



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 3, Week 5 - Tuesday, 15 August 2017

## Western Region Champions!

On Friday, 11 August our boys' hockey team played Wallerawang Public School in the Western Region final of the PSSA knockout competition. The boys held their positions well and it paid off when we scored early on. The boys continued to put pressure on Wallerawang and passed the ball out wide; resulting in another goal. The boys continued to play exceptionally well and ended up winning 6-0.

Our goal scorers were Joseph - 2, Ryan - 1, Cody - 1, Kane - 1 and Flynn - 1. The boys will now progress to the state finals for the fifth year in a row!! What an achievement!

We would like to send a special thank you to Mr Graeme Tanswell for coaching and to our parents for taking us to Lithgow.



### 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



## Infants Assembly

There will be no K-2 assembly this week due to Musica Viva. 1/2W and 1L will be presenting an item at the infants assembly in Week 6 on Wednesday, 23 August. Parents, relatives and Caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Thank you, Mrs Watson and Miss Lee*

## P&C Picture Products Project and Cupcake Day

A huge thank you to the families who have placed an order in the Picture Products Project! At the time of printing, 199 plates, water bottles and mugs have been ordered, raising a profit of \$1407. There is still enough time to put your order in and complete your design, this week only!

Another big thank you to the families who baked cupcakes and cakes for our stall last Friday. They looked fantastic, the children loved them and they were nearly all sold at recess – providing energy for skipping! \$550 was raised.

We are well on the way to raising our goal of \$4300 to help with the purchase of 30 virtual reality devices. Please continue to support our great school!

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

## Year 2 Recorder

Well done to our recorder group on a wonderful first performance at assembly. Please remember to bring your recorders for practice on Monday and Friday. This week we will perform for Reading Day between 10.00am and 11.00am on the corner of Church Street and Clarinda Street.

## Choir

Both choirs sang beautifully for our Education Week Assembly. It is encouraging to see such commitment to practice each week.

Choir practice for primary students is on Wednesday lunchtime. Please note there will be **no** practice on Thursday morning this week.

## Peer Support

Our whole school started Peer Support sessions last week. Over the next seven sessions the students will be participating in a new module, Moving Forward, which focuses on resilience. The experiences in the module help students to

identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In last week's session, the children established connections with the other members of their group and developed their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The students discussed an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non-resilient responses. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support

## Wiradjuri Choir and Aboriginal Dance Group

On Wednesday, 23 August, the Wiradjuri Choir and the Aboriginal Dance Group have been invited to perform at Parkes Early Childhood Centre (PECC). Mr Lionel Lovett, Mrs Howard and Mrs Neems will accompany the students as they walk to PECC at 9.05am. They will perform for the children as part of their celebrations for National Aboriginal Children's Day. A note has been sent home with students involved in this activity.

## Canberra Excursion

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young *Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.*

**Current PBL Focus**  
**We're on task at all times**



# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 5!

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents, family members and friends who attended our Education Week activities last week. The theme for Education Week in 2017 was I Learn, We Learn. It was a celebration of our school's commitment to ensuring:

**System-wide improvement** – Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.

**High expectations for all** – A culture of high expectations for our students and our educators sets high standards, which leads to high achievement.

**Personalised student learning** – By teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.

**Wellbeing** – Every student will be known, cared for and respected.

**Creating stronger ties with local communities** – Parents and carers are our school's partners in the education and wellbeing of each student. Partnerships with local businesses and industry create opportunities for our students to contribute to and thrive in society.

In recognising the theme of Education Week I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done on a daily basis by our students, the tremendous professionalism and commitment displayed by all Parkes Public School staff and the support provided by parents and carers. Together we achieve many great things! Thank you to all who attended for sharing this special occasion with us.

Our students have been involved in a wide variety of events over the last few weeks including: Education Week Open Day, excursions, Jump Rope for Heart, Performing Arts programs, sporting events and debating. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful and dedicated work of all Parkes Public School staff who ensure our students get to take part in such activities and to thank parents and families for their ongoing support. Students have also been working hard in classrooms, focusing on being respectful and responsible as well as completing engaging learning activities.

