



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 1, Week 2 - Tuesday, 6 February 2018

## Introducing our School Captains for 2018

Congratulations to you all, we hope you have a great year leading our student body!



**Captains:**  
Ellen Dolbel  
Xander MacGregor

**Vice Captains:**  
Zoe Anderson  
Nicholas Gascoigne

## Welcome to Kindergarten 2018!

After completing their Best Start assessments, Kindergarten officially commenced school yesterday. We are so pleased to welcome the following Kindergarten students to Parkes Public School: Christopher, Casey, Benjamin, Calli, Laura, Logan, Beth, Jonah, Hayden, Fletcher, Ella, Tyler, Shylar, Tilly, Caleb, Breana, Callen, Jordan, Sofia, Damon, Riley, Ben, Noah, Evelyn, Lilly, Rhoselinda, Deken, Tyler, Lily, Cooper, Philip, Charli, Jane, Amiah, Jamie, Logan, David, Bradee, Brock, Miele, Tanikah, Jackson, Matilda, Teo, Axle, Billie, Nate, Jayden, Zoe, Natalie, Oden, Jenson, Elena, Jaylen, Hayley, Vander, Harper, Lily, Blake, Sophie and Lewis.

## Welcome to our new students in Years 1-6!

Last week we had a number of new students join our school. We hope you are all very happy at Parkes Public School! We are very glad to welcome you: Arde, Kacey, Amelia, Dean, Gracie, Ebony, Charlie, Eliza, Joshua, Lianna, Leo, Dallas, Brodie, Jacob, Lukcas, Evelyn, Natalie and Seth.

It is also a delight to welcome the mums and dads of our new students. It is lovely to have our new families and we look forward to working in partnership with you to best meet the needs of your children.

## Welcome to new staff members!

This year we also welcome Mrs April Simpson (Year 4), Ms Jessica Lannan (Year 5), Ms Samantha Peters (Years 3-6), Mrs Isabelle Wright (Years 3-6) and Mrs Ros Gissane (Office) to our school.



### 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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# Student Achievements

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

**White Merit Certificate:**

Ewan Moody	5 Red
Asher Gould	1/2 White
Anna Cronin	3-6 Orange
Ella Carpenter	2 Blue

**Badge:**

Zoe Anderson	6 Blue
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# Students of the Week

**Name:** Nicholas Gascoigne

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6 Blue

**Teacher:** Mrs O'Neill

**Teacher comments:**

Nicholas displays a positive attitude towards all areas of school. He is a delight to have in class.

**Favourite activities:** Motorbike riding and sport.

**What career interest you?** I would like to be a rocket engineer.

**Name:** Xander MacGregor

**Age:** 11

**Class:** 6 Blue

**Teacher:** Mrs O'Neill

**Teacher comments:**

Xander is a friendly member of our class. He is an outstanding role model for younger students and always willing to help.

**Favourite activities:** Video games and sport.

**What career interest you?** I would like to be a video game designer.



# Mr Smith's Message



What a great start to the 2018 school year! We have welcomed new students and families to our school and our Kindergarten students completed their Best Start assessments and they have been very settled. I am certain our very comprehensive transition process has enabled an easier start for our students. I am looking forward to getting to know our new families and to rekindle relationships with our existing families.

Please remember that I am very happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have. I may be contacted through the school office. I am not always available for 'drop-in' chats but I am very happy to schedule appointments or return phone calls. I cannot emphasise enough that if you are worried about something, please don't sit at home and hope the problem will go away. If we don't know about an issue we can't fix it. If you have concerns about your child's progress, social problems etc. the first port of call should be the class teacher. The class teacher will have up-to-date knowledge about your child and our staff are always more than happy to speak with our families.

Communication with school is an important factor in ensuring your child has a happy and successful year. If stressful events are happening in your home or child's life please notify your child's teacher so that they can support your child as best they can. If parents are ill or there has been a death in the family (pet or person), if parents have separated, or a parent has lost a job, these are very important factors that can create a lot of anxiety for children. If we at school know about the issues we can help support your child.

