



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 2, Week 4 - Tuesday, 16 May 2017

Congratulations to our 2017 Cross-country Champions!



Junior Girl: Grace MacGregor, Senior Girl: Heidi Parkin and (absent Kendra Dunn), Junior Boy: Jack Pinkstone, Senior Boy: Kaid Lydford.

Good luck to the cross-country runners who are competing in the Lachlan Cross-country Carnival in Forbes on Thursday.

Good luck also to our debating team who take on Forbes Public School tomorrow. The team will debate the affirmative that 'Australia should have a new flag'.



Congratulations to Daniel Hando and Dayton Venaglia on achieving School Merit Badges!



MISSION STATEMENT

Parkes Public School strives for excellence in the education of responsible and respectful students in a safe learning community.



CONTACT US

Principal

Mr Ben Smith

77-85 Currajong Street
PARKES NSW 2870

Ph: 6862 1702; 6862 1867

Fax: 6862 5047

Email:

parkes-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website:

www.parkes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

P&C ASSOCIATION

President

Keri MacGregor: 6863 1155

Secretary

Helen Longhurst: 0428 266 602

Treasurer

Anna Pearce: 0414 699 840

SCHOOL COUNCIL

President

David Bicket: 6862 3608

For Your Information



Safety Around School Crossings

Ensure your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school. Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross. Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children's crossing when **'CHILDREN CROSSING' FLAGS** are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

40km/h School Zones: The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen. A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms. Gazetted school term dates can be found at: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au website and the Department of Education website.

Project update-Work on Currajong Street

The NSW Government is funding an upgrade to school zone signs at Parkes Public School as part of the NSW School Zone Flashing Lights program to improve the safety for students in the area.

Installing flashing lights signage in school zones has led to improved driver awareness of driving at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and people coming and going from the school area.

There will be some footpath and lane closures while work is carried out, and we will have signposting and detours in place as required. Some parking spaces will also be unavailable while work is completed.

The work will be carried out between Monday, 15 May and Friday, 23 June. There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limit and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions.

Week 4 Infants Assembly

1K will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 17 May. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Miss King

Walk Safely to School Day is this Friday, 19 May. This is a day where children are encouraged to walk to school. Students who are normally driven or come on the town buses are encouraged to walk with their parents. This can be a positive family time as well as a great opportunity to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

Healthy Ears Hear Better!

This week and in Weeks 5 and 9 classes from K-2 will be visited by Mr Glenn Pepper, one of the Hearing Support Teachers, from the Department of Education. He will be teaching students a lesson about 'Healthy Ears'.

A major focus of this lesson is to teach children the importance of correctly blowing their noses to help them hear clearly.

Students will watch puppets demonstrate how to blow their noses. They will then all take a turn to blow their own nose and wash their hands properly.

Keep an eye out for the information page that will be sent home with your child after their lesson with Mr Pepper.

Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 4!

A huge wrap for our families who have really been ensuring our students are coming to school looking amazing in their uniforms. Our uniform shop remains well stocked with school jumpers and jackets to keep everyone in the correct colours and warm! Thank you to Mrs Tanya MacGregor who is always working really hard to ensure we are well stocked, and to our other volunteers in the uniform shop, Mrs Ann Reginato and Mrs Trish Baker.

Students in Years 3 and 5 have taken part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) last week. Congratulations to you all on the effort and positive attitude you displayed throughout. Thank you also to parents for making sure their children were in attendance during this important time.

Recently we have had a number of parents and families gathering under the Infants COLA prior to home time, waiting to collect children. Whilst we absolutely welcome parents and families into our school at any time, I would ask that anyone

waiting to collect children please be mindful of noise and disruptions to classes as teachers are still trying to engage students in quality learning in the afternoons. Also, a quick reminder that student toilets are for student use, not adults as this may pose a child protection issue. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these matters.

Today, we have students away for public speaking, netball and rugby league, on Wednesday we are hosting a debate against Forbes Public School, and on Thursday we have students attending the El Kid Opera and Lachlan District Cross-country. I am sure you will join with me in thanking our dedicated and committed staff who give their time and efforts to provide our students with these wonderful opportunities! Best of luck to all students involved in these events this week, I am sure you will represent Parkes Public School with pride!

Have a great week, everyone!

Mr Smith

Value of the Week

Justice

What is Justice?