Congratulations to all our students involved in our very successful sporting teams recently. We have had wins in football, touch and our boys' hockey team won the Western Region title again. We have more sport on the horizon too with both girls' and boys' touch and the Lachlan District Athletics Carnival coming up over the next two weeks.

Parents are reminded if they are dropping children off in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon to ensure they walk children across the road appropriately and encourage them to use our crossing whenever possible. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Don't forget our students have a PBL reward afternoon on Thursday and our K-2 students will be involved in activities at Cooke Park for Reading Day on Friday. Also, due to an increase in the number of hoodies appearing in our playground again, please be reminded that they are **not** approved Parkes Public School uniform.

Lastly, a word on attendance. Our school's overall attendance in Terms 1 and 2 has been excellent and the teachers and I are delighted with this. However, as is often the case in schools, things go in waves and we've had a difficult start to Term 3 with more widespread and unavoidable sickness affecting students across the school. Could I please remind all families that if your child is unwell in the morning, please do not send them to school to 'see how they'll go'. More often than not these students present at sick bay, end up going home during the day and they sometimes spread their illness to other students and the teachers. This is especially important for cases of highly contagious conditions such as gastro. If a child vomits or has an episode of diarrhoea, health authorities recommend that they do not return to school until 24 hours after their last episode. Also, we have had a couple of cases of 'slapped cheek' and influenza in our school. Please keep children home if they're affected by illness such as these until they are well enough to return. While good attendance is important, student health and safety must come first. Your assistance in helping us minimise the spread of illness at the moment is sincerely appreciated.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2018 are still being accepted at the school office and we ask parents to come in and fill out the appropriate forms so we can commence planning for next year.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

*Mr Smith*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 16 August. .... Musica Viva  
Monday, 21 August..... P&C general meeting at  
6.30pm  
Tuesday, 29 August. .... Parkes Show half day holiday  
Thursday, 14 September ..... Kinder Zoo Excursion

## DON'T FORGET

**Kinder Zoo Excursion**  
Money and notes are now due

**Jump Rope For Heart**  
Last day to return sponsorship  
money and form to school  
Thursday, 17 August



# Student Achievements

## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Lila Thompson Heath Mulligan Cooper Ball Shaye Riley
Year 1	Savannah Latu Djarwyn Fraser
Year 2	Tanar Friend Kaitlyne McIntosh-Byrnes Nate Henry Rhys Kennedy Olivia Cotter Kayleigh Freeman

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

### White Merit Certificate

Matayah Guy	4M
Harrison Glasson	4M
Kaid Lydford	6W
Samuel Riley	3M
Luke Barnes	3M
Matilda Haensch	1/2W
Taj Lovett	3S



# Students of the Week



**Name:** Olivia Murray

**Age:** 12

**Class:** 6W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**Favourite activities:** Hanging with my friends and going to the pool.

**Teacher comments:** Olivia is a quiet, thoughtful member of our class. She is always eager to help others and works well with her classmates.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be a teacher when I grow up.

**Name:** Olivia Thompson

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6O

**Teacher:** Mrs O'Neill

**What career interests you?** I would like to be a Marine Biologist.

**Favourite activities:** Hockey and art.

**Teacher comments:** Olivia is a bubbly, enthusiastic member of our class. She tries her hardest in all areas and is always willing to help others.



# Student Achievements

## Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who have won the school round of the Premiers' Spelling Bee.

Stage 2:

(Years 3 and 4)



Angelique Bland



Faith Clarke

Stage 3:

(Years 5 and 6)



Brock Charlton



Chase MacQueen

These students will compete in the regional final to be held in Orange at Calare Public School on Tuesday, 12 September.

## ICAS NSW Spelling Results

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

Participation: Pheoby Davies, Ewan Moody, Mikayla Swain, Ethan Hunt, Gage Kirk and Brody Kennedy.

