



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 2, Week 2 - Tuesday, 2 May 2017

## Welcome to our new students!

This term we have had a number of new students join our school. We hope you are all very happy at Parkes Public School! We are very glad to welcome you: Layla, Ava, Chyler, Eleyce, Zara and Lachlan.

It is also a delight to welcome the mums and dads of our new students. It is lovely to have our new families and we look forward to working in partnership with you to best meet the needs of your children.

## Action Club Public Speaking

Good luck to Genevieve Bland and Lucy MacGregor who are representing Parkes Public School at Action Club Public Speaking this week. Genevieve's topic is 'My World' and Lucy's topic is 'My Favourite Shoes'. Good luck girls!



Congratulations to Laney Cantrell on achieving a School Merit Badge!



**NAPLAN Assessments** will be held next week for students in Years 3 and 5. The tests are held over three days and each assessment task is about 45 minutes with break times.

- ♦ Writing Tuesday, 9 May
- ♦ Reading and Language Wednesday, 10 May
- ♦ Numeracy Thursday, 11 May

Please ensure students bring their glasses (if needed). All other equipment is provided by the school. If children are absent for one or more of the tests they can catch them up during that week but not after Friday, 12 May.



### 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



## Stewart House

The Stewart House Fundraising Drive is on again for 2017! In the past, students from our school have had the opportunity to access the wonderful services Stewart House offers. This is why Parkes Public School has once again chosen Stewart House as one of its charities to support. This year any family who makes a donation of \$2 or more to Stewart House goes into the draw to win a family holiday valued at \$4000!

Donation envelopes will go home this week. Entering the prize draw is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Simply:

1. Fill out your name, address, telephone number and school on the envelope
2. Include at least \$2 in the envelope
3. Please return to classroom teachers by Tuesday, 16 May.

Stewart House has been helping disadvantaged families for 85 years and need our support to enable them to keep offering their programs in the future to students who need it the most. Please consider giving to this worthwhile charity.

## Choir News

It was great to welcome back enthusiastic choir members last week.

Our first early morning practice was very successful. We have begun to learn our Choral Festival Repertoire in earnest.

The infants choir will now practice on Tuesday at lunchtime each week. Choir practice for the primary choir will be Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday at 8.00am.

*Mrs Leonard and Mrs Bland*

## Week 2 Infants Assembly

2R will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday 3 May. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Thank you, Mrs Ruckley*

# Kindergarten 2018

Our 2017 Kindergarten students are settled and now we start planning for 2018! If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please come along to the information session on Thursday, 18 May at 5.15pm for a 5.30 start in the hall. Also, please complete the slip below and return to the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know any eligible families who are not yet connected with our school, it would be appreciated if this message could be passed on.

<b>Child's Name</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Male</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b>
<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>Pre-school</b>	
<b>Parent/s Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		<b>Phone</b>
<b>Name and class of other siblings currently enrolled at Parkes Public School</b>		

# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 2!

Last week, our students returned from holidays and settled very quickly back into regular routines. All our teaching staff participated in professional learning last Monday on Positive Behaviour for Learning programs in our school and we were also able to unveil some wonderful new touch screens in 12 of our classrooms to staff. Our ICT team have done a huge amount of work over the holidays facilitating the installation of this fantastic new technology in our school.

Mrs Elliott and Mrs Mill completed the second phase of their training in Stronger, Smarter Leadership in Orange yesterday and today.

Don't forget our Cross-country Carnival is on this Friday morning. It is being held at Spicer Oval again this year. Also, NAPLAN testing will be on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students in Years 3 and 5.

Term 2 promises to be an exciting and enjoyable term and the staff look forward to working with parents, students and the community on achieving outstanding educational and social outcomes for all students.

Have a great week, everyone!

*Mr Smith*

## Value of the Week

### Enthusiasm

#### How do you practise Enthusiasm?

Enthusiasm is a positive attitude. When you enjoy whatever you are doing, even the duller job can be fun. Use your imagination to find ways to enjoy what you are doing. Take time for simple pleasures and enjoy the wonders of life. Show enthusiasm to others by celebrating with them when something wonderful happens. Your enthusiasm shines through your smile.

#### Affirmation

*I am full of enthusiasm. I look on the bright side. I give 100% to whatever I do. I use my imagination. I am open to the wonders in store for me today.*



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 5 May .....	Cross-country Carnival
Tuesday, 9 May .....	Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Assessment
Wednesday, 10 May .....	Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Assessment
Thursday, 11 May .....	Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Assessment
Thursday, 18 May .....	Lachlan Cross-country Kindergarten 2018 Information Session - 5.15pm in the hall
Friday, 2 June .....	Athletics Carnival

### DON'T FORGET

#### ICAS Competition

Closes tomorrow, Wednesday, 3 May

#### Cross-country Carnival

Friday, 5 May

#### Book Club Issue 3

Closes Wednesday, 10 May

#### Kindergarten 2018 Information Session

Thursday, 18 May at 5.15pm

# Student Achievements



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

## White Merit Certificate

Daniel Hando 5D

## Badge

Laney Cantrell 5W



# Student of the Week



**Name:** Madaline Rich

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**Favourite activities:** Soccer and going on rides in my dad's car.

**Teacher comments:** Maddy is a delightful member of our class. She is always eager to join class discussions and share her knowledge with others.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be a Pro soccer player!

