



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 3, Week 3 - Tuesday, 1 August 2017

ICAS Science Competition

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ICAS NSW Science Competition. The results are as follows:

Participation: Bonnie Hall, Joshua Ball, Liam Freeman, Ewan Moody, Jack Nutley, Liam Moody

Merit: Thomas Ball, Brody Kennedy, Heidi Parkin

Credit: Angelique Bland, Ethan Hunt, Gabriel Goodrick, Joseph Tanswell

Distinction: Genevieve Bland.



Absent from photo: Brody Kennedy



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 3 Infants Assembly

1K will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 2 July. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Miss King

Band News

It was great to see some band members prepared last week and keen to start on new pieces of music. Unfortunately, there are still a lot forgetting or not attending the Monday sessions, which is making it very difficult for Mr Screen to teach. Please remind your child each Sunday night to pack their instruments and music so they are prepared.

We are looking for new members to join the band this term. We have spare trumpets, drums, clarinets and trombones available. If your child is keen and committed and would be available every Monday at lunch time please see Mrs Watson. Note there is a cost involved.

Recorder

Thank you children for your commitment to recorder each Monday. This week please remember to bring your recorder on Wednesday for our assembly performance.

Choir

Choir practice this week for infants choir will be on Tuesday. Primary choir practice will be Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday morning at 8.00am. Wonderful work everyone!

Mrs Leonard and Mrs Bland

Pictureproducts

Pictureproducts Project – is a fundraising project to raise additional funds to purchase a class set (30) of Virtual Reality headsets for our students to discover the world we live in! During Week 5 students will work on their project in library lessons. Please return your order and money to the office in a clearly marked envelope by Friday, 11 August. If you would like younger or older siblings, not at school, to design a plate, water bottle or mug, send in the green order form and money and the design paper will be sent home.

Our next P&C meeting is Monday, 21 August, 6.30pm in the staffroom.



2017 Premier's Spelling Bee

The school round of the Premier's Spelling Bee will be conducted in Week 4:

Years 3 and 4 Monday, 7 August

Years 5 and 6 Wednesday, 9 August.

Two junior and two senior students will then go on to compete in the regional round in September at a venue yet to be announced. The state finals are held in Sydney on Wednesday, 8 November.

All primary students are eligible to participate. There is no cost to enter. Links to the annotated word lists (pronunciation, grammar, definitions) are available on the school website. Students have been given a copy of the simple list, but it is also available on the website.

These lists are password protected. PASSWORD: riddle

Please direct any enquiries to Mrs Whitchurch.

Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 3!

As of this week, our newsletter will be published fortnightly, every odd week during the term. This has come about due to the enormous workload our administration staff are currently undertaking with the rollover to our new financial and administration systems coming up in the first week of September. We will trial the fortnightly newsletter for the remainder of 2017 and re-assess it's publication dates at the beginning of 2018.

Later this year our school will take part in the NAPLAN online preparation assessments. These sessions are not about assessing student achievement but are designed to collect data to see if our school's current technology is equipped to move to the full online testing next year. There will be one session for Year 3 and two for Year 5. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our NAPLAN co-ordinator, Mrs Judy Shore or myself via the school office.

We are very excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program again! You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points at Woolworths between Wednesday, 26 July and Tuesday, 19 September 2017. We will then redeem these points for some awesome educational resources. Simply put the stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolworths. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program, and we would like to get lots of new things for our school!

Several children have presented recently with head lice. Control of such a problem can only be achieved through the co-operation of **all** parents. Untreated hair can cause distress and ongoing financial burden to many families. All parents are asked to check their child's hair thoroughly for eggs or lice and treat accordingly. A natural head lice prevention spray can be made at home as follows:

15 drops of Eucalyptus oil, 15 drops Tea Tree Oil and 20 drops Thyme Oil. Mix with water in a spray bottle and use daily. This does not treat head lice but will assist in preventing them.

Next Week is Education Week at Parkes Public School! The theme is "I Learn We Learn". As part of our celebrations, on Monday we will be holding Open Classrooms for families and friends to enjoy from 11.30-12.15 and a special Assembly from 12.30-1.15 followed by a picnic lunch in the playground. We look forward to seeing parents, carers and friends join us in celebrating this special day of Public Education.

Congratulations to our boys' hockey team on their win over Dubbo South last week. We have many sporting events coming up in the next week or two, including the Lachlan District Athletics carnival, touch football, more hockey and soccer. Best of luck to all our students involved.

This morning our Year 6 students, accompanied by Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Woolstencroft, Mrs Mill and Mr Lovett, headed off on the annual excursion to Canberra. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return this Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Woolstencroft and Mrs O'Neill for organising this awesome experience for our students.

Have a great fortnight, everyone! *Mr Smith*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 7 August	Open Classrooms, Picnic Lunch and Whole School Assembly
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Monday, 7 August.	Premier's Spelling Bee, Years 3 and 4
Wednesday, 9 August.	Premier's Spelling Bee, Years 5 and 6
Friday, 11 August.	Jump Rope For Heart
Wednesday, 16 August.	Musica Viva
Tuesday, 29 August.	Parkes Show half day holiday
Thursday, 14 September	Kinder Zoo Excursion

DON'T FORGET

Education Week Activities Monday, 7 August

Open Classrooms, Picnic Lunch and Whole School Assembly

Musica Viva

Money and notes are due in by Friday, 11 August

Student Achievements



Congratulations to Luke Parkin
on achieving a School Merit
Badge!