Practising justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. Being just is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. It is taking responsibility if you make a mistake and making amends. Justice means that every person's rights are protected.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 18 May Lachlan Cross-country
El Kid Opera Performance
Kindergarten 2018 Information
Session - 5.15pm in the hall

Thursday, 25 May PBL Crazy Sock Day

Friday, 2 June Athletics Carnival

Monday, 19 June P&C Meeting at 6.30pm

June 2 until June 22 Life Education Van

DON'T FORGET

**Kindergarten 2018
Information Session**
Thursday, 18 May at 5.15pm

P&C Meeting
Monday, 19 June at 6.30

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Instalments can be paid on
Canberra excursion

Student Achievements



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Matthew Fredericks	2E
Bowe Kirwan	5D
Zac Kirwan	6O
Chelsea Hall	1L
Anna Woodlands	3M

Badge

Daniel Hando	5D
Dayton Venaglia	5W



K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Tyler Zagrovic
	Tanaya Haensch
Year 2	Jordan Mann
	Jake Martin
	Tallara Phelan



Student of the Week



Name: Zac Chandler

Age: 12

Class: 6N

Teacher: Miss Newbigging

Favourite activities: I enjoy driving my green machine, cooking and swimming. I like to play with cuddles, my dog and my two cats.

Teacher comments:

Zac is a kind and caring member who enjoys computers. He displays a positive attitude towards all school tasks.

What career interests you?

I would like to be a chef.

ICAS COMPETITIONS - MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6.

The closing date for entry in the following competitions is **Wednesday, 7 June**

The competitions will be held on the following dates:

- ♦ Mathematics - Tuesday, 15 August
- ♦ English - Tuesday, 1 August



MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

I give permission for my child/ren:

_____ Class _____
 _____ Class _____
 _____ Class _____

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

Please find enclosed **\$9.00** entry fee for each child.

Parent/carer _____

Date _____

ENGLISH COMPETITION

I give permission for my child/ren:

_____ Class _____
 _____ Class _____
 _____ Class _____

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

Please find enclosed **\$9.00** entry fee for each child.

Parent/carer _____

Date _____

Canteen News

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped and are helping in the canteen.

If you have time to spare (even short-term) to help in the canteen please see Belinda or phone the school on 6862 1702. Helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Athletics Carnival - Friday, 2 June

- The canteen will be open at the carnival and on the infants side. The infants canteen will operate as normal.
- Students going to the carnival are encouraged to pre-order their lunch as there will only be a limited amount of hot food available on the day.
- Parents and spectators can buy soup, hot food and hot drinks on the day as well as other usual canteen items. Alternatively orders can be placed with their child's order.
- Late orders may not be able to be filled. Please return order form below to avoid disappointment!

Helpers needed for the carnival. If you can help please fill in the following.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Time available _____

Thank you, Belinda

Athletics Carnival Canteen Order * Friday, 2 June *

(No late orders accepted -
must be in by Tuesday, 30 May)

Name _____

House _____ Class _____

____ x Hot Dog @ \$2.50 each \$_____

____ x Sausage Roll @ \$3.50 each \$_____

____ x Pie @ \$4.00 each \$_____

☐ BBQ sauce ☐ Tomato sauce ☐ No sauce

Drinks - all \$2.00 each

____ Apple Juice ____ Lemonade ____ Chocolate Milk

(Other drinks will be available on the day)

\$_____

Total Order \$_____

Athletics Carnival Canteen Order * Friday, 2 June *

(No late orders accepted -
must be in by Tuesday, 30 May)

Name _____

House _____ Class _____

____ x Hot Dog @ \$2.50 each \$_____

____ x Sausage Roll @ \$3.50 each \$_____

____ x Pie @ \$4.00 each \$_____

☐ BBQ sauce ☐ Tomato sauce ☐ No sauce

Drinks - all \$2.00 each

____ Apple Juice ____ Lemonade ____ Chocolate Milk

(Other drinks will be available on the day)

\$_____

Total Order \$_____

Sport News

Western Tennis Team

Last week Ellen Dolbel, Molly Kennedy, Cody Kirk and Joseph Tanswell travelled to Newcastle to compete at the NSW State Tennis Championships as members of the Western team.

Matches were played for four solid days and consisted of both singles and doubles against CIS, Sydney East, South Coast, Sydney West and Riverina. Overall the Western team finished 9th which was an improvement of four places from the previous year.

