

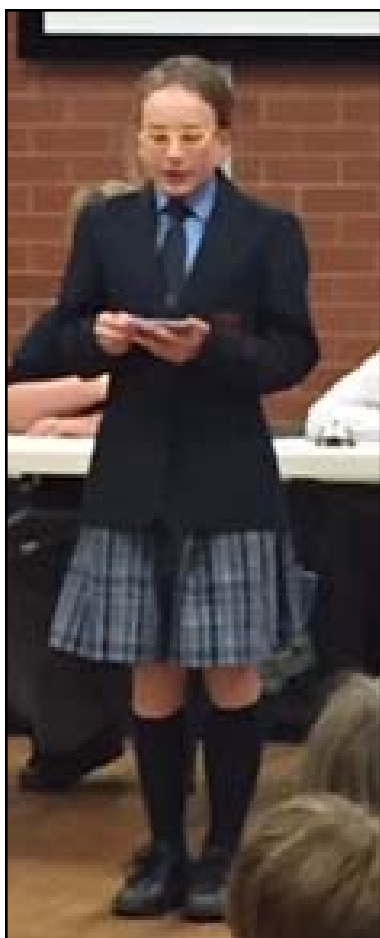


# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 3, Week 7 - Tuesday, 29 August 2017

## Congratulations to the Debating Team!

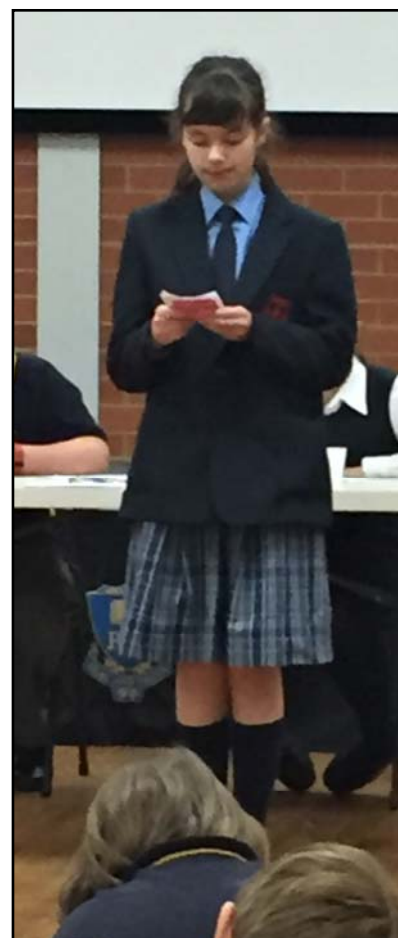
Last week, the debating team travelled to Forbes to debate against Forbes Public School. The topic was 'School canteens should sell junk food.' We were debating against the topic, as we were the negative team. The affirmative team had some convincing arguments but in the end, we came away with the win. Congratulations to both teams!



Heidi Parkin



Genevieve Bland



Emily Neems



### 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

KH presented an item today at the infants assembly and KE will be presenting an item during Week 8 infants assembly on Wednesday, 6 September. Parents, relatives and Caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Thank you, Mrs Howard and Mrs Elliott*

## Canteen News

The canteen will be closed on the last day of term Friday, 22 September for stocktaking and cleaning.

## Year 3 Leigh Hobbs Visit

Parkes Shire Library has invited Parkes Public School Year 3 students to participate in an art workshop with Leigh Hobbs, the Australian Children's Laureate. Leigh Hobbs is well-known for his humour and illustrations in children's literature. Year 3 will be attending a session on Wednesday, 13 September at 10.30am. Each session will be held in the Coventry Room adjacent to the Parkes Shire Library. A permission note will be sent home closer to the date.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all students who participated in this year's Jump Rope for Heart fundraising. The total school figure raised was \$12,067.60. Prizes should be delivered to school by the end of Term 3. Congratulations on an amazing achievement.

## Peer Support

Last week in Peer Support students had an opportunity to discuss their personal qualities and strengths. The students identified their qualities and acknowledged how these qualities contributed to their achievements. Through activities, students recognised that they used their strengths to achieve success and were encouraged to approach future activities optimistically. Ask your child to describe their own qualities and strengths so you can recognise and acknowledge these.

**Found:** One pair of Canterbury tracksuit pants, size 6 - new. Please collect from KL room.

## Parkes Public School PREPS

Children commencing Kindergarten next year have begun their Transition to School Program (Preps). The program started in Week 4 this term, with children visiting the school once a week for an hour and a half. Preps occurs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. It is run by the current Kindergarten teachers and Student Learning Support Officers Mrs Neems and Mrs King.

