



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 9 - Tuesday, 5 December 2017

The students and staff of Parkes Public School would like to wish all our families a very happy, peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Thank you for supporting our school this year! Have a wonderful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you next year!



Farewell!!

To those families who are leaving us, we wish you all the best at your new schools and thank you for your support at Parkes Public School.

Presentation Night

Our Presentation Night will be held in our school assembly hall on Thursday, 7 December at 7.00pm. The choir and band will be performing. Students to receive awards will have already received an invitation to attend. The evening should be finished by 9.00pm. All children in attendance are to wear school uniform.

Students last day for 2017 is Friday, 15 December
Years 1-6 Students begin 2018 on Tuesday, 30 January



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



This will be our last newsletter for the year!!

Presentation Assemblies Dates and Times

Thursday, 7 December	Presentation Night	7.00pm
Wednesday, 13 December	Whole School Assembly	9.05am

Social Dates and Times

Monday, 11 December	Class parties	
Tuesday, 12 December	Years 3 and 4 Socials	5.30 - 7.00pm
Tuesday, 12 December	Years 5 and 6 Socials	7.15 - 9.15pm

Class Parties

Class parties will be held on Monday, 11 December. Teachers have sent our notes informing families of each class' party requirements. Year 6 students will have their party at the Parkes Shire Pool.

The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Tuesday, 30 January.

On the first day all students will meet with their 2017 teachers and class mates for the morning session just so they can settle in and 'catch up'.

Children going into Year 3 should go to the **infants playground** in the morning **before school**. Their year 2 teachers will take them to their Year 3 teachers during the morning session. **After school Year 3** students can be collected from the **Primary COLA**.

Kindergarten students commence school on **Monday, 5 February**. Best start assessments will take place between Wednesday, 30 January to Friday, 1 February. Parents have already been given the date of their child's assessment. Children come for the whole day on their assessment day. They can wear their school uniform. If anyone is unsure of their child's assessment date, please contact the office staff for information.

Uniform Shop Opening Times First Week, Term 1

The uniform shop will be open at the following times during the first week back in Term 1.

Monday, 29 January	10.00am-1.00pm	Tuesday, 30 January	8.00-9.30am
Wednesday, 31 January	1.30-3.30pm	Friday, 2 February	2.30-3.30pm

Canteen News

The canteen will be closed on the last day of school, Friday, 15 November at recess and lunch. However, they will be accepting lunch orders from a limited menu. A separate note will go home on Monday, 11 September with all the details.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any items during the term please call into the office and check the 'lost property'. All unclaimed items will be sent to the op shops on Friday, 15 December.

Lost Drink Bottle

Jensen Venaglia is missing a Aqua Green Tupperware drink bottle. If found please return to 2R.

Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 9!

As I write this, there are only nine days left in the 2017 school year! It is a busy time for all of us, but particularly so at school at the moment.

Well done to all students who received their gold certificates at our presentation assemblies this week and congratulations in advance to all our students who will receive an award at our whole school assembly and Presentation Night. Thank you to parents, family members and carers who share these occasions with us. Our Presentation Night is on Thursday, 7 December from 7.00pm in our school hall.

There are a number of other events over the remainder of this term, please ensure all students come to school regularly for the remainder of 2017. The last day for students this term is Friday, 15 December. The last day for staff this term will also be Friday, 15 December. No staff will be on site at Parkes Public School on the staff development days on Monday, 18 or Tuesday, 19 December as all have already met the professional learning requirements for the year. Staff will commence back at school on Monday, 29 January 2018 with students in Years 1-6 beginning school on Tuesday, 30 January 2018. Kindergarten students will commence on Monday, 5 February following their Best Start Assessments. If any community member has questions regarding this information please contact me via the office.

Semester 2 reports will be sent home next week. These comprehensive reports reflect all the work that the students have achieved in Terms 3 and 4 based on regular assessment tasks and indicate the outcomes achieved. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to clarify any questions that you may have in regards to your child's learning and progress.

A merit selection process is currently underway to permanently fill the Principal's position at Parkes Public School. We will be advised who the successful applicant is during the next week. This will be publicised prior to the end of the school year.

As this is the final newsletter for 2017, I would like say thank you to our whole school community for their support during the year and reflect on another successful year at Parkes Public School. We have welcomed new staff and students during the year and have enjoyed many successes on the sporting field, in creative and performing arts and academically right across our school. These are just a few of the things that have occurred during 2017, and I am looking forward to continuing all the progress and improvement in our school during 2018.

Congratulations to all of our students on a job well done this year. Every single student in our school has grown and improved during 2017. It is hard to believe that those fresh faced Kindergarten students whom we met at the beginning of the year are about to complete their first year of schooling.

I would like to wish our graduating Year 6 students all the best as they complete their primary schooling and start as the little fish again in the big high school bowl. We are all very proud of all of their achievements and look forward to hearing many great stories about what they achieve in the years to come. We wish them every success and happiness.

Thank you to the parents and our P&C for the wonderful support that they provide for our students and our school. Education truly is a team effort and we are very lucky to have such a great team working with us.

I would also like to thank all of our amazing staff, who continually go above and beyond in providing guidance and support to our students and our school. From the teachers in the classroom to the support teachers working with students, from the outstanding office staff who amaze me every day, to the wonderful grounds and support staff, we are very lucky to be part of such a committed, dedicated team.