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Lila Thompson Heath Mulligan
Year 1	Djarwyn Fraser Savannah Latu
Year 2	Kaitlyn McIntosh-Byrnes Tanar Friend

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Ava Hamood	3S
Zachery Guy	1/2W
Finlay Quince	2R
Luka Parkin	4M
Sophie Glasson	2E
Matthew McCreadie	3-6N
Mitchell Wirth	4M



Student of the Week



Name: Bradley Chhon

Age: 12

Class: 6O

Teacher: Mrs O'Neil

Favourite activities: Basketball and skateboarding.

Teacher comments: Bradley is a quiet and friendly member of our class. He enjoys art and being with his friends.

What career interests you? I would like to be a Police Officer when I grow up.

Education Week

Parkes Public School is holding Education Week activities on Monday, 7 August! As part of our celebrations, we will be holding *Open Classrooms for families and friends to enjoy from 11.30-12.15* and a *special Assembly from 12.30-1.15 followed by a picnic lunch in the K-2 playground*. We look forward to seeing parents, carers and friends join us in celebrating this special day of Public Education.



Canteen News

Available to buy on Education Week - Monday, 7 August

Tea and Coffee	\$2.00
Sausage curry with rice	\$5.00
Beef and vegetable stir fry with rice	\$5.00

All normal canteen snacks and drinks available as well.

Education Week Pre Order Lunch Form

***Monday, 7 August ***

(No late orders accepted - must be in by Thursday, 3 August)

Name _____

Class _____

_____ x Party Pies \$1.00 each \$_____

☐ BBQ sauce ☐ Tomato sauce 30c Each \$_____

_____ x Chicken Tender Roll
with lettuce and mayo \$4.00 each \$_____

Drinks _____ \$_____

All usual canteen drinks available (prices as per the winter menu)

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Kindergarten Library Visit

Last Friday Kindergarten and K-2P travelled by bus to the Parkes Shire Library to see a performance titled "Gary". Gary is a children's picture book written and illustrated by Leila Rudge. It is about a pigeon unable to fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures. Students loved the two performers who interacted with the audience and used puppetry, mime and movement, plus original songs, music and sound effects. It was a fantastic experience for our students.



ECO Day

On Thursday, 27 July, 10 Parkes Public School students took part in the Schools Eco Day at the Forbes Saleyards.

Eco Day Excursion

On Thursday, 27 July we travelled to Forbes to participate in the School Eco Day. There were five Year 5 students and five Year 6 students.

The first activity we participated in was making lanterns for the Lakeside Festival.

The second activity was learning about weeds. It was interesting to learn about some of the weeds. One of them looked like a cactus but it had micro hairs on it. If you touched it, the hairs felt like tiny needles pricking into your finger and they would stay in there for days.

For the third activity we took a tour of the cattle and sheep yards. The biggest amount of cows they have had is three thousand four hundred. Once when Cooper was handling western cows one of them kicked him in the leg. Luckily, he had his wallet in his pocket where he got kicked so it absorbed most of the impact and he didn't get injured.

The next activity was building a worm farm. Before we built the worm farm we talked about what worms can and can't eat. The worms can't eat citrus, dairy, meat, garlic or chillies. But they can eat cardboard, newspaper, some food scraps, leaves, hair and grass.

After that we took part in an activity about native plants. The people presenting the native plants talked about how the planting can survive the hot and cold weather. They gave us some native plants to plant at home. They also gave us a quiz about native plants with the prize being a hand ball.

The next activity was about different types of soil and what is in them. There were various types of soil such as silt, regular dirt and one with more clay than sand. It was interesting to feel the different soil mixtures.

The sixth activity involved learning about how much landfill Australia produces every year. They also taught us about the green bin; what rubbish you can put in there and where it goes to. We also had to compete in a relay that involved us putting rubbish into the correct bins (yellow, green and red bins).

The final activity was learning about venomous and non-lethal snakes. The person who was

handling the snakes has been bitten by some of them in the past. He explained what you had to do to stop the venom traveling quickly through your body if you were bitten. He then let us hold the pythons. There were carpet pythons and regular pythons. One of the pythons was quite small and wrapped around our hand.

The day was fantastic and we learned a lot of new information about the environment.

Some student comments about the day:

On Thursday I went to Eco Day in Forbes. There were lots of fun activities. My favourite activities were going for a walk around and through the sheep yards and making lanterns to place around Lake Forbes.

Faith Green

Before we came to school we had to put our recess and lunch in containers for 'War on Waste' to reduce putting things into landfill. My favourite bit of the day was when Paul Kirk, the snake wrangler, let us hold the snakes. I enjoyed holding the python, Diane.

Jorja Hendeerson

Eco Day was about plants, weeds, worms, trees and the environment. My favourite bit about Eco Day was everything. I loved how the snake man just gave us the snakes to hold.

Ava Hayes

We would like to thank the organisers and their supporters for a very informative and engaging day.

Thank you to Mr Crawford and Mr Ward for attending and helping our students.

Mrs Ward

More photos over the page.





Community Noticeboard

PARKES
SHIRE LIBRARY

JUNIOR CODE CLUB

Register now for Parkes Library's Junior Code Club. Explore technology and learn to use Scratch to create your own cool projects.

Thursdays, 3 August - 7 September, 4pm - 5pm. 6 week course at Parkes Library.

For primary students, years 3 to 6. Places are limited.

Please bring a parent/guardian with you to Parkes Library to register.

Parkes Library - 6861 2309 - Bogan Street

library@parkes.nsw.gov.au

www.parkes.nsw.gov.au

Kids Club – St George's Anglican Church

12 Hill St, Parkes

Friday afternoons from 4pm till 6pm

The cost is \$2 per child or \$5 dollars per family with 3 or more children.

Afternoon tea will be provided. Kindy – Year 6

Parkes Reading Day

Remember to send photos of you and your friend/s reading, to Champion Post.