Credit: Joseph Tanswell and Emily Neems

Distinction: Angelique Bland and Genevieve Bland

Absent from photo: Phoeby Davies

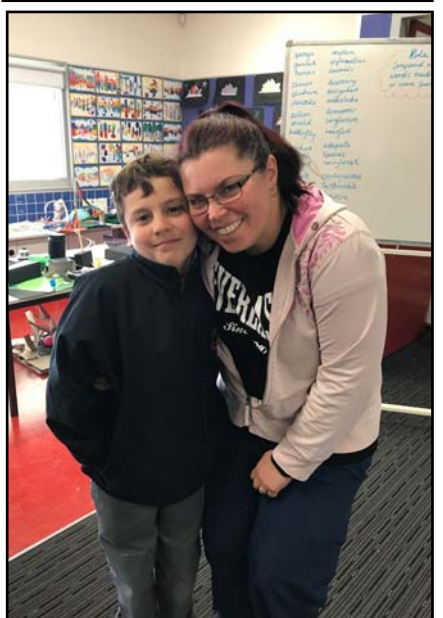
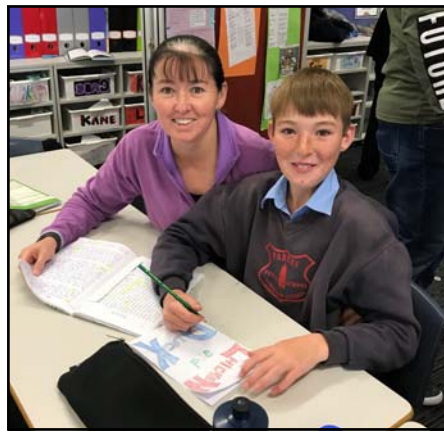




# 2017 Open Day...









# Reading Day

Reading Day is coming and the book relay has begun! Last Tuesday K-2 had a visit from Nurture One children and the Reading Bug. Nurture One gave us a special book that will go into our library. Last Wednesday we delivered a book to the children at the Parkes Early Childhood Centre. We look forward to Reading Day this Friday, 18 August. All K-2 classes, K-2P and 1-BK will be participating in Reading Day! This year the theme is 'Friendship'.

On Reading Day, classes will leave school at 9.05am to walk to Cooke Park. We will watch the Paint Parkes REaD Ceremony then walk up the main street to participate in reading activities before heading back to the park for games. It is expected that we will be back at school by 12.00pm.

To help celebrate this exciting event please dress your child in something red for the day. They may like to dress up as the reading bug, wear a red tutu or put on a red jumper. Please ensure they are wearing sensible walking shoes and a hat!

Please pack your child's recess and water bottle in a plastic bag with their name and class written on the outside.

Parents and Families are welcome at the park from 9.30am onwards.

# National Tree Day

On Tuesday, 1 August, many classes from our school eagerly participated in National Schools Tree Day. Each class involved planted their own native tree in the school grounds. Twelve trees were planted across both Primary and K-2 playgrounds. Five trees were planted in the school's Wiradjuri garden. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to watching the trees grow.





# Sport News

## Congratulations Boys' Football Team

Last Thursday, 10 August the boys' football team travelled to Bathurst to play against Bathurst Public School. Our students were very successful, defeating Bathurst 4-1. The boys need to be commended on their sportsmanship and team work throughout the entire game. A huge 'thank you' to the parents who transported the children to Bathurst. The team now moves to round 6, with the next game being against Orana Heights Public School on Monday, 21 August. Well done boys.



## Congratulations Parkes Public School Boys' Touch Team

On Wednesday, 9 August, the Parkes Public School Boys' Touch Team played Parkes East Public School. We got off to a good start with Kaid scoring three times in the first five minutes. Ashton and Cody each scored twice and Hunter set up three tries for Ryan, Jack and Flynn. Dylan, with his good skills, got past the opposition's defence and also scored a try.

*Written by Gabe and Hunter*



### Girls' Touch

Good luck to the Girls' touch team which is competing in its first round game of the PSSA knockout. They are playing Middleton on Wednesday, 16 August, 12.00pm at Cheney Park touch fields.

