



Parkes Public Panorama

Term 4, Week 3 Tuesday 29 October 2024

Mrs O'Neill's Message



Book Fair

Thank you to all of the families who supported the Book Fair. This helps to generate points with Scholastic that Mrs Ruckly will use to purchase new books for the library.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

It was wonderful to see so many families at the K-2 Athletics Carnival and picnic lunch last Friday. Thank you to Miss McPhee and the staff for organising the activities for the children and community. Thank you also to Year 6 students for their help in running the events.

P&C Donation and Support

On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank the P&C for donating \$100.00 to each classroom to purchase educational resources. The P&C will also buy hats for each of the 2025 Kindergarten children. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of the P&C.

The next P&C Working Bee will be on Saturday 23 November from 9.00am until 11.00am. We would greatly appreciate any help that our school community can offer during that time. We will be working in the Primary playground area.

State Sports Representation

Congratulations to Sam Yelland on his representation in the Western region cricket team at the State PSSA Carnival. Congratulations to Lewis Todd and Huxley Guess on competing at the State Athletics Carnival last week. We are proud of all three boys for their achievements.

School Activities for this term

There are quite a lot of school activities taking place across this term. We will notify families of school activities via notes, the Newsletter, Facebook and the Parent Portal. The calendar on the Parent Portal has been updated to show the planned events for the term. As it is a busy term, please monitor the various media as well as check for notes to inform you of what is taking place.

Have a lovely week.

Coral O'Neill



Current PBL Focus

We follow all staff instructions on the playground



MISSION STATEMENT

Quality education for all

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For Your Information Students of the Week



Name: Spencer Ringk

Age: 6

Class: KC

Teacher: Mrs Churchill

Teacher Comment: Spencer is a very kind and caring member of KC. Spencer is always keen to have a chat with you and loves asking questions. He arrives to class each day with a friendly smile and a willingness to participate.

Favourite Activities: I like to paint. I like to role-play and I enjoy playing Lego.

When I grow up: I would like to be cleaner.



Name: Jayda Francis

Age: 9

Class: 3/4E

Teacher: Ms Erb

Teacher Comment: Jayda is a kind and thoughtful student who always works hard on every task she is given. She looks after classmates and makes sure we think about others. .

Favourite Activities: I love to do gymnastics and playing with my friends at school.

When I grow up: I would like to be an Olympic medalist.



Pink Up Parkes

Tomorrow, 29 October, we will be joining in with 'Pink Up Parkes'. In October, we highlight Breast Cancer and this year Parkes is raising money for Breast Care nurses.

In support of this worthy cause we will hold a mufti day on tomorrow 29 October where we all wear something pink. Students are invited to bring in a coin (or coins) donation. We will be running a coin line competition between classes. Whichever class has the longest line wins!

Thank you for helping us to support this worthy cause.



Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Tommy-Lee Podetti	3/4E
Flynn Davis	2R
Spencer Ross-Walton	3/4E
Courtney Keen	3FH
Emily Griffiths	5-6W
Vander MacdonaldMiller	6J
Zara Baker	5W
Dawson Trimmer	2R

Badge

Vander MacdonaldMiller	6J
Zara Baker	5W



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6 November Kindergarten Orientation Day
 Tuesday 12 November Kindergarten Orientation Day
 and parent information session
 Monday 18 November Year 2 intensive swimming
 begins
 Thursday 21 November Kindergarten Orientation Day
 Thursday 21 November K-2 Socials
 Tuesday 5 December Primary Socials
 Wednesday 11 December Presentation Night

Assembly Item Roster

Week	Term 4
4	Special Ed; K-3C and K-4S
6	KH, KMH
8	KW, KC
10	

K-2 Athletics Carnival

On Friday 25 October, the K-2 students participated in their annual athletics carnival. The children had so much fun demonstrating the skills they have been developing in weekly sports lessons. The children rotated through the field events and then moved on to the races. A highlight for many children was being able to race against their parents. It was lovely to see so many families in our school cheering on their children.

