



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 2, Week 7 - Tuesday, 6 June 2017

Kindergarten Students Learn About Cotton

Did you know that some countries use cotton to make money?

That's just one of the interesting facts that Kindergarten learnt last Friday. We attended a virtual excursion called 'Counting on Cotton' and met Farmer James, who is an advisor to cotton farmers.

Students learnt how farmers grow cotton and how it is taken from its raw state and turned into materials.

We looked at the different products that are made out of cotton, how farmers use technology and what types of insects are used to deter pests from the cotton plant.

We were then lucky enough to have Mrs Katrina Swift come in and talk to us about their cotton growing experiences. Mrs Swift is a parent at the school and an agronomist. She showed us cotton seeds, pods, plants, slugs and her drone that is used to monitor crops. We then moved to the grassed area and saw the drone in action! The children viewed the images from the drone on the screen.

What a wonderful experience for our students to have.

Thank you, Mrs Swift! We all learnt so much about cotton.



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 7 Infants Assembly

KE will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow Wednesday, 7 June. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Mrs Elliott

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).



Found

Two size 8 knitted jumpers. Please call into the office and collect if you are missing them.

Breakfast Club

Thank you Parkes Quota Club International for their generous donation of two toasters to be used for our breakfast club program. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers for breakfast club. This program is only possible due to the service provided by the volunteers. The students who attend enjoy their time spent there.

Value of the Week

GENEROSITY

What is Generosity?

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

Why Practise It?

Without generosity, people act uncaringly, refusing to share their belongings, their time, and their friendship. People who need help feel helpless because no one will give them what they need. When we give freely, especially if a sacrifice is involved, our spirit grows strong. When one person is generous, other people want to be generous too.



Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 7!

Our teachers are well into the process of writing student reports for Semester 1. This is an extensive process of assessment and analysis of every student's knowledge, skills and understanding in each of the six key learning areas, as well as their learning habits and social development. Student reports serve to provide you with an overview of your child's current achievement level and areas you may be able to assist with at home. It is worth sharing with you, that teachers do not get additional time to complete reports. These are done in their own time during evenings and weekends. Thank you to all our dedicated teachers for the time, effort and energy you put into preparing and writing these reports.

A gentle reminder this week that it is extremely important that at drop off and pick up times that drivers are not distracted by phones etc in the car so that they are fully aware of their surroundings and where students may be at that time. Students can be unpredictable and we need your help in keeping them as safe as possible around this time of day, particularly around our bus zones and the crossing in Bushman Street.

Finally, this week has seen some very sad news for our school community. Michael Melhuish, a former student of Parkes Public School, sadly lost his long-running battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) in the early hours of Monday morning. Michael's family has had a long association with our school. His mother Michelle has worked with us over many years and his siblings Matthew and Sarah are also past Parkes Public School students. We would like to offer our thoughts, support, prayers and deepest condolences to Michael's family and friends in this most difficult of times.

Have a great week , everyone!

Mr Smith

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Parkes Public School would like to acknowledge and thank Coles Supermarket for their continued support of our Breakfast Club and other programs run at our school.

These programs are only possible due to these generous contributions.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 for Students

Thursday, 20 July Book Fair

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

Molly Clohessy	1L
Max Longhurst	4M



K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Alex Griffiths Jon Selda
Year 1	Alanah Wood
Year 2	Zachery Guy



Student of the Week



Name: Jorja Rusten

Age: 11

Class: 6W

Teacher: Mrs Woolstencroft

Favourite activities: I like to ride horse, go to state show riding, and horse jumping and cross-country.

Teacher comments: Jorja is a helpful and polite member of our class. She is always eager to share her knowledge and thoughts during class discussions.

What career interests you? I would like to be a vet, horse stud owner, trotter driver, go to the Olympics for horses and travel the world doing horse events.



Students from K-2P have been fine tuning their gross motor skills.

They have been enjoying the outdoors and the sunny days (whole they have lasted)!

Crazy Sock Day

Can you find your socks? Have a look and see if you can pick your socks!!



Book Fair - Save the Date

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Our school library will be holding a **one day** book fair in the library on Thursday, 20 July.

Most brand new books at the fair will be on sale for the bargain price of only \$5.00!! As every book will be on sale for just \$5.00, we will not be able to re-order any books. Only books available on the day will be for sale. There will also be a table of more expensive books that will be \$10.00.

Book Fair Opening Hours:

Thursday, 20 July 8.00am-7.00pm



On Thursday, 20 July students may come to school in book character dress-up clothes. There will be some spot prizes on the day for students.



Families can also choose from a selection of brand new books to donate to the library, also for \$5.00. A book plate will be fixed inside the book acknowledging the student/family who made the donation. Students will also be the first to borrow their donated book. This is a great way for students to leave a lasting memento of their time at Parkes Public School.

Please come and support the library as all money raised will go towards purchasing resources for the library and classrooms.

ICAS COMPETITIONS - MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6.

The closing date for entry in the following competitions is tomorrow, **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

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed at our Athletics Carnival last Friday.

Thank you to Miss Newbigging and her helpers for all their work in organising and running the carnival. We are expecting to complete the last few events this Wednesday morning at Northparkes Oval, beginning at approximately 9.20am. Not all students in Years 3-6 will attend.

Boys' Hockey

Good luck to the boys' hockey team who are playing their third round match tomorrow.



2017 Parkes Public School Girls' Football Team

PSSA Girls' Football

Last week the Parkes Public Girls' Football Team played Middleton in round three of the PSSA knockout. Congratulations to Middleton on winning 6-0. Our girls played with so much heart and good sportsmanship and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Justin Terrill for coaching the team.

Peachey Shield Rugby League Competition

Parkes Public School has made it through to the finals day of the Peachey Shield Rugby League competition in Dubbo on Wednesday, 28 June. This will be an excellent day with a lot of great football talent on display. The venue for this event is Apex Oval in Dubbo and will commence at 9.00am. A draw will be sent out once all teams have been finalised.

The winners of the David Peachey Shield will be crowned Western Region champions. The David Peachey Shield winners will then go on to represent the region at the NRL Legends Shield on Wednesday, 23 August.

Like last year there will be a number of 'players of the match' awards presented to the players at the lunch time break. Players will be awarded points throughout the day and those with the most points will receive a limited edition jumper.

Until this time, the boys will be training each Monday afternoon, on the infants grass from 3.15-4.00pm.



Breakfast



Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children. Eating breakfast each morning improves children's learning, concentration, behaviour and establishes a healthy eating pattern.

Why is breakfast important?

- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example:

- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie and toast
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt
- toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- baked beans on toast

Community Noticeboard

Parkes Reading Day

READING's fun now I've begun

To do the Premier's Dare

No TV watch

Turn off the notch

I'll READ with time to spare.

Hope you're reading with friends.

Take a selfie and send to Champion Post...open to ALL ages.

BreastScreen
NSW

Health
NSW
Western NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Women's Yarning Circle

Are you a 40+ Aboriginal woman?

Then you're invited to join in our
FREE Yarning Circle

WHEN: Tuesday 20 June at 11am

WHERE: Little Theatre, 34 Bogan St, Parkes

Informal gathering to yarn about the importance of breast screening.
You can have a FREE breast screen on the day if you want to.

Free refreshments and goodie bags provided.

PLEASE RSVP TO:

Jacky Read (Aboriginal Health Worker/Practice Nurse) on 68621699

Or

Christine (BreastScreen) on 63693609