The program gives the children a chance to get to know the teachers, school grounds and routines. It offers opportunities for them to socialise with other children also starting school next year and work on prior to school learning activities, such as numbers and writing skills.

Enrolments are still being taken. Please call the school office on 6862 1702 if you have any questions about enrolments for 2018.



# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 7!

Last week parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 should have received their child's NAPLAN results. If any parent would like to discuss their child's results with their classroom teacher, please make a mutually convenient appointment.

I was really pleased with this year's results and I would like to sincerely thank all teachers for their dedication and commitment to the education of the students in their classes. While the NAPLAN assessments are not the 'be all and end all' of measuring student success they do provide schools and parents with a 'snapshot in time' of student achievement levels. Our results showed very solid growth due to a great team effort across our school and the successes of our students need to be recognised and applauded.

The Lachlan Athletics Carnival was held last Friday. It was a great day for participants and spectators and the whole event ran very smoothly due to the excellent organisation provided by Miss Heidi Ehsman from Middleton Public School and our own Miss Tracey Newbigging. Best of luck to our students who will now go on to compete at the Western Region Carnival this Friday. Miss Newbigging will accompany the Lachlan District team as one of our Lachlan District staff representatives.

We are experiencing some staffing changes at the moment, as most of you would be aware by now that Mrs Karen Deland has had to begin her maternity leave earlier than expected and Miss Stef Leonard is now filling the role of class teacher on 5D. At the end of next week, Mrs Allison Watson will begin maternity leave as well and we will welcome Miss Lucy Harris back from England who will take over 1/2W for the remainder of the year. We will also welcome back Miss Jessica Lannan in Week 9. Miss Lannan completed one of her practicum placements at Parkes Public School and she will take on the role of Release from Face to Face teacher until the end of the year. We wish Mrs Deland and Mrs Watson all the best with the new additions to their families and welcome our returning staff who are extremely happy to be re-joining our team. We appreciate the flexibility and skill set our staff have to be able to fill these positions so smoothly and easily.

The roll over to the new LMBR operating systems for our school is coming very quickly. We are currently in a financial freeze as we go through the process of changing over. This means that no transactions can be made through the office or online until the end of next week. We appreciate your understanding with this.

There have been several viruses (bugs) going around the school that are having a significant impact on students and staff. Among the symptoms are headaches, upset stomachs and lethargy; as well as usual flu like problems. Please, if your child is displaying signs of being ill, attempt to cater for them at home rather than sending them to school.

Congratulations to our Tournament of the Minds teams which competed in the Regional challenge day at Bathurst last Sunday. Two of the teams placed in the top five! What a fantastic effort! Thank you to all the students involved, along with their parents for their support. Also, thank you to Mrs Dolbel and Mrs Woolstencroft who took over this program after Mrs Deland commenced her leave.

Finally, this week I would like to acknowledge the role all of the fathers, step-fathers and grandfathers play in our lives. A father's involvement is just as important to children's development as a mother's and, in some cases, even more so. Having a positive male role model in their life has been proven to make a huge impact on the success of children at school and in the wider community. I hope all dads, grandfathers and step-dads have the opportunity to spend some quality time with their children and families this Sunday.

Happy Father's Day from all of us at Parkes Public School and have a great week!

*Mr Smith*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 14 September ..... Kinder Zoo Excursion  
Monday, 18 September ..... P&C meeting at 6.30pm in the  
Year 6 classrooms  
Wednesday, 20 September ..... Year 3 Excursion to Wellington  
Caves  
Friday, 22 September ..... Last day of Term 3  
Monday, 9 October ..... First day back for students,  
Term 4

## DON'T FORGET

**Book Club - Issue 6**  
Closes Thursday, 7 September

**Uniform Shop**  
Now open on Wednesday  
1.30pm - 3.30pm and  
Friday 2.30pm - 3.30pm



# Student Achievements

## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Tyson Gustowski Charlee Cornelissen Alex Griffiths
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Year 1

Calon Phelan
Evelyn Greef
Kane Dickerson
Rosie Parkin
Judah Pearce

Year 2                      Myra Holm  
                                     Jack Gould

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

# White Merit Certificate

Talli Phelan 1-3BK

Mae Woolstencroft 3M

Dustyn Green 1K

Jorja Henderson 5D

Kyran Riley 3-6B

Joshua Barnes 1/2W

Bridie Weaver 3M



# Students of the Week



**Name:** Cody Kirk

**Age: 11**

**Class:** 60

**Teacher:** Mrs O'Neill

**Favourite activities:** Tennis, hockey, cricket, soccer, touch football, playing with my friends and farming.

**Teacher comments:** Cody is an entertaining member of our class. He enjoys sport and always tries his hardest in whatever game he is playing.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be a lifeguard, farmer, tennis player or a hockey player when I grow up.

