



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 7 - Tuesday, 21 November 2017

Good luck to the boys' cricket team which is competing in the state quarter finals!!

A showcase of Choral Music

On Thursday, 23 November we will be holding a concert to showcase our wonderful Parkes Public School Choir and the repertoire learnt for the Choral Festival. This concert is for all primary Choir members, their families, friends and members of the community. The concert will be held in the school hall starting at 7.00pm. Entry will be a gold coin donation.

Choir members, please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. We will meet Primary Choir members on the grass next to the play equipment.



Parkes Public School Choir members who attended The Choral Festival in Sydney



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

KL will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday 22 November. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Miss Leonard

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.

Library Books

Mrs Dolbel will be carrying out a stocktake in Weeks 8 and 9 of all library books. All books must be returned this week to the library.



Choir Practice

Practice for primary choir will be on Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday morning at 8.30am. Practice for infants choir will be on Tuesday lunchtime.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Our volunteers morning tea will be held on Wednesday, 22 November. 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.

Parkes Public's Got Talent

In Week 10 Parkes Public will be hosting a talent show to celebrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviour.

Students requiring music for their act will need to submit the lyrics to Mrs Shore or Mrs Ruckley for approval by Wednesday, 29 November, (Week 8). Once approved the song will need to be provided by the student on a USB or CD by Wednesday, 6 December, (Week 9). All other acts will be checked by classroom teachers. We look forward to seeing all the amazing talents our students have to offer! **Students start planning and rehearsing now!**



Debating

On Friday, 10 November several Year 6 students watched the Premier's Debating Challenge final for Year 9 and 10 students via video conference. The topic was 'that non-violent offenders should never be sent to prison'. It was very interesting and very close, but in the end the negative team came away with the win. After the debate we were able to ask the adjudicators questions about the debate and how to adjudicate. It was a great opportunity.

by Genevieve Bland

Thank you for a great year of School Banking

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Wednesday, 6 December, Week 9. If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned this Wednesday, 22 November, Week 7 to guarantee your child receives their reward. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.

Starting in 2018, we will change over to the Commonwealth Bank's new certificate system where every school banker has the chance to achieve each of the recognition certificates each year! Currently, certificates have been awarded for 10, 20, 30 and 40 school banking deposits on a cumulative basis (ie deposits from the previous year have counted toward the tally), with the 40 deposits certificate then being the final certificate issued. Under the new system, the deposit count restarts each year, encouraging students to bank each week so they can achieve all four certificates for the year. Please note, **this does not affect the student's token count** – these remain cumulative and any tokens not redeemed in the year can be used the following year.

We look forward to another great year of school banking in 2018!

Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 7!

This week, the students and staff turn their attention to 2018 as they are asked to vote for our new school captains. This term, each Year 5 student has been given the opportunity to nominate themselves for school captain. Each student will deliver a prepared speech during the course of this week. From there, all the students and the staff will vote for their choice of captains and vice-captains. I'm often asked if the teachers' votes are worth more than the students' votes. The answer is categorically 'No'. My vote is equal in value to the students' vote; as are all the teachers' votes. Congratulations and good luck to all the nominees. (P.S. They have all been checked for their dual-citizenship status – we don't want any high court challenges!)

Over the next few weeks we have our end of year formal events happening. We begin with our Years 3-6 gold certificate assembly on Monday, December 4 at 9.15am, our K-2 presentation assembly on Tuesday, 5 December at 9.15am, presentation night on Thursday, 7 December beginning at 7.00pm and our final whole school assembly on Wednesday, 13 December at 9.15am. It is an extremely busy time of year, yet it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students! As has been our normal practice, if your child has been selected to receive an award at presentation night, you will receive a note informing you as a courtesy to assist families to plan around their commitments, including work.

Our annual swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday, 9 February, 2018 which is the second week in Term 1 next year. Students in Years 2-5 will receive a swimming carnival note outlining the details for the day in the next few weeks. Students currently in Year 1 who will be turning 8 in Year 2 (next year) will also receive a swimming note – eligibility to attend for these students will be explained in the note.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that a teacher is not on duty until 8.35am each morning. While we understand that some buses arrive earlier than this, we do have a number of students arriving, who live close to the school, from about 8.10am each day. Not only is this a long morning for students, they are also unsupervised. If your child/ren live close to the school, please ensure they are not here before 8.30am to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Our cricket team is playing Neutral Bay Public School in the quarter finals of the PSSA knockout competition! Best of luck to all involved! The match will be held here in Parkes on Friday from 9.00am at Keast Park.

Congratulations and good luck to Ryan Dunford and Hunter Hawke who are representing Western Region at the NSW PSSA Cricket Carnival in Orange this week. What a great experience for them both!

Don't forget our school will be participating in the Christmas street parade again this year on Friday, 1 December!

Have a great two weeks, everyone!

