



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 3, Week 9 - Tuesday, 12 September 2017

## Ryan Dunford off to Adelaide!



Congratulations to Ryan Dunford who was selected as part of the NSW State PSSA Hockey Team which will participate in the Australian Pacific Games in Adelaide.

This is only the tenth time the Pacific school games have been held and will feature 11 different sports with teams of both primary school and high school aged students competing for their states. The Pacific Games begin on 3 December with an Opening Ceremony at the Adelaide Showground.

This will indeed be an amazing experience for both Ryan and his family.

Congratulations Ryan!!

Best of luck to the Parkes Public School Boys' Hockey Team travelling to Narellan to participate in the state finals today.



### 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**

KL will be presenting an item tomorrow, Wednesday, 13 September at the infants assembly and 2E will be presenting an item during Week 10 infants assembly on Wednesday, 20 September. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

***Thank you, Mrs Leonard and Mrs Earsman***

## **Peer Support**

Last week in peer support students discussed skills and how to communicate their feelings and needs to others. The students have discussed the skills they use when participating in a variety of activities. When students understand they already have many of the skills needed to succeed, they can feel more confident when trying something new. The students were asked to identify events which trigger different feelings. Encourage your child to remember the skills they have used in one activity when trying something new. Also, encourage your child to communicate their feelings and needs.

## **Premier's Spelling Bee**

Good luck to the following students who are competing in the regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee at Calare Public School in Orange today:

Stage 2: Angelique Bland and Faith Clarke

Stage 3: Brock Charlton and Chase MacQueen

We are sure they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school and enjoy the experience.

## **Thank you letter from Parkes Early Childhood Centre**

*We were delighted to welcome the Parkes Public School Wiradjuri Dance Group and Choir to our centre. Our children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performances. The students are to be commended for their excellent performances as well as being such wonderful representatives of their school. Thank you to Mrs Howard, Mrs Neems and Mr Lovett as well as each of the students for attending Parkes Early Childhood Centre and providing a most enjoyable experience.*

## **Kindergarten Zoo Excursion Reminder**

Students need to assemble under the COLA at 8.00am. Buses will leave promptly at 8.15am. Please wear sport uniform with joggers. The later pick up time for your child is approximately 3.30pm (check facebook). If your child is unwell or unable to attend on the day please call 0412 338 231 before 8.00am.

## **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 the workshop in the Coventry Room tomorrow, Wednesday, 13 September at 10.30am.

## **Year 3 Wellington Caves Excursion**

The Year 3 excursion to Fern Gully and The Wellington Caves will take place next Wednesday, 20 September. We will be leaving school at 8.00am and returning approximately 3.30pm. **Please return money and permission note to school by Friday, 15 September**, as we will need to confirm numbers with the bus company. All information has been provided to parents/caregivers on the permission note. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Shore or Miss McWhirter through the front office.

## **P&C News**

The next P&C General Meeting will be held in the Year 6 classrooms on Monday, 18 September at 6.30pm. Mr Smith will address the meeting to discuss this year's NAPLAN results. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Uniform Shop**

Open Wednesdays from 1.30pm-3.30pm and Fridays from 2.30pm-3.30pm. The shop will open Saturday, 7 October from 10.00am-1.00pm for all your summer school uniform needs!

## **Canteen News**

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

# Mr Smith's Message



Welcome to Week 9! Last week students in Years 3 and 5 took part in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test. This was in preparation for NAPLAN 2018 being online and to ascertain our school 'readiness' in relation to technology infrastructure. A fact sheet was sent home to all parents outlining details, please contact the school office if you have any questions.

We have completed the LMBR roll over and our new operating systems are up and running. All financial transactions are again able to be processed through the front office and our online payment system is available via the school website.

On another positive note, BIG CONGRATULATIONS go to our boys' hockey team. The team is currently in Narellan competing in the NSW PSSA state finals. Everyone here at school wishes them all the best! What a great achievement to get to the state finals again. Thank you to Mr Graeme Tanswell who coaches the team and Mrs Judy Elliott the team manager for their time and effort in preparing the boys for such a big occasion. Congratulations also to Liam Moody, Ryan Dunford, Flynn Thompson, Cody Kirk and Kane Nutley who all represented Western Region at the State Hockey Carnival in Wyong recently. I would also like to make special mention of Ryan Dunford who, after attending the state carnival, was delighted to find out that his hard work and dedication has led to his selection in the NSW State Boys Hockey Team! Being selected out of the best boys hockey players to represent the state at the national level is an outstanding achievement. Well done Ryan, what an achievement!

Last week was SASS (School Administration and Support Staff) recognition week. Due to the workload involved last week in changing over to the new LMBR systems we put off our celebrations until this week! Once a year, we pause to acknowledge and thank our SASS team for the wonderful contributions they make to our school.

Our SASS team consists of:

**Office:** Shona Taggart, Kaye Henderson, Erin Chambers, Ros Gissane and Tracy Dillon.

**General Assistant (relieving):** Kevin Powell.

**School Learning Support Officers:** Louise King, Karel Littlewood, Kristen Neems, Simone Chambers, Di Potts, Tracey Glasson, Anna Sarkissian, Sam Lydford, Cindy Dunford, Lionel Lovett, Fiona Quinney, Danielle Mill, Karyn Duffy, Cate Hilder, Elaine Bright and Michelle Melhuish.

Without these terrific people, our school would not function and our students would be the poorer for it. If you happen to be popping into school this week, you might find your own unique way of offering your thanks or appreciation to one or more of these great staff members. They each do a great job!

