



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 2 Week 10 - Tuesday, 28 June 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 Faith Clarke, Madaline Rich, Kane Nutley and Lochie Trueber on achieving School Merit Badges!

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY EVERYONE!

TERM 2 concludes this Friday, 1 June at 3.00pm.

TERM 3 begins for students on Tuesday, 19 July.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO PERFORMED AT THE EISTEDDFOD! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

Thank you to all the parents who supported our students by attending the eisteddfod and driving our children to and from Forbes. A special thank you to Mr Masters who drove the bus for the support classes.

Our Year 2 choir and the Wiradjuri choir both gained first place. The African drumming group, school band, recorder group and Special Education classes all achieved a Highly Commended. Congratulations also to the Aboriginal dance group who also performed at the eisteddfod. Great job, teachers and students!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS Ashlea and Leah! We hope you are very happy at Parkes Public School!

NAIDOC WEEK WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW!

Family and friends are invited to our NAIDOC Week Assembly which will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 29 June at 12.30pm. Performances at the assembly will include the Year 1 Wiradjuri Choir, the Aboriginal Boys' Dance Group and Jazlyn Greenwood and Olivia Thompson delivering their NAIDOC speech. Please note there will be no infants assembly tomorrow.

Afterwards parents are invited to have a picnic lunch in the playground with their children. Families can picnic in either the infants or primary playgrounds, however parents are asked to not take their children's friends out of their rightful playground. Students may only be in the opposite playground if they are with their own parent.

PBL NEWS

Congratulations to all the students who have achieved 50 rockets over the last five weeks. Those students will participate in a movie afternoon on Friday, even receiving a bag of popcorn each!

The students who did not earn 50 rockets will have a PBL revision lesson and then have a shorter fun session to be rewarded for the tokens they did earn.

BOYS' ABORIGINAL DANCE GROUP

Congratulations to Slade and Nash Moore, Linc and Rhys James, Lachlan and Bailey Williams and Taj Lovett for the outstanding dance they performed at the opening of the Families First Convention last Tuesday. They were very well received by the audience who came from all across Western NSW.

For Your Information



TRANSITION INTERVIEWS

Kindergarten transition interviews will be held on Thursday, 30 June; Friday, 1 July; Tuesday, 19 July and Tuesday, 26 July. If you have a child for Kindergarten 2017 and you haven't returned the enrolment form please do so as soon as possible. If you know anyone else planning to send their child to Kindergarten at our school next year please encourage them to return the enrolment form so we can give them an interview time in readiness for PREPS which starts on Monday, 1 August.

REPORTS

Student reports will go home on Thursday, 30 June. If your child is away on that day, reports will not be posted but kept at school and handed out by the class teacher on the first day your child returns to school ie. Friday, 1 July or in Term 3.

EDUCATION WEEK – TERM 3, WEEK 3

During Education Week we will be holding numeracy workshops for parents. It is hoped that this will give parents a greater understanding of what we do at school in numeracy and equip you to assist with homework at home. The workshop for parents of primary students will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, 1 August. Free child minding will be available. The workshop for parents of infants students will be held at 2.00pm on Friday, 5 August, again with child minding available.

Other Education Week activities include:

Friday, 5 August

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| 11.30am | Jump Rope for Heart (K-2 students) |
| 1.15pm | Picnic lunch for K-2 students |
| 2.00pm | Parent Workshop for infants |

Due to Year 6 being in Canberra on their excursion during Education Week, we will be holding our open classrooms and whole school assembly on Wednesday, 10 August (Week 4) instead of Week 3.

Wednesday, 10 August

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| 12.00noon | Open classrooms for all classes |
| 1.15pm | Picnic lunch for whole school |
| 2.00pm | Whole school assembly. |

LOST

Alana Murray (1B) is missing a fleece, zip-up jacket and a navy Parkes Public school hat. Both are named. Please return to 1B if they are found.

IRON AND CLAY

The 3-6 students attended a great concert last Tuesday afternoon by Iron and Clay, a young band whose message was about treating ourselves and each other kindly and with respect.

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to our Year 2 choir on their wonderful win at the Forbes Eisteddfod. Their commitment to practice was excellent and they gave a beautiful performance.

Congratulations, also, to our primary choir which has practised diligently for two hours every week to learn the Choral Festival Repertoire. Last Thursday our conductor Mr Ian Jefferson visited Parkes Public School to conduct a workshop with the choir. This was a wonderful musical experience for all students and Mr Jefferson commended the students on their hard work in learning this repertoire.

