



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 1, Week 6 - Tuesday, 6 March 2018

Schools Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday students participated in Schools Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning our playgrounds and gardens.

Since 1992, schools across Australia have got stuck in and made a real difference to their environment and local communities through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. Our school was one of over 2100 school sites that registered this year.

Congratulations to all the students who volunteered their lunch time play to participate.



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



Exciting experience for our Wiradjuri Choir!

Our Years 1 and 2 Wiradjuri Choir has been invited to sing two songs at the NSW Tourism Conference on Tuesday, 13 March at the Parkes Leagues Club. The students have been diligently practising 'Der Glumph' and 'Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree' in Wiradjuri language.

The students will be accompanied by Mr Lovett, Mrs Leonard and Mrs Howard who are looking forward to the performance.

Choir News

Infants - It has been wonderful to see such interest and enthusiasm in singing each week. Keep up the good work. Remember practice this week is on Tuesday at 1.25pm.

Primary - Our year is off to a great start with over forty members attending. Now that we have our Choral Festival Repertoire, we will begin Thursday morning practices on Thursday, 22 March at 8.00am.

Our Choral Festival Conductor, Ian Jefferson, will conduct a workshop with us on Friday, 6 July and the Choral Festival will be held on Sunday, 23 September.

Happy singing!
Mrs Bland and Mrs Leonard

Performance

The Sydney International School Concert Band will perform in our school hall on Sunday, 8 April at 11.00am. All welcome to attend.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed on Wednesday, 7 March but Flexischool orders will still go out on Thursday as normal.

Due to the Colour Run being held on Wednesday, 21 March, the uniform shop will open from 8.30am-9.30am instead of the afternoon.

School Photos Catch Up Day

If your child was absent from school on our photo day, they will be able to get photos taken at Parkes East Public School on Monday, 12 March between 8.30am and 9.00am. Transport will be by parent.

Supporting Our Students (SOS)

This year Mrs Whitchurch has taken on a new role at Parkes Public School as Educational Leader 3-6 (Literacy). This involves supporting Years 3-6 teachers and students in all aspects of literacy, particularly reading and writing.

She is also now offering an SOS service to our Years 3-6 parents and carers who would like support, ideas or advice in helping their children with literacy at home. This could involve meetings, phone calls or emails.

Please contact Mrs Whitchurch via your child's teacher or through the school office if you would like some support and she will contact you.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Fundraising Shave

One woman dies every 10 hours from ovarian cancer. It could be your mother, wife, sister, friend or even your daughter. Research is the answer.

As there is currently no early detection test and a lack of symptoms in the early stages of disease, women are usually diagnosed in the late stages of the disease – when the cancer has spread to other organs in the body. Early screening is needed which can only be achieved through funded research.

Talan and Joel Breden are raising money and have had their heads shaved at Adele's Hair Salon and would greatly appreciate any donations. To DONATE, all people need to do is to follow these few steps:

Go to <https://www.everydayhero.com/au/>

*Type in 'Team Breden' in the search field located next to the 'Start Fundraising' link

*Click search and select the link that appears for Talan and Joel Breden (Team Breden)

*Click on the big green DONATE button to the right of the screen.

Alternatively, people can click on the following link or type it into their internet address bar and it should redirect directly to our donation page:

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/team-breden-raising-funds-for-ocrf>

Any donation big or small will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.



Mr Smith's Message



We have had a flying start to this year! Teachers have commenced specific, well-constructed learning programs in classrooms, supporting the work with learning and language focusing on managing self and relationships with others. A variety of high quality programs, which ensure a well-rounded educational opportunity for every student are underway, with students slipping easily back into established routines and meeting expectations.

To mention a few programs we are currently involved in:

- ♦ Aquatic sport is very big at this time of year, with a very successful swimming carnival conducted and primary swimming sessions for sport underway. PSSA representative trials have already been held for swimming and tennis and further trials are coming up this term for a variety of other sports. Our PSSA knockout competitions are also starting to kick off during this term. Good luck to our tennis players competing at the Western Region PSSA trials tomorrow! We know you will do your best and represent Parkes Public School with distinction.

