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 Iliana Peter on achieving a School Merit Badge!

PBL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
Our awards ceremony for children in Years 3 to 6 who have achieved Level Purple will be held on Tuesday, 1 December at 12.00pm in the assembly hall. Parents will receive an invitation to attend if their children are receiving an award. Holly MacGregor, Isabelle Smith and Heidi Parkin will entertain at the ceremony.

HELPERS’ MORNING TEA
Thank you to all the parents and community members who attended our morning tea last Wednesday! The staff provided a delicious morning tea and the Term 4 active prefects were wonderful hosts and hostesses! Over two hundred people were invited for having assisted our school this year in activities such as scripture, breakfast club, gardening, market day, classroom and sport helpers and drivers, canteen, uniform shop, choir and the list goes on! Without the assistance of our community we would not be able to offer the broad range of experiences that our students enjoy! To those who were unable to make the morning tea, we have greatly appreciated your contributions this year! Thank you!

K-2 SOCIAL
The students and the staff had a great night! The students looked delightful in their Christmas and party clothes and they all joined in with the dancing! Our thanks to Nicole, Lisa and their helpers in the canteen for serving the drinks, chips and lollies!

WHITE RIBBON DAY
Tomorrow, Wednesday, 25 November, Year 6 students have been invited to participate in the Parkes Community White Ribbon Day March to raise awareness for the need to promote respectful relationships. Students were given information yesterday and parents were invited to march with their children. Any parent not wishing their child to participate was asked to return a non-permission note.

SCRIPTURE
Our last scripture classes for the year will take place next week. There will be combined services for both Infants and Primary next Tuesday and Thursday to celebrate Christmas. We are very appreciative of the support shown to us this year by the scripture teachers and Parkes Ministers’ Association.

PARKES PUBLIC SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM
The Parkes Public School Debating Team will contest the Western Region Challenge Final on Thursday. The team of Henry Johns, Gracie Jones, Libby Hoyle and Holly McColl will argue ‘That schools should finish at 5.00pm.’ The debate is against Tottenham Central School. We wish the team good luck!
INFANTS ASSEMBLIES
Starting this week, Infants assemblies will start at 2.20pm each Wednesday. At the end of the year students are more efficient at moving into the hall and receiving awards. Due to this the assemblies have not been taking the full hour. At the beginning of 2016 they will resume starting at 2.05pm.

Our last Infants assembly, for this year, will be on Wednesday, 2 December (Week 9).

The K-2 Presentation Assemblies are on Tuesday, 8 December (Week 10) in the school hall at the following times:
- Kindergarten at 9.05am
- Year 1 and Welcome Class at 10.05am
- Year 2 and Clarinda Class at 11.30am

HARVEST TRUCKS IN CURRAJONG STREET
Now that harvest is in full swing Currajong Street is busier than usual with trucks going to and from the silos. Please be mindful of this when dropping off/picking up children. Please also speak to your children about taking care when crossing Currajong Street. There are crossing islands near the Victoria/Currajong Streets and Bushman/Currajong Streets intersections that your children should be encouraged to use.

PBL NEWS
As the weather has become so hot, we are concentrating on safe play. Children must wear a broad brimmed hat in the playground. Caps are not acceptable at school!

Children are permitted to have water on their desks but not cordial! It is a good idea to put a towel around the water bottle to stop condensation leaking onto the desks.

BIKE SAFETY
We have been notified by Parkes High School staff that Parkes Public students are riding their bikes very unsafely in the proximity of the school. Children are riding out onto roads without looking for cars. One child was very nearly hit last week. Please remind your children of safe bike riding habits!

CANTEEN LUNCHES
A friendly reminder!! Canteen orders close at 11.30am each day. Children who forget to order their lunch will not go hungry! Our children are very fortunate that our office staff are willing to make simple sandwiches for children who forget to order.

Our P&C Canteen policy is that no orders are to be taken over the phone and no lunches will be provided without prior payment!

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.

KID’S ARK EAST TIMOR
Money is collected Mondays. This week we collected $13.45.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
- Teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule.
- Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn at school.
I had a very busy week last week attending three events for His Excellency the Governor of NSW and his wife, Mrs Linda Hurley. The captains, AECG representatives and some of the Kindergarten students accompanied me to a function at the Parkes Shire Coventry Room. The Governor and his wife requested to meet student representatives from the Parkes Shire schools. Each school was asked to display a project from their school. Libby Hoyle spoke to the Governor about our Wiradjuri Language Program and the Kindergarten students sang a song in Wiradjuri! The Governor and his wife were delighted with our students!

