



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 2, Week 6 - Tuesday, 30 May 2017



Congratulations to Nicholas Gascoigne and Chase MacQueen on achieving School Merit Badges!



Congratulations to our netball teams on their performance in the Schools Cup.



#### 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



## **Week 6 Infants Assembly**

1/2W will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow Wednesday, 31 May. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Thank you, Mrs Watson*

## **Kindergarten 2018**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 are now being taken. Please contact the office on 6862 1702 and leave the details of any child intending to enrol next year. We welcome all students from 4 years and 6 months of age at the beginning of 2018.

## **Life Education Van**

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Friday, 9 June until Thursday, 22 June offering all students the chance to attend workshops on healthy living and the dangers of drugs. Please return all permission notes and money to the class teacher as soon as possible. We would really like all students to attend as we will be conducting follow up lessons in class in the weeks after students have attended their session. Students will attend in class groups (times and dates to be advised).

## **Working with Children Check**

Attention all parents and helpers. Have you got your working with children check?

What is a 'Working with Children Check'? A 'Working with Children Check' is a government requirement for people who work or volunteer in child-related work.

Why do I need a 'Working with Children Check'? It is a government requirement that ensures the safety of our children. Any adult working with children at Parkes Public School requires this check. That includes classroom volunteers, canteen, coaching and transporting of children.

It's easy to organise and free ...

Step 1: Go to the website: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check> and complete the online form. Remember to say that you are a volunteer and there will be no charge. This takes just a few minutes. Print off your 'New application receipt'

Step 2: Go to the Service NSW Centre at the RMS in Currajong St with your 'New application receipt'

Step 3: You will be contacted via email within a few weeks. Print off your working with children approval

Step 4: Bring a copy of your 'Working with Children Check' approval to the school office with your date of birth written on it as we must have this on file.

## **School Banking**

Please make sure you remember to place your yellow school banking wallet into the green bin (infants) under the COLA and yellow (primary) under the computer room verandah on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

*School Banking Co-ordinators*

## **Pie Drive**

Don't forget this year's pie drive is underway. If you need another order form, please call into the office to collect one. **Orders will be available until Monday, 5 June.** The collection day will be Friday, 23 June from Welcome building on the infants side of Parkes Public School between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 6!

Congratulations to our girls' netball team which took out the Schools Cup last week. Special mention should also go to the boys who played in our first ever all boys team. They had a great day and played very well too.

Congratulations and commiserations go to our girls' and boys' football teams who both played Middleton Public School yesterday. The boys had a strong win, however, the girls were unsuccessful. Thank you to our volunteer coaches and teachers who manage the teams.

I encourage all families and students who come into school through the Bushman Street gates to please use the crossing area when coming across the road. This will assist in keeping everyone safe and help drivers to be more aware when driving through the school zone during high use times.

I am looking for some volunteers who may be interested in assisting with preparing our next three year school plan (2018-2020). The three year plan is written to outline the big priorities for improvement that the school will focus on over the next three years. This may not sound super interesting, but the opportunity of having some input into the direction that our school takes over the next three years can be very rewarding. I'm looking for a small group of two or three parents to join a planning team that will consist of school leaders, a couple of staff and parents. Meetings will occur at a time that is suitable for all involved, probably three-four between the beginning of Term 3 and the end of the year. If our school is to determine the right direction to take for the next three years it is critical that we have authentic input from parents on this. If you'd like to be involved please let me know via the office. By all means give me a call or grab me in the playground if you'd like to ask a few more questions about the process before making a commitment.

Finally today, the fidget spinner 'phenomenon' seems to have really caught on with quite a few of our students. Like many new fads that find their way into school, there are both positives and negatives. The teachers and I have been monitoring their impact at school over the past few weeks and unfortunately they have created a number of problems and have become a distraction that is too hard for some students to resist in the classroom. For this reason, we would like students to not bring them to school anymore. Your assistance with supporting this is greatly appreciated.

I wonder when the marble phase will come around again? Now there's a fad I could be tempted to get interested in!

