



Parkes Public Update

Term 2 Week 1 - Tuesday, 1 May 2018

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Welcome back everyone to the start of another new term. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for another productive term.

Life Education Van

The Life Education Van will be visiting Parkes Public School from tomorrow, Wednesday, 2 May to Monday, 14 May.

Rae Mitchell, our Life Education teacher, will be opening the van to parents on Wednesday, 9 May from 3.00 - 4.00pm. Please feel welcome to drop in to meet Rae, have a look through the van and ask any questions you may have about the program.

An order form for Healthy Harold merchandise will be sent home this term.

Anzac Day Service

There will be a whole school assembly in the school hall this Friday, 4 May at 2.00pm to commemorate Anzac Day.

Stewart House - Parkes Public School has once again chosen Stewart House as one of its charities to support. Envelopes were sent home last term.

Please fill out your details, include your \$2.00 donation and return to the office or classroom teachers by Friday, 18 May. You will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a \$4,000 holiday.

Thank you for your support.

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.

P&C News

Mother's Day Stall

The P&C would love to acknowledge all the hard work and time our mums put in by running a Mother's Day stall next Wednesday, 9 May. Students wanting to participate will need to donate a gift under \$5.00 suitable for another mum. It is to be handed in to class teachers by the start of Week 2 (Monday, 7 May).

These items will then be able to be purchased by the students for \$4.00 at the stall, then the fun of wrapping and making a card can begin in class time! Please send in your child's \$4.00 to their class teacher by Wednesday, 9 May, then look forward to a lovely gift, selected by your child, on Mother's Day.

Money raised will go to the P&C.

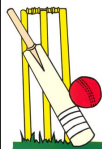
Canteen

The winter menu for Terms 2 and 3 is now available from the canteen or the school website.

Uniform Shop

Opening hours: Wednesday, 1.30-3.30pm
Friday, 8.30-9.30am

Sport News



Congratulations to the Girls' Cricket Team who played Forbes Public School last term and had a win - 5 out for 120 runs to 4 out for 112 runs. They played an exceptional game and showed great sportsmanship. The next game will be against Wellington early this term.



The Girls' Hockey Team defeated Parkes East 3-0. Congratulations girls, great effort.



Current PBL Focus
We learn best when
we are respectful

Applications for Placement in an Opportunity Class.

Parents of students who are currently in Year 4 are invited to apply for consideration for enrolment in an opportunity class for Year 5 and 6, which is located at a school in Dubbo.

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday, 1 August 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

If you are interested and require further information, please contact Mrs Shore at school or alternatively, detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from Tuesday, 1 May 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on Tuesday, 1 May 2018 and closes on Friday, 18 May 2018. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 1 May 2018. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

DON'T FORGET

**Whole School Assembly
Friday, 4 May at 2.00pm**

Canteen closed Wednesdays



INFORMATION EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES IN 2019

**Refreshments at 5.45pm for
6.00pm start
Thursday, 24 May 2018
School Assembly Hall in Hill Street**

Free child minding

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- ☒ **transition to school program**
- ☒ **enrolment process**
- ☒ **general information about the school**
- ☒ **inspiring programs**
- ☒ **diverse opportunities for your children**
- ☒ **questions answered**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 4 May	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday, 9 May	Mother's Day Stall
Monday, 21 May	Musica Viva 'Makukuhan'
Thursday, 24 May	Kindergarten Information Evening
Thursday, 31 May	Opera Australia 'The Magic Flute'