Thank you to Mr Dawson for getting the racetracks painted and Mrs Lewis, Miss Hamilton and Miss Weston for ensuring we had all the necessary equipment. Thank you to 6J and 6W. We are so proud of how you led your activities and supported and encouraged our K-2 students.

We appreciate the effort of many of our families who baked cupcakes for the canteen to sell on the day. Our canteen raised over \$380.00



Kindergarten Enviro Morning

Kindergarten students visited Bushman's Dam on Wednesday morning for the Enviro Morning hosted by Central West Lachlan Landcare, Parkes Shire Council and Northparkes Mines. We participated in five different activities that taught us about wetlands, caring for the environment and water sources and quality.

Chris from Northparkes Mines taught us about the geology of the area. We explored how water runs through rocks and soil.

Hannah from Parkes Shire Council taught us about the importance of clean water sources and how we can help the environment by keeping rubbish out of waterways and keeping things out of drains.

Larry Brandy, an Aboriginal storyteller from Condobolin, taught us about local Wiradjuri culture. We looked at traditional hunting artefacts, boomerangs, didgeridoos and spears.

Marg from Central West Lachlan Landcare showed us the environmental impact of chemicals and the importance of wetlands in our community.

Bronte from Parkes Shire Council taught us where water comes from and where it goes, what lives in our waterways and how we can care for water in our environment.

We wish to thank our wonderful parent helpers who gave up their time to assist and help make the excursion a success. Thank you also goes to Central West Lachlan Landcare, Parkes Shire Council and Northparkes Mines for organising a great educational experience for our students.



State Athletics Carnival

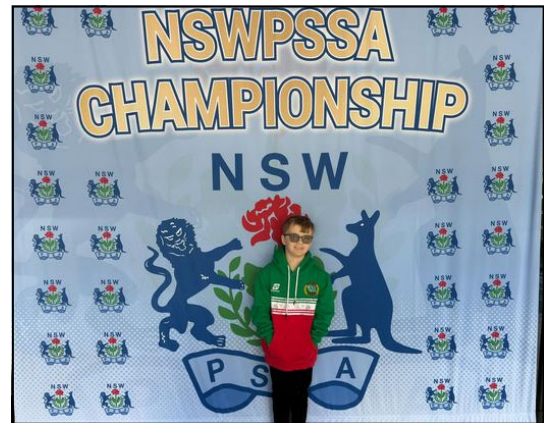
This was my second time going to the State Athletics Carnival. I went down with my mum and my brother Riley. It was a good experience, and I had fun competing. I am proud of myself for getting there. It was very busy there. It was packed at each of the events and in the grandstands. I saw another student there who I remembered competing against at the Western Athletics Carnival last year.

By Lewis Todd

Last week I travelled to Sydney with my Mum to compete at State Athletics. On Wednesday, I competed in one event, shot put where I threw a PB of 2.67m. On Thursday, I competed in four events; long jump, where I jumped a PB of 1.95m, 800m, 100m and discus. It was very exciting and scary at the same time. I really liked participating in my multiclass events with other people who have a disability like me.

I can't wait to do it again next year.

By Huxley Guess



Preps

This week is the final week of Preps. Children will be presented with a special certificate at the end of their last lesson. We would love families to join us in the school hall at 11.45am on their preps day for this presentation.

After this week, there will be three orientation mornings held in the Kindergarten classrooms from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Dates are:

Wednesday 6 November

Tuesday 12 November - parent session in the hall from 9am-10am

Thursday 21 November.



Thank you for supporting your child's attendance at the transition sessions in preparation for entering Kindergarten in 2025. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growth.

Book Fair Success

A huge thank you to the school community for making our Book Fair another great success this year. A big thank you also goes to our wonderful staff for helping with book selections and to keep the lines moving.

We sold just over \$9000 in Scholastic products, of which we get about \$2500 to spend on new books for the library. Additionally, a whopping 113 books were donated, which comes direct to the school and is used to purchase books from other suppliers.

