



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 3 Week 5 - Tuesday, 16 August 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 our boys' touch football team who had a strong win over Kandos Public School last Thursday. They now progress to the next round and will play Parkes East Public School on Wednesday.

Congratulations to our tennis team who won their state quarter final against the Rock Public School yesterday in West Wyalong! They now move onto the state semi-finals on Monday! Well done everyone!!

Good luck to our cricket team who are travelling to Mudgee on Thursday to compete in the PSSA knockout competition against Cudgegong Valley Public School.

Congratulations to Benjamin Macdonald and Jacob Fredericks on achieving School Merit Badges!

## PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Angelique Bland, Gage Kirk, Olivia Thompson and Alex De Lacy who have all made it through our school rounds of the Premier's Spelling Challenge. These students will represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee in Dubbo on Wednesday, 14 September.

Good luck and enjoy yourselves.

## PARKES READING DAY

All K-2 classes participated in Reading Day activities in Cooke Park and downtown last Friday, 12 August. A wonderful morning was had encouraging reading, singing, and talking to children from birth onwards.

Our captains and Mrs Shore accompanied the reading bug to the park where Henry was given the honour of lighting the Reading Day flame. Students then participated in a variety of sports in the park, coordinated by Little Athletics and Mrs Sam Cox. The students then walked back to school via different shops which offered stories, plays and songs.



# For Your Information



## WEEK 5 INFANTS ASSEMBLY

1L will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow Wednesday, 17 August. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Thank you, Miss Lee*

## YEAR 4 and 5 EXCURSION TO LAKE BURRENDONG ONLINE MEDICAL FORMS

The 4/5 Lake Burrendong Excursion is fast approaching. In order for Parkes Public School teachers and Burrendong staff to best cater for the various health and dietary needs of your child/ren we require some specific information. Unlike in previous years, where this information was filled out on a written form, the information must now be communicated online, by filling out a secure survey.

All parents/carers are required to fill out this information, online, for each of their children attending the excursion. The website is listed below:

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform>

The following information is essential:

**Booking Number:** 468143

**Booking Start date:** 13/09/16

**Venue:** Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

Upon completion of this survey, you will receive an email notification and I will receive a report.

***Completion of this form is mandatory for your child to attend the camp.*** The details must be submitted no later than ***Monday, 22 August.***

If you do not have access to the internet at home, there are free internet facilities available at the Parkes Shire Library. We will also be holding a one-hour session in our primary computer lab where you can ask questions and receive help in filling out the details online. This session will take place **tomorrow, Wednesday, 17 August** from **3.30-4.30pm**. You will need to bring your child's Medicare details.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Roberts through the school office on 6862 1702.

***Mr Roberts, Burrendong Excursion Coordinator***

## ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who completed the UNSW ICAS Science Competition. The results are as follows:

**Distinction:** Genevieve Bland

**Credit:** Harmih Turnbull,  
Brody Kennedy, Liam Freeman, and  
Thomas Ball

**Participation:** Samantha Riley,  
Kaitlyn Neems, Jordan Moody, Holly  
MacGregor, Liam Moody, Ewan  
Moody, Charlotte Gould and Joshua  
Ball

*Absent from photo: Liam Freeman,  
Thomas Ball, Samantha Riley,  
Charlotte Gould and Joshua Ball.*



# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 5!

We have had another very busy time over the last week at Parkes Public School! We have had students involved in touch football, tennis, Tournament of the Minds, debating and a wide variety of in-class activities, not to mention Reading Day. Thank you to our teachers for ensuring our students get to participate in such activities and to parents for their ongoing support.

Congratulations to all students who have made positive choices throughout the week and worked hard to improve in all aspects of their learning. A key component in the learning of every student is being at school on time, every day. We thank parents and families for their support in ensuring their children do not miss vital learning by being at school ready to learn every day.

Last week we celebrated Education Week with our special assembly, open classrooms and lunch with parents and family members. It was amazing to see so many families in our school and sharing

in the wonderful work that our students produce. Congratulations to all our students who received awards or certificates and to Miss Newbigging and Mrs Whitchurch who were recognised with an Education Week award for their outstanding contributions to Parkes Public School. Thank you to all parents and staff for their support of our open day. Our students and teachers do a great job every day and we encourage all members of the community to come and see first-hand the wonderful things we achieve, at any time.

We have a large number of students who have qualified to represent the Lachlan District PSSA at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday, 2 September. Congratulations to those students and to all students for their terrific sportsmanship on the day!

Don't forget the Out of School Hours Care surveys that were sent home a couple of weeks ago. They can be returned up until this Friday, 19 August.

Have a great week!

*Mr Smith*



## Precious Wildlife

### Book Launch

You're invited to the launch of Precious Wildlife by 2R.

Wednesday, 24 August from 6.00-7.00pm  
at the Parkes Public School Library.