**Name:** Heidi Parkin

**Age:** 12

**Class:** 6W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**Favourite activities:** Playing soccer with my cousins, swimming, art, going on holidays, reading, writing and cooking.

**Teacher comments:** Heidi is a dedicated student who always tries hard. She enjoys art and produces artworks of a high standard.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be someone who invents a device that can help people living in poverty, a missionary or a geologist.



# Student Achievements



Congratulations to Angelique Bland on achieving a School Merit Badge!

## Wiradjuri Choir and Wiradjuri Dance Group

Last week the Wiradjuri Choir along with the Wiradjuri Dance Group walked to Parkes Early Childhood Centre (PECC). They were invited to perform to help celebrate National Aboriginal Children's Day. The choir sang two songs in Wiradjuri language, 'Dhaga Wambuwuny' and 'Der Glumph'. The children attending PECC on the day enjoyed the performances. Parkes Public School students involved are to be congratulated for representing the school in such a positive way. Thank you to PECC for welcoming us and providing the students with refreshments after their performances.



# P&C News

## Uniform Shop

P&C would like to thank Tanya MacGregor for her exceptional skills in managing the uniform shop over the last 18 months. Everything you have done has been greatly appreciated.

Mel Ashcroft is our new uniform shop manager. You will be able to see her for all your uniform needs during the new opening hours – **Wednesday, 1.30-3.30 and Friday, 2.30-3.30**. The shop will be closed Wednesday 20 September (only).

The uniform shop will open on **Saturday 7 October** just before term 4 starts for all your summer uniform needs. A time will be advised.

If you're not able to stop by the uniform shop, you can order items online through Flexischools – the same way as ordering online lunches from the canteen. If you haven't set up an account yet, follow the procedure below.

Get Started with  flexischools

## Set up an account for online ordering...

You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.

**Register for Flexischools** by visiting [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Add your student, their school and class to get started.

**Top-Up your account** via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.

**Make an order** by selecting from the range of options made available by school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.

**Review Orders** by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

## Purchases

The canteen has recently purchased a new microwave and urn. A new printer will soon be purchased to replace the one in the uniform shop that services both the uniform shop and canteen.

P&C will be replacing the keyboard in the hall with a new piano. We are waiting for a successful grant before going ahead with this.

P&C has donated \$4300 to school to assist with the costs of purchasing the VR devices. We are just over half way to replacing this money into the kitty with the Picture Products fundraising project, raising nearly \$2000 and huge cupcake stall, raising \$651 (a little more than first thought!). Thank you to everyone who has supported these.

## Next Meeting

Our next P&C general meeting is **18 September at 6.30p.m.** We will meet in the Year 6 classrooms where Mr Smith will present the facts and figures of this year's NAPLAN results. The school community is most welcome to attend.



# Tournament of the Minds

On Sunday, three Parkes Public School Teams made their way to CSU Bathurst to participate in the Tournament of the Minds competition. Our students have been working on their long term challenge for the past 6 weeks and also had to complete a spontaneous challenge on the day. Scores from both areas were added together. Our section was by far the largest with 17 registered teams. Team 1 - Brain Colonisation consisting of Danielle Goodrick, Kelsey Mann, Joseph Tanswell, Jayden Hartley, Jayla Willoughby, Ethan Hunt and Angelique Bland (who was sick on the day and couldn't attend) and Team 3 - Flag Bearers consisting of Ellen Dolbel, Genevieve Bland, Thomas Fredericks, Xander MacGregor, Tia Dunn, Samuel Quince and Harry Bligh, finished the day ranked in the top five teams in their section and were both awarded Honours certificates. This is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to all our TOM teams.



