



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 1 - Tuesday, 10 October 2017

Welcome back everyone! We are all looking forward to a fantastic Term 4!

Good luck to our debating team at the Regional Debating Day in Cowra this week!

ICAS English Competition 2017 Results

Congratulations to the following students who recently participated in the ICAS English competition and have been awarded certificates for:

Participation: Chloe Phillips, Lucy Hall, Joshua Ball, Thomas Ball, Faith Clarke, Alexander MacGregor, Ethan Hunt and Brody Kennedy

Credit: Anna Woodlands, Heidi Parkin and Kelsey Mann

Merit: Bonnie Hall

Distinction: Angelique Bland and Luca Parkin

High Distinction: Genevieve Bland

Absent: Luka Parkin, Heidi Parkin, Faith Clarke, Brody Kennedy, Kelsey Mann and Anna Woodlands.



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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For Your Information



Infants Assembly

There will be no infants assembly item tomorrow. 2R will be presenting an item during Week 2 infants assembly on Wednesday 18 October. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Mrs Ruckley

Sporting Trophies

If your child received a sporting trophy sometime this year, please return it to the school office as soon as possible. Please do not send trophies to school with children as they can often be damaged in transit. It would be better for parents to bring them in personally. Thank you.

Book Club - Issue 7

Book Club, issue 7 order forms will be sent home this week. This will be the second last Book Club for the year and it will **close on Wednesday 25, October**.

Books make wonderful and lasting gifts for all members of the family throughout the year. Please have a look through the order forms as there are lots of great bargains. Some books are only \$2.00!

Thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club throughout the year. The library and our students have benefitted with many free resources as a result of your support.

Thank you, Mrs Dolbel

Every Day Counts

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. At Parkes Public School we encourage and support regular attendance of all students. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g. attending a funeral)


Following an absence from school you must ensure that within seven days you provide a verbal or written explanation for the absence. You can phone these through to the office, message your child's teacher or return a note with your child.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



PARKES PUBLIC SCHOOL

My son/daughter _____ Class _____

was absent from school on _____
(date)

due to _____
{Reason for absence}

Signature: _____ Date _____

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Mr Smith's Message



Welcome back everyone for what will be a very busy final term of 2017!

This term there are many events planned including school socials, class parties, Kindergarten 2018 orientation visits, ongoing high school transition visits for Year 6, AFL skills clinics, along with all the other usual happenings. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook page for updates and other important dates during the term.

Well done to all students who have started Term 4 with a positive attitude to their schooling and are already working on being the best learner they can be. The achievements of our students on a daily basis are outstanding and everyone in the school community can be very proud of what our students, teachers and parents achieve through working together.

Applications for selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2019 are currently open. Detailed information is available from the front office. If any parents would like to speak with me about this opportunity, please feel free to give me a call.

Our first P&C meeting for Term 4 will be held next Monday, 16 October in the staffroom from 6.30pm. All parents are encouraged to come along and join in with the P&C who do a tremendous job supporting our school and all our students.

Finally, Term 4 is an important period for making plans and preparations for the following school year. We start the process of determining class structures, teaching assignments and formulate draft class lists between now and the end of the year. Some of these decisions rely on having accurate and up to date enrolment information. Can I request, that if there are any families that know in advance that they may be moving next year to let us know as soon as possible so that we can factor this into planning. Also, if parents have any friends or family who are thinking about where their child may commence schooling in 2018, please encourage them to contact the school office. Parents who have children for Kindergarten 2018 should also let the school office know if they have not already done so.

Have a great fortnight, everyone!

Mr Smith

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 17, OctoberYear 6 visit to CSU Bathurst
Friday 20, OctoberK-2 Sports Day at 11.30am
Thursday 26, October2018 Kindergarten Orientation
9.30-11.00am - Parent
Information Session in hall
Wednesday 1, November2018 Kindergarten Orientation
9.30-11.00am in KL room
Thursday 16, NovemberK-2 Social 4.00-5.30pm
Monday 20, NovemberYear 2 Learn to Swim Program
starts
Thursday 30, NovemberYears 3 and 4 Social 6.00-7.30pm
Years 5 and 6 Social 8.00-9.30pm

