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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Have a happy Easter and a safe relaxing holiday!

TERM 1 ends this Thursday, 2 April at 3.00pm.
TERM 2 begins for students on Tuesday, 21 April.

Congratulations to Amelia Nash on achieving a School Merit Badge!

LACHLAN VALLEY RADIO BROADCAST
Tune in to Lachlan Valley Radio 97.9 FM this afternoon at 5.00pm to hear our captains, Libby Hoyle and Zayne Ehsman, and vice captains Brody Clarke and Gracie Jones take to the airwaves for a one hour live broadcast. They will be bringing you the latest Parkes Public School news and some great music. Thank you to Mrs Whitchurch who has helped prepare the students for this exciting opportunity.

ACTION CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING
This annual competition will be held next term in Week 3, Thursday, 7 May. As only two students can represent our school at the event, we will be holding an in school competition to decide our representatives early in Term 2. Students usually prepare the same talk for both CWA and Action Club competitions and may wish to work on their speeches over the holidays.

The topics for the CWA Competition are:

- **Years 3 and 4**
  - Anzacs
  - The Magic Hat
  - If I were an animal, I would be . . .

- **Years 5 and 6**
  - I will remember them.
  - If only I hadn’t said that
  - Animals are more than pets.

NAPLAN
These assessments will take place in Week 4 of next term. All students will sit the tests unless their parents provide a written letter that they wish to withdraw their child from the tests.

Assessment dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, 12 May  Language and Writing
- Wednesday, 13 May  Reading
- Thursday, 14 May  Numeracy
OUR PROGRAMS
TEN (Teaching Early Numeracy)
All Infants teachers are currently being trained in TEN by Mrs Lickess, our Instructional Leader. The program involves assessing every individual child as to where they are developmentally on the Numeracy continuum and providing learning opportunities to move them on to the next developmental stage. All students' developmental stages are recorded on a data base to ensure their growth is commensurate with time.

ANZAC Day
Our school will be marching in the ANZAC March again this year. As it is such a significant year (100 years since Gallipoli) we would love to have most of our school in attendance. ANZAC Day is the first Saturday after the holidays. Please give consideration to supporting your children to attend the March. This is not about glorifying war but honouring those who lost their lives fighting for the Australia we now know.

Photo ‘Shoot Keys’
Shoot keys were sent home with students yesterday.

If your child did not bring one home please contact the photographer, Cliff Dykes Photography on 6342 3070 or 0428 635 217.

Choir News
There will be no choir practice this Wednesday.

Thank you for all your enthusiasm and wonderful singing this term.

Student Health Checks
Last week nearly 30 of our students took advantage of health checks from the doctors at the Aboriginal Health Clinic. We are very appreciative of the care given to our students and to Amanda Corcoran, David Smith and Lionel Lovett, a big thank you for your assistance!

Lids, Lids, Lids!
We would really appreciate families to collect as many plastic lids as possible please! We are after plastic lids of any shape, size or colour to use in a recycling project we are working on for the residents of Niola. If students could please bring in as many clean plastic lids as they can and give them to their class teacher. We will be collecting these for at least this term and next!  

Thank you, Mrs Barry

Kid’s Ark East Timor
Money is collected Mondays. This week we collected $10.10.

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DON’T FORGET

Infants ‘Parade of Hats’
Tomorrow - Wednesday, 1 April

Term 1 Ends for Students
Thursday, 2 April

Term 2 Begins for Students
Tuesday, 21 April

NAPLAN Assessments
Tuesday, 12 May
Wednesday, 13 May
Thursday, 14 May
My goodness this term has flown! It has been another very hectic but successful term!

I would like to wish all our families a very happy Easter and may you enjoy the holiday period with extended family and friends.

My congratulations to the boys cricket team who won their fourth round last week. It was great to see the Years 3 and 4 boys bowling and fielding so well!!

Congratulations also to Meg Turner! Dynamite in the water!!

Technology such as iPhones are certainly taking over our world. Do you find yourself hooked? Unable to put your device down for a short time? Read this article from Michael Grose.

Electronic devices such as tablets and mobile phones are ever present. They are heaps of fun, the source of so much knowledge and a great way to stay in touch with others. The flip side is that their hypnotic effect is directed at them rather than our kids. When this happens you'll more than likely miss some wonderful opportunities to really impact your child.

There are five BIG opportunities available to you as a parent if you, like Sonia, choose to be in the moment when you have children. When you are fully present you can:

1. **Build their language**

   Recently, I saw a mother walking side by side with a young toddler playing a simple language game. She would make a sound with her mouth and her young son would mimic her. She changed or added to the sounds and her son tried to replicate the sounds. This is language building at its most natural and finest, and wouldn't have happened if this mother was on the mobile phone rather than being present with her child. Whether you are with a toddler, primary aged child or a teen the language building opportunities are endless. You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally.