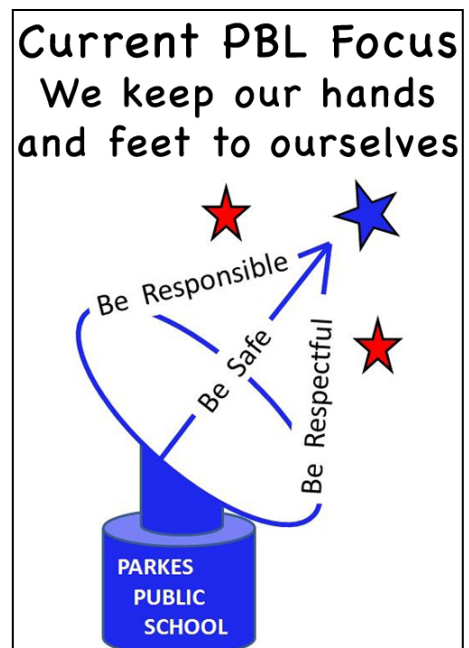
Team 1 – Danielle Goodrick, Kelsey Mann, Joseph Tanswell, Jayden Hartley, Jayla Willoughby, Ethan Hunt



Team 2 – Lily McCormick, Jorja Henderson, Liam Freeman, Gabe Goodrick, Heidi Parkin and Elizabeth MacGregor



Team 3 – Harry Bligh, Tia Dunn, Angelique Bland, Ellen Dolbel, Thomas Fredericks, Xander MacGregor and Samuel Quince





# Reading Day

On Friday, 18 August, K-2 students along with K-2P and 1-3BK walked down the main street of Parkes to Cooke Park to celebrate Reading Day. It was a great morning for the students. They attended the official Paint Parkes REaD Ceremony before heading back up Clarinda Street to engage in activities in various shops and shop fronts. Special congratulations goes to our Year 2 Recorder group who entertained people along the street. Students then made their way back to the park for a picnic recess followed by some games before heading back to school.





# Sport News

## **Round 4 Boys' Touch Football V Forbes North.**

Parkes Public School Boys' had a very convincing win over Forbes North Public School defeating them 18-1. The talent the boys displayed in this game is due to their respect for their coach Mr Don Green and the skills they have learnt during training. Most players scored one or more tries during this win whilst other players helped set up their team mates to score.

The boys will now travel to Orange on Tuesday, 5 September to play Bletchington Public School.

*Ms Richardson*

## **Lachlan District Athletics Carnival**

Last Friday, 25 August, 40 students competed in the Lachlan Athletics Carnival held at Northparkes Oval. The students displayed a high level of sportsmanship and performed well. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day and to Miss McWhiter, Mrs O'Neill and Mr Smith for helping.

It was a very successful day with many students gaining places. This Friday, 1 September, 20 students will represent Parkes Public School and Lachlan at the Western Athletics Carnival being held in Dubbo at Barton Park.

## **Boys' Soccer**

Congratulations to the 13 boys who played against Orana Heights last Monday 21 August in round six of the football competition. Unfortunately the boys were defeated on the day 3-1. Our students played exceptionally well and worked as a team. Thank you for the boys for turning up to weekly training and to the parents who transported children to the different games.

## **Girls' Touch**

On Wednesday, 16 August, the girls' touch team played Middleton Public School in the third round of the PSSA knockout. Unfortunately, the girls were unsuccessful going down 1-4. The girls will start training again soon preparing for the upcoming gala day on Thursday, 14 September.

*Miss McPhee*



# Community Noticeboard



**ST GEORGE'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**Spring  
MARKET  
DAY**

BBQ . Plants . Cakes . Produce . Preserves .  
White Elephant Stall . Gifts . Donuts . Entertainment .  
Face Painting . Morning Tea . Costume Jewellery .  
Hot Dogs . Pony Rides . Lassoing . Silent Auction .  
Plus other great Stalls...

**Starts from: 9am**  
**Fun for Everyone!**

**9th  
SEPT.  
2017**



Representative Basketball Try outs will be on Saturday, 5 and 12 September 2017 at Forbes High Basketball Stadium.  
Registration at 5.00pm

Age groups are:  
Under 14 (born between 2005 and 2006)  
Under 16 (born between 2003 and 2004)

For more information look us up on Facebook at Forbes Basketball Association or call

Steve: 0434 638 044

Pip: 0405 714 914

Email:

[forbesbasketballassociation@gmail.com](mailto:forbesbasketballassociation@gmail.com)



## Disability & Community Expo

This free community mini expo is specifically designed to deliver information and advice to high school students and others with a disability, about the types of support services and programs available when they finish school or later in life.

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 September

**Time:** 4.00pm - 6.00pm

**Where:** Cooke Park Community Centre, Welcome Street, Parkes

For more information please contact:

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