The lucky door prize went to Spencer Smith in 2R. Congratulations Spencer.

Mrs Ruckley

TERM 4 PLANNER 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
OCT Week 1	14 Preps program	15 Preps program Book fair viewing School Newsletter	16 Preps program	17 Book fair sales	18 Book fair sales	19/20
OCT Week 2	21 Preps program P&C Meeting 6.30pm	22 Preps program Eco Day	23 Preps program School Assembly 2.10pm Kindy Environmental Excursion	24	25 K-2 Athletics Carnival Support Class Preps 12-1pm	26/27
OCT Week 3	28 Preps program	29 Preps program School Newsletter	30 Preps program Canteen Treat Day	31	1 Support Class Preps 12-1pm	2/3
OCT Week 4	4	5	6 Assembly 2.10pm	7	8 Primary Swimming Support Class Preps 12 -1pm	9/10
NOV Week 5	11	12 Kindergarten Orientation 9.00am - 12pm Parent Information session 9-10am School Newsletter	13	14	15 Primary Swimming Support Class Preps 12-1pm	16/17
NOV Week 6	18 Year 2 Swimming Zoosnooz Excursion	19 Year 2 Swimming Zoosnooz Excursion	20 Year 2 Swimming School Assembly 2.10pm	21 Year 2 Swimming Kinder orientation K-2 Socials	22 Year 2 Swimming Primary Swimming Support Class Preps 12-1pm	23/24 P&C Working Bee 9am –12 Noon
NOV Week 7	25 Year 2 Swimming Marathon Health P&C Meeting 6.30pm Return Library Books	26 Year 2 Swimming Kindergarten Orientation School Newsletter Return Library Books	27 Year 2 Swimming Return Library Books	28 Year 2 Swimming Return Library Books	29 Year 2 Swimming Return Library Books Primary Swimming	30/1
NOV Week 8	2	3 Year 6 Orientation PHS 9.00am	4 School Assembly 2.10pm	5 3-6 Socials	6 Primary Swimming Parkes Christmas Street Parade 5.45pm	7/8
NOV/ DEC Week 9	9 Volunteers morning tea 11.05am	10 School Newsletter Term 4 PBL Acknowledgement	11 Presentation Night Practice at Parkes High School Presentation Night	12 Talent Show 11.35 - 1.15	13	14/15
DEC Week 10	16 Class parties Year 6 Water Play	17	18	19 Last Day for students Year 6 Farewell 2.45pm	20 Staff Development Day	21/22



Anti-Racism Policy

Information for parents and carers

Racism impacts on student wellbeing, participation at school and learning outcomes. Racism and racist behaviour are not tolerated in NSW public schools.

What is the policy about?

The [Anti-Racism Policy](#) promotes respect and harmony in the school environment. It aims to ensure that educational opportunities are fair for all students regardless of their culture, language or religious background. The policy:

- recognises the impact of racism on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- ensures that schools hold high expectations of all students and that no one group of students is stopped from reaching their full potential because of their cultural, religious or linguistic background
- requires all members of the school community to think about their own behaviour and make sure their actions don't result in other people experiencing racism
- requires all staff to complete training so they understand their responsibilities in preventing racism
- requires each school to have a trained Anti-Racism Contact Officer.

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

WEDNESDAY 2.30PM - 3.30PM
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9AM - 11AM



CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen



Sweet Cupcakes

Friday 25th
October

\$1 each



TRICK *Or* TREAT



30TH OCTOBER

Term 4 - P&C TREAT DAY

SAVE
the
DATE

MONDAY
25TH NOVEMBER

WEEK 7
P&C MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 23RD
NOVEMBER 2024

9AM TILL 12 NOON
PARKES PUBLIC
SCHOOL



CLASS CUPCAKES TO
SHARE WITH YOUR CLASS
AVAILABLE IN
10, 18, 24 & 28

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