- ♦ Early Action for Success is providing structured support in literacy and numeracy across Kindergarten to Year 2, while Years 3-6 are continuing with 'Focus on Reading'. Maths teaching is also a high priority area, with teachers examining best practice and engaging in current research to identify the most effective teaching strategies.

- ♦ Transition to Parkes High School is underway as we prepare our Year 6 students to progress to high school in 2018.

Last night we had an extraordinary P&C meeting and the following positions were filled for this year:

President: Mr Grant Orr

Vice Presidents: Mr Andrew Hall and Mr Andrew McIntyre

Secretary: Mrs Sarah Wilkinson

Treasurer: Mrs Michelle Bligh

School Council Representative: Mr Andrew Hall

Congratulations to our P&C office bearers! If you are a new family to our school or an existing one that has been thinking about coming along to P&C for a while, this would be a great year to get involved. Our P&C play a significant role in helping to make our school the great place that it is. Their fundraising efforts contribute so much and they are a wonderful sounding board for us when we are considering new ideas or programs or possible adjustments to school systems. Being a member of the P&C does not mean that you have to take on a role but it is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at school and a good way of meeting other families.

A couple of general reminders for our Parents and Carers:

Bus bays are not to be used as drop off or pick up points between 8.00-9.30am in the mornings and 2.30-4.00pm in the afternoon. We thank you for your support with this matter.

Students must not arrive at school earlier than 8.35am at which time there is teacher supervision. Similarly, students must be collected at 3.00pm unless they are catching a bus. If, for family or work reasons, you need your children to stay longer in the afternoon, then you are welcome to organise after school care through the Parkes Outside School Hours Care centre which operates out of our hall on 0428 770 760.

Teachers and students are currently working on creating learning intentions or goals in their classes and focusing on areas to help guide improvement in learning and teaching such as how we work collaboratively, how we can use feedback to improve and how it is okay to make a mistake sometimes in our learning. Well done to our students on their efforts in being proactive learners! Keep up the great work! Many of our teachers have been making contact with parents and families over the past few weeks. When the relationship between teachers and parents is ongoing with open lines of communication, research proves students achieve more positive outcomes from their schooling. In 2018 this is something we will continue to focus on throughout the year. Don't forget that progress interviews will be held towards the end of Term 1 so you can catch up on your child's development so far this year.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Mr Smith

Student Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate:

Terry Ede	3-6 Yellow
Ava Pearce	1/2 White
Alex Griffiths	K-1 Green
Alanah Wood	2 Blue
Isabella Trott	1 Blue
Riley Sterland	3-6 Blue
Chelsea O'Connor	1 Blue
Bradley Chambers-Lewis	1 Red



Current PBL Focus
We are respectful at
Parkes Public School

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten	Rhose Budd Philip Manurung
Year 1	Tempi O'Grady Johnathan Wilkinson Kacey Cranswick Katie Forbes
Year 2	Calon Phelan Sienna Hunt Rhys Kennedy



Students of the Week

Name: Bridie Lacey

Age: 11

Class: 6 Blue

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments: Bridie is a caring and responsible student. She always tries hard and helps those around her.

Favourite activities: Playing with my pets, hanging out with my friends and family. I also like doing art.

What career interests you? I would like to be a volunteer for WIRES or a zoo keeper.



Name: Charlotte Smith

Age: 10

Class: 6 Blue

Teacher: Mrs O'Neill

Teacher comments: Charlotte participates actively in all areas of her schooling. She is a respectful member of our class and is a good role model to younger students.

Favourite activities: I like playing with my dogs, playing netball and riding the quadbike.

What career interests you? I would like to be a veterinarian, singer and an actress.



Sport

News

Boys' Touch Football

Try outs will continue on Monday, 12 March from 4.00pm - 5.00pm at Cheney Park.

Ms Richardson

Girls' Touch 2018

All girls in Years 3-6 who are interested in playing touch this year need to meet Mrs Simpson under the infants cola at lunchtime on Friday, 9 March.