2. **Teach your children about their world**

   Most children are naturally curious and will ask lots of questions. “Why do dogs bark?” “Why is the sun round?” “Where do babies come from?” Yes, some are simple, some are hard to answer and some you are just not ready for. But it’s through these simple interactions that you become your child’s first and most important teacher. My hunch is that most kids will stop asking these questions of you if your attention is focused elsewhere, such as on a mobile phone or other electronic device.

3. **Impact their thinking**

   Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, “If you want to influence your child’s thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children.” According to Des Forges it’s through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.

4. **Build relationships**

   Relationships are built through common interest, good intent and respectful behaviour. I can think of no better reason for being in the moment with your child than the opportunity it presents to build some common interest and rapport. Time spent giving attention to your child is like putting money in the bank for the future. You never know when you are going to withdraw some of the deposits that you’ve made, so it’s reassuring to know that you’ve made plenty of deposits of goodwill to draw on, particularly in the tricky teenage years.

5. **Build memories for you**

   As a parent of adult children I now treasure the memories of times I was fortunate to have spent with them as young children. It’s strange how these memories resurface at the most unexpected time. Recently, I was in a supermarket and I remembered the time when I enthusiastically asked my youngest, who was three at the time, to get the box of cereal with the big red K. Off she went feeling all important and returned with a triumphant smile armed a box of dog food. “Thanks darling. Nearly!” was my reply desperate not to quell the enthusiasm to help that only a three year old can have.

   Yes, there are million memories such as this available to parents who are willing to focus attention on the children rather than be distracted by the lure of communication devices.

   As a parent you have competing demands on your time, and the allure of communication technology can be overwhelming. However, as Sonia is so aware, the time for parents to really impact on kids is limited so you want to make the most of every opportunity you have with them.

   The key to positively influencing your kids, building strong relationships and building enough fond memories to last a lifetime is to make sure that your mind is where your body is and be fully present when you are with your kids.

   I am very much looking forward to viewing the hat parade tomorrow. Every year the creations get bigger and better! A very special part of the activity is the fact that Year 6 assist with the creations. It is a lovely way for the older students to bond with our Infants children. The Year 6 students usually enjoy the creating more than the little people!

   Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

Mrs Breaden
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

**White Merit Certificate**
- Chloe Swindle 1/2A
- Aden Neems 1H
- Bridie Lacey 3/4S
- Jordan Reeves 1/2A
- James Seiler 1/2A
- Jordan Moody 5L
- Ewan Moody 2M
- Amelia Nash 6B
- Dayton Venaglia 3N

**Badge**
- Amelia Nash 6B

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

**Kindergarten**
- Eamon Moody
- Matilda Haensch

**Year 1**
- Oliver Hayes
- Lucy MacGregor

**Year 2**
- Flynn Thompson
- Lucy Hall

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

- Lucy Noakes
- Ella McColl
- Kaleb Amor
- Nate Harrison
- Sam Westcott
- Rebekah Smiroldo
- Ryan Whitney
- Cody Newman
- Isabelle Lennox
- Camron Prior
- Ewan Moody
- Sampson Duffy
- Matayah Guy
- Lucy Hall
- Sonny MacGregor
- Tyson Lennox

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

- Paige Harry-Ross
- Laney Cantrell
- Resharna Seymour
- Daniel Chambers-Hando
- Henry Duncan
- Simon Hogan
- Gage Kirk
- Jake Sinclair
- Jayla Cornelissen
- Nathan McCreddie
- Elizabeth MacGregor
- Aiden Keys
- Zoe Anderson
- Nicholas Gascoigne
- Kendra Dunn
- Brooklyn Pinkstone
- Ryan Dunford
- Luke Gerry
- Brody Kennedy
- Kaid Lyford
- Aidan Lynch
- Emily Neems
- Hunter Hawke
- Hayden O’Malley
- Kaitlyn Neems
- Genevieve Bland
- Samuel Davison-Henry
- Maddison McCormick
- Leela Elliott
- Hailey King-Evans
- Brian Mendoza
- Jayden Pope
- Macey Gibson
- Ebonee Harding
- Ethan Maxwell
- Chloe Drabsc
- Tamika Verstegen
- Mitchell Cox
- Niomi Harrison
- James Kearney
- Emily Helm
- Kasey Macdonald
- Luke Dixon
- Zayne Ehsman
- Tobey Thorne
- Jack Whitaker
Students of the Week

Name: Jacob Berry
Age: 11
Class: 6B
Teacher: Mrs Buchanan

Teacher comments: Jacob is a keen student, one who participates in and enjoys a variety of school activities. He is a skilful mathematician who enjoys the challenge of problem solving. Jacob is also an electronics whizz and solves many techno glitches.

Favourite activities: drumming, playing video games, hand ball and hanging with my friends.

What career interests you? I want to be someone who makes circuit boards because I like electronics.

Name: Jade Verstegen
Age: 11
Class: 6B
Teacher: Mrs Buchanan

Teacher comments: Jade is an excellent student because she always tries very hard. She listens really carefully and consistently produces quality work. Jade is a very kind and thoughtful student who willingly helps others when needed.

