... PBL Celebration 'Fun Time'  
Wednesday, 16 November ... Helper's Morning Tea  
Monday, 21 November ..... Year 2 Learn to Swim Program  
Tuesday, 22 November ..... Performing Arts Concert at 7.00pm  
Thursday, 1 December ..... K-2 Social  
Mon, 5/Tues, 6 December.... Special Ed Variety Club Excursion  
Tuesday, 6 December ..... K-2 Presentation Assemblies  
Thursday, 8 December ..... Presentation Night  
Tuesday, 13 December ..... Class Parties  
Years 3-6 Socials  
Friday, 16 December ..... Term 4 ends for Students

## DON'T FORGET

**PBL Celebration 'Fun Time'**  
Friday, 11 November

**Performing Arts Concert**  
Tuesday, 22 November at 7.00pm

**Uniform Shop Opening Times**  
Wednesday: 8.45-9.30am  
and  
Friday: 2.45-3.30pm

**Primary Sport - Swimming**  
\$10.00 payment due now  
(if no season ticket)



# Student Achievements



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who gained a:

## White Merit Certificate

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Harry Jones      | 40   |
| Mincarlle Lovett | 3W   |
| Chloe Chandler   | 3W   |
| Mikayla Swain    | 40   |
| Cooper Smith     | 2E   |
| Bonnie Hall      | 2R   |
| Marnie Noakes    | 4R   |
| Charlotte Gould  | 3W   |
| Billy Cox        | 1/2A |
| Nash Moore       | 1B   |
| Slade Moore      | 2E   |
| Lily Werth       | 3/4S |

## Badge

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Harry Jones     | 40 |
| Mikayla Swain   | 40 |
| Charlotte Gould | 3W |



## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

|              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Chelsea Hall<br>Rosie Parkin    |
| Year 1       | Jacob Martin<br>Matilda Haensch |
| Year 2       | Bridie Weaver<br>Joel Bing      |



# Student of the Week

**Name:** Lucy Turner

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6S

**Teacher:** Miss King

**Teacher comments:** Lucy is a bubbly, energetic member of our class. She tries hard in all she does, and is a wonderful friend.

**Favourite activities:** Hockey, swimming, farming, playing with my friends and trying new things.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be a famous hockey player, work at Currajong Disability Services or the Prime Minister.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 4, Week 5

|      |        |   |
|------|--------|---|
|      |        | 10.00-2.00pm Mon, Tue, Thur<br>10.00-1.30pm Fri |
| Thur | 10 Nov | Maria Carpenter/Amanda Clark                    |
| Fri  | 11 Nov | Helen Longhurst/ Rebecca Freeman                |

### CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 4, Week 6

|      |        |                              |
|------|--------|------------------------------|
| Mon  | 14 Nov | Mel Ashcroft                 |
| Tue  | 15 Nov | Christine Egan/Amanda Clark  |
| Thur | 17 Nov | Maria Carpenter/Amanda Clark |
| Fri  | 18 Nov | Mel Davies/Nat Hicks         |

If you can't do your rostered day, please contact Belinda at the canteen.



# 4R's Dancing Bear Appeal

Last week, students in 4R read the book, 'The Deliverance of Dancing Bears' by Elizabeth Stanley. This story, based on the author's real experiences, detailed the sad life of many bears in countries such as Romania, Turkey, Pakistan and India. These bears are stolen from the wild when they are cubs and trained to 'dance' for tourists. The training practices used by the 'owners' are extremely cruel.

The students have all been deeply moved by the plight of these bears and they have all written expositions, detailing why this practice should be stopped. It has actually been illegal in many countries since the 1970's, but it has not been enforced. These pieces of writing are being sent to the World Animal Protection organisation.

4R students were also keen to do something more, so they decided they would like to present some of their expositions to the assembly this coming Friday. On behalf of our school, 4R are asking for primary students to bring in a small donation to send on to this reputable organisation. The money will go towards stopping this cruel practice and the rehabilitation of these animals in purpose-built sanctuaries around the world.



The money will be collected by 4R students on Friday morning.

4R thank you for your support.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Instructional Leader Literacy and Numeracy, Tracey Lickess, on her presentation at the state-wide Early Action for Success Forum in Sydney, last week.

Tracey was invited to speak to celebrate with colleagues how literacy has significantly improved at the school since 2014, and where we are going next.



## Value of the Week - Respect

### What is Respect?

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which makes life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

### Why Practise Respect?

Without respect for rules, we would have confusion. People would treat each other rudely and violate each other's privacy and other rights. Respect helps people feel valued. Elders deserve special respect because they have lived longer and learned many of life's lessons. Self-respect is making sure no one hurts you or abuses you, even an elder. When you respect yourself, others respect you, too.

### Respect

#### How Do You Practise Respect?

Think about how you would like others to treat you and treat them with the same dignity. How would you like others to speak to you, treat your belongings, and your right to privacy? If you want to use someone else's things, ask, and then take good care of them. Express even your strongest feelings in a peaceful way. Treat yourself as you feel others deserve to be treated. You deserve it too!

