



# Parkes Public Panorama

Term 1, Week 8 Tuesday 19 March 2024

## Mrs O'Neill's Message



### P&C Fete is this Saturday 23 March

Only four more sleeps until our P&C Easter Fete. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help on Saturday. There are still some places where more help is needed if you have time available.

### School Attendance

Did you know that the Parent Portal can be used to add absence for your child/children? The other ways of notifying the school when your child is absent is to call the office or send the class teacher a note.

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day

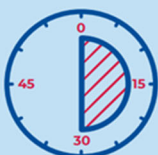


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**3** days

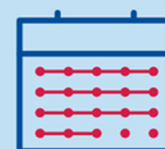


**30** mins  
per day



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**18** days



### School Activities

Year 6 students will be helping the children in K-2 make their Easter hats this week. This activity is one that the Year 6 students look forward to and the K-2 students love having the big kids in the rooms. This Friday is the last session of swimming for sport for Years 3 to 6. We also have a group of children participating in a hockey gala day on Friday.

Have a good week, Coral O'Neill



#### MISSION STATEMENT

Quality education for all

#### PRINCIPAL

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# For Your Information



## Dads' in Schools Day

Kindergarten students will have a special visit from Brett and Mitch from CatholicCare on Monday, 25 March. They will speak to the students about **Dads' in Schools Day, which will be held on Monday, 8 April 2024 at 11.30am**. Kindergarten students will bring home an invitation for their dad, stepdad, grandparent or uncle on Monday, 25 March after they make the invite.

Please save the date for the actual day: Monday, 8 April 11.30am until 1.15pm.

A free sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for kindergarten students and their dads, stepdads, grandparent or uncle.

## Student of the Week

**Name:** Skye Hulse

**Age:** 10

**Class:** 5W

**Teacher:** Mrs Woolstencroft

**Teacher Comment:** Skye is a kind and caring member of our class. She tries hard in all aspects of her learning and doesn't give up when things are tricky. Skye is a pleasure to have in 5W.

**Favourite Activities:** Art.

**What career interests you?** When I grow up I want to be an artist.



### Congratulations to the following students who gained a:

#### White Merit Certificate

Ollie Deland	1W
Sophie Doughty	4E
Laci Britt	2G
Sienna Whittington	3L
Skye Hulse	5W
Beth Hulse	6J



### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Parkes Public School would like to acknowledge and thank Coles Supermarket for their continued support of our Breakfast Club and other programs run at our school. These programs are only possible due to these generous contributions.



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



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 23 March ..... School Fete  
Thursday 28 March ..... Hat Parade 2.00pm  
Friday 12 April..... Term 1, Last Day for Students

### DON'T FORGET

**Harmony Day**  
Thursday 21 March  
**School Fete**  
Saturday 23 March

# TERM 1 PLANNER 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
<b>January</b>  <b>Week 1</b>	29	30 Staff Development Day	31 Staff Development Day	1 Best Start for Kinder	2 Best Start for Kinder	3/4
<b>February</b>  <b>Week 2</b>	5 Best Start for Kinder	6 Kindergarten First Day	7	8	9	10/11
<b>February</b>  <b>Week 3</b>	12 Kindergarten Parent Information Session 3.15pm	13 Swimming Carnival	14	15 Kindergarten STEPS Vision screening	16	17/18
<b>February</b>  <b>Week 4</b>	19	20 P&C Welcome BBQ	21 Leadership Induction Assembly 2.00pm	22	23 LPSSA Swimming Carnival at Condobolin  School Swimming	24/25
<b>February</b>  <b>Week 5</b>	26	27	28 School Assembly Swimming Presentation	29	1	2/3
<b>Feb</b> <b>March</b>  <b>Week 6</b>	4 Kindergarten Bus Safety Presentation 9.30am  Fete Meeting 6.30pm	5	6	7 School Photos	8  School swimming	9/10
<b>March</b>  <b>Week 7</b>	11 P& C Meeting 6.30pm	12	13 School Assembly  NAPLAN	14  NAPLAN	15 School swimming  NAPLAN	16/17
<b>March</b>  <b>Week 8</b>	18 Fete Meeting 6.30pm  NAPLAN	19  NAPLAN	20	21  NAPLAN	22 Fete set up day  School swimming	23/24 School Fete
<b>March</b>  <b>Week 9</b>	25	26	27 School Assembly	28 Hat Parade 2.00pm	29 Good Friday	30/31 Easter
<b>March</b> <b>April</b>  <b>Week 10</b>	1 Easter Break	2	3	4	5 Cross Country	6/7
<b>April</b>  <b>Week 11</b>	8 Dad in Schools Day 11.30am	9	10 School Assembly	11	12	13/14

**Harmony Week** (18 - 24 March 2024) is our annual celebration of our shared humanity and the differences that make us stronger.

With an ongoing theme 'Everyone belongs', Harmony Week is an opportunity to think, talk and reflect on our nation's rich cultural heritage – from the ongoing Custodians of the lands of Australia, to the 45% of Australians who were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.

**Thursday 21 March is Harmony Day** – the date when we invite students to celebrate by wearing an orange accessory. This could be an orange ribbon or orange shoelaces.

# Sport News

## Western Swimming

On Tuesday 12 March, Lily Phillips, Gemma Orr and Mahalia Latu travelled to Dubbo for the Western Swimming Carnival.

Lily swam in six different races, and while she swam fabulously in all races, she managed fourth in her Butterfly (by a fingernail I'm told) and second in backstroke.

Gemma competed in the backstroke in a competitive race, coming in third place.

Mahalia competed in the 50 metre freestyle, swimming very well on the day. We are very proud of you all.



A huge congratulations to both Lily and Gemma, with both girls qualifying for the State Swimming Carnival in backstroke. They will both head to Sydney to swim at the State Carnival on Friday 12 April.

## 2025 Kindergarten Open Day

We would like to invite families of Kindergarten students for 2025 to attend our Open Day which will be held on Saturday 25 May, starting at 11.00am in the Kindergarten classrooms. The closest entry is via the Hill Street Kindergarten gate.

Come along for enrolment and Preps information, a tour of the school and a lovely morning tea. It will also be a great opportunity to meet other families and for your children to meet others starting school. Children are welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend on the day, please phone the school office on 6862 1702 to organise a personalised appointment and tour with the Kindergarten assistant principal.



## 2024 Assembly Item Roster

Week	Term 1		Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
		2	Year 5		
4	Induction Assembly			<b>Week 3 - Education Week</b>	
5	Swimming Presentation	4	Special Ed - 5-6W, 3-6P and 3-6D	Choir	Special Ed - K-3C and K-3S
7	Year 6	6	Cross Country Presentation	Year 1	KH/KMH
9	Year 2	8	Year 3	Year 4	KW/KC
11	Anzac service	10	<b>NAIDOC</b>		