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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Parkes Public School students and staff wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2016!

Congratulations to Archie Green on achieving a School Merit Badge!

CONGRATULATIONS STEWART JERRARD-KAPEEN!

Stewart entered the Patrick White Young Indigenous Writer's Competition and was successful in winning the Year 4 Short Story Award. Stewart received a gift certificate valued at $125! A letter from the Aboriginal Education Council stated, “We congratulate you on your success and encourage you to continue with your writing. On behalf of the Aboriginal Education Council we wish you every success in your future endeavours.”

We are very proud of you, Stewart!

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our Presentation Night will take place this Thursday, 10 December at 7.00pm in our assembly hall. Your child will have been given a note if they are to receive an award. Only those students receiving awards or performing need to attend the Presentation Night. The choir and school band will perform at Presentation Night.

All students attending must wear full summer uniform including black shoes.

If any Year 6 girl has grown out of her uniform, please contact Mrs Breaden who will arrange a uniform for the night.

If your child is unable to attend the awards ceremony please contact Mrs Breaden.

STUDENT REPORTS

Reports will go home tomorrow, Wednesday, 8 December. Parents wishing to have an interview to discuss their child's progress are encouraged to send a note to the class teacher or contact the office to make an appointment.

CLASS PARTIES will be held next Monday, 14 December. Students may wear party clothes. No singlet or midriff tops please and no thongs! Clothing needs to protect you from the sun!
Please note, this is the last newsletter for the year!

SCHOOL SOCIALS
Our primary school socials held last week were lots of fun! The students’ behaviour was excellent and they all joined in the dancing. Years 5 and 6 ate a delicious supper, cut a fabulous graduation cake and enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation of their years at Parkes Public School.

Our thanks to Nicole and her band of helpers at the canteen who catered for the social. Our Police Youth Liaison officer, Wally Biles and another senior officer visited the social just to say hello to the students!

PBL NEWS
Congratulations to our students who have again filled up our PBL rocket with tokens. They have earned another whole school reward. The students will be having a games afternoon on Friday. Students are invited to bring board games along. Please ensure the games are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

BIKE SAFETY
We are still receiving reports that students from Parkes Public School are riding unsafely to and from school. Last week students were seen riding down a hill in the middle of the road, not holding onto the handle bars. If your children ride to school, please speak to them about their safety and their responsibility to follow bike safety rules. They are being extremely inconsiderate towards drivers.

P&C NEWS
WOW!! WHAT A SUCCESS! Now that all accounts have been finalised we are able to announce that our market day raised a profit of just over $11,000!

Congratulations to the fete coordinator, Mrs Helen Longhurst and the fete committee! Thank you to all who supported our fete!

P&C BBQ
The P&C will be holding a BBQ on the evening of Wednesday, 10 February to welcome new and existing school families to the new school year. We encourage everyone to come along and get to know other parents. More details will be provided closer to the date.

UNIFORM SHOP
Our school community would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mandy Whitaker for her commitment to our school over many years, particularly in her role as Uniform Shop Manager.

The Uniform Shop will be open towards the end of the school holidays at the following times:
- Saturday, 16 January from 9.00am-1.00pm
- Wednesday, 27 January from 2.00pm-5.00pm.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Please note that this week (Week 10) is the final week for School Banking this year. There will be no School Banking in Week 11.

Any reward items redeemed this week may not arrive by the end of term, in which case students will not receive them until the start of Term 1, 2016.

Thank you, students, for your enthusiastic participation in the School Banking program. We look forward to revealing 2016’s exciting rewards and even more students participating next year. Have a wonderful holiday time.

Many thanks to Mrs Cindy Dunford and Mrs Kristen Neems who have coordinated our school banking this year.

KID’S ARK EAST TIMOR
Money is collected Mondays. This week we collected $10.00.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for making 2015 another successful and enjoyable year! Our students have again excelled in a vast array of activities and learning experiences and most students have given their best all year! I have completed reading all student reports and I am so impressed with the positive comments written about the students. It is heartening to read about the students who have overcome challenges to achieve their best and to read about those who have shown care and consideration towards their classmates.

It was a pleasure to congratulate the students who achieved Purple Level at our PBL awards assembly last week. As I stated in my talk to the students, don’t underestimate the importance of achieving a Purple Level. This means you have behaved positively, tried your best, completed your homework and been a good friend. These are the qualities which make a person stand out. Whilst we appreciate and celebrate academic excellence and outstanding sportsmanship, young people as they grow up will be held in high regard for their behaviour and character. It is those who do their best at everything they attempt, who treat others with consideration and respect who make the best citizens and are highly regarded throughout their lives.

I again would like to thank our parent body and community members who have assisted our school in so many ways this year. A school cannot function effectively without the support of its community.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff. We have quality teachers and School learning support officers who work with your children every day. Every one of those staff members try to do the best they can for the students.

Special thanks to three of our teachers who will not be with us next year, Mrs Simone Mackenzie, Miss Lucy Harris and Miss Teagan Heraghty. We thank you all for your contribution to Parkes Public School and wish you well!

My thanks also to our outstanding administration staff and Mr Colin Britt our General Assistant. Every person on staff has an important role. We are like the workings of a clock. Every part of a clock works together with the other parts to make it tick along on time. Our school community is like those parts of a clock. We all work together to do the best for the students in our great school!

Last Friday I had a thoroughly enjoyable morning tea with the first students who made it to Level Purple. I loved hearing the students thoughts on their favourite memories of the year, and in what areas they had grown the most!

