

Term 1, Week 9 - Tuesday, 24 March 2015



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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Congratulations to Molly Kennedy on achieving a School Merit Badge!

RED CROSS MUFIT-DAY

Thank you to our very generous students who raised \$402.35 for the Red Cross through the mufti-day.

STUDENT HEALTH CHECKS will take place this Thursday and Friday. Students involved have already returned permission notes. Mr Lovett and Mrs Amanda Corcoran, Parkes Aboriginal Project Officer, will accompany the children to the Health Centre.

INFANTS HAT PARADE

On Wednesday, 1 April our K-2 students will participate in a hat parade at 2.00pm. The parade will take the place of the Infants assembly and parents are very welcome to attend.

Year 6 students will assist the K-2 students in making their hats earlier in the week. At the parade each class will model their hats for the audience.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Teachers are currently holding interviews. If you have not returned your notes to secure an interview time, please do so tomorrow.

OUR PROGRAMS

To ensure you are informed of the broad array of programs on offer for your children at our school, each week we are going to focus on one program.

Language, Learning and Literacy (L3)

Our Kindergarten team has utilised the L3 program for over four years. Year 1 began implementation of L3 last year. All Infants classes now participate in the L3 program every day.

L3 involves the class teacher focusing on small reading or writing groups of three or four students at one time whilst the remaining children participate in literacy activities at various stations in the classroom.

BIKE RIDERS' SAFETY WARNING

We are very concerned about the safety of our students who ride their bikes to and from school. We have received feedback from community members about the unsafe behaviour of some of our students who are riding in the middle of the roads and not looking where they are going. Last week one child apparently rode off a footpath and straight across an intersection without looking for cars.

Parents, please talk to your children and remind them of the necessity to obey the road rules whilst riding their bikes.

For Your Information



The shoot keys will be sent home on Monday, 30 March.

All enquires to the photographer, Cliff Dykes Photography on 6342 3070 or 0428 635 217.

Infants Assembly

KH and KL will be presenting an item at tomorrow's Infants Assembly. Parents, grandparents and friends of all students are invited to attend.

Newsletter e-mailed

We currently e-mail the newsletter each week to many of our families and members of the community. If you would like the newsletter e-mailed each week please notify the office of your e-mail address and watch your 'in box'.

Kid's Ark East Timor

Money is collected Mondays. This week we collected \$9.40.

Parade of Hats

One of the great traditions of Parkes Public School is our 'Parade of Hats' that will be held next Wednesday, 1 April in the school hall from 2.00pm. On this day children display their creative talents as they show a wide array of hats, bonnets and headwear that have been made during creative arts classes.

On Tuesday, 31 March, K-2 will be making their hats with the assistance of some of our Year 6 students. Senior students will be helping our junior children with cutting, gluing, stapling and decorating.

We are seeking donations of scrap craft items - ribbons, feathers, sparkly materials, stickers - anything bright that will add colour and sparkle to the hats. We stress that all materials your child brings to school will be shared with his/her class.

Parents and family members are invited to watch the hat parade in the school hall commencing at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 1 April. Each class will show their creations, so bring your cameras as it is always quite a spectacle.



Is & Sews

The P&C held their second meeting for this year on Monday, 16 March.

There were a number of topics discussed including the Parkes Public School Plan 2015-2017. As a result of the parent planning evenings held at the end of 2014, teachers highlighted ideas they found a high priority. These ideas have been read and some built into the school plan which should be available on the website soon.

The P&C have decided to hold a Pirate Day theme fundraiser to benefit the Cancer Institute. This will be held during Term 2.

Helen Longhurst provided an update on the progress of this year's Market Day preparations. The date for this year's Market Day will be Saturday, 12 September.

If you would like to find out more, come along to the next meeting to be held Monday, 18 May at 7.30pm in the staff room.

Mrs Breaden's Message



Best wishes to the boys' cricket team which will be playing their fourth round of competition against Condobolin Public School tomorrow.