On Thursday afternoon the boys Aboriginal dance group performed for the Governor at the Aboriginal Medical Centre. They did a wonderful job and again His Excellency and Mrs Hurley were very impressed.

This week we observe White Ribbon Day and ponder the results of domestic violence in our society. It is fitting to complete the Michael Grose article about ‘Raising Respectful Boys’ as RESPECT is the key to bringing domestic violence to an end.

8 Loyalty is a high driver
Understand that a boy’s loyalty to his friends and family is a key driver and you’ll unlock the key to the male psyche. They are incredibly influenced by their peers, which can hold them back, stopping many from getting too far ahead of the pack. Loyalty also gets many boys into strife with authority. Call a boy’s sister or friend an insulting name and you’re asking for trouble!

9 Many boys’ mouths don’t work unless they are moving
If you want to have a serious or personal conversation with a boy then you are better off joining him on a walk. Face-to-face conversation can make them feel awkward, whereas shoulder-to-shoulder chats or conversations that happen during a game or activity seem to flow more naturally.

10 Boys needs social scripts
Most boys need some didactic teaching about how to act and what to say to others at some stage in their life. Don’t be afraid to tell boys of any age exactly what to say in new social situations as they can often struggle to find the words and the way to get their messages across.

11 Boys need a purpose to learn
If you want to motivate a boy to learn then you need to offer him tangible, short-term goals. He’ll learn to play a musical instrument if he wants to be in a band; but get him to practise a musical instrument without a purpose and you’ll probably be locked in a continuous struggle.

12 A boy’s brain matures differently than a girl’s brain
The maturation rate and sequence is different for boys than girls. For instance, the brain developments in the first five years of life prepares girls for the rigours of school better than it does for boys. A girl’s brain in that period is busy developing fine motor skills, verbal acuity and social skills, which are highly valued by parents and teachers. A boy’s brain, on the other hand, is busy developing gross motor, spatial and visual skills, which are essential hunting skills. Unfortunately, there isn’t a great need for these traits in primary schools these days!!

There is no doubt that raising boys tends to be more of a challenge for parents than raising girls. Understanding and appreciating the differences is a great start. However I think parents who really connect well with boys somehow develop the wisdom to step up as well as speak up at the right time, and the smarts to know when to stand back and allow their sons to work things out for themselves.

Best wishes to our debating team.

Have a happy week everyone!

Mrs Breaden

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**DON’T FORGET**

**Preps Program**
Final week

**PBL Awards Assembly**
Tuesday, 1 December at 12.00pm
Parents and family members welcome

**Year 6 Orientation Day at Parkes High School**
Wednesday, 2 December

**Primary Socials**
Thursday, 3 December
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have gone up a level on the PBL Commendation System:

Maely MacGregor
Brody Kennedy
Omar Alkhalayleh
Claudia Monkerud
Iliana Peter

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

Archie Green 5/6W
Jaden Hartley 3W
Samuel Westcott 1B
Alexander MacGregor 3W
Iliana Peter 4/5D
Emma King 1H

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Students of the Week

Name: Angel-Louisa Pearce
Age: 12
Class: 6S
Teacher: Mr Smith

Teacher Comments: Angel is an enthusiastic student who readily engages in all class activities. She has a great sense of humour and gets along well with her classmates.

Favourite activities: Playing my iPod.

What career interests you? I would like to be a famous netball player!

Name: Hannah Martyn
Age: 12
Class: 6S
Teacher: Mr Smith

Teacher Comments: Hannah is a well-liked member of 6S. She has a great attitude towards learning and thoroughly enjoys the physical aspects of school such as sport and PE lessons.

Favourite activities: Playing touch football and horse riding.

What career interests you? I want to be a player for the Australian touch football team.
On Wednesday, 18 November His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC, Governor of NSW and his wife Mrs Hurley visited Parkes.

Students and representatives from all Parkes shire schools, were invited to a function at the Parkes Shire Coventry Room to meet and greet the Governor and his wife.

Parkes Public School captains, AECG representatives and some of the Kindergarten students accompanied Mrs Breaden to the function.

Schools were asked to present or display a school project or program.

School captain, Libby Hoyle, spoke to the Governor about our Wiradjuri Language Program and the Kindergarten students then sang a song in Wiradjuri!

The Governor and his wife were delighted with our students!
SWIM SCHOOL FOR YEAR 2
Year 2 commenced their swimming lessons yesterday. Lessons will continue until Friday, 4 December.

PRIMARY SWIMMING has finished for the year due to the Year 2 intensive swimming school.

PRIMARY SPORT for the next few weeks will be class sport.

