



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 2 Week 9 - Tuesday, 21 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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LACHLAN NAIDOC PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Olivia Thompson and Jazlyn Greenwood for the great delivery of their speech, 'Aboriginal Song Lines'. Although the girls didn't gain a place they spoke competently and were wonderful representatives of our school. Luke Carroll, a well-known Australian actor was present in his capacity as ambassador for the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition. Luke is currently a presenter on Playschool and he spoke to the students about his career. The girls were very pleased to have a photo taken with Luke.

YEARS 4/5 BURRENDONG EXCURSION

We have been able to subsidise this excursion and the cost has now been reduced by \$20. The cost of the excursion will now be \$305.00.

NAIDOC WEEK WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Family and friends are invited to our NAIDOC Week assembly which will be held on Wednesday, 29 June at 12.30pm. Afterwards parents are invited to have a picnic lunch in the playground with their children.

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

For the next two weeks we are pleased to welcome Brooke Philips and Elizabeth Wythes back to our school. Brooke will be participating in work experience in Mrs Howard's and Mrs Whitchurch's classrooms. Elizabeth will work in Mrs Elliott's classroom.

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 children will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, 1 August. Free child minding will be available. The workshop for parents of Infants children will be held at 2pm on Friday, 5 August, again with child minding available.

Other Education Week activities:

Friday, 5 August

11.30am	Jump Rope for Heart – K-2 students
1.15pm	Picnic lunch – 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 the Wednesday of Week 4 instead of Week 3.

Wednesday, 10 August

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

For Your Information



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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS AND TROPHIES

Athletics carnival ribbons and trophies will be handed out next Thursday, 30 June at 2pm in the school hall.

P&C NEWS

Last night we held our monthly P&C meeting.

We discussed our P&C Action Plan. Mr Roberts spoke to the meeting regarding the importance of the Gonski funding and Mrs Breden showed some examples of questions from the NAPLAN tests.

A huge thank you goes to our P&C executive, Mr Jason Kennedy, Mrs Keri MacGregor and Mrs Viv King who have been undertaking significant behind the scenes work to assist our school. They have put in countless hours at home and at school to help out! Your support of our school is greatly appreciated!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART VISIT

This Thursday, 23 June at 9am, the St George Skipperroos from St George Christian School will be visiting Parkes Public School to perform for our K-2 students as part of Jump Rope for Heart. This is a great way for our students to see other students their age performing amazing skipping skills to music. It shows them what they can achieve with practice and also motivates them to stay healthy, physically active and participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Students will receive a sponsorship form, as well as further information, for this year's Jump Rope for Heart towards the end of the week.

Our 2016 Jump Rope for Heart, 'Jump Off' Day, will be Friday, 5 August starting at 11.30am and finishing at 1.15pm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Alana McWhirter.

BOOK FAIR

On Thursday, 21 July and Friday, 22 July (Term 3, Week 1) we will be holding a book fair. **Most** books for sale will be only \$5.00. There will be a table of more expensive books that will be \$10.00.

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

All funds raised from the book fair allow us to purchase more great books and resources for the library.

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

CHOIR

This week is most exciting for both our Infants and Primary choirs.

Our Year 2 students have been practising diligently for the Forbes Eisteddfod. Their performance this morning was wonderful and we are very proud of them.

On Thursday our Choral Festival Conductor Mr Ian Jefferson will run a workshop for our Primary Choir from 9.30am-2.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity of learning for our students.

Please note there will be **NO** Thursday morning practice this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Leonard and Mrs Bland

Mrs Breaden's Message



Last Friday our staff held a special morning tea to farewell Lisa Donai from the canteen. Lisa has been involved in our canteen for approximately 30 years, commencing when her first child started school. Lisa spent countless hours working in a voluntary capacity and later in a paid position, in our canteen. Mind you, Lisa has always worked far more than her paid hours required. Our captains presented Lisa with some beautiful flowers and paid some lovely tributes to her.

I would also like to offer my thanks and appreciation to Lisa for the incredible way in which she has supported our school and canteen over a very long time!

This week I am including the remainder of the article written by Michael Grose regarding 'Reading your Child's Report'.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

Focus on strengths. *Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.*

Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. *If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.*

Take note of student self- assessment. *Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.*

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Next week I will be taking Long service Leave and travelling to East Timor again as part of the Parkes/Peak Hill UC team. Some of you may have read the article in last Friday's Champion Post. I will be working with children and mothers in the village of Weberek. Hopefully I will also have opportunity to visit Kids Ark again. Mr Smith will be relieving as principal in my absence. I will arrive back in Parkes during the second week of the holidays.

I wish all our students a wonderful holiday and congratulate you all on the many gains you have made during the first two terms.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs Breaden

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

The Commonwealth Bank has advised that due to popular demand, the Mud Splat Handballs are now out of stock and will no longer be available to order, and apologise for any inconvenience. All orders that were placed in the last two weeks will be filled. The other reward issued in Term 2, the Outback Pat Bag Tag, is still available. Don't forget that Term 3 brings two new reward items - the Backtrack Eraser Pen and the Jump and Skip Rope – so keep saving, banking and collecting your silver tokens!