*Miss McPhee*

### A quote from one of our hockey players.

"Hockey was good on Friday. I always had someone to pass to. I barely looked or had to look to find someone to pass to. I knew they were in position. It was good because we were all in our position."

This statement will be music to Mr Tanswell's ears as he spends much of his coaching time discussing positional play and using all the field to pass the ball around. Well done team!

We are all proud of the way you train, listen and apply the skills you are being taught to your game.

Thank you also to the dedicated parents for their continued support ensuring our boys are at training and games.

*Mrs Elliott*

# Sport News

## PSSA Western Girls' Hockey

In Term 2, I travelled to Bathurst for the Western Region hockey trials where I successfully trialled for the position of goalkeeper along with 40 other girls from the Western area.

Last week our Western team played at the NSW PSSA Hockey Carnival at Moorebank. It was a challenging experience playing in a team full of girls from all over the Western area. The tournament went for three days and we played teams from Sydney East, Hunter, South Coast, North West, Combined Independent Schools and Sydney South West. Our team was lacking in strikers which meant that I was kept very busy in goals making lots of saves for our team.

It was a great experience and I will be working hard to make the selection again next year.

*Ellen Dolbel, Year 5*



# Jump Rope For Heart

Last Friday, Parkes Public students participated in Jump Rope For Heart. It is the school's 35<sup>th</sup> year of participation.

Students need to have all their fundraising to school by Thursday, 17 August .

Activities included long rope skipping, multi-person skipping, marathon skipping, partner skipping and free skipping.

A big thank you to Miss McWhirter, Miss Lee and Miss King for all their hard work organising such a successful event.





# Year 6 Canberra Excursion

In week three, Year 6 went to Canberra for three days. We had a blast! At 7.30am, we got to school and loaded our luggage onto the bus.

When we got to Canberra, our first stop was the National Portrait Gallery. Then we went to old Parliament House, where we learnt about voting and its history.

Next we went to Questacon. We learnt about different fields of science and did some really cool experiments. We all had a load of fun.

After Questacon, we went to Alivio, the place where we stayed for two nights. After dinner we went ten pin bowling. We split up into teams and got to play 10 rounds of bowling.

Day two gave us a trip to the National Museum where we learnt some things about life for the early settlers of Australia. After a quick morning tea, our bus driver gave us a coach tour of the embassies, which was fascinating.

After the embassies, we went to the Australian War Memorial. We had a tour of one of the floors, before going to the unknown soldier's tomb. One of our groups was lucky enough to see the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

After that, we went to Telstra Tower. Most of us went up to the outdoor viewing point to take in the surrounding area. After dinner, we went to laser tag in an arcade. Everyone thought it was a blast.

On the last day we packed our bags so that we could leave Alivio. Before we left Canberra, we had a tour of New Parliament house. Which was very educational.

We then went to the Corin Forest snow area. We had the best time pelting each other with snowballs. Then we travelled home.

We were all exhausted by the time we got back to school that night. It was one of the best excursions we've ever been on.

*By Brody Kennedy and Emily Neems*



# Community Noticeboard



## PAINT PARKES REaD with FRIENDS



Nursery Rhyme Hunt

Hints

1, 2 buckle my shoe, 3, 4 let's buy some more.

We're off to a common bank that has a wealth of money.

Now Read Me A book please.

I'm Looking for some wholesome food.

This shop sells pens and pencils and isn't moving.

I'm looking for a magazine to read with my friend.

And Buster the dog is feeling low, who can make him better? Do you  
know?



# 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.

#### 19 August - Hoot Hoot!

In this workshop we will be learning to draw a cute and colourful owl.

#### 26 August - Magical Monster

Create some funny 3D monsters with paper mache. Design, paint and decorate with many different materials to bring your art monster to life.

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

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**Parkes P.A & H. invites you  
to enter!**

### Junior Showgirl and Master Showman

Age Groups: 3-5 Years and  
6-10 Years

Nominations close 1.00pm Tuesday,  
29 August.

### Miss Teenager

15-17 year olds

Nominations close 12noon Tuesday,  
29 August.