This week, the primary choir practices will be held on Wednesday at 1.00pm and Thursday at 8.00am. The Year 2 choir will practise on Friday at 1.15pm.

It has been encouraging to see the enthusiasm of our choir students and the pleasing developments of their musical skills. Thank you parents for your support.

Mrs Leonard and Mrs Bland

PARKES READING DAY will be held on Friday, 12 August. K-2 students will participate in activities in Clarinda Street and in Cooke Park.

The infants children are encouraged to dress up on the day.

KID'S ARK EAST TIMOR

Money is collected Mondays. This week we collected \$22.40.

PARKES HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Parkes Aboriginal Homework Centre operates every Monday afternoon between 3.00pm and 5.00pm at Neighbourhood Central for high school students. However, they are now taking enrolments for Year 6 students. Students are welcome to bring a study buddy or support person. Afternoon tea is provided and the program is **free!**

For further inquiries please contact Rebecca Sanders on 6862 4140.

Mrs Breaden's Message



I have completed reading our students' draft reports. It was very encouraging to read about the development of the students and to be informed of the wonderful attitude that so many of our students have towards their learning. I have signed many of the final reports, however Mr Smith will be signing a few classes on my behalf as I will be in East Timor.

This week I am including the latest article from Michael Grose, **'Five ways to know you are over-parenting'**.

Here are five tips to find a more balanced approach to over-parenting or helicopter parenting and encourage children to become independent young people.

It's a quirk of twenty-first century parenting that we need an objective measure to assess our parenting. Past generations were satisfied with more subjective measures such as whether their kids were happy; whether they got good marks at school; whether they were employable; and whether or not if they stayed out of trouble (real goal in extreme cases)! It's safe to say the parenting waters were far clearer in the past than they appear to be now. But the parenting industry has come a long way in a short time so we now have stringent indicators that let us know what parenting track we may be on. And that, for many people, would appear to be the over-parenting track.

You know you are over-parenting if:

1. You take on all, or nearly all, of a child's problems.

Kids are good at handballing their problems to their parents. They'll bring disputes with siblings for you to sort; expect you to take forgotten school lunches to school and pester you to organise their after-school lives. Mums and dads that over-parent invariably end up sorting out all their children's problems which may make life easier in the short-term, but can mean kids become more dependent on their parents than children in the past.

Point to remember: Leave some problems for kids to solve!

2. You regularly do for a child the things he or she can reasonably do for themselves.

It's an irony of modern life that the busier parents get the more we tend to do for kids. In the race to get things done we dress young children; prepare children's snacks and accompany them on trips outside the house even when they are old enough to do these activities themselves. If your child is becoming more rather than less dependent the older he becomes then it's probably time to reassess your parenting.

Point to remember: Never do regularly for a child the things they can do for themselves.

3. You take on too many of your child's responsibilities.

Let's see how you go with these questions! "Who's responsible for getting your child up each morning?

Who's responsible for packing lunches and bags? Who is responsible for cleaning away children's toys?" If you answered "My children, of course", then congratulations; you shifted responsibility to where it rightfully lay: with kids. If not, then you guessed it. It may be time for a parenting reassessment.

Point to remember: If you want a child to be responsible then give responsibility to him.

4. You know too much about your child's life.

Being an attentive parent of a small family invariably means that you know in minute detail every quirk and vagary of your child's life. "He didn't eat all his breakfast this morning. Hmm! That's not good." "She seems a bit grumpy after school. What's wrong?" "They left their jumper at home. I'd better take it to them." Kids benefit from having some emotional and physical space from their parents. It gives them chances to rely on their own resourcefulness and develop the skills needed to get by on their own.

Point to remember: A little bit of benign neglect can benefit children's development.

5. You parent the individual and not the gang.

If you are constantly trying to make sure life is smooth for each child then you are probably parenting the individual, rather than for the good of the whole family! I'm not talking about 'playing favourites', but having an intense focus on meeting each individual's wants can often be at the expense of family life in general. For instance, you allow a child to go on a sleepover rather than attend the birthday of a sibling. Parenting the gang means that children need to fit into the patterns of family life and don't always get what they want.

Point to remember: Raise your small family with a big family mindset.

Most of the research indicates the authoritative approach as 'parenting best practice'. Authoritative parenting is a mix of firmness and warmth; discipline and nurturance; high expectations and relationship building. It's an approach that sits... surprise, surprise... somewhere between over-parenting and under-parenting. Yep, as always a balanced approach to parenting, as to most things in life, seems to be the best way to go. Who would've thought it!

