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 Alex Richardson-Bartley and Jorja Rusten on achieving School Merit Badges!

Don’t forget to attend our Performing Arts Concert tomorrow evening!

Children need to be at school by 6.30pm. The concert will begin at 6.45pm. Years 1 and 2 children should be taken to the Kindergarten rooms, Year 3 students to 1H room and Years 4 to 6 to 1B room. Kindergarten and the choir children are to meet Mrs Leonard in front of the canteen at 6.30pm.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Our students will observe a minute silence at 11.00am tomorrow morning to remember those who have died at war.

Mrs Breaden and our captains, Libby and Zane, will represent our school at the Remembrance Ceremony at Cooke Park. Libby will also recite Atatürk's Speech at the service.

AECG MEETING
We welcome everyone to attend the AECG meeting this Thursday, 12 November at 10.30am in the assembly hall. Please note the change of venue. The Junior AECG will commence at 9.30am. Due to unforeseen circumstances the AGM will take place on a different date.

P&C MEETING
Our last meeting for the year will be held next Monday, 16 November commencing at 6.30pm. Please note the earlier start time. This is due to the cancellation of the last meeting.

INFANTS SOCIAL NEXT THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER in the hall from 4.30-6.00pm. Children can wear party clothes or Christmas themed clothing. A note with further details will be sent home later this week.

HELPERS’ MORNING TEA
Everyone who has assisted our school in some way this year is invited to attend our Helpers' Morning Tea next Wednesday, 18 November at 10.45am in the hall. This is our school's way of showing our appreciation to the school community.

CHOIR NEWS
Thank you for your wonderful performances at the Lachlan Conservatorium Concert and the Rosedurnate Fete. We are very proud of you. We will also sing at the school concert this Wednesday. The choir will meet near the canteen at 6.30pm.

Practice as usual on Wednesday at 12.45pm.

Mrs Bland and Mrs Leonard
K-2 Week 6 Infants Assembly
1H will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 11 November. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Miss Heraghty

2016 Planning
If you know that your child **will not** be attending Parkes Public School next year could you please inform the school office. We are starting to plan for 2016 and this information will aid with these processes. Thank you.

Students of the Week

**Name:** Cody Cantrell  
**Age:** 12  
**Class:** 6S  
**Teacher:** Mr Smith  
**Favourite activities:** Science and art.

**Teacher Comments:** Cody is a thoughtful and kind student. He enjoys art lessons and drawing. Cody is a valued member of 6S.

**What career interests you?** I would like to be an artist, game maker or a Lego builder.

**Name:** Emily Helm  
**Age:** 11  
**Class:** 6S  
**Teacher:** Mr Smith  
**Favourite activities:** Hanging out with my friends and playing with my dogs.

**Teacher Comments:** Emily enjoys spending time with her friends at school and is always keen to learn. She carries out her duties as an AECG member with pride.

**What career interests you?** I do not know what I would like to do when I grow up.

Value of the Week

**Respect**
**How Do You Practise Respect?**
Think about how you would like others to treat you and treat them with the same dignity. How would you like others to speak to you, treat your belongings, and your right to privacy? If you want to use someone else’s things, ask, and then take good care of them. Express even your strongest feelings in a peaceful way. Treat yourself as you feel others deserve to be treated. You deserve it too!

**Affirmation**
I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of my elders.
I had a most enjoyable evening at the Lachlan Conservatorium Concert last Tuesday night. Congratulations to the children who performed. The choir sang Waltzing Matilda in beautiful harmony and Kindergarten sang a song in Wiradjuri. I was so proud! A number of our talented students played musical instruments. Congratulations to the children and their teachers! One of those teachers is Mrs Blunt who teaches a number of the children at school on Wednesdays.

Raising and educating boys is a hot topic in Australia and other parts of the world. From my experience those adults who do best teaching and raising boys have a significant understanding of what makes boys tick.

Twelve key understandings will be shared over the next few weeks that will help you regardless of your gender or family situation to raise well-adjusted boys:

1: You must like them
Approval is at the heart of raising boys. Most will walk over hot coals for you if they know you like them. In a sense, this need for approval holds many boys back in school, as they can shut down for a teacher who doesn’t like them. If you can feel comfortable with their boisterousness, live with their lack of organisational skills, and not be confronted by their in-your-face ways then the chances are that they’ll respond to you.

2: Boys like to blend in
Boys are group-oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured groups. Boys don’t want to stand out from the crowd. Don’t put them down in front of their friends and understand that they make poor friendship choices rather than be in a group of one. They’ll generally prefer the wrong friends rather than no friends at all.

3: They are hierarchical by nature
Boys need limits and boundaries as they make them feel safe and secure. They like to know someone is going to enforce those rules, so don’t be afraid to take the lead with them.

4: Many boys hide behind a mask
Some boys wear a mask to protect them from being hurt. The mask can take many guises including; ‘tough nut’, ‘cool dude’ and ‘class clown.’ Refuse to communicate with the mask. Make them feel comfortable, joke with them, even tickle them. Do whatever you can to get behind the mask.

Have a happy week everyone!

Mrs Breaden

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday, 11 November**……… Performing Arts Concert at 6.45pm
**Thursday, 12 November**………. AECG Meetings
**Monday, 16 November**………. P&C Meeting at 6.30pm
**Wednesday, 18 November**……. Helpers’ Morning Tea
**Thursday, 19 November**………. K-2 Social
**Wednesday, 2 December**………. Year 6 Orientation Day at Parkes High
**Thursday, 3 December**………. Primary Socials
**Monday, 7 December**………. Whole School Assembly - Farewell to Year 6
**Tuesday, 8 December**………. K-2 Presentation Assemblies
**Wednesday, 9 December**………. Anticipated date for student reports to go home
**Thursday, 10 December**………. Presentation Night at 7.00pm
**Monday, 14 December**………. Class Parties

**DON’T FORGET**

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**Helpers’ Morning Tea**
Wednesday, 18 November

**Book Club - Issue 8**
Closes Friday, 20 November
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have gone up a level on the PBL Commendation System:

Dayton Venaglia  
Daniel Chambers-Hando  
Jake Sinclair  
Thomas Fredericks  
Phoebe Usher  
Tameeka Wright  
Ethan Hunt  
Taylah Gibson  
Paige Harry-Ross  
Laney Cantrell  
Resharna Seymour  
Zanda Johnstone  
Cameron Dunn  
Charlotte Smith  
Aiden Keys  
Bradley Chhon  
Olivia Thompson  
Rhys James  
Kane Nutley  
Scarlett Hunt

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS
The children who received the literacy awards and capes at the Infants Assembly were:

Kindergarten  
Angel-Lee Reid  
Liam Ross

Year 1  
Mitchell Bates  
Sharney Egan

Year 2  
Sonny MacGregor  
Bailey Williams

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

Kyarah Egan  
Zoe Manks

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have gained a:

White Merit Certificate

Isabella Batt  
Oliver Hayes  
Kendra Dunn  
Jorja Henderson

Badge

Alex Richardson-Bartley  
Jorja Rusten

Kandy Merit Certificate

Isabella Batt  
Oliver Hayes  
Kendra Dunn  
Jorja Henderson

Badge

Alex Richardson-Bartley  
Jorja Rusten