Also, the bank has changed when its school banking award certificates are issued. The Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates will still be issued after 10, 20 and 30 school banking deposits respectively. Previously, students received a general certificate for every 10 subsequent deposits (i.e. 40, 50, 60 etc). Now students will receive a new special certificate for 40 deposits and that will be the final certificate. Students will still receive a silver token for every school banking deposit and be able to redeem 10 silver tokens for great school banking rewards. They will also continue to receive a gold token to keep after every 10 deposits.

Student Achievement



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Wade Kirwan	2R
Madaline Rich	5D
Kane Nutley	5D
Lilia Howard	3/4S
Mae Woolstencroft	2R

Badge

Madaline Rich	5D
Kane Nutley	5D



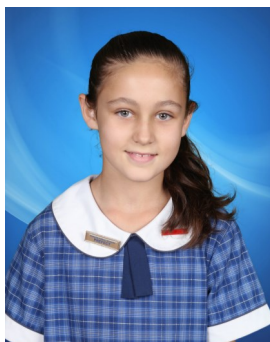
K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Evie Green Joel Whitney
Year 1	Riley Fernando Kayleigh Freeman
Year 2	Olive Cope



Student of the Week



Name: Rebecca Kearney

Age: 11

Class: 6W

Teacher: Mrs Woolstencroft

Favourite activities:

Cooking, playing with my animals and art.

Teacher comments: Rebecca is a quiet and studious member of our class. She enjoys reading and writing and is quite the artist.

What career interests you?

I would like to be a doctor or a vet.

Value of the Week

COURAGE

What is Courage?

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

Why practise it?

Without courage, people would only do what is easy. No one would try new things. Everyone would do what everyone else is doing, to avoid standing out - even if they knew it was wrong. Fear would be in charge. With courage you can face any situation. Courage helps you to do great things.



Sport News

PARKES PUBLIC SCHOOL TENNIS VICTOR KELLY CUP KNOCKOUT

On Friday, 17 June Parkes Public School and Cudgegong Valley Public School from Mudgee played off for the Western Region Title. Due to the recent poor weather the game was scheduled for the Orange Indoor Centre.

The players adapted extremely well to the indoor courts and new surroundings quickly.

After the singles matches were played Parkes Public School led the game score 3-1. Molly Kennedy and Joseph Tanswell both fought very hard to take singles wins while Maddison McCormick cruised through to win her match 6-1.

The doubles saw Gabe Goodrick and Joseph Tanswell play some very smart tennis but couldn't quite outsmart their opposition. Maddie and Molly strategically took the lead early in their match and held the opposition to a 6-0 win. The mixed set allowed Joseph and Maddie to seal the win for Parkes Public School whilst Molly and Gabe were narrowly defeated. The final result was 5 sets to 3.

The team have had great preparation and worked extremely hard in preparing for the Western Region Match.

Thank you to Helen Magill for traveling to Orange to support our team and our fantastic parents who often make up the cheer squad on the sidelines with wonderful encouragement.

Mrs Dolbel

WESTERN CROSS-COUNTRY

On Wednesday, 15 June Jordan Moody, Maddison McCormick, Tia Dunn, Zoe Anderson, Meg Turner, Heidi Parkin, Jazlyn Greenwood, Kane Nutley, Wilson Duffy, Ryan Dunford and Jack Pinkstone all travelled to Geurie for Western Cross-country. They all had a good experience.

Congratulations to Jordan Moody who made it to State Cross-country at Eastern Creek later this year.

By Meg Turner and Maddison McCormick



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 22 June	Forbes Eisteddfod Boys' Aboriginal Dance Group performing at RSL
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
Friday, 22 July	Book Fair
Monday, 1 August	Parent Workshop for Stages 2 and 3 Numeracy
Friday, 5 August	Parent Workshop for Infants Numeracy
Friday, 5 August	Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday, 10 August	Open Classrooms, Picnic Lunch and Whole School Assembly
Thursday, 22 September	P&C Family Fun Run
Thursday, 8 December	Presentation Night

DON'T FORGET

Canteen

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday and **closed** on **Wednesdays!**

NAIDOC Week Assembly and Picnic Lunch

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



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.

Please see the front office or canteen if you can help. Hours are usually 10am to 2pm.

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 9

		10.00-2.00pm	Mon, Tue, Thur
		10.00-1.30pm	Fri
Thur	23 Jun	Isabel Gerry/Maria Carpenter	
Fri	24 Jun	Helen Longhurst/Christine Egan	

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2, WEEK 10

Mon	27 Jun	Amanda Hamilton	
Tue	28 Jun	Christine Egan	
Thur	30 Jun	Isabel Gerry/Maria Carpenter	
Fri	1 July	Samantha Ross/Joanne Ross	

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

Community Noticeboard

PARKES HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Parkes Aboriginal Homework Centre now operates every Monday afternoon between 3pm-5pm at Neighbourhood Central, 80-82 Currajong St Parkes, for High School students. We are now taking enrolment's for year 6 students as well who are getting ready for high school.

Students are welcome to bring along a friend as a study buddy/support person. This is a free program. Afternoon tea is provided. We also offer a wonderful rewards system for satisfactory attendance which includes excursion's to places like Flip-Out, the cinema's and other fun related activities.

For further enquiries please call Rebecca Sanders on 6862 4140

Holiday Activities

LOOKING FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE?

Look no further! Kidzcare at the Parkes PCYC offers quality vacation care.

Monday-Friday 8.30am-5.30pm.

Come and join the fun activities including art and craft, cooking, IKI, drama incursions, excursions, games etc. Approved childcare CCB and CCR available.

