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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STUDENT REPORTS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TODAY
Any parent who does not receive their child’s report this afternoon (except Clarinda Class) should contact the child’s teacher tomorrow.

If you would like to have an interview with your child’s teacher to discuss the progress of your child, please contact the teacher directly or phone the office to organise an appointment. Appointments can be organised for this week or early next term.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday, everyone!!
Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday, 14 July.

Congratulations to Hannah Martyn on achieving a School Merit Badge!

This week we celebrate NAIDOC Week!
We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate!

During NAIDOC Week our Primary students will be completing their Aboriginal artworks. The Infants children will be planting more native trees and shrubs in our Wiradjuri garden.

On Friday, parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their children. Lunch will begin at 1.15pm and continue until 2.00pm. Siblings from primary and infants can lunch together in either playground, as long as their parents are with them.

A whole school assembly will commence at 2.10pm. Our Junior AECG representatives will lead the assembly. A boys’ dance group and our drum group will perform. Holly MacGregor and Samantha Riley will present their speech which they delivered at the NAIDOC Public Speaking competition in Cowra last week. Whilst the girls did not gain a place at Cowra they spoke very well. Well done, girls and thank you for representing us!

Aboriginal artworks by Parkes Public School students on display in the school hall.
P&C News

Next P&C Meeting - Monday, 20 July (second week of Term 3) at 7.30pm.

HPLC Garage Sale
The HPLC schools are holding garage sales on Saturday, 25 July commencing at 8.00am. All schools will sell wares in their own playgrounds. We will be jointly advertising our goods for sale.

Any family who would like to sell their own goods may do so with a donation of $10.00 to our school. However, those selling their own wares are expected to man their own stall and take any unsold goods with them at the end of the sale.

We will also accept good quality donations of furniture/wares for our sale.

Parking Issue
We have been requested by the Practice Manager at the Doctors' surgery on the corner of Clarinda and Bushman Streets to ask parents not to park in front of their driveway in Bushman Street. That is the only entry for ambulances and it must be kept clear.

Kid’s Ark East Timor
Money is collected on Mondays. This week we collected $10.00.

Band
We have had several students who have not turned up to band lately. Please remind your child that on a Tuesday they must remember their instrument and music to attend band. If they cannot make it, they need to let me know. Intermediate starts at 1.00pm and beginners start at 1.30pm. It is very important that students practise daily to ensure they reinforce the weekly lessons.

Our school subsides every child’s band lessons. By not attending they are wasting not only parents money, but school resources as well!

Intermediate band members must remember that every odd week is assembly so they must remember their instruments and music to play the school song on those Fridays.

Mrs Watson

Choir News
Choir will be on Wednesday as usual.

K-2 Week 10 Infants Assembly
2E will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 24 June. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Mrs Earsman

PBL Reward Afternoon

Our PBL rewards afternoon of creative construction using recyclable material was a huge success. Students had much fun crafting all sorts of creatures, robots and models of homes and cities. Year 6 students even had the opportunity to do knitting and crochet.

Thank you, Mrs Reginato for your help with the knitting and crochet.
Over the last few weeks I have been busy reading our students’ reports. I have been very impressed with the high standard of accomplishment that many children have achieved. I was particularly pleased to read about the students who have worked diligently and given of their best. Congratulations students!

Included in my message this week is a Michael Grose article about “Reading Your Child’s Report”. I hope you find it helpful in supporting your children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- **Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Well done to Libby Hoyle who represented Parkes Public School and the Oxley CWA group at the Regional CWA Public Speaking Competition last Wednesday. Libby delivered another excellent speech! Thank you. Libby!

I wish all our students and their families an enjoyable and restful holiday break!