Lastly I would like to wish our school community a most wonderful Christmas and may you have a happy holiday! To the families who are leaving us we wish you all the very best!

To Year 6, you have been another extraordinary, well-behaved group of students. Thank you for being such a delightful group of students and I wish you well in your secondary education!

Happy holidays, everyone!

Mrs Breaden

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 9 December ......... Student Reports Go Home
Thursday, 10 December .......... Presentation Night, 7.00pm
Monday, 14 December ............. Class Parties
Wednesday, 16 December ....... Final Day for Students
Thursday, 28 January 2016 ...... Term 1, 2016 Begins for Students

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Thursday, 10 December at 7.00pm

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Thursday, 28 January
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

**White Merit Certificate**
- Taj Lovett 1H
- Sterling Green 3W

**Badge**
- Archie Green 5/6W

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

- Year 1: Amnah Alkhalayleh
- Year 2: Dylan Tyne, Archer White-Crawford, Brendan Dunn, Thomas Corcoran, Joshua Ball

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

- Alana Murray
- Shannon Reeves
- Lucas Edwards
- Jack Gould
- Finlay Quince
- Ciaran Smiroldo
- Nate Harrison
- Mae Woolstencroft
- Anna Woodlands
- Izabella Terrill
- Ella McColl
- Alicia Cullen
- Lucy Noakes
- Joel MacGregor
- Luka Parkin
- Joshua Ball

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Students of the Week

**Name:** Chloe Drabsch  
**Age:** 11  
**Class:** 6S  
**Teacher:** Mr Smith  
**Teacher Comments:** Chloe is a bright and enthusiastic student who always gives her best effort.  
**Favourite activities:** Sport and hanging out with friends.  
**What career interests you?** I would like to be a vet or teacher.

**Name:** James Kearney  
**Age:** 11  
**Class:** 6S  
**Teacher:** Mr Smith  
**Teacher Comments:** James is a capable student with good work habits. He is always keen to learn and takes on extra responsibility around the school. James really enjoys time in the computer room.  
**Favourite activities:** Bike riding.  
**What career interests you?** I would like to be a police officer.
K-2 In2cricket

The K-2 students had the chance to participate in and learn the skills involved in playing cricket. Mr Mark Heraghty visited the school for a coaching session. Mr Heraghty is one of the Parkes and District Junior Cricket (PDJC) In2cricket coordinators. In2cricket is a modified form of cricket that lays the foundations for future development of the game.

Mr Heraghty arrived with his cricket kit and spoke to the eager students about the skills and enjoyment they can gain from playing cricket. He then ran the groups through a range of batting, bowling, fielding and ball skills to give them an awareness of how to play cricket.

The students’ participation rate was high and they showed sportsmanship as they learnt the benefits of working together as a member of a team.

Parkes Public School students and staff say a big thank you to Mr Heraghty for giving up his time to conduct the coaching session.

K-2 AUTHOR VISIT – CAROLINE TUOHEY

On Friday Caroline Tuohey, a published children’s author and poet, spent the day at our school with all classes in K-2. She read two of her latest publications ‘Climb’ and ‘Forest Wonder’. The students learnt a lot about writing and publishing.

KE wrote the following in their books after her visit.

Caroline the author came today. She read two books. She did not know how to draw. She was very good at reading and very good at writing. **Nate Henry**

Today we sat down to see Caroline. She read us two stories. Caroline can’t draw pictures because she told us she can’t. She left us some pictures to draw. Caroline loved writing a story. **Lionel Manurung**

Today, Caroline came to KE. She read two books and she said she was a messy drawer. She read the best books ever. **Gemma Jefferay**

Yesterday, Caroline came to our class. She is an author. She read books to us. I liked those books. She doesn’t draw the pictures. She said her friend did them. **Lila Gascoigne**

It was a wonderful experience for all the students and we thank Mrs Caroline Tuohey for coming to visit our school.

Mrs Dolbel, Teacher Librarian
WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING NIGHT
In memory of all children who have died.
The Parkes Chapter of the Compassionate Friends would like to invite everyone to join the annual candle lighting night. It is a casual get together at:
♦ Lions Park (Orange Road) on Sunday, 13 December from 5.30pm.

Candles will be lit and poems will be read at 6.00pm. Candles will be provided or feel free to bring your own.

There will be a photo board of children loved and lost. You are invited to bring a photo of your child to add to the board.

In case of inclement weather the candle lighting night will be held at Middleton Public School Hall.

For more information please call:
Judy Fisher 0402 599 001, Tony Fisher 0428 970 559 or Fran Scurfield 6863 5868.

MITCHELL CONSERVATORIUM SCHOOL TIME MUSIC
Mitchell Conservatorium Lachlan Division are currently receiving/taking enquiries for 2016.

For students wishing to commence tuition during school hours or outside of school hours at either of our Studios in Forbes or Parkes.

Singing, Piano, Guitar, Woodwind, Violin and Music Introduction. Small group lessons may be available or individual lessons.

Further enquiries contact Forbes Studio on 6852 3766.
Lachlan@mitchellconservatorium.edu.au

LACHLAN SOCCER REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS
The representative squad selection trials for girls from 9-12 years and boys 11 turning 12 next year are being held from 6.00pm today, Tuesday, 8 December at Harrison Park, Parkes.

For further information contact Doug Mckenzie on 0412 287 810.