#### Affirmation

*I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of my elders.*

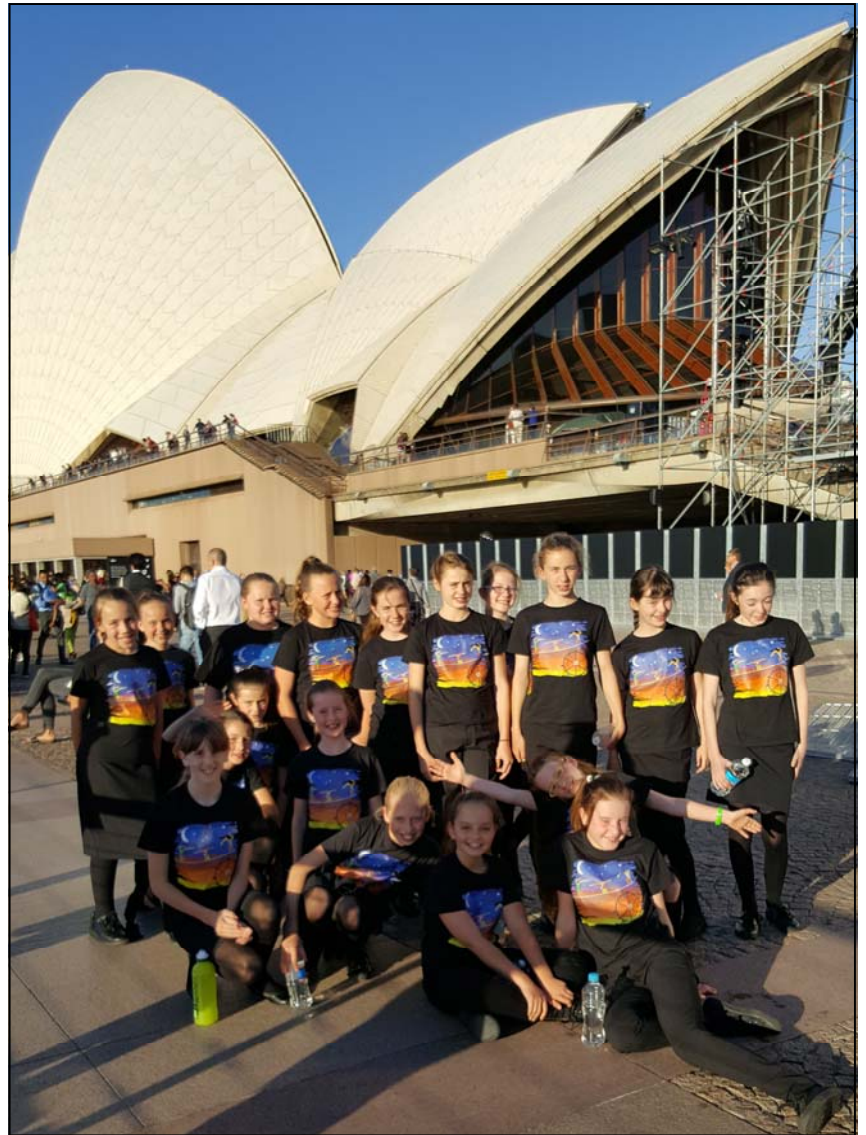
# Choral Festival

The Parkes Public School Choir participated in the Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House last Tuesday evening.

The choir members thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the sights of Sydney.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who also travelled to Sydney to share in this event.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Leonard, Mrs Bland and Mrs Elliott for all their hard work in preparing the choir for the festival.



# Sport News

## Cricket News - Western Region Champions!!

Congratulations to our cricket team who played Eglinton Public School, last Thursday, and came away with a win! Thank you to Mrs Pearsall, Mr Clinton Hawke, parents and umpires for your continued support.

The boys next match, the state quarter-final, will be against Hanwood Public School next Tuesday, 15 November. Good luck to all the team!!





# Sport News

## DreamCricket

On Thursday, 2 November around 50 special students from Parkes and Forbes public schools participated in DreamCricket. Something that made the day 'super special' was that eighteen Year 7 students from Parkes High rolled up with their teacher Mark Ranger to help organise the sports and cook and serve lunch. About half the high school students completed Year 6 at Parkes Public School in 2015.

Originally developed in the NSW Central Highlands as the result of a partnership between Rotary, the Bradman Foundation and the Movement Disorder Foundation, DreamCricket brings together children with a disability from Years 3-6.

The program allows the students to develop their hand-eye coordination, movement skills and balance in a team environment while at the same time enjoying sport.

Students enjoyed the sporting challenges which involved groups rotating around four specially adapted cricket-based activities. The participation and smiles on faces said it all. DreamCricket gives students that normally would not participate in sport a chance to be involved. It gives participants a chance to enjoy physical activity while developing self-confidence, self-esteem, levels of behaviour and citizenship.

The DreamCricket program has grown to encompass schools and children throughout Australia and internationally. Organisation of the day at Parkes Public School was a joint effort by Rotary Clubs of Dubbo East, Forbes, Parkes and Orange Daybreak. It was coordinated by Don Stevens, Chair of DreamCricket Australia and a member of the Rotary Club of Dubbo East.



# Community Noticeboard

## School Uniforms for Parkes High School

Is your child starting Year 7 next year at Parkes High School?

If so, why not get organised and purchase your uniform from the Parkes High School office.

Enquiries can be made by contacting the school office on 6862 1844.



### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPENING MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER!!**



We are pleased to announce that our after-school service will open on Monday, 21 November. If you filled in the survey an enrolment pack will be sent home from school next week. If you are interested and don't receive an enrolment pack they are in the school office or you can email [lachlanoshc@gmail.com](mailto:lachlanoshc@gmail.com) or call 0428 770 760.

At this stage, there hasn't been enough demand for before school care but we hope that this will commence later. Vacation care during school holidays will commence over the Christmas break.

## Host an Exchange Student in 2017!

Do you have a spare room? World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer host families to host an overseas exchange student!

- ♦ See Australia through the eyes of a non-Australian
- ♦ Visit new places and re-visit old favourites
- ♦ Teach our local customs and language
- ♦ Gain a new family member and friend for life
- ♦ Have lots of fun!

Students are arriving in February 2017 and are looking forward to learning about Australia!

Find out more! Request a free information pack for your family!

- ♦ text 'hosting' to 0428 246 633
- ♦ Email: [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)
- ♦ Website: [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

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