Last Friday we observed 'Day of Action Against Bullying'. I included a Michael Grose article in my message about 'Bully Proofing Kids'. Here is the remainder of the article and includes things to do if you suspect your child is being bullied.

- Listen to their story. It really is important to stay calm and get the real story. Kids need to be believed when they are bullied, so make sure they get the chance to talk.
- Get the facts. Bullying behaviour usually follows patterns. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action, for example, whether you need to give your child some avoidance or coping strategies or gain assistance from your child's school.
- Recognise and validate their feelings (anger, fear and sadness are common). Bullying always elicits strong feelings so make sure kids can share their thoughts and feelings with you.
- Give them some common coping skills and defence mechanisms. Look for some simple ways to help them handle the bullying such as making sure they stay in pairs, practising a comeback line or even walking and talking confidently.
- Get the school involved. If your child

continues to struggle with bullying contact your child's school. Resist the temptation to confront suspected bullies, or their families. Teachers generally have very practical, tried and true ways to tackle bullying.

• Help build your child's support networks and their self-confidence. Positive peer groups are great protective factors for kids when they are bullied so do all you can to encourage and build their friendship groups inside and outside school.

I will be attending a number of workshops over the next week. On Thursday, Mr Roberts and I will be involved in training for the newly released Teacher Performance Framework. Mr Roberts will attend this with me as the Teachers' Federation representative. On Friday I will be in Bathurst at a Primary Principals' meeting and on Monday I will attend a Teachers' Federation Principals' conference in Sydney.

I have been attending an increased number of training workshops recently as a direct result of the significant changes being undertaken in our education department.

Mrs Pearsall, one of the Assistant Principals will be relieving for me in my absence.

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Breaden



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 26 March	Aboriginal Student Health Checks
Wednesday, 18 March	Aboriginal Student Health Checks Western AFL Trials
Monday, 30 March	Western League Trials
Tuesday, 31 March	Year 6 Students Broadcasting on 2LVR
Wednesday, 1 April	Infants 'Parade of Hats'
Thursday, 2 April	Last Day Term 1
Tuesday, 21 April	Term 2 Begins for Students
Thursday, 23 April	Netball in Dubbo
Saturday, 25 April	ANZAC Day
Wednesday, 6 May	NSW Netball Cup
Thursday, 7 May	Action Club Public Speaking
Wednesday, 20 May	Information Evening
Tuesday, 26 May	CWA Public Speaking
Thursday, 29 May	Athletics Carnival

DON'T FORGET

Aboriginal Student Health Checks

Thursday, 26 and Friday, 27 March

Infants 'Parade of Hats' Wednesday, 1 April

Term 1 Ends for Students Thursday, 2 April

Term 2 Begins for Students
Tuesday, 21 April

Student Achievement

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Charlotte Gould 2E
Maddison McCormick 4/5D
Jazlyn Greenwood 3/4S
Molly Kennedy 4/5D
Cooper Smith 1H
Isabelle Lennox 1B



Molly Kennedy 4/5D

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

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

Kindergarten Haylee Chambers-Lewis

Beau Longhurst

Year 1 Wade Kirwan Isabelle Lennox

Year 2 Flynn Thompson

Lucy Hall



CONGRATULATIONS to the following infants students who have been awarded a mufti day:

Kyarah Egan Lily Ritchie Flynn Thompson
Olivia McMaugh Eamon Moody Nicolas McMaugh
Chloe Mudiman Phoebe Longhurst Abigail McDonald

Alana Murray Katie Cornelissen Lucy Hall

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Shannon Reeves Dakodah Scott Kyan Rathbone

Blake Brennan Ethan Keys Nina Richardson-Bartley

Jack GouldMae WoolstencroftJack NutleyAshton LaceyAnna WoodlandsKasee Skillin

Finlay Quince Emma Ferris Archer White-Crawford

Noah Tillman Wade Parker Faith Clarke Lionel Manurung Thomas Ball Tia Dunn



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have gone up a level on the PBL Commendation System:

Tameeka Wright Jemima Hall Jai Thompson

Dylan Wood Holly MacGregor Joshua Quartly

Sasha Reid Jacob Fredericks Connor Trueber

Claudia Monkerud Jacob Berry

Caleb Wirth Michael Riley

Students of the Week



Name: Jai Thompson

Age: 10 **Class**: 6B

Teacher: Mrs Buchanan

Teacher comments: Jai is a great student because he possesses an infectious

enthusiasm for all school activities. While he especially enjoys playing lots of sports, Jai strives to achieve in the classroom where he displays a keenness for problem solving.