Enjoy another magic week of Autumn.

*Mr Smith*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 2 June ..... Athletics Carnival  
Wednesday, 14 June ..... Western Cross-country Carnival  
Monday, 19 June ..... P&C Meeting at 6.30pm  
June 9 until June 22 ..... Life Education Van  
Friday, 30 June ..... Last day of Term 2  
Tuesday, 18 July ..... First day of Term 3

## DON'T FORGET

**P&C Meeting**  
Monday, 19 June at 6.30pm  
**Year 6 Canberra Excursion**  
Money is due and can be paid by instalment  
**Life Ed Van**  
\$8 per student now due  
**Book Club - Issue 4**  
Closes Wednesday, 14 June



# Student Achievements



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who gained a:

## White Merit Certificate

Nikki Leonard	1K
Bailey Chandler	5W
Ethan Hunt	5W
Djarwyn Fraser	1L
Xander Greef	3S
Nate Harrison	3M
Noah Tillman	2E
Chase MacQueen	6O
Charlie Strickland	4M

## Badge

Nicholas Gascoigne	5D
Chase MacQueen	6O



## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Jai Miller
	Lila Thompson

Year 1	Aula Mopafi
	Melia Watt

Year 2	Sophie Broekhuizen
	Finlay Quince
	Maurice Bates
	Lilyanne Cotter



# Student of the Week



**Name:** Kaiden Budd

**Age:** 12

**Class:** 6W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**What career interest you?** When I grow up I want to be a builder.

**Teacher comments:** Kaiden is an entertaining member of our class. He is quick to laugh and enjoys contributing to class discussions.

**Favourite activities:** Arts and crafts, sports, sciences, scooter riding and maths.

# Value of the Week

## Self-Discipline

### Why Practise Self-Discipline?

Observe your feelings and thoughts, then decide how you are going to behave. If you feel angry, instead of yelling or hitting, you can acknowledge your anger, then use a calm voice to tell someone you are angry and why. It is your choice. Create routines that bring peace and order to your day, such as when to wash, exercise, work and play. Set limits for yourself, like time on the phone, how much TV you watch, the number of sweets you eat - enough but not too much.

### Affirmation

*I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions beforehand.*

# 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*

# 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

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### 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/carers \_\_\_\_\_

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/carers \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Sport News

## Netball NSW Schools Cup 2017

Our Stage 3 netball teams had a fabulous day at NSW Netball Schools Cup held in Parkes last Wednesday.

Our Parkes Public School Red Team comprising of Zoe, Ellen, Dani, Maely, Molly, Kendra, Jorja and Heidi completed the day with four wins against Forbes Public School, Middleton, St Lawrence's and Holy Family School, scoring a total of 73 goals and only 10 against.

Our Parkes Public School Blue Team (Parkes Public School first ever all boys netball team) comprising of Kaiden, Ryan, Gabe, Hunter, Cody, Kaid, Liam, Kane, Joseph and Harmih had an amazing three wins and a draw against Middleton, Forbes North Public School, St Joseph's Condobolin and Parkes East Public School. The boys finished in equal first place but lost on a count back by only four goals.

The girls will move onto the regional finals day to be held in Orange in Term 3.

Thanks to our great parent support from Lisa Nutley who assisted with umpiring during the day.

*Mrs Dolbel*



## Girls Western Touch Trials

On Monday, 22 May, Maely MacGregor went to try-out in Dubbo for Western Touch Football Team. Maely played for the Lachlan Team which she had previously tried out for, and made it.

The first game Lachlan played Lithgow but sadly lost, it was a close game. The next game Lachlan played against Bathurst and had a fantastic win, with Maely scoring a try, she used all her speed and put the ball down right over the line. Lachlan's third game they played Orange and had a close game but just didn't get over the line enough times. Lachlan's last game was played very well but still couldn't get away with the win. Unfortunately, Maely was unsuccessful in making it into possibles and probables. Well done Maely!



## Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 2 June. Students will need to be dropped off at 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 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*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ am available to assist with time keeping.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_