Mrs Simpson

Lachlan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our 27 swimmers who competed at Condobolin pool last Friday. Five Parkes Public School students will be heading to Dubbo in three weeks for individual swimming events to contest for a position on the Western Swimming Team.

Lucy MacGregor has earned a spot in the junior backstroke event and Lucy Hall in the 10 years 50m freestyle. In junior boys, Ewan Moody will contest 50m backstroke, breaststroke, 200m individual medley and 10 years freestyle. In 11 years events Joel MacGregor qualified for 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Ellen Dolbel qualified for all six available events in senior girls 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and 200m individual medley.

Two relay teams have also qualified for Western. Ewan Moody, Finlay Quince, Samuel Quince and Sonny MacGregor qualified in third position in the Junior Boys' Relay and Ellen Dolbel, Lucy Hall and Faith Clarke qualified in second place in the Senior Girls' Relay. Best of luck to all our swimmers in Dubbo.

Mrs Dolbel

Netball Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as members of the school netball team:

Zoe Anderson, Ellen Dolbel, Lucy Hall, Kelsey Mann, Jorja Henderson, Liliani Latu, Elizabeth MacGregor, Lily McCormick and Chyler Skillin.

The team will play two tournaments this year; PSSA Knockout and Schools Cup.

Mrs Dolbel

Richardson Cup/Peachey Shield Rugby League Trials

Mr Roberts will be holding selection trials for the Parkes Public School Rugby League teams. The Years 3/4 team and Years 5/6 team will represent the school at the Richardson Cup and Peachey Shield Gala Days. These teams will both play at the same venue, at the same time.

In order to select the team and to attempt to avoid trials/training relating to other sports, try-outs will be held on Monday, 5 March and Monday, 12 March at lunchtime.

Students trying out must come with headgear and a mouthguard as there will be some contact. It is advisable that they also bring a change of clothes for the trials in an attempt to avoid accidental damage to their school uniform.

If students are successful, they will be required to travel to Orange on Wednesday, 28 March. The day will take place at the Brendan Sturgeon Fields in North Orange. Students will travel to this event in private transport with parents.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Roberts through the school office on 6862 1702.

Regards, Mr Roberts

Parkes Services Squash

Friday Night Junior Squash

6pm - 7.30pm at Short Street Parkes

0268624555 / Jay - 0459546742

All equipment is provided

Cost - \$5 per session

Beginners Welcome

Parkes & District Netball Association

are looking for players to register for their 2018

Saturday Morning Junior Competition.

Gala Day: 24 March 2018 Season: 7 April - 25 August

Registrations are open and must be completed online via

MyNetball by 17 March 2018

For further information call 0419 954 769 or via website

www.parkesna.nsw.netball.com.au

Hockey NSW 2018 Sign up Time!!

Super Gala & Registration Day - Saturday, 24 March at Parkes Hockey Complex, Barker Street from 9am - 12pm

For further information email:

glenncherie@bigpond.com

P.&D.A.S.A. Play Football in 2018

Register online now at www.playfootballnsw.com.au/ or at one of our upcoming registration days:

Saturday, 10 & 24 March 10am - 2pm at

Middleton Public School Hall, Medlyn Street, Parkes.

ICAS Competitions

2018 AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by a team of subject matter experts. All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Administration Guidelines are provided to the schools with the ICAS papers to ensure that the same conditions are afforded to all students sitting ICAS.

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6.

The closing date for entry in the following competitions is **Monday, 19 March 2018**

The competitions will be held on the following dates:

- ♦ Digital Technologies (Computer) - Tuesday, 8 May 2018
- ♦ Science - Tuesday, 29 May 2018

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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

I give permission for my child/ren:

_____ Class _____
_____ Class _____
_____ Class _____

to participate in the **2018 Australasian Schools Digital Technologies Competition.**

Please find enclosed **\$9.90** entry fee for each child.

Parent/carers _____

Date _____

SCIENCE COMPETITION

I give permission for my child/ren:

_____ Class _____
_____ Class _____
_____ Class _____

to participate in the **2018 Australasian Schools Science Competition.**

Please find enclosed **\$9.90** entry fee for each child.

