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 SHOW HOLIDAY
On Tuesday, 1 September all schools will have a half day holiday for the Parkes Show. School will finish at 12.00pm on that day. Buses will collect children from school just after midday rather than at 3.00pm.

If children are to go home a different way to normal or be picked up by someone else, please advise their teacher in writing.

Children are to wear school uniform on Tuesday morning.

Children are expected to attend school all day on Wednesday, 2 September. The newsletter will be sent home on Wednesday during show week.

Children participating in equestrian events or junior judging activities may apply for an exemption.

HENRY PARKES LEARNING COMMUNITY of schools will be operating a joint display of student work at the show. Please come along and see the quality work which our students produce.

PBL NEWS
Congratulations to our students who have nearly earned another whole school reward. The next reward is going to be a talent show. Talent shows will be held on Wednesday, 2 and Friday, 4 September at 2.00pm. The talent shows will replace the normal assemblies.

Students who would like to be in the talent show need to have auditioned for their class teacher by next Friday, 28 August. Students will be told the following Monday, 31 August on what day they will be performing, either the Wednesday or the Friday.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
Students from Year 6 recently undertook an educational tour of our national capital. They participated in a variety of educational programs to assist students to gain a better understanding of our history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civic and citizenship education. The Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civic Education Rebate (PACER) program. This contribution paid directly to the school allowed the school to subsidise students’ travel expenses.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Year 6 had a wonderful but tiring time. Mr Smith and Mrs Buchanan were extremely impressed with the behaviour of the students. They received many favourable comments relating to the students’ behaviour and representation of Parkes Public School. Well done, Year 6 and thank you for representing your school so positively!
For Your Information

PEER SUPPORT - Joining In with Others
In this week’s Peer Support session the students explored how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities gave the students a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and how to invite others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don’t lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

K-2 Week 6 Infants Assembly
1H will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 19 August. We would like to invite all parents, family and friends to come and watch our presentation.

Thank you, Miss Heraghty

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
Woolworths - Fruit Donation
Thank you to Woolworths for the wonderful donation last week of fresh fruit. The apples and mandarins were used by the students for ‘fruito’.

Parkes Public School students and staff are very grateful for this donation.

Student of the Week

Name: Connor Trueber
Class: 6S
Teacher: Mr Smith and Mrs Barry

Teacher comments: Connor is an interested student who enjoys being at school. He always arrives with a smile on his face.

Favourite activities: Camping, going to Sparks Kids Club, building Lego and Lego technic.

What career interests you? I would like to be an engineer because I’m good at maths and I like drawing lots of different things.

VISITING AUTHOR

Next week, during Book Week, we will be having a visit by author Katrina Nannestad who will talk to and work with our Years 3-6 students. She is the author of the ‘Red Dirt Diary’ series and ‘The Girl Who Brought Mischief’. Students can order personally autographed copies of her work.

Please order by returning the following slip in an envelope with the correct money and clearly marked ‘Books - Mrs Dolbel’. Closing date for orders is Friday, 21 August.

Order Form - Books by Katrina Nannestad

Name: ___________________________ Class: __________

☐ Red Dirt Diary
☐ Red Dirt Diary 2 - Blue About Love
☐ Red Dirt Diary 3 - Blue’s News
☐ The Girl Who Brought Mischief

Books are $15 each or
☐ Red Dirt Diary 1, 2 and 3 - $40 for all three
☐ All four books - $50

Mrs Dolbel, Teacher Librarian
Hello everyone! It is lovely to be back at school again!

As most of you would be aware, I have been volunteering in East Timor for the past few weeks. I was part of a team of 11 people from Parkes, Peak Hill and Sydney.

I had the pleasure of visiting Kids Ark, the orphanage and school that our school community sponsors. The school has grown from around 30 to 320 students and now has children from preschool to early secondary years. I was able to show the Kids Ark children the photos of our Parkes Public School students and tell them about the lolly guessing competition that Jessica, Chloe and Hannah organised. The Kids Ark children were very appreciative of the support we give them. They were also very excited to receive gifts of small koalas and kangaroo pins.