Teachers are best contacted through the school office staff or by sending a letter to your child's teacher.

If your child has any ongoing issues please ensure you meet with the child's teacher in the near future. Please don't assume because you told last year's teacher some information that this year's teacher will know. Teachers are expected to be confidential in their role and unless a situation is imperative for the whole staff to know, only the person you told will have the information. Teachers do pass on academic and health information but not always the very personal details. Any information you would like your child's current teacher to have, please contact them!

We are sure you will have a wonderful school year working in partnership with our staff to bring out the best in your child.

We are all looking forward to another fantastic day at our Swimming Carnival on Friday! Thank you to Mrs Dolbel and her team for the excellent organisation of the day!

Have a great week, everyone!

*Mr Smith*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 8 February ..... Prefect Induction  
Friday, 9 February ..... Swimming Carnival  
Tuesday, 13 February ..... School Photographs  
..... Junior Choir  
Wednesday, 14 February .... Senior Choir  
Friday, 16 February ..... Book Club orders due back

## DON'T FORGET

**Prefect Induction Day**  
Thursday, 8 February at 9.15am

**Swimming Carnival**  
Friday, 9 February



# For Your Information



## **Prefect Induction Assembly - Thursday, 8 February 2018**

Our Prefect Induction Assembly will be held at 9.15am Thursday, 8 February 2018, in our hall. Parents are warmly invited to attend and will have the opportunity to pin a badge on their child. House captains and AECG members will also receive their badges at this assembly.

*Prefect Co-Ordinator, Coral O'Neill*

## **School Photo Day: Tuesday, 13 February 2018**

Envelopes will be sent home this week. On photo day, please send your child to school with a completed envelope and money to be handed to photographer. Online ordering is also available. Family envelopes will be available for pick up from the school office.

Prices are as follows:

◇ Premium Pack	\$55.00
◇ Classic Pack	\$50.00
◇ Value Pack	\$45.00
◇ Essential Pack	\$40.00
◇ Basic Pack	\$37.00
◇ Group Only	\$30.00

## **Canteen News**

Welcome back to school and hello to all the new families.

The canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on the Infants and Primary side for recess and lunch. Recess orders are encouraged. You can order through the lunch bins on a brown paper bag or preferably, on flexischools. For a copy of ordering information and the canteen menu, please go online to the school website [www.parkes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parkes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or call in to the front office or canteen for a copy.

**Volunteers** are required in order to run the canteen. If you have any spare time to help once a week, fortnight, month or even a term, please see Belinda at the canteen or phone the school to speak with her.

**Special Ed** classes are having an earlier lunch and recess time from Monday to Thursday. To make things run smoothly in the canteen, we ask that as well as ordering recess and lunch, please also order the snacks they wish to purchase with their spending money. This can also be done in class in the mornings.

We look forward to a great year ahead and thank you for supporting your school canteen.

## **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is open on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30-3.30pm and Friday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm.

## **School Banking News**

Welcome to all our new students here at Parkes Public School and welcome back to all our existing students!! School Banking has started again for 2018 and participating students are already earning more tokens towards school banking rewards. There are **great new rewards** on offer this year.

During the next week all students will receive an information brochure regarding our School Banking Program with the Commonwealth Bank. It includes a sheet of **new redemption coupons**, giving details of the new rewards and when they are available. For students already participating in School Banking make sure you keep your reward coupons in a safe place ready for when you have 10 silver tokens and can then claim your reward!

For students who would like to join the school banking program, the brochure includes all the information you need to get started. If students have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver account and would like to join School Banking, simply bring your filled in deposit book with your money to school on Wednesdays. We look forward to more students joining this great program!!