I would like to wish all our school community the very best for 2018 and I hope your Christmas break is filled with much happiness and laughter. Thank you all for your support during the year and best wishes for 2018!

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Mr Smith

Student Achievements

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Year 1	Megan Baker
Year 2	Liam Ross Nate Henry Lani Joe Thompson Angel-Lee Reid

Congratulations to Lucy Hall
on achieving a School Merit
Badge!



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students
who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Janayah Roots	KE
Heidi-Lee Pearce	5W
Erin Moy	6O
Lochie Trueber	6W
Sienna Hunt	1L
Charlie Lacey	4M
Bridie Lacy	5D
Brooklyn Budd	KL
Alyssa Britt	KE
Pheobe Forbes	3S
Lucy Hall	4M
Charlotte Smith	5D

Badge

Lucy Hall	4M
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Current PBL Focus
We respect each
other's personal space



Students of the Week



Name: Genevieve Bland

Age: 12

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments:

Genevieve is a quiet, mature member of our class, who is

a pleasure to teach. She enjoys activities that challenge her.

Favourite activities: Reading, art, gymnastics, writing swimming and playing with my snake.

What career interests you? A medical researcher.



Name: Hunter Hawke

Age: 12

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments: Hunter is a responsible, energetic member of our class. He

enjoys sport and is an asset to any team he is on.

Favourite activities: I like to play cricket and go skiing.

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

Year 3 Radio Visit

Yesterday, four Year 3 students had the pleasure of visiting the local radio station, to record advertisements for road safety around schools.

The students got a tour of the radio station before recording their ads. They also learnt how to edit their recordings and change their voices.

Thanks go out to the Parkes Shire Council and Rok FM for allowing the students this opportunity.

Stay tuned during the holidays and listen out for our budding radio stars!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 6 December	High School Orientation - Girls Day
Thursday, 7 December	Presentation Night 7.00pm
Tuesday, 12 December	High School Orientation - All Year 6 students
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
Friday, 15 December	Term 4 ends for students
Tuesday, 30 January	Term 1, 2018 begins for students in years 1-6
Friday, 9 February	3-6 Swimming Carnival

DON'T FORGET

Presentation Night
Thursday, 7 December

Class parties
Monday, 11 December

Primary Socials
Tuesday, 12 December

Term 4 Ends for Students
Friday, 15 December

Term 1 Begins for Students
Tuesday, 30 January, 2018

Sport News

**Good luck to the Ryan Dunford who is competing with the
NSW Hockey team at the
Australian Pacific Games this week!!!!**

NSW PSSA Cricket Carnival

Last week Hunter Hawke and Ryan Dunford represented Western Region in the NSW PSSA Cricket Carnival in Orange. Both boys had success during the week long carnival with Hunter averaging 39.5 with the bat and a total of 79 runs for the carnival. Ryan was named Western Player of the Carnival due to his strong batting, averaging 33 and with the best bowling statistics.

On day three The Western team claimed a comfortable six-wicket win over North West. Western restricted North West to 6-126, before Ryan and Hunter added an unbeaten, fifth wicket partnership of 49 to secure the win. Opening the bowling, Ryan took 2-19 before working his way to a controlled 46 not out. He and Hunter (23 not out) came together with the score at 4-78, and pushed all the way to victory.

Well done Hunter and Ryan!



Hunter and Ryan in action at the Western PSSA Cricket Carnival!

K-2 Social



Community Noticeboard

Worldwide Candle Lighting Night

In memory of all children who have died

The Parkes Chapter of the Compassionate Friends would like to invite everyone to join us for our annual candle lighting night.

Where: Lions Park (Orange Road)
When: Sunday, 10 December
Time: 5.30pm

Candles will be lit and poems will be read at 6.00pm.

Candles will be provided or feel free to bring your own.

We will once again have a Christmas tree photo board of our children we have loved and lost. You are invited to bring a photo of your child to add to our photo board.

You are welcome to bring nibbles and drinks and stay for a chat. We suggest you bring a chair or a rug to sit in the park.

In case of inclement weather we will hold our candle lighting night at Middleton Public School Hall.

For more information please call Judy Fisher 0402 599 001, Tony Fisher 0428 970 559, or Fran Scurfield 0412 103 597.

Loving Angels Instead



Free Holiday Kids Club

January 15-19, 2018

for school aged kids, K-6

9am-12noon

Parkes Baptist church
Cnr Church St & Currajong St

Matt: 0417 265 222 | Craig: 0447 102 053

KAPOW is a combined ministry of
Parkes Baptist & Parkes Presbyterian churches.



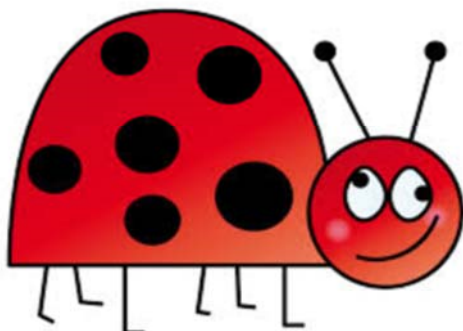
Parkes High Christmas Bingo Night

December 8th in the Lp Johnston Hall from 7pm - 9pm

GREAT FUN FOR ALL!

PAINT PARKES REaD proudly presents

THE FRINGE BENEFITS PROJECT



Children under 11 who "read" a book to their hair dresser while having a hair cut will receive a \$1.00 discount.

All books are supplied.

Supported by every Hair Salon in Clarinda and Court Street.