Favourite activities: sports like cricket, football, bike riding, swimming and more.

What career interests you? When I grow up I would like to be a marine biologist to discover more about the sea because the sea is very mysterious.



Name: Laura Rusten

Age: 11

Class: 5/6W

Teacher: Mrs Whitchurch

Teacher comments: Laura is a responsible student who enjoys all aspects of school life. She works hard and is quick to help others.

Favourite activities: riding my horse, rounding up the sheep and competing in equestrian events.

What career interests you? A vet and a horse breeder.

Completitions

2015 AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6.

The closing date for entry in these competitions is *Friday*, 27 March.

The competitions will be held on the following dates:

- Digital Technologies (Computer) Tuesday, 19 May
- Science Wednesday, 3 June

Date

COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION	SCIENCE COMPETITION
I give permission for my child/ren:	I give permission for my child/ren:
Class	Class
Class	Class
Class	Class
to participate in the 2015 Australasian Schools Computer Skills Competition.	to participate in the 2015 Australasian Schools Science Competition.
Please find enclosed \$8.00 entry fee for each child.	Please find enclosed \$8.00 entry fee for each child.
Parent/carer	Parent/carer

Date



Lachlan Girls' Soccer Team

A big congratulations to Makeely VanDyk, Hannah Martyn, Chloe Drabsch, Katie Dunford, Sharna Ross, Gracie Jones and Allison Reeves on being selected in the Lachlan Girls' Soccer Team.

They will now compete at the Western Selections in Dubbo on Wednesday, 22 April at Lady Cutler Oval.

Mrs Watson

Boys' PSSA Cricket

Best wishes to our boys' cricket team which plays against Condobolin Public School tomorrow, in the fourth round of the PSSA competition.

PSSA Boys' Hockey Team

We would like to congratulate the following players on their selection in the Parkes Public Boys' Hockey Team for 2015:

Austin MacGregor, Kane Nutley, Harmih Turnbull, Kye Herft, Ryan Dunford, Joseph Tanswell, Wilson Duffy, Tobey Thorne, Thomas Barnes, Mitchell Cox, Kaid Lydford and Liam Moody.

Selected players will need to attend training at 5.00pm-6.00pm each Monday. Attendance at training is compulsory.

I would like to thank Graeme Tanswell for taking on the coaching this year.

Judy Elliott

Girls' Hockey Trials

The first planned trial for the girls' hockey team for today has been *postponed*.

It will now take place on Friday, 27 March, at the Stephen Davies Hockey Turf from 4.00-5.00pm.

The second trial will take place as previously advertised on Monday, 30 March from 4.00-5.00pm.

Apologies for any inconveniences this will cause.

Students will need to supply/bring:

a hockey stick, mouth guard, shin pads and socks.

Any girl from Years 3 to 6 is eligible to try out.

If for any reason you are unable to attend either trial, please let us know.

Mrs Deland and Janelle Thompson

Girls' Netball

Training will be held from 3.30 to 4.45pm on Thursday afternoon at McGlynn courts. Please remember to leave jewellery at home. If you are unable to attend training, please let me know.

Thank you, Miss Bowkett

Girls' and Boys' Soccer Training

Soccer training will be on this Wednesday from 4.30-5.30pm. Please make sure your child has shin pads and a water bottle.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Ward



Parkes Library School Holiday Fun!

Enter the World of Dr Seuss

Wednesday, 8 April from 10.30am-12.00pm and Tuesday, 14 April from 10.30am-12.00pm Age group: 5 to 8 years (5 year olds must be at school).