Each **Wednesday** is School Banking day and deposits, secured in the student's yellow Dollarmites deposit wallet with deposit slip filled in, **should be placed into the lunch order bin upon arrival at school** for collection.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school P&C receives \$5.00 when children make their first deposit at school and 5% commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

If you have any questions, please contact Simone on 0476 235 094. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good saving skills.

*School Banking Co-ordinators*

# For Your Information



## **Choir**

We look forward to welcoming all students who would like to join the choir this year. Infants choir will begin on Tuesday, 13 February and Primary choir will begin on Wednesday, 14 February. Our Primary choir successfully auditioned to be part of the Choral Festival 2018. Congratulations on a wonderful effort.

*Mrs Bland and Mrs Leonard*

## **Medication**

If your child is on regular prescribed medication that needs to be administered at school, you need to have filled in the appropriate paper work which can be collected from the office. We can only accept medication that is in the original box showing dosage of medication to be given. When a new script is supplied, we also need to have the new box so as we have the current prescription.

## **Coles Sports for Schools 2018**

The race is on to collect vouchers for our school! The program begins tomorrow, Wednesday, 7 February when you will be able to start collecting the vouchers from all Coles and Coles Express stores nationally. You can also collect electronic Coles vouchers when you shop at Coles Online. For every \$10.00 spent, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher. You can bring the vouchers to school and place them in the collection bin. At the end of the program, our school will be able to order much needed sports equipment to the value of our collected vouchers. Please help our school reach our sports gear target!

## **Parents in the School Grounds**

Please be aware that whilst we are more than happy for parents to be on school premises before and after school at drop off and pick up times, it is important to move in and out of the school as soon as you can so that the children can get their routines under way. Also, please be aware that it is highly inappropriate to approach or chastise other students in the playground. If you do have any concerns, please speak with the playground duty teacher or make an appointment to speak with one of our Assistant Principals or Mr Smith.

## **Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed**

Breakfast Club started this week and runs each morning from 8.35am until 8.50am.

*If you are able to help pour cereal, make toast and wash dishes for the breakfast club please contact Andrew Taggart on 0409 606 719 or leave your name and phone number at the front office.*

The Breakfast Club program is particularly beneficial to those children who leave home very early in the morning or who have an early breakfast and are quite hungry by the time they get to school. Teachers notice that children learn more easily if their tummies are full.

The children love the special care they receive from the Breakfast Club volunteers and the volunteers often voice how much they enjoy helping the children. It really is a win-win situation!

# Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the Parkes Public Boys' Hockey Team which was awarded the Parkes Sports Council Team of the Year 2017. The 13 boys attended the Australia Day ceremony and proudly received their award from the Australian Ambassador, Ann Snell. Our school is very proud of this team and the way they have represented Parkes Public School. The team won the 2017 State Knockout.

The school would again like to thank Mr Graeme Tanswell for his expertise in coaching our team over the last three years.



# Sport News

## 2018 SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected sporting house captains and vice captains for 2018.



### Blaxland

**Captains:** Thomas Fredericks  
Taylah Gibson  
**Vice Captains:** Rhys James  
Bowe Kirwan  
Chyler Skillin



### Lawson

**Captains:** Jack Pinkstone  
Elizabeth MacGregor  
**Vice Captains:** Jake Sinclair  
Mikayla Swain



### Mitchell

**Captains:** Hunter Green  
Jorja Henderson  
**Vice Captains:** Tallan McTackett  
Bridie Lacey



### Wentworth

**Captains:** Daniel Hando  
Lily McCormick  
**Vice Captains:** Brock Charlton  
Charlotte Smith

## Girls Cricket Trials 2018

Cricket trials for the school cricket team will be held over two days, at the following times and locations. The trials are for girls in years 5 and 6. Please wear suitable attire and bring a drink bottle.

**Week 2:** Wednesday, 7 February – 1.15 to 2.00pm, under the infants cola.

**Week 3:** Wednesday, 14 February – 1.15 to 2.00pm, under the infants cola.

*Miss Leonard (Manager) and Mr Lovett (Coach)*

## Girls Netball Trials 2018

Netball Trials for the school netball team will be held on two days at the following times and locations for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6.