I read this article with interest and thought the school holidays would be a good time to encourage your children to take on extra responsibilities and to do things for themselves. From Kindergarten on they should be able to make their own beds, wash and dry up, set the table, sweep a floor, clean the basin. Not only does this help out parents but it also gives the children a sense of empowerment and accomplishment.

Congratulations students on your achievements this term! I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Breaden

Student Achievement



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

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| Emily Neems | 5W |
| Genevieve Bland | 5W |
| Brendan Dunn | 3N |
| Matayah Guy | 3/4S |
| Lochie Trueber | 5W |
| Samuel Riley | 2E |
| Nate Henry | 1L |
| Anna Cronin | Clarinda |



Badge

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| Lochie Trueber | 5W |
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K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

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| Kindergarten | Daniel Anderson Bryanna Moore |
| Year 1 | Taylor O'Malley Beau Longhurst |
| Year 2 | Rhys Thompson Rebekah Smioldo |



Student of the Week

Name: Jesse Swindle

Age: 12

Class: 6W

Teacher: Mrs Woolstencroft

Favourite activities: Handball, online gaming and scratch.

Teacher comments: Jesse is a quiet and thoughtful student. He tries hard and produces great work when he puts his mind to it. Jesse particularly enjoys computers.

What career interests you? I would like to be a game creator/ tester.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday, 29 June | NAIDOC Week Assembly and Picnic Lunch |
| Friday, 1 July | Last Day of Term 1 |
| Tuesday, 19 July | Term 2 Begins for Students |
| Thursday, 21 July | Book Fair and Dress-up Day |
| Friday, 22 July | Book Fair |
| Monday, 1 August | Parent Workshop for Stages 2 and 3 Numeracy |
| Tuesday, 2-Thursday, 4 Aug | Year 6 Canberra Excursion |
| Friday, 5 August | Jump Rope for Heart Parent Workshop for Infants Numeracy Lachlan Athletics Carnival |
| Wednesday, 10 August | Open Classrooms, Picnic Lunch and Whole School Assembly |
| Friday, 12 August | Parkes Reading Day |
| Thursday, 22 September | P&C Family Fun Run |

DON'T FORGET

**NAIDOC Week Assembly
Picnic Lunch, Canteen Red Day**
12.30pm Wednesday, 29 June

Last Day of Term
Friday, 1 July

**Term 2 Commences for
Students**
Tuesday, 19 July

Book Fair
Thursday, 21 and Friday, 22 July

Jump Rope for Heart
Friday, 5 August

Canteen News



RED DAY this Wednesday, 29 June
1.30-2.00pm
Infants COLA (outside hall)
Lollies and cup cakes will be for sale!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of volunteers to serve in the **primary** canteen at recess and lunchtimes.

On days when there are no volunteers, the primary canteen will not open. However, recess and lunch orders will still be available!

*Times for primary canteen volunteers:
10.30-11.30am and/or 1.20-2.05pm.*

Please see the front office or canteen if you can help.

Recess Orders

Now available online at flexischools. Save time and order at www.flexischools.com.au

Canteen Reminder

The canteen now opens Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. It is **closed** on **Wednesdays**. Unfortunately our canteen is unable to provide an account service however the provision of our flexi schools service is available. If you are unsure how to set up an flexi schools account, Belinda in the canteen is able to assist.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2, WEEK 10

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| | | 10.00-2.00pm | Mon, Tue, Thur |
| | | 10.00-1.30pm | Fri |
| Thur | 30 Jun | Maria Carpenter/ Help required | |
| Fri | 1 July | Samantha Ross/Joanne Ross | |

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3, WEEK 1

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| Mon | 18 July | Closed | |
| Tue | 19 July | Christine Egan | |
| Thur | 20 July | Maria Carpenter/Help required | |
| Fri | 21 July | Helen Longhurst/Rebecca Freeman | |

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

LETTER FROM PARENT RE MRS BREADEN

I'm positive I am not a lone voice in singing Mrs Breaden's praises.

From the first day that our children started at Parkes Public School Mrs Breaden has always known who we were, who our children were and has always taken a very personal following in their progression and achievements.

It may have been with mixed emotions that Mrs Breaden wrote her letter, and it was received with mixed emotions at home. A tear or two has been shed!!

Mrs Breaden has put so much groundwork into Parkes Public School and that is what makes it the fantastic school that it is today. What maybe the Department of Education's gain is most definitely Parkes Public School's loss.