DON'T FORGET

Year 6 CSU visit
\$9.00 payment due

Book Club - Issue 7
Closes Wednesday, 25 October

K-2 Sports Day
Friday, 20 October at 11.30am in
the infants playground, more
information to come

P&C General Meeting
Monday 16, October at 6.30pm in
the staffroom

Crazy Hair Day





Student Achievements

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Natalie Garth
Year 1	Dustyn Green Aleiquia George
Year 2	Shaurya Patel Seana Venaglia

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Zac Chandler	3-6N
Adam Barnard	4R
Dylan Van Opynen	1L
Tanar Friend	2R
Faith Green	6W
Maddie Nash	3S



Students of the Week



Name: Ryan Dunford

Age: 11

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Favourite activities:
Playing with my friends and doing things on the farm.

Teacher comments:

Ryan is a responsible member of our class who always strives to reach his full potential. He is an excellent role model.

What career interests you? When I grow up I would like to be a farmer.



Name: Kendra Dunn

Age: 11

Class: 6W

Teacher:
Mrs Woolstencroft

Favourite activities:
Netball, sport and having fun.

Teacher comments:

Kendra is an entertaining member of our class. She always tries her hardest and helps others.

What career interests you? When I grow up I would like to be an actress.

Selective High School Placement for 2019

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 are now open and run between **10 October 2017** and **13 November 2017** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The Selective High School Placement Test is on **15 March 2018**.

Parents must apply online via the website above.

Further information is available from the front office for any interested families.

Current PBL Focus
We respect each other's personal space



Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

At the end of last term, Kindergarten students attended their annual Western Plains Taronga Zoo excursion. We arrived in time for a picnic morning tea followed by a quick bus trip around to the meerkats. The enjoyable day was spent walking and driving around the zoo stopping at various animals and watching them in their environments. Some highlights this year included the hippopotamus talk where we watched two adult hippos eating straw and hay, seeing the baby hippos follow their mother, the tiger talk and feed and eating lunch while watching the Siamang apes.

We wish to say a big thank you to all the wonderful helpers who gave up their day to come with us and offer assistance. The excursion would not be able to happen if we didn't have such amazing parents willing to help.



Year 3 Excursion

Year 3 travelled to the Lake Burrendong Arboretum and Wellington Caves on Wednesday, 20 September, for their excursion. It was a fun filled day of exploring the man-made rainforest, Japanese Gardens and Cathedral Cave. Students learnt about how the caves were formed and asked lots of questions to further their knowledge about caves. Thank you to Mrs Shore, Miss McWhirter, Mrs Bright and Miss Quinney for organising the excursion for the students.



Appreciation Letter from the Heart Foundation

I'd like to extend a very big thank you to your school for participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year and raising over \$12,100; a truly incredible result! Our JRFH Field Officer Emma Howlett tells me that your school has been participating since the early 1990's and that this year's fundraising efforts exceeded all the previous records. We really appreciate your support!

I'd also like to acknowledge Alana McWhirter for the time and effort she's invested in making the Jump Rope program such a success at your school. Please pass on my utmost gratitude.

Since 1959, the Heart Foundation has invested over half a billion dollars (in today's dollars) in life saving heart research. Most of this money has been donated by very generous Australians and generated through fundraising programs such as Jump Rope for Heart.

The work we do is not possible without the generous support of our school community and we are extremely grateful.

Every year we strive to improve Jump Rope for Heart and - as we approach our 35th birthday in 2018 - optimising the experience for your school is our priority.

Thank you once again for your school's significant contribution to the Heart Foundation. I hope your school has thoroughly enjoyed the Jump Rope experience and we look forward to welcoming you back next year.

Community Noticeboard

ST George's Anglican Church Youth Group.

Youth Group starts back on Friday 13, October from 7.00 - 8.30pm.

Cost is \$2.00 per person which includes supper.

All students from Year 6 to Year 12 are welcome to attend.



We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at various local Government sites in the Parkes area.

Monday to Friday, various part time and casual positions available. Experience preferred but not essential.

Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to Human Resources

PO Box 390, Dubbo NSW 2830

Or for more information contact Bryce Todd

Ph: 0400 897 496 between 8:00am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2019:
Open 10th October 2017
Close 13th November 2017

Visit Selective High Schools website
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit our website
www.aurora.nsw.edu.au | or phone 1300 287 629