



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 5 - Tuesday, 7 November 2017

Good luck to our Choir which is singing at the Choral Festival in Sydney!

Thank you to our Infants and Primary Choir members who have committed to choir diligently and attended practice each week.

This week a group of students from the Primary Choir is delighted to be travelling to Sydney to take part in a Choral Festival. They will sing as part of a choir of 700 public school students from across NSW in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House.

Both choirs will sing at various events over the next few weeks. A note will go home at the end of the week to advise of dates and times.

Thank you parents for the support you have given. It is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Bland and Mrs Leonard

Touch Gala Day

In Term 3, Mr Smith and Miss McPhee took 25 primary students to a Touch Football Gala Day in Parkes. Both the girls and boys teams played extremely well.

Congratulations to all the children for representing our school with pride.

A big thank you to Paul Moody, Nicole Guy and Phil Kirk who helped on the day!



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

1K will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 8 November. 1/2W will be presenting an item during Week 6 at the infants assembly on Wednesday, 15 November. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Miss King and Miss Harris

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.

PBL Mufti Day Celebration

The students have been awarded a mufti day on Friday, 10 November in Week 5 to celebrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviour. Please ensure your child wears enclosed shoes suitable for sport.

Lost

Broad-brimmed hat with the name Oliver Monkerud on it. If found please return to KE classroom.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Our volunteers morning tea will be held on Wednesday, 22 November at 10.45am. If you have helped in the school in any way this year we would really love you to come and give us the opportunity to formally thank and honour you for all your help and support in 2017.

PBL Talent Show

In Week 10 Parkes Public will be hosting a talent show to celebrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviour. So start planning and rehearsing now. Students requiring music for their act will need to submit the lyrics to Mrs Shore or Mrs Ruckley for approval by Week 8. Once approved the song will need to be provided by the student on a USB or CD by Wednesday Week 9. All other acts will be checked by the classroom teacher. More details to come closer to the date. We look forward to seeing all the amazing talents our students have to offer!

Musica Viva - Akoustic Odyssey

The Musica Viva performance will be held on Wednesday, 15 November, at 2.00pm in the school hall. Cost is \$8.00 per student. Please pay by the Monday, 13 November if you wish your child/ren to attend.

Blue Mufti Day for Ryan Dunford

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to support Ryan Dunford who is attending the Pacific Games in Adelaide in December. The total amount raised was \$372.55.



Thank you to Parkes Mens Shed

Parkes Public School would like to say a big thank you to Parkes Men's Shed for fixing all the straps on our lunch order boxes. They all work so well now!

NO HAT, NO PLAY!

Now that the weather is warming up teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule.

Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn at school.

Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 5! We are already halfway through the final term of 2017! Where has the year gone??

Best of luck to our cricket team for tomorrow's match against James Erskine Public School. The game will be played at Keast Park if anyone would like to go along and cheer our team on!

Recently, Mr Lovett and I attended a training day run by ACARA (the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) on digital technologies and their implementation in schools. Our school has been fortunate enough to be chosen as one of only 160 schools across Australia to participate in a two year project which will focus on integrating digital technologies across our curriculum. This is fantastic news as our submission will also attract some extra funding over the two years to assist in implementing the project. ACARA is contributing \$7.88 million to the project across the nation! This wonderful opportunity will tie in beautifully with our focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and technology over the next few years.

We have had a number of our staff attend a variety of professional learning opportunities recently. We have had up-to-date training in Aboriginal Education, STEM, Numeracy and Literacy. We realise that when staff attend these sessions that it takes them out of the school and off their class periodically, however, there is a very real benefit to our students in that our staff can offer the most up-to-date and effective learning opportunities when current professional learning is maintained. We appreciate your understanding with this.

This Friday we will hold our Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. On Saturday morning our captains and I will represent our school at the ceremony in Cooke Park.

Planning for 2018 classes is currently underway. In preparation for this, if you intend on leaving Parkes Public at the end of the year, please notify me in writing ASAP. We have had a significant number of requests for enrolment next year and it helps knowing in advance if we have places available. When planning classes for 2018 many factors are considered, the foremost of which are that student learning and student wellbeing are priorities.

Over the next two weeks I have meetings scheduled with council and the RMS regarding our crossing. There have been some assessments done and there are a number of safety issues which have been raised and we are investigating suitable solutions to these. Do not be surprised if you see council or RMS workers making some changes to the crossing over the next month or two!

Finally, congratulations to Ryan Dunford who competed at State Athletics recently. Best wishes to all of our students who are performing in the Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House tonight! I have been fortunate enough to have been invited to attend the performance and I am looking forward to watching our students give their best efforts in what is a wonderful opportunity for them! Thank you to Mrs Colleen Leonard, Mrs Jane Howard and Mrs Sonia Bland (along with our various other parent helpers) for their efforts in preparing the choir for this momentous occasion!

Have a great fortnight, everyone and don't forget that there is a mufti day this Friday for our PBL celebration!

Mr Smith

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 10 November.....PBL Mufti Day
Wednesday, 15 November Musica Viva 2.00pm
Thursday, 16 November K-2 Social 4.00-5.30pm
Wednesday, 22 November.....Volunteers Morning Tea
Monday, 27 November Year 2 Learn to Swim Program starts
Thursday, 30 November Years 3 and 4 Social 6.00-7.30pm
Years 5 and 6 Social 8.00-9.30pm
Wednesday, 5 December.....K-2 Graduations 9.30am
Thursday, 7 December Presentation Night 7.00pm

DON'T FORGET

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\$8.00 per student to be paid by
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Wednesday, 22 November

Student Achievements



Congratulations to Faith Green
who received a School Merit
Badge!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students
who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Harrison Vasconcelos	5W
Michael Ede	1L
Jordan Reeves	4R
Jayla Willoughby	5W
Kristy Lydon	3-6W
Shamus Podetti	3-6B
Makhaveli Hornery	1K

Badge

Faith Green

6W



Students of the Week



Name: Kane Nutley

Age: 11

Class: 6W

Teacher: Mrs Woolstencroft

Teacher comments: Kane is a mature, responsible member of our class. He consistently tries his hardest and always

works to his full potential.

Favourite activities: Skiing and hockey.

What career interests you? When I grow up I would like to be a famous hockey player.



Name: Melanie Mason

Age: 11

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments: Melanie is a quiet, helpful member of our class. She always goes out

of her way to ensure that others feel welcome.

Favourite activities: Tennis and swimming.

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

Community Noticeboard

NDIS - Your NDIS Questions Answered

Your Local Area Coordinators (LACs) are here to help you understand the National Disability Insurance Scheme. We are welcoming community members into our offices to "Ask a LAC" questions one-on-one or in a small group setting.

Where: 31 Bogan Street Parkes

When: Tuesday, 14 November 10am-12pm; Wednesday, 29 November 12-2pm and Wednesday, 13 December 4-6pm

Places are limited. To book your place please call or text the office on 0439 210 366, or email lauren.cayeaux@ndis.gov.au.