Each player ended the tournament with a few wins and a few losses in both singles and doubles matches. Our school tennis representatives have been training consistently all year and are to be commended for their commitment to improving their skills to become stronger players. Congratulations on showing great sportsmanship and being wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Mrs Dolbel

PSSA Girls' Hockey

Well done to the Parkes Public School Girls' Hockey Team who played Parkes East Public School last Monday, 8 May in their first match in the 2017 PSSA Hockey Knockout. Unfortunately, Parkes East were too strong for the girls, resulting in a 2-1 defeat.

All the girls should be commended on their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the game.

There will be a gala day held later in the year in which the girls may participate. Further information will be given at a later date.

Well done to you all and to Mrs Thompson for her great coaching. Thank you also to the parents and supporters who assisted with transport and came along to watch the game.

Miss McWhirter

Girls' Touch Football Trials

Trials for the girls' touch football will be held on Wednesday, 17 May and Friday, 19 May (Week 4). Trials will be held at school during lunch time. The girls will need to make sure they bring their touch gear to school.

Bianca McPhee

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 2 June. Students will need to be dropped to Northparkes Oval by 8.45am ready for a 9.00am carnival start. Bus students will be dropped at the oval by bus in the morning. On arrival, students will need to have their names marked off by their class teacher.

Students will go home from Northparkes Oval. Bus students will catch their normal bus home from the Northparkes Oval.

A canteen is operating on the day and students can pre-order lunch. Students will need to bring recess and lunch, if not ordering from the canteen, wear their sport uniform, bring a hat and a water bottle.

The program for the day will be handed out early in Week 6.

We are looking for parent helpers who can assist with time keeping. Please return the following slip if you will be available to assist on the day.

Tracey Newbigging

✂ -----

I, _____ am available to assist with time keeping.

Student's name _____

Phone number _____

P&C News

Mothers Day Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to our lucky winners: Lynda Swain, Kerrie Kennedy and Isabella Trott (a KL student and daughter of Sara). We hope you had a lovely Mothers Day! Thank you to Tracey Harrison of Body Express Beauty Salon for the donation of first and third prizes and Nangar Gems and 141 on Main for second prize. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. P&C raised \$293.

Uniform Shop:

At our P&C meeting last night we discussed the continuation of providing this service to the school community. The P&C will continue running the uniform shop until further notice. **As of next week, the uniform shop will only open Fridays, 2.30-3.15pm** and on special days, i.e. beginning of the new school year, change of season, orientation, etc. A review of prices will also be conducted in the next month. Please consider using **FLEXISCHOOLS** to purchase uniforms online at your convenience. For further information on Flexischools and to set up a secure account visit flexischools.com.au. This online service is provided by P&C and is a great way to order lunches too!

P&C are searching for a uniform shop manager and more volunteers. If you would like more information contact Tanya MacGregor, 0427 372 231 or Helen Longhurst on 0428 266 602.

Fete:

We are excited to announce that P&C fete raised **\$15,279.07!**

This money will be used to purchase a quality sound system and equipment for the choir to use during practices at school and offsite performances. P&C will also use this money for beautification projects around the school. Mr Smith is creating a list of projects for us. If you have any ideas for beautifying the grounds for your children please speak to one of the P&C executive.

Next Meeting:

Our next general meeting is Monday, 19 June at 6.30pm in the staffroom. New members (\$2.00 membership fee) are very welcome to attend.

Community Noticeboard

Parkes East Public School Fete

The Parkes East Public School fete is on this Saturday, 20 May. Running from 9.00am until 2.00pm, it promises lots of stalls and lots of food! An auction will be held at 12.00 noon.

Cyber Safety

Law Week, a nationwide initiative to promote community awareness and understanding of the law, is being held from 15-21 May 2017. Parkes Library is hosting a Legal Aid NSW event.

'Cyber safety for older people' - this presentation outlines common on-line scams, how to identify them and provides practical tips on protecting yourself online. It also covers how to report scams to authorities.

Thursday, 18 May, 10.30am, Parkes Library
Please RSVP by Wed, 17 May on 6861 2309.

Rotary Fun Run Run in the Heart of the Central West

Sunday, 21 May
From 9.00am Harrison Park, Parkes
2km / 5km / 10km courses
Register online at:
parkesrotaryfunrun.com.au





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**