MCDONALD MAGILL CUP TENNIS TOURNAMENT
On Wednesday, 18 November Parkes Public School participated in the McDonald Magill Tennis Tournament. We played against Holy Family, Parkes East and Middleton Schools. We arrived at the Parkes Tennis Courts at 8.00am to have a practice. The tournament began at 9.00am. The tournament has expanded to encourage younger players and to give them experience for the day when they too will have the opportunity to contest the McDonald Magill Cup which is only contested by Years 5 and 6 players.

There were three divisions this year: K-2 (red ball), Years 3-4 (orange ball) Years 5-6 playing for the cup (green ball). Eight students from each school represented in each division, totalling 24 students from each school who attended the day.

Parkes Public played against Middleton Public School in the first round. Each player had to play a singles game and a mixed doubles game in each round.

In red ball level our students played very well, especially in the heat. They used pegs to help them keep the score and got to drop serve to make it a little easier to rally.

In the orange ball level we had some very tough games to play and there were some good rallies during the morning. It was starting to heat up so we had to play smart. We played our best against Parkes East and Holy Family schools. We did not win the orange ball but we were proud of ourselves and we all had great fun.

The Years 5-6 team contesting the cup consisted of Holly McColl, Abbey Kennedy, Chloe Drabsch, Maddison McCormick, Michael Riley, Mitchell Cox, Koby Wirth, Alex Richardson-Bartley and Luke Dixon had to play singles and mixed doubles, first to six games. Middleton played well in the first round but the Parkes Public team was in top form. Parkes East struggled in the heat which gave our experienced team the advantage. The Holy Family team is also very experienced and playing them was a tough way to end the day. We were very fortunate to come out on top after some close games.

Everyone was very excited when we were announced the winners of the 2015 McDonald/Magill Trophy. We were glad that we had been practising hard in the lead up to the tournament. We would like to thank Helen Magill and Parkes Tennis Club for hosting the event. A big thank you to Mrs Dolbel for supporting our team and for the ice-blocks after a hot day. Good luck next year!
On Tuesday, 17 November Parkes Public School band hosted a Band Jam. This included individual students travelling from Forbes Public School, Forbes North Public School, Middleton Public School and Parkes East Public School, who receive private tuition, to join the Parkes Public School band in a half day seminar. We would like to thank Mr Justin Screen from the Mitchell Conservatorium of Music who led this wonderful day. This day provided students with an opportunity to be a part of a larger school band and also to meet and perform with other musicians.

Mrs Watson

School Banking News

SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS

Congratulations to the students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmites tokens through the School Banking program and are now ready to redeem these tokens for a fantastic reward item!! The current reward items are the Galaxy Glider, Outer Space Savers Money Box, Intergalactic Rocket, ET DVD, Shark Key Ring, Scented Pencils and Invisible Ink Pens.

To ensure that you receive your reward by the end of Term 4, please complete your reward card coupon (or use the form below) and include it with your 10 silver tokens in your School Banking wallet for processing this week. Please note: the form below has the Penguin Key Ring pictured as well as the Shark Key Ring, however it is only the Shark Key Ring that is available, as per the tick box list to the right of the form.

Items redeemed after this week will still be ordered however our School Banking Co-ordinators can’t guarantee the items will arrive before the end of term.
CHRISTMAS MOVIE and MARKET NIGHT
Friday, 4 December - Cooke Park 6.00-9.30pm
♦ Movie - ELF
♦ Market Stalls
♦ Food Stalls
♦ Entertainment
♦ Children’s Activities
♦ Santa Visiting

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR PARKES HIGH
Is your child starting Year 7 next year at Parkes High School?
If so, why not get organised and purchase your uniform from the Parkes High School office.
All items of uniform are available now except for the girl’s skirt which will be available in March next year.
Enquiries can be made by contacting the school office on 6862 1844.

HENRY PARKES CENTRE OPEN DAY AND 5TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Saturday, 28 November from 10.00am-4.00pm Free Entry!
Everyone is invited to the 5th birthday of the Henry Parkes Centre with free entry to all museums including:
♦ The King’s Castle Exhibition
♦ Parkes Motor Museum
♦ Henry Parkes Museum and Antique Machinery Museum

Activities on the day include:
♦ Lucky prize draw for the 50,000th visitor
♦ Meet Greg Page
♦ Official ceremony and entertainment at 11.00am including cutting the birthday cake
♦ Parkes Shire Concert Band
♦ Jumping castle and face painting
♦ BBQ, coffee and snow cones
♦ Tractor start ups and miniature train
♦ Vintage car displays and more!

For further information contact Henry Parkes Centre on 6862 6000.