



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 9 Tuesday 5 December 2023

## Mrs O'Neill's Message



### Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day is this Thursday 7 December in the school hall. The K-2 session will start at 9.30am and the Years 3-6 session will begin at 11.45am. Students are to wear their summer uniform.

### Canteen Closed on Thursday

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the canteen will be closed this Thursday 7 December 2023. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

### Student Activities

Year 6 are at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst today finding out about what possibilities a university pathway offers for them when they finish Year 12. The Talent Show is this Friday and we are all looking forward to seeing the amazing talents of our students. The PBL Celebration is this Friday and has a water play theme. The class parties will be on Monday 11 December. The volunteers' morning tea is on Tuesday 12 December. This is an opportunity for us to thank all of the wonderful people who have volunteered across the school this year.

Enjoy your week, Coral O'Neill

## Student of the Week

**Name:** Emmy Bowd

**Age:** 5

**Class:** KH

**Teacher:** Mrs Jane Howard

**Teacher Comment:** Emmy displays huge growth across all areas of school. She tries her best throughout each day and never gives up.

**Favourite Activities:** I love drawing and writing.

**When I grow up:** I would like to be a teacher.



**Students last day for 2023 is Friday 15 December**  
**Years 1-6 students begin 2024 on Thursday 1 February**



### MISSION STATEMENT

Quality education for all



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# For Your Information



## PBL Acknowledgement Day - Water Play

Our PBL reward for the end of this term will be water play. It will be held this Friday 8 December. This reward will be held during the morning session in the interest of sun safety.

Students need to *wear their water play clothes to school* and bring,

- a towel and their uniform to change into (including dry underwear).

All students need to be sun safe, which includes wearing a hat.

## Kindergarten 2024 Best Start Assessment Days

Dear families of Kindergarten 2024 students,

At the last orientation session, parents and carers received a letter with information about their child's Best Start Day. If your child was unable to attend that session, their Best Start letter was mailed home.

The Best Start Days for Kindergarten students are:

Thursday 1 February, Friday 2 February or Monday 5 February.

Your child will attend **only one** of these days.

The first official school day for all of Kindergarten students is **Tuesday 6 February**.

If you have not received your Best Start letter indicating which day your child is to attend, please phone the school office on 6862 1702.



## Lollies in Lunchboxes

There has been a rapid increase in students bringing large quantities of lollies and sherbet/sugar straws to school. The products contain citric acid, sugar and artificial flavourings and colourings. These products are creating an environmental hazard and impacting on student behaviour and learning. Please keep these treats for home. Ideas for healthy lunchboxes can be found by visiting;

<https://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/campaignsprogram/English-Lunchboxes.pdf>

## Volunteers Morning Tea

Please don't forget to RSVP to the volunteers morning tea by Friday 8 December. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

## Class Parties-Mufti Day

K-6 class parties will be held on **Monday 11 December (Week 10)**. Students may dress in mufti clothes for the day. Remember sun safe clothing & closed in shoes.

We will be changing our format for class parties this year. Recess and lunch will be held at the usual times throughout the day. All students will be required to bring their drink bottles, recess and lunch **as normal**.

We will be celebrating with our classes in the afternoon session. We ask that families send in some party food which can be shared with the class for this time.

Suggestions for food to send in on the day include:

- a large bag of chips , a bag of mixed lollies, a box of biscuits

Thank you very much for your assistance in helping our students celebrate another wonderful year of learning together.



**Current PBL Focus**  
**We are kind to others**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7 December .....Presentation Day

Friday 8 December .....Talent Show

Monday 11 December .....Class Parties

## DON'T FORGET

**Class Parties**

Monday 11 December

**Last Day For Students**

Friday 15 December

# TERM 4 PLANNER 2023

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
<b>OCT</b> <b>Week 1</b>	9	10 Book fair	11 Book fair sales	12 Book fair sales	13 Book fair sales	14/15
<b>OCT</b> <b>Week 2</b>	16 P & C Meeting 6.30pm	17	18 Assembly 2.00pm	19 Year 6 PHS Tour 9-11	20 Rex Smith Lois Jones Cup - Hockey	21/22
<b>OCT</b> <b>Week 3</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28/29
<b>OCT</b> <b>Week 4</b>	30 Easter Fete Meeting 6.30pm in the Library	31 2LVR Radio show 5.00pm	1 Assembly 2.00pm	2	3 Stage 2 Wellington Caves Excursion <b>Last Preps Day</b>	4/5
<b>NOV</b> <b>Week 5</b>	6	7	8 Kindergarten Orientation 9.00am	9	10	11/12
<b>NOV</b> <b>Week 6</b>	13 Kinder orientation & parent information session	14	15 Assembly 2.00pm	16  K-2 Socials	17	18/19
<b>NOV</b> <b>Week 7</b>	20 Year 2 Swimming	21 Year 2 Swimming  Kindergarten Orientation	22 Year 2 Swimming	23 Year 2 Swimming	24 Year 2 Swimming	25/26
<b>NOV</b> <b>Week 8</b>	27 Year 2 Swimming	28 Year 2 Swimming  Primary Socials	29 Year 2 Swimming  Assembly 2.00pm	30 Year 2 Swimming	1 Year 2 Swimming	2/3
<b>NOV/DEC</b> <b>Week 9</b>	4	5 CSU check it out day Bathurst	6	7 Presentation Day	8	9/10
<b>DEC</b> <b>Week 10</b>	11 Class parties	12 Volunteers morning tea	13	14	15 Year 6 Farewell 2.40pm  <b>Last Day for students</b>	16/17
<b>DEC</b> <b>Week 11</b>	18 Staff Development	19 Staff Development	20 Holidays	21 Holidays	22 Holidays	23/24

# Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

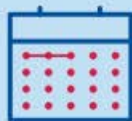
they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day



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**3** days

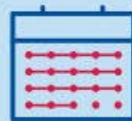


**30** mins  
per day



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**18** days



**Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.**





PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**HAVANNAH HOUSE**  
*Christmas Lunch*

**25 DECEMBER | 12.00PM**

FORBES TOWN HALL  
HAROLD STREET, FORBES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, BOOK  
TRANSPORT OR RSVP PLEASE  
CONTACT HAVANNAH HOUSE ON  
02 6852 1366**

**HAVANNAHOUSE@GMAIL.COM  
OR VIA FACEBOOK MESSENGER**





# Fizzics Education at CSIRO Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre

Come and meet the team from Fizzics Education during the Elvis Festival – this is a family event where you'll see science up close!

**Wed 10 to Sun 14 January 2024**

**This one-hour show starts at 1:30 pm**

It's free, no booking needed – just show up on the day

Outdoors event – in front of Murriyang, the Parkes radio telescope

## **Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre**

(02) 6861 1777

[parkes-vdc@csiro.au](mailto:parkes-vdc@csiro.au)

585 Telescope Road, Parkes NSW 2870

20 km north of Parkes on the Newell Hwy

**This is a radio quiet zone.** Please assist by turning off phones and wi-fi devices or activating airplane or flight mode.

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