Parent/carers _____

Date _____

LOST and FOUND

A Pandora bracelet has been found in the school grounds. Please call in to office to identify and claim.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 13 March Years 1 and 2 Wiradjuri Choir performing at Parkes Leagues Club
Wednesday, 14 March Hockey Gala Day
Friday, 16 March Western Swimming Carnival in Dubbo
Wednesday, 21 March Colour Run
Tuesday, 27 March 2LVR Radio Broadcast
Friday, 30 March Good Friday
Monday, 2 April Easter Monday
Sunday, 8 April Sydney International School Concert Band performing in School Hall at 11.00am

DON'T FORGET

K-2 Infants Assembly Wednesdays

7 March - 1 Red presenting
14 March - 1 Blue presenting

3-6 Primary Assembly Fridays (odd weeks)

16 March—5 Red presenting

Uniform Shop closed tomorrow

Monday, 12 March - school photo catch up day at Parkes East PS



Dear Parents and Caregivers

For over 35 years Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van have been providing an invaluable service to our community through education around healthy living and positive lifestyle choices. I'm sure most of us can remember our own childhood lessons spent in the Life Education Van with Healthy Harold!

In collaboration with Parkes Shire Council, the Parkes Life Action Group was established to raise funds to ensure that the amazing work of the Life Education Van continues to support the families of the Parkes Shire.

In 2018, we are again asking for your support to make sure this community service can continue. On **Sunday March 18th at the Parkes Aquatic Centre**, we will be hosting our annual fundraiser, the Healthy Harold Swim Relay between **10am and 4pm**. We are asking that all school children get involved by seeking sponsorship to swim their nominated number of laps on the day, or an alternative day if they can't attend on the 18th.

All money raised is to be placed in the envelope provided and returned to the school office by Friday 23rd March or brought to the pool on the 18th.

School and community groups are all invited to participate. There will be set lanes for school and community groups to use on the day. Entry to the pool will be free with a BBQ available on the day with all money raised going to Life Education in Parkes.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Northparkes for their ongoing financial contribution that supports the delivery of Life Education.

We are so appreciative of the work Life Education does with our children and your commitment to its continuation. So grab your sponsors and get ready to swim for Life Education!

Kind regards

Glen Westcott
Chair, Parkes Life Action Group

Community Noticeboard

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- * drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- * never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- * always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- * follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- * park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- * never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- * never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- * model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- * use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- * are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- * always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- * are never left alone in the car.

Music is fun. Try it!!

Would you like to

Learn to play an instrument or play your instrument more?

Play with a band?

Play in street parades for Elvis and ANZAC Day?

Wear a cool band uniform?

Make new friends?

Parkes Shire Concert Band welcomes new players of all ages and abilities who might already play an instrument, or want to learn. You just need to be in Year 3 or above and able to come to practice nights on **Tuesdays in term time 6.30pm to 8pm.**

6.30 – 7.00pm New Learners Group

7.00 – 8.00pm Development Band

Where: Music Room Upstairs Town Pool complex Dalton Street

Cost: \$20 per term plus \$25 per term instrument hire if needed

Music Director: Duncan Clement 0405 035 164

President: Rhonda Redenbach 0459 373 624

Caring for Carers

Flourish Australia invites all Carers to join our monthly get together, giving Carers the opportunity to meet with other Carers and gain support and information.

When: First Thursday of the month

Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Where: Flourish Australia Office, Browne St entrance

157 - 159 Clarinda Street, Parkes

For further information please call 6863 5113

PARKES TOY LIBRARY

St George's Anglican Church

Visit, choose and borrow toys that are for fun, learning, coordination and popular Toys suitable for children from birth to 8 years
Parents, Grandparents, Carers and children welcome

Only \$25.00 per year - gift vouchers available

Where: St George's Anglican Church, Lower Hall

Entry via Souden Lane Car Park

Opening Hours: 3.30pm - 6.30pm Mondays
(during school terms)

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