Photos of Parkes Public School students are now on display on the ‘thank you’ board at Kids Ark.

Kids Ark now has a kitchen and the children are given a healthy meal every lunch time. The school has grown so much that a new classroom is currently being built.

I also spent eight days at a village called Weberek, with the rest of the team. Our mayor, Mr Ken Keith, has also visited Weberek a number of times and Weberek and Parkes have a formal friendship agreement. During our time at Weberek I was blessed to visit new born babies with the Australian midwife who lives at Weberek. I was part of a team who ran a Kids Club group for about 50 children three times during our stay. Two mornings a week the midwife holds a mothers group. At one of those meetings I was given the opportunity to speak about the importance of talking, playing and singing with your children. As the children do not have books and many parents can't read, I spoke to parents about telling children stories rather than reading to them. The mothers were very interested in this information. I was able to explain that by doing such simple things parents have the opportunity to grow their children’s intellectual potential. All the mothers were excited about what they could do to assist their children’s development. It was very encouraging to see the importance the mothers placed on the education of their children. More children in East Timor are beginning to receive educational experiences and university is becoming a sought after opportunity. So very exciting!!

It is 11 years since I last visited East Timor. An amazing amount of infrastructure has been developed in that time, particularly in the capital, Dili! Businesses have been rebuilt, resorts are creeping in and there is even a shopping mall and cinema. Most places now have electricity!!

Even so, the people are very poor and live an extremely simple life. Subsistence farming is prevalent in the rural areas. The country is still heavily reliant on the support of first world countries.

Again I have returned home very aware of how blessed we are to live in Australia!!

Have a great week!

Mrs Breaden
**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**Parkes Show - Junior Needlework**

Do you have articles at home or school that could be entered in the Junior Needlework Section at Parkes Show? They must have been completed in the past 12 months and contain stitchery. Items can be left at the show office or taken to the show on Monday, 31 August after 9.00am. Section details available at the show office. We would love to see them!!

*With thanks, Heather Moss*

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**K-2 LITERACY AWARDS**

The children who received the literacy awards and capes at the Infants Assembly were:

- **Kindergarten**
  - Ciaran Smiroldo
  - Sophie Tanks
- **Year 1**
  - Olivia Cotter
- **Year 2/3**
  - Dylan Pearce
  - Chelsea Ashford

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

- Gracie-Mae Cummings
- Shae-Lee Lord
- Nash Moore
- Anna Woodlands
- Kaleb Amor
- Isabelle Lennox
- Ava Hamood
- Ella McColl
- Isabella Batt
- Grace MacGregor
- Maddie Nash
- Chloe Swindle
- Kasey Ehsman
- Mincarlie Lovett
- Hayley Quarterly
- Tyson Lennox

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**SPORT NEWS - BOYS’ HOCKEY**

The boys’ hockey State quarter final will be played either next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. At this stage teams from the Riverina/South Coast division are still to finalise their winner. Once their game is played I will be able to confirm the day, location and time of our match.

It has been extremely disappointing to not have all players at training the last few weeks. Being part of a team is a commitment you and your family made when you trialled for the team. I expect all players to attend training next week. Mr Tanswell leaves work early each week to train you and we will be going over match plans and corners at training.

*Mrs Elliott*

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**VALUE OF THE WEEK - Tolerance**

Practising tolerance is showing respect and appreciation for differences. You don’t judge or tease someone who is different. You make them feel at home. You show forgiveness when someone makes a mistake. Tolerance does not mean being passive and letting someone hurt you. When that happens, you need assertiveness. When you are tolerant, you have patience and flexibility to accept the things you cannot change with good grace.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following White Merit Certificate winners:

- Grace MacGregor 1/2A
- Harmih Turnbull 4/5D
- Charlie Lacey 2E
- Simon Hogan 3N