## ICAS COMPETITIONS - WRITING AND SPELLING

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6.

The closing date for entry in the following competitions is **tomorrow, Wednesday 3 May.**

The competitions will be held on the following dates:

- ♦ Writing - Tuesday, 13 June
- ♦ Spelling - Wednesday, 14 June

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### WRITING COMPETITION

I give permission for my child/ren:

\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the **2017 Australasian Schools Writing Competition.**

Please find enclosed **\$18.00** entry fee for each child.

Parent/carer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### SPELLING COMPETITION

I give permission for my child/ren:

\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the **2017 Australasian Schools Spelling Competition.**

Please find enclosed **\$12.00** entry fee for each child.

Parent/carer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Last term 2E made 3D objects using peas, toothpicks and cardboard nets.

The students enjoyed their 'hands on' learning experience!



# Sport News

## **Peachey Shield/Richardson Cup Rugby League Gala Day**

Parkes Public School has entered a team in the Years 3/4 and the Years 5/6 competition to be held in Condobolin on Tuesday, 16 May. Many students have expressed interest in being a part of this, so we will be having selection trials for the following two Wednesdays at lunch, starting this week.

This is the only Rugby League that we will take part in this year. Students will need to bring headgear, a mouthguard, boots/joggers and a change of clothes for the selection trials. Students must attend at least one of the trials to be considered for selection.

If selected, students will receive a 'Permission to Play Rugby League' form that must be signed by a parent. They will then also pay \$2.00 each to participate in the day.

If there are any questions, please contact me through the school office.

*Mr Roberts*

## **Cross-country Carnival**

The Parkes Public School Cross-country Carnival is on this **Friday, 5 May**.

The students were walked through the course last Friday.

All students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend the Cross-country Carnival, unless medically unable (a note will be required to be sent to your child's teacher if this is the case). Students are encouraged to run as much as possible, but can choose to walk the course.

Those students turning 8, 9 or 10 in 2017 complete a 2 km course. Students turning 11, 12 or 13 in 2017 complete a 3 km course.

The carnival on Friday, 5 May will start at approximately 9.20am and should be finished by approximately 11.00am. As in previous years, it will be held at Spicer Oval. Please wear sport uniform and appropriate footwear. A hat and a drink will also be necessary. For those children who require them, please don't forget your puffer and your EpiPen. Please ensure they are kept in a safe place on your person (for example, a zippered pocket or a bum bag).

We hope to see lots of parents, grandparents etc there supporting our students! We know some of our students have been training in preparation! It should be a great morning!

### **Year 2 parents of 8 year olds, please note:**

Students in Year 2 who have turned 8 are invited to compete. They also walked the course last Friday also. **Please let their class teacher know if they do not wish to compete in the Cross-country this Friday.**

*Thank you, Mitch Roberts*

**Parents, please note:** We need parents to help time the students on the day. Please complete the form below if you would be available to help on the morning. Please ask your child to return this note to Mr Roberts. Thank you to those parents who have already responded.

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Yes, I would be available to help at the Parkes Public School Cross-country Carnival on Friday, 5 May. I will be available from 9.20am to 11.00am (approximately).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Sport News

## State Tennis Carnival

Good luck to Ellen Dolbel, Molly Kennedy, Joseph Tanswell and Cody Kirk who are all away at State Tennis this week competing for Western Region. We are sure you will all do your very best and be fantastic representatives of Western Region and Parkes Public School.



## Boys' Hockey

We would like to congratulate the following players on their selection in the Parkes Public Boys' Hockey Squad 2017: Ryan Dunford, Joseph Tanswell, Brody Kennedy, Kaid Lydford, Hunter Hawke, Liam Moody, Kane Nutley, Harmih Turnbull, Cody Kirk, Flynn Thompson, Zanda Johnstone, Harry Jones, Ewan Moody, Joel MacGregor and Jett Johnstone.

Our first game will take place on Monday, 8 May against Parkes East Public School. Our game will commence at 10.15am.

## Congratulations!

Letter of congratulations received from Michael McCormack MP, Federal Member for Riverina.

*'Please pass my sincere congratulations onto the Parkes Public School Boys' Cricket and Hockey Teams on being awarded a Parkes Shire Council's Special Commendation Team of the Year Award on Australia Day 2017.*

*What an outstanding year the cricket and hockey teams have had with a lot of boys playing in both teams.*

*The team members are hard working and dedicated sportsmen who have achieved some amazing results for which they must be so proud.*

*Congratulations once again and I extend my best wishes to each team member and I have no doubt they will continue to excel.'*

# Community Noticeboard

## Footpath Astronomy at the Sir Henry Parkes Monument

Thursday, 4 May from 7.00pm

Central West Astronomical Society Incorporated invites you to join them for a look through telescopes.

Get an up close look at the Moon, Orion and Sirius.

We might even get a look at Mars.

**This is a free event!**





# Parkes Public School

## INFORMATION EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES IN 2018

**Refreshments at 5.15pm for 5.30pm start**  
**Thursday, 18 May 2017**  
**School Assembly Hall in Hill Street**

## Free child minding

**PRINCIPAL: MR BEN SMITH**

**PHONE: 6862 1702**

- ☒ **transition to school program**
- ☒ **enrolment process**
- ☒ **general information about the school**
- ☒ **inspiring programs**
- ☒ **diverse opportunities for your children**
- ☒ **questions answered**