As of yesterday, students have been asked to no longer bring or ride scooters to school. This has been decided due to a large number of incidents recently involving some students either threatening or actually damaging other students' property, particularly scooters. It is a shame to have to deny some students these opportunities because of the acts of a small number of others and I do apologise for this, however, it has reached a point where there is no other option. Also, we have had a number of incidents lately involving some students intentionally harming others or taking other students' belongings. While we take every action we can to address these issues at school I ask that parents and carers also reinforce at home that each child who attends Parkes Public School has the right to a safe and respectful environment in the classroom and the playground. Your support and assistance with these issues is very much appreciated.

Parents are reminded that students must wear a broad brimmed hat when outside at school. Hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop and we appreciate parent support with ensuring children wear a hat when outdoors.

Have a great couple of weeks everyone and enjoy your holidays!

*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

**Canteen**  
Will be closed on  
the last day of Term 3  
**Year 3 Excursion to Wellington  
Caves**  
Permission notes and money are due  
in by Friday, 15 September



# Student Achievements



Congratulations to  
Jake Sinclair and  
Thomas Fredericks  
on achieving  
School Merit Badges!



## K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	May Bates Billy Symington
Year 1	Eligh Symington
Year 2	Beau Longhurst Chloe Mudiman

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

### White Merit Certificate

Zac Nash	4R
Wade Kirwan	3S
Jake Sinclair	5W
Thomas Fredericks	5W

### Badge

Jake Sinclair	5W
Thomas Fredericks	5W



# Students of the Week



**Name:** Lochie Trueber

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**Favourite activities:** Playing Grand Theft Auto five and playing soccer.

**Teacher comments:** Lochie is a thoughtful and considerate classroom member. He always tries his hardest in all areas.

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

**Name:** Maely MacGregor

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6O

**Teacher:** Mrs O'Neill

**Favourite activities:** Touch, netball, hockey, dance, swimming and having fun with family and friends.

**Teacher comments:** Maely is a vivacious, energetic member of our class. She is a team player who enjoys being involved in school activities.

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



# Museum Excursion

Year 1 and 2 students spent a day at the Henry Parkes Museum two weeks ago as part of their History unit. The students loved exploring the old vehicles, farm equipment and watching the kitchen and laundry demonstrations. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who gave their time to share their knowledge with us.

*Mrs Zoe Ruckley*



## Debating Team off to Western Region Debating Day

On Thursday, 12 October Emily Neems, Heidi Parkin, Danielle Goodrick and Genevieve Bland will be travelling to Mulyan Primary School, in Cowra, for the Western Region Debating Day. The team will be competing as part of the Western Challenge Inter Zone Finals.

The topic for this round in the competition is 'That children should learn another language'. The Parkes Public School team will be taking the negative position and will be competing against Canobolas Primary School.

We would like to wish the team the best of luck for their next debate.



### Appreciation Letter from a parent

*Jeff and I wanted to say what an amazing job the kids did in Sam's hockey team at the gala day!*

*It was very windy and with his hearing aids, most of the time it would have sounded like he was in a wind tunnel. He wouldn't have been able to hear much at all. He would have been going by what he was seeing and reading from the play.*

*The whole team was helping him with directions and letting him know what was going on. It was very obvious he at times couldn't hear a thing as the whistle would be blown, Sam wouldn't have heard it, even being less than 10 metres away. He had no idea what had happened as he had missed all visual signals as well as he had his eyes and head down looking at the ball!*

*In particular we would like to thank Kane Nutley and Brody Kennedy. These kids were very caring and understanding and great with voicing and repeating directions/instructions so Sam could hear and try to be in the right place!*

*Parkes Public should be very proud to have kids like these as students in its school. We were blown away by their caring attitude in conjunction with trying to play amazing hockey themselves!! If only the world could be made up of these great kids!!*

*Regards, Jeff and Kelley Westcott*

# Sport News

On Wednesday, 6 September Parkes Public School played cricket against Condobolin Public School. We had to bowl first and got off to a good start. At the end of 13 overs Condobolin were 0/43. After drinks Cody took a good catch to give us our first wicket. Following that we managed to take a few more wickets. Hunter got two wickets, and Harry and Ewan got one wicket each. After 25 overs Condobolin were 4/74.

We went out to bat with Cody and Joseph as our openers. We began solidly but then Cody got bowled out which brought Hunter to the crease. Hunter and Joseph kept rotating the strike and, at drinks, we were 1/64 and still going strong. After drinks we started hitting the balls more easily. Joseph and Hunter both scored 26. The team played well to go away with a win in 15 overs. Thank you to Mrs Barry for taking us and Mr Clinton Hawke for coaching us.

*by Ryan, Hunter and Joseph*



## Community Noticeboard

### Parkes Little Athletics

Rego day: Saturday, 18 September 2017  
Where: Northparkes Oval at 4.30pm-6.00pm  
Competition starts on Monday, 9 October at 5.15pm  
For more information please contact  
Kelli Edwards – 0424 036 791

### Junior Cricket Registration

- Saturday, 16 September 8.30 - 11.30am at Woodward Oval
- Friday, 22 September 4.00 - 5.30pm at Woodward Oval

### Parkes Fun Palace

**Saturday, 23 September, 9.00am to 3.00pm**

Join the Parkes Library Team for a family day of art, science, play and games!

#### Robotics Workshops:

**11.00am - Beebots** - Beginner robotics (Kinder, Year 1 and 2)  
**12.30pm - Lego Robotics** - Lego robots 'Mindstorms' (year 3-6)  
**1.45pm - Lego Robotics** - Programming robots (year 7-10)  
Limited places. Cost \$2. Bookings in person at Parkes Library please.

**Introductory music** for school time students in Term 4: Note values and rhythm, songs and games, note naming, stave reading and sounds of our world. Easy learning, fun activities and music fundamentals. Qualified, experienced teaching. Lessons to commence Term 4. Scheduling today. Please call 0429 635 802.