Favourite activities: playing with my dogs and cats in the back yard.

What career interests you? I would like to become a nurse or a vet because I am interested in helping people and animals.

Parade of Hats

One of the great traditions of Parkes Public School is our ‘Parade of Hats’ that will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 1 April. 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.

Today, K-2 made their hats with the assistance of some of our Year 6 Students. Senior students helped our junior children with cutting, gluing, stapling and decorating.

This was a great activity where many of our senior students had the chance to reflect on how far they have come since they were in Kindergarten and it allowed our Kinder students to make some new friendships.

Parents and family members are invited to watch the hat parade in the school hall commencing at 2.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday, 1 April. Each class will show their creations, so bring your cameras as it is always quite a spectacle.
Congratulations to Meg Turner who represented Western Region at the State Swimming Carnival last week! Meg achieved personal best times in 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly as well as the 200m Medley!!

A huge congratulations to Wilson Duffy, Zayne Ehsman, Hunter Hawke and Kaid Lydford who all gained selection in the Lachlan PSSA Boys’ Soccer team. They will all complete in the Western Trials in Dubbo on Wednesday, 22 April.

**PSSA Boys’ Cricket**
On Wednesday, 25 March the Parkes Public School Boys’ Cricket Team took part in their fourth PSSA round knockout game against Condobolin Public School here in Parkes. All boys performed well and came away with another victory.

Parkes won the toss and batted first with Wilson Duffy retiring on a fantastic 40 runs and was supported by Zayne Ehsman on 16. Condobolin was set a strong total of 95 to win. There was some outstanding fielding on the day with a great run out by Joseph Tanswell and brilliant catch by Ryan Dunford just to name a few. We had a strong bowling attack with Hunter Hawke and Wilson Duffy topping off a great day with three wickets each.

Well done to all the boys for an outstanding win and we look forward to heading to the Western semi-finals in October. A special thank you to coach Clinton Hawke for his assistance as well as our scorer, Dane Thorne and umpires Greg Morrissey and Phil Dunford.

Congratulations also must go to Hunter Hawke who has been named the first reserve for the Western Cricket team after trials were held last Friday. Well done, Hunter!

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

On Thursday, 23 April (Term 2, Week 1), the girls will be heading to Dubbo for the PSSA Knockout Day. A total of three games will be played. If any of the team did not receive a permission note last week, please see me as soon as possible.

*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*
Cheeky Cherubs Vacation Care Program
Cheeky Cherubs Childcare Centre is offering a fun and exciting vacation care program in the school holidays. Come along and enjoy a variety of science based activities or maybe build your own city.

A full programme list is available at the Centre.

Please feel free to call in and see one of our friendly staff at 1-3 High Street, Parkes or call 6863 4441.

Community Noticeboard

Waste 2 Art

Northparkes Fun Run

Community Easter Egg Hunt
All welcome - Free - Over 3000 lollies and Easter eggs!
Saturday, 4 April at 10.00am at Cooke Park in Parkes.

Children 0-12 welcome to hunt eggs. Bring along a bag to collect eggs!

Music - Lollies - Eggs - Fun - Prizes

Sponsored by Vision Ministries
Locust Activity

Report locust activity to Local Land Services. Locusts are becoming a big problem across the central west.

To limit their spread Local Land Services is asking farming families to report any locust activity (hatching, swarming, etc.) they have seen.

You can do this by:
- contacting your Local Land Services office
- calling 1300 795 299

Your information is vital to controlling locusts in our region.

MiniRoos Soccer Program for Girls

Football Federation Australia Approved - AIA Vitality MiniRoos Soccer Program for Girls aged 4-11 years.

What is AIA Vitality MiniRoos Soccer For Girls?
MiniRoos is a smaller version of football that provides girls aged 4-11 years with a fun introduction to the world game. It provides opportunities for girls to play with their friends in a fun and safe environment. It involves girls that have never played before and those that may have already registered for their local club. It enables young girls to build confidence in a ‘girls only’ environment while learning the basic skills of the game.

Why: To have more girls playing soccer and have them personally coached in a fun safe environment.
When: Commences Thursday, 7 May and is held weekly for a 10 week program
Where: Botanical Gardens, College Road Forbes.
Time: 3.45-6.00pm (4/6’s, 7-9, 9-11 age groups play within this timeframe)

Each session consists of:
- fun soccer games
- personal coached ball mastery skills
- small sided field games.

Cost: $100.00 per child (includes package as illustrated ) drinks and fruit each session.

Program Manager: Doug Mckenzie (FFA and Qualifi UK accredited), Coach for NSW Far West Academy of Sport, Western NSW Mariners SAP FC, Western NSW Football Club Development and Holiday Programs, Trainer/Selector for Public and Catholic School Girls and Boys Region Representative Teams. Phone: 0412 287 810, email: dougmck63@yahoo.com.au.
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