RSVP to Mrs Zoe Ruckley: [zoe.ruckley@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:zoe.ruckley@det.nsw.edu.au)  
or school office on 6862 1702.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 28 August.....	Tournament of the Minds Regional Day in Bathurst
Tuesday, 30 August .....	Parkes Show Half Day Holiday
Monday, 5 September.....	Musica Viva at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 6 September .....	Year 2 Excursion to the Dish
Thursday, 8 September.....	Year 1 Excursion to the Dish
Friday, 9 September.....	Kindergarten Zoo Excursion
Tues, 13-Thurs, 16 Sept.....	Years 4/5 Lake Burrendong Excursion
Thursday, 22 September .....	P&C Family Fun Run
Friday, 23 September.....	Last Day of Term 3
Monday, 10 October.....	First Day of Term 4
Thursday, 8 December .....	Presentation Night

### DON'T FORGET

#### Musica Viva

Monday, 5 September at 2.00pm  
Cost: \$8.00 per student

**Kindergarten Zoo Excursion**  
Friday, 9 September

**Years 4/5 Lake Burrendong Excursion**

Tues, 13 to Thurs, 16 September  
Payment now due

**P&C Family Fun Run**  
Thursday, 22 September

# Student Achievement



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

## White Merit Certificate

Jacob Fredericks	6S
Kaleb Amor	2R
Samuel Davison-Henry	5D
Benjamin Macdonald	4R

## Badge

Jacob Fredericks	6S
Benjamin Macdonald	4R



## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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



Kindergarten	Heath Rathbone Charlotte Orr
Year 1	Blake Brennan Kaitlyne McIntosh-Byrnes
Year 2	Kasey Ehsman Isabelle Lennox

# Student of the Week

**Name:** Bradley Swindle

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**Teacher comments:** Bradley is a quiet, thoughtful member of our class. He enjoys computers, and always tries his best to help others.

**Favourite activities:** I like playing with my dogs and motorbike riding and playing my PS3.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be a diesel mechanic.



## ICAS SPELLING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who completed the UNSW ICAS Spelling Competition. The results are as follows:

**Distinction:** Heidi Parkin, Genevieve Bland and Angelique Bland

**Merit:** Jesse Woods

**Participation:** Holly MacGregor, Gage Kirk, Brody Kennedy, Luka Parkin, Ewan Moody, Alexander MacGregor and Charlotte Gould.



# YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



On the third day of the excursion we went to the National Australian Archives (NAA). At the NAA we learnt more about Australia's history. Would you believe that they can keep old and important documents around for so many years? We were fortunate enough to see some of Australia's most important documents like the Constitution Act signed by Queen Victoria herself back on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 1900.



My favourite thing of all was the snow. That was the last thing that we did. It was really fun to throw snow balls at absolutely everyone. We slid down the hill and got soaked. Everyone had a really good time.

The accommodation we stayed at was Alivio Tourist Park. All the workers were really friendly and they served good food.

*Sierra Beazley*

On the first day, we went to Questacon. Questacon is a technology and science centre at which you learn to have fun with science. There are many levels to Questacon, such as Water, Wind, Earth, Electricity, Spiders and Excite. My favourite was the Excite room because it had the Free Fall in it. Questacon taught me many different things about science, technology and discoveries. We also went to the Questacon gift shop. There are many different fun things there like slinkies,



bouncy balls, robots

and many other different toys. All the toys there have to do with new technology or to do with science.



On the last day, we went to AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). It is where Olympians and future Olympians train. We had a guided tour of squash courts, gymnasium and the 50 metre swimming pool. There was a game room with simulators and sport games. The simulators made you feel like you were actually in that sport. It was really interesting and fun to learn about all the different sports, shapes and sizes you need to be to do those sports and how to play those sports correctly. I enjoyed it.

*Jemima Hall*

# Sport News

## Parkes Public School Boys' Touch Football

Our boys travelled to Kandos last Thursday, 11 August for their next PSSA knockout round. Kandos gave us some sunshine but did not hold back on the chilly breeze!

From the onset of the game it was noticed that Kandos had several zippy players. The Parkes Public School boys displayed some great attacking plays and in defence were able to run down Kandos with each break they made.

Parkes Public School put the first points on the scoreboard with a try to Wilson Duffy. Tries followed by Hunter Hawke, Austin MacGregor (2) and Kaid Lydford. The half time score was 5-0 to Parkes Public School.

The second half saw tries come from Ashton Bennie, Kaid Lydford and Austin MacGregor. At full time the boys were very happy with their 8-0 win. A great win from a great team effort!

It was great to see our boys display great sportsmanship throughout the game.

Thank you to parents for transporting players and to those who travelled to support the team.

The win takes us to the next round in the competition. We play Parkes East Public School tomorrow at 1.30pm at Cheney Park. The boys will meet under the primary bus shelter at 12.45pm.

*Mrs Wright*

## CANTEEN NEWS

### Canteen Facebook Page

The canteen has a Facebook page!

Come and check out Parkes Public School Canteen and share it with other Parkes Public School parents.

### Thank You

Thank you to our volunteers and welcome to our new volunteers! If you are unsure if you would like to help but think you might be interested please contact Belinda at the canteen to arrange a visit to see what the canteen does. Many hands make light work and make helping fun!

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3, WEEK 4

		10.00-2.00pm Mon, Tue, Thur
Thur	18 Aug	Maria Carpenter/Amanda Clark
Fri	19 Aug	Helen Longhurst/ Rebecca Freeman
<b>CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3, WEEK 4</b>		
Mon	22 Aug	Mel Ashcroft
Tue	23 Aug	Christine Egan/Amanda Clark
Thur	24 Aug	Maria Carpenter/Amanda Clark
Fri	25 Aug	Mel Davies/Nat Hicks
If you can't do your rostered day, please contact Belinda at the canteen.		

## VALUE OF THE WEEK

### TOLERANCE

#### What is Tolerance?

To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience.

#### Why Practise Tolerance?

People who don't practise tolerance cannot stand to have anything differ from what they want and expect. Tolerance helps them accept things as they are. People without tolerance judge others by the way they look, sound or dress. They decide who can be a friend and who can't. When people are teased or left out, they feel sad and lonely. When we are tolerant, we won't allow differences to drive us apart.

# 2016 OPEN DAY



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