I would personally like to wish Mrs Breaden all the very very best in her new position, and to let her know her friendly face around the playground at going home time will be sorely missed.

From a father and three kids doing it a little tough right now, thank you so so much, for everything you have done for us and the words of encouragement for our children. You have left an impression that will never be forgotten.

Kind Regards

David Pugh

Sport News

ATHLETICS TROPHIES will be awarded at a special assembly in the hall at 2.00pm on Thursday afternoon.

PSSA BOYS' AND GIRLS' TOUCH FOOTBALL

Best wishes to both teams who play against Middleton Public School on Wednesday morning at 9.30am.

PSSA BOY'S HOCKEY - WESTERN REGION FINAL

The Parkes Public School Boys' Hockey Team will play in the Western Region Final on Thursday, 21 July. The game will be played at 11.30am in Parkes.

Training will be held on Monday, 18 July (pupil free day) from 5.00-6.00pm. Please advise Mrs Elliott if you are unable to attend this last training session before the game.

Book Fair

Books! Books!! Books!!!

Our school library will be holding a **two day** book fair in the library on Thursday, 21 July and Friday, 22 July (Term 3, Week 1).

Most brand new books at the fair will be on sale for the bargain price of only \$5.00!! As every book will be on sale for just \$5.00, we will not be able to re-order any books. Only books available on the days will be for sale. There will also be a table of more expensive books that will be \$10.00.



Book Fair Opening Hours:

Thursday, 21 July 8.00am-7.00pm

Friday, 22 July 8.30-9.00am, recess, lunch and 3.00-4.00pm.

On Thursday, 21 July students may come to school in book character dress-up clothes. There will be some spot prizes on the day for students.



Families can also choose from a selection of brand new books to donate to the library, also for \$5.00. A book plate will be fixed inside the book acknowledging the student/family who made the donation. Students will also be the first to borrow their donated book. This is a great way for students to leave a lasting memento of their time at Parkes Public School.

Please come and support the library as all money raised will go towards purchasing resources for the library and classrooms.

FORBES EISTEDDFOD



Congratulations to the Year 2
Choir which achieved
a first place!!

Congratulations to the Year 1
Wiradjuri Choir which also
achieved a first place!!



Under 12 School Holiday Hockey Development Clinic



Where: Parkes Hockey Complex, Station Street

When: Tuesday, 12 July

Time: 10.00am till 3.00pm

Cost: \$47.00 (inc. drink bottle and IMG fee)

Contact: Kate Pulbrook

Phone: 0447 186 494

Register at:

<https://developclinics.eventdesq.com>

Lights ! Camera ! Puppets ! Action !

Create your own puppet and explore the world behind the curtains. Anything is possible!
5 July (5-7 Years) and 14 July (8+ years)

Gold Rush !

Have you ever panned for gold? Learn about gold panning and life in the gold fields. Story, gold panning, most wanted photos and more!
7 July (5-7 years) and 12 July (8+ years)

Magic Of Science

Seek out the scientist within and see how science can be used to astonish and amaze!
6 July (5-7 years) and 13 July (8+ years)

All children must be attending school.
Session times 10.30am-12 midday. Cost \$2.00
Bookings essential and start Monday, 20 June.

For further information
call 6861 2309.

**PARKES
LIBRARY**

Community Noticeboard

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ASSISTED TRAVEL SUPPORT OFFICER (ATSO) POSITION

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

CONSERVATORIUM STUDENTS DISPLAY TALENTS AT EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to pianists Holly, Alexander and Lucy MacGregor and Emma King for their wonderful performances of their piano compositions at last week's Forbes Eisteddfod. Our troupe of pianists placed in many categories presenting modern and popular works with Alexander performing the theme from 'Star Wars' and 'The Imperial March'.

MITCHELL CONSERVATORIUM LESSONS

The Mitchell Conservatorium's qualified and highly trained teachers are offering lessons at our school or after hours at the Parkes studio.

Lessons are available in piano, vocal, guitar, violin/string instruments and woodwind/brass instruments.

All parents, students and community members of all ages are invited to attend lessons during the school term.

Please contact the Forbes office on 6852 3766 if you would like to make any further inquiries or email lachlan@mitchellconservatorium.edu.au.

NAIDOC Picnic Lunch Special Treats



Lollies and Cupcakes

50c and \$1.00

Under the COLA near the infants canteen

1.30-2.00pm on Wednesday, 29 June 2016

Primary students can purchase treats after NAIDOC Assembly before returning to the primary side.