Based on the classic book Bartholomew and the Oobleck, create green, gooey, slimy oobleck and understand the science behind it! Stories, science and adventure!

Bizarre Building and Construction

Thursday, 9 April from 10.30am-12.00pm and Wednesday, 15 April from 10.30am-12.00pm Age group: 8 to 12 years.

Discover some amazing facts about some of the worlds' greatest buildings then construct a building of your own.

Fingers, Foil, Figures

Friday, 10 April from 10.30am-12.00pm and Thursday, 16 April from 10.30am-12.00pm Age group: 10 + years.

Take the foil out of the kitchen! Learn about a famous artist who creates with foil. Form your own works of art with tin foil.

Instructions - Wear old clothes and bring your library card.

Bookings in person essential. All sessions cost \$2.00.

Parkes Library - Enquiries: 6861 2309

School Holiday Football Clinic for 6-14 years (Boys and Girls)

Western NSW Football invites you to attend our School Holiday Clinic for April 2015. Camps focus on technique, ball control, speed, agility, 1 v 1, small sided games and fun!

Where: Forbes

Time: 9.00am-12.00pm

Date: Tuesday, 7 April and Wednesday, 8 April

Cost: \$50.00 for two days

Each player at the camp will receive the following:

- 6 hours (2 x 3 hour days) of coaching
- 10 week home training program
- Drinks /Light fruit refreshments
- Sun cream.

What do you need to bring on the day?

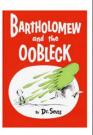
Soccer boots and joggers, shin pads, water bottle, sport bag and towel (in case of inclement weather).

Registration Close on Thursday, 2 April 2015. Registration forms are available at the school office.

For further information or to register contact: Western NSW Football on 6851 6199, 0412 287 810 or email: dougmck63@yahoo.com.au

Send your registration form via email to dougmck63@yahoo.com.au, or hand the forms in on Tuesday morning, first day of the holiday clinics.

Payments can be sent as cheque/money order to PO Box 1704, Bathurst, 2795 or via Direct Deposit into Western NSW Football - 062504 10412667, or via cash/cheque payment on the first morning of the holiday camp.







Community Noticeboard

Parkes and District Netball Association - 2015 Junior Competition

In the year of netball participation and the Netball World Cup in Sydney, Parkes and District Netball Association are looking for enthusiastic, school age children, teenagers and young adults (under 18) to register to play in the 2015 Junior Competition. Male or female, individuals or a whole team, experienced or never played before, everyone is welcome! Need a coach? No problem—there are plenty of people willing to help you out! Worried about clashes with other sports? In 2015 we are working with Parkes Hockey Incorporated to ensure less clashes between games!

Competition Starts: Saturday, 2 May 2015, will run for 15 playing weeks plus finals (breaking for school holidays).

Registrations:

Dates: Saturday, 28 March; Saturday, 18 April and Tuesday, 21 April

Times: 9.00-11.00am (Saturdays), 5.30-8.00pm (Tuesday) Parkes Netball Courts, McGlynn Park, Baker Street

Cost: \$100 (11-17 years)

\$80 (3-10 years - NetSetGo!)

Families of three or more - only pay \$65 for the third and subsequent registered player in the

competition!

Team registration forms and individual participant forms are available on the Parkes and District Netball Association Website: parkesna.nsw.netball.com.au

To register an entire team, a team sheet must be submitted along with completed individual participation forms for each player. Individual players are invited to come down and register and will be placed in an appropriate team.

For further information, please contact Janene or Mark Swan on 0408 417 116.



www.facebook.com/parkesanddistrictnetballassociation

Central West Sports Volunteer Award

Sport and Recreation are again holding the volunteer award to recognise the effort of volunteers in the sporting community.

The Youth category (25 years and under) is also open to recognise the efforts of young people volunteering in local sporting clubs.

In 150 words or less tell us about your outstanding volunteer. Examples might be the extensive time they dedicate to the club, the positive attitude they bring to the sporting arena, being a positive role model, etc.

Download nomination forms from the Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday, 10 April 2015.