### Week 2:

Thursday, 8 February at lunchtime under the infants cola. Please bring joggers to school to change into during lunchtime.

### Week 3:

Wednesday, 14 February at 3.30-4.30pm, Parkes Netball Courts at McGlynn Sporting Complex. Please wear suitable attire and bring a hat and drink bottle.

*Mrs Dolbel*



## PSSA Cricket Trials Boys' Team

Trials will be held this **Wednesday, 7 February and Friday, 9 February** at Woodward Oval (cricket nets) **starting at 4.00pm and finishing at 5.30pm.**



Please bring the following:

drink

hat

cricket gear (helmet, bat, gloves, pads, protector, keeping gloves).

I will have the school's kit bag at the trials if you do not have your own equipment.

This year Mr Shane Jones will be coaching the team and I will be managing. You must attend at least one of the trials to be considered for the team.

*Cathy Pearsall*

## 2018 Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will be held this Friday, 9 February 2018 and is for all Year 3-6 students. The swimming carnival is a school day and it is expected that all students will attend and participate where possible. All students who can swim at least 25m are strongly encouraged to enter our carnival.

# Library News

## Scholastic Book Club

Eight times a year (twice a term) Book Club pamphlets from Scholastic Book Club will be given out to students. Issue 1 order forms will be sent home this week and orders will close on **Friday, 16 February.**

To purchase books or software, complete the form on the back of the sheet and return with the correct money in a well-sealed envelope. ***If paying by cheque, please make payable to 'Parkes Public School'.*** Students place their envelopes in the collection box that goes around in the morning to each class.

The school has joined the '**LOOP**' system for credit card payments. You can now order and pay online! No order form is needed to be filled out or returned to the school. Your order will be delivered to the school and we will forward on to you child.

When Book Club forms are handed out the date for closing orders will be published in the following newsletter. It will take approximately two weeks for the orders to arrive after the closing date. If you do not wish your children to see the books ordered, please make a note on your order form along with a contact phone number. You will be contacted when the books arrive and they can be picked up from the school office. This is a service offered by the school to allow you to purchase books. There is no obligation to buy.

Last year our library received many free resources as a result of the support from students and families. This was greatly appreciated!

## Library Days

Library borrowing days are as follows:

Monday	- 5 Blue, 6 Blue, K White
Tuesday	- 1 Blue, 4 Blue, 3 Red, 2 Red
Wednesday	- 4 Red, 3 Blue, K Red
Thursday	- 3/4 White, 6 Red, 1 Red, 5 Red
Friday	- 2 Blue, 1/2 White, K Blue

Students who would like to borrow will need to either have a library bag or pillow case to protect the books being transported from home to school.

Unfortunately there are a few students who still have outstanding loans from 2017 and these books will need to be returned or paid for before these students can borrow in 2018.

*Mrs Dolbel, Librarian*

# Community Noticeboard



## M E D I A   R E L E A S E

### PARKES SHIRE KIDS ENCOURAGED TO GET ACTIVE

Kids across the Parkes Shire are encouraged to get active as part of a NSW Government initiative to get more school children involved in sport.

The Active Kids program aims to help families meet the cost of getting their kids into sport, active fitness and recreation activities, by providing a \$100 voucher for parents and guardians to use for registration and participation costs.

Parkes Sports Council Chairman, Al Gersbach said "this is a fantastic incentive to encourage more locals to take part in physical activities such as swimming, dance lessons, tennis and athletics."

"The cost of registration, uniforms, insurance and travel can often deter families from getting involved in sport so this is certainly going to make a difference in many households across the Parkes Shire."

"With the winter sport season fast approaching, now is a good time to visit the Active Kids website to see the list of approved providers and apply for a voucher."

From 31 January 2018, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used at any time during the calendar year, with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

To apply for an Active Kids voucher or to find out more, visit [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)

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