Mrs Breaden
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

**White Merit Certificate**
- Monique Cox 6S
- Mitchell Cox 6S
- Hannah Martyn 6S
- Jacob Fredericks 5L
- Jorja Hanson 1H

**Badge**
- Hannah Martyn 6S

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

- Kindergarten
  - Kade Ashcroft
  - Milli Mackay
- Year 1
  - Kaleb Amor
  - Ava Hamood
- Year 2
  - Emmanuel Peter
  - Lucy Noakes

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

- Alana Murray
- Ashton Lacey
- Thomas Ball
- Shannon Reeves
- Sampson Duffy
- Savannah Powell
- Jack Gould
- Wade Parker
- Jade Miller

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**Book Fair**

Books! Books!! Books!!!

Our school library will be holding a **one day only** book fair in the library next term on Thursday, 23 July.

Every brand new book at the fair will be on sale for the bargain price of only $5.00!! As every book will be on sale for just $5.00, we will not be able to re-order any books. Only books available on the day will be for sale.

Families can also choose from a selection of brand new books to donate to the library, also for $5.00. A book plate will be fixed inside the book acknowledging the student/family who made the donation. Students will also be the first to borrow their donated book. This is a great way for students to leave a lasting memento of their time at Parkes Public School.

Please come and support the library with all money raised going back into purchasing resources for the library and classrooms.

More information will be available next week regarding the opening hours for the sale. For further information and all enquires, please see Mrs Dolbel.
Student of the Week

Name: Timmy Reid
Age: 12
Class: 6B
Teacher: Mrs Buchanan
Favourite activities: I like watching TV and I like helping my brother fix his car.

Teacher comments: Timmy always works very hard and always strives to produce his best. He follows instructions very carefully and participates enthusiastically in all class activities. Timmy is very proud of being a prefect and is a strong role model.

What career interests you? I hope to be a mechanic fixing cars.

Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday, 15 July and Tuesday, 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at Woolworths, Parkes. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art and crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

Breakfast

Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:
Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example
- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt
Athletics Carnival Award Winners
Well done to all the students who completed in the Parkes Public School Athletics carnival on Friday, 5 June. Last Friday ribbons, trophies and medals were presented to our students.

The Age Champions for 2015 are:
8 years: Jack Pinkstone and Phoebe Usher
9 years: Hunter Green and Elizabeth MacGregor
10 years: Ashton Bennie and Meg Turner
11 years: Austin MacGregor and Jordan Moody
12 years: Michael Riley and Hannah Martyn
13 years: Timmy Reid and Melissa McCreadie.

Congratulations to our overall champions for 2015:
Junior Boys Champion: Ashton Bennie
Junior Girls Champion: Elizabeth MacGregor
Senior Boys Champion: Austin MacGregor and Michael Riley
Senior Girls Champion: Hannah Martyn and Jordan Moody.

The Lachlan Athletics Carnival will be held Friday, 31 July (Week 3, Term 3), at North Parkes Oval. This year Parkes Public School is hosting the event. Students who came first and second in a track event and students who came first in a field event will represent our school.

District Cross Country
On Friday, 23 May students travelled to Forbes to compete in the Lachlan District Cross Country Carnival.

Congratulations to all the students for their exemplary behaviour and their efforts to do their best. A big thank you to parents and grandparents who provided transport and supported our students on the day.

All the students competed very well and we had many students who came in the top twelve in their age divisions.

Special congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top six in their age divisions at the Lachlan Carnival:

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The above students had the opportunity to represent Parkes Public School as part of the Lachlan District Team at the Western PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Geurie on Wednesday, 10 June. Special congratulations to Jordan Moody who qualified for the NSW State Cross Country Carnival to be held at Eastern Creek later in the year. Well done, Jordan!

Mr Smith

PSSA Boys’ Hockey
All the best to our boys’ hockey team who play against Wallerawang Public School, in Lithgow this Thursday. This is the Western Region Final round of the competition.
Parkes Public School Boys’ Touch Football Team

Congratulations to the following boys on their selection in the Parkes Public School touch football team:


Training will be held at school, on the infants grass, each Monday from 3.15-4.00pm. Training is compulsory. If you cannot make training please let me know.

I look forward to an exciting season of touch, with our team playing for enjoyment and showing excellent sportsmanship.

Mrs Wright

Girls Netball

Netball training will be on Thursday, 25 June from 3.30-4.45 at the McGlynn Courts. Please see me if you're unable to attend!