Mr Smith

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 22 November.....Volunteers Morning Tea
Monday, 27 November Year 2 Learn to Swim Program starts
Friday, 1 December Christmas Street Parade
Monday, 4 December 3-6 Graduations
Tuesday, 5 December..... K-2 Graduations 9.30am
Thursday, 7 December Presentation Night 7.00pm
Monday, 11 December Class Parties
Year 6 pool party
Tuesday, 12 December Years 3 and 4 Social 5.30-7.00pm
Years 5 and 6 Social 7.15-9.15pm

DON'T FORGET

Book Club Issue 8
Closes tomorrow, 22 November

Volunteers Morning Tea
Wednesday, 22 November

3-6 Graduations
Monday, 4 December

K-2 Graduations
Tuesday, 5 December

Presentation Night
Thursday, 7 December

Primary Socials
Tuesday, 12 December

Student Achievements

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Billy Symington Liam Houston
Year 2	Lani Joe Thompson Liam Ross Kallum Munday

Congratulations to Dominic Brown and Jayla Willoughby on achieving School Merit Badges!



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Cody Newman	3-6N
Dominic Brown	3-6N
Heidi Parkin	6W
Jorja Hanson	3S
Gabe Goodrick	6W
Bailey Williams	3S
Laura Pritchard	1L
Melia Watt	1K
Daniel Anderson	1K
Joshua Riley	2R

Badge

Dominic Brown	3-6N
Jayla Willoughby	5W



Current PBL Focus
We respect each other's personal space



Students of the Week



Name: Chase MacQueen

Age: 11

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments: Chase enjoys challenges and learning in all areas of

school. He particularly enjoys class discussions.

Favourite activities: Computers, art, play time and library.

What career interests you? A police officer.



Name: Dylan Wood

Age: 12

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments: Dylan enjoys helping others and working with his peers to

complete activities.

Favourite activities: Scooter Riding.

What career interests you? Professional scooter rider or a builder.

Choral Festival

Nineteen members of our Primary Choir travelled to Sydney on Monday, 6 November to perform in the 2017 Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House with the NSW Public Schools Combined Choir. This event is one of the core State level art programs managed by The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education. The Festival provides a unique opportunity for schools to access targeted high quality repertoire and professional learning opportunities.

Students were accompanied by Mrs Leonard, Mrs Howard and five parent helpers who kindly gave their time to assist with the excursion. Students enjoyed a walk to Darling Harbour on Monday evening and lunch in the Botanic Gardens before a rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon. The performance began at 7.00pm Tuesday night. The concert which finished with a blast of confetti and streamers, was enjoyed immensely by the audience. It was truly a remarkable experience for the students.

We wish to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bland, Mrs Parkin, Mrs Goodrick, Mrs Swain and Mrs Dolbel for coming with us and allowing the excursion to take place.



Sport News

NSW Tennis State Runners-Up 2017

Last week the top 20 schools from Catholic, Independent and Public Schools across NSW all converged at Olympic Park, Sydney to compete for the Todd Woodbridge Cup.

Parkes Public School won through to the State Finals after convincingly winning the regional day held in Parkes earlier during Term 3. Each match involved doubles and mixed games in which points were accumulated over a time period using red balls on a modified court which involves calculated decision making and plenty of strategy.

Parkes Public students Flynn Thompson, Joel MacGregor, Ewan Moody, Tyson Lennox, Samuel Quince, Faith Clark, Tia Dunn, Ella McColl, Lucy Hall and Liliani Latu were keen to put their tennis skills to the test and compete against some of the best in the state.

Our team was very lucky to be allocated to play on the new indoor courts at Olympic Park. We played our round games against Young Public School, Kenthurst Public School (2016 winners), Tamworth Public School and Holy Family Primary (ACT), winning all matches. We finished first in our pool and progressed to the top four schools in NSW. Our semi-final match was against South Wagga Public School which we won 5-3. The final was against St Raphael's Cowra where we narrowly lost 5-3.

I am very proud of all our team members who have significantly strived to improve their tennis game and who have shown great commitment to attend several training sessions a week both at lunchtimes and after school to be as prepared as possible for the tournament.

Thank you, to all the parents, siblings and grandparents who travelled along to support our team. I'll definitely be looking forward to see how we can improve our performance in 2018.

Mrs Dolbel



Community Noticeboard

Bus Safety for Children

Always hold your child's hand when crossing the road. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

Remember:

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop and when crossing the road until they are at least 10.
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash

- School buses pick up and drop off children on roads all across NSW. Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up and dropping off children. You must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road.

Be Bus Aware and help keep our kids safe.

The Safety Town website (www.safetytown.com.au) has more information on bus safety for parents and families.



Parkes Shire Concert Band

WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Open to school students and community members, old hands or new to music.

Dust off your instrument or hire one of ours. Rehearsals Tuesday nights during school term.

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Where: PSCB Music Room,
Above Pool complex
Dalton Street, Parkes

Enquiries PSCB President Rhonda Redenbach on 68 622 944 or 0459 373 624 or Musical Director Duncan Clement 0405 035 164.

Support your Parkes Shire Concert Band come along and join in playing music in our community.

Engaging Adolescents Parent Course

Parent workshop to help resolve teenage behaviour problems

A two-session program for parents and carers presented by CentaCare

Where: CentaCare Parkes Office: 17 Court Street

When: Thursday, 23 and 30 November

Time: 6.00pm



PPS PRIMARY CHOIR PRESENTS

**Gold
Coin
Entry**

**A Showcase of
CHORAL
MUSIC**

7pm. Thu 23 Nov

Parkes Public School Hall

entrance on Hill St.

all welcome

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