The girls will play in Orange for the NSW Schools’ Cup on Tuesday, 28 July (Week 3, Term 3).

Thanks you, Miss Bowkett

PSSA Girls’ Hockey

On Friday, 19 June, Parkes Public School played Middleton Public School at the Stephen Davies hockey turf. It was nice to play in warmer weather for a change!

The girls started the game with excellent attack and defence. They passed the ball around beautifully and the game was a very even match the whole way through. Lucy Turner managed to score her first goal ever! Unfortunately, Middleton managed to score also leaving the final score at 1-1 at full time.

This forced the game into Phase 1 of golden goal drop off for seven minutes with nine players. This did not bring a result, forcing the game into Phase 2 of golden goal drop off for another seven minutes with seven players. During the second phase Middleton managed to get past our brilliant defence and score.

Unfortunately this means that Parkes Public have been knocked out of the PSSA competition for 2015. They will still play in the Lois Jones cup gala day later in Term 3. Further information will be provided for this day later next term.

A huge thank you to Janelle Thompson for all her coaching, along with all the other extras along the way. Parkes Public School and the girls team are very lucky to have you coaching! A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents for getting the girls to training each week and making it possible to get the girls to all the games.

The team consists of: Jazlyn Greenwood, Maely MacGregor, Meg Turner, Lucy Turner, Holly McColl, Katie Dunford, Jordan Moody, Chloe Drabsc, Caitlin Herft, Olivia Thompson, Abbey Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Makeely VanDyk and Gracie Jones.

Mrs Deland

Looking for school holiday care?

Look no further! Kidzcare at the Parkes PCYC offers quality vacation care.

Monday - Friday 8.30am-5.30pm.

Come and join the fun activities including art and craft, cooking, IKI, drama incursions, excursions, games etc. Approved childcare CCB and CCR available.
2015 Trangie Junior Judging

Trangie P A & H Association invites you to the ‘famous’ Trangie Junior Judging on Monday, 29 June 2015 from 8.30am (registration) to approx. 5.00pm at Trangie Agricultural Research Centre (a few km west of Trangie along the Mitchell Highway).

This year the Trangie Junior Judging Day’s program includes seven sections: Beef Cattle, Merino Sheep, Meat Sheep (Border Leicesters and Poll Dorsets), Merino Fleeces, Cotton, Grains and Angora and Mohair.

The format of the day is set up so that each competitor participates in all judging sections within their age group: Seniors - 15 to 24 years, Juniors - 10 to 15 years, and Sub-Juniors - Under 10 years, who may have a parent to help them.

Cash prizes to be won, donated by NSW Farmers. Senior winners qualify for Western Region Judging Finals.

No previous knowledge or experience necessary - learn from experienced stewards and overjudges on the day!

Entry Fee: $15.00 for the day, including BBQ lunch.

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

For further enquiries / entries please contact: Amity Chase 6888 3186 / 0402 282 542 or email: trangiejuniorjudging@yahoo.com.au

Winter Holiday Entertainment Program

Where: Jess n Josies Giant Indoor Playground, 42 Sam St, Forbes.
When: Monday, 29 June to Friday, 3 July and Monday, 6 to Friday, 10 July
Times: 8.30am-3.00pm
Cost: $25 per day
Who can come: children aged 5-12 years.
What is included:
- all activities including - Jumping, sliding and climbing fury, face painting, learn to make cakes and pancakes, English football school, drawing, painting, art and craft, learn to make sushi and Chinese spring rolls, girls - hair, nails, make up day/boys - indoor cricket and disco party.
- fresh fruit, morning tea, drinks and lunch daily.

Registration: Please contact the office on 6851 6199, 0412 287 810, 0434 120 226 and register by Wednesday, 24 June 2015.

Attendance options: Children can attend on daily, weekly or select days.

African Children's Choir - Free Concert

Thursday, 9 July at 7.00pm

Vision Ministries at Mamre Farm, 580 Mamre Road, Alectown
Phone 6865 3377 for further information