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 Libby Hoyle, Genevieve Bland, Heidi Parking, Holly MacGregor and Iliana Peter who gained a Distinction in the ICAS Writing Competition!

THIS WEEK IS SASS RECOGNITION WEEK!
We are very blessed to have such capable and competent office staff, a General Assistant and School Learning Support Officers who support our school and students every day. Our school would not function without these very important people. A huge thank you to Mrs Masters, Mrs Taggart, Ms Henderson, Mr Britt, Miss Quinney, Mrs Mill, Mrs Hilder, Mrs Bright, Mrs Melhuish, Mrs Ehsman, Ms Chambers, Mrs Neems, Mrs King, Mrs Dillon, Mrs Potts and Mr Lovett.

SCHOOL DISPLAY AT PARKES SHOW
Thank you to all the families who visited our HPLC display at the Parkes Show. If you didn't make it yesterday we encourage you to have a look at our display today.

We are situated in the A A Blatch Pavilion. Students have been given tokens to place in the Parkes Public School box at the display. Names drawn out will receive a prize. Students' work will be labelled with their school name.

HPLC is very proud of the excellent public education we provide.

DON'T FORGET OUR TALENT SHOWS!
One very entertaining show was held this afternoon and we look forward to the next two shows on Friday and Monday afternoons commencing at 2.00pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

EXCURSIONS
♦ Stage 1 excursion to the Japanese Gardens will take place next Wednesday, 9 September.
♦ Classes 4/5D, 5L and 5/6W will be visiting 'The Dish' on Tuesday, 15 September.
♦ Kindergarten will be visiting the Dubbo Zoo on Wednesday, 16 September.

TEN DAYS TO GO UNTIL OUR MARKET DAY!
Helen Longhurst and her helpers have done a wonderful job organising our Market Day. There are over forty market stalls coming as well as our usual trash and treasure, plants, cakes, tombola and the fun activities organised by our prefects. It is sure to be a wonderful day of fun and excitement! Proceeds will go towards developing our ICT hardware.

Raffle - Please return all raffle ticket books (sold or unsold) and money by this Friday, 4 September.
Tell Them From Me
This year all public schools in NSW have been encouraged to participate in a series of surveys to gain information about what students, parents and teachers think about their school and what could be done to enhance the educational experience for our students.

Students and teachers have completed surveys at school.

**We are now asking parents to complete surveys.**

All surveys have to be completed online. We are unable to send home hard copies of the survey.

As we are aware that some parents do not have access to a computer or to the internet we have made the following arrangements to enable parents to complete the survey:
- Our computer lab will be open to parents. Dates and times to be advised.
- Parkes TAFE College has kindly offered the use of their facilities. Anyone is free to access the computers at TAFE to complete the survey. Just go to the front office, explain that you are a parent from Parkes Public School and you would like to complete the survey and you will be assisted.

**We are very appreciative to the staff of Parkes TAFE for this valuable assistance.**

**Parking in Hill Street**
Please be mindful of our neighbours during drop off and pick up times. **Please do not park across driveways** or block access to private properties.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**
Thank you to Coles Supermarkets for their weekly donations to our Breakfast Club.

Each week Coles Supermarkets donate food items that are used in the operation of the Breakfast Club.

Parkes Public School students and staff are very appreciative of these donations. The continued operation of the Breakfast Club would not be possible without these generous donations.

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

**Value of the Week**

**Responsibility**
How do you practise responsibility?
When you agree to do something, like homework, watching a younger child or a job around the house, you take it as your responsibility. You don't agree to do things which are too hard, or that you don't really have time for. When you make a mistake, you don't get defensive. You learn from it and you fix it. You are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.

**Affirmation**
I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.
My congratulations to Libby Hoyle on representing Western Region at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition in Wagga last Thursday. Libby is the first student from Parkes PS to participate in this competition at a regional final level. Thank you for representing us Libby!

I am delighted with the excellent results from the ICAS writing competition! Five distinctions is a great achievement for Parkes Public School! Outstanding writing Genevieve, Holly, Heidi, Iliana and Libby. Libby also achieved a High Distinction in the ICAS Spelling Competition. Genevieve gained a distinction! Congratulations to you all!

Last week I shared some thoughts about fathers. This week the remainder of that article from Word for Today is being shared.

How does a dad equip his kids for life in the real world?

Alert them to the dangers of having a sense of entitlement. Yes, our children need parents who express unconditional love for them. But some of us think our children can do no wrong - even when they do. Consequently they grow up having unrealistic expectations and a distorted view of how life works. Everybody gets a scorecard in life and it records both our wins and our losses. Let your kids know that we all make mistakes. Failing to recognise this just makes them self-deceived and sets them up for heartache. Children learn from failure how to deal with disappointment; it prepares them for later life when things don’t go their way.

Show them why you married their mother. It’s the most formative relationship in their early lives; one which will influence who they ultimately become, their choice of a partner and their future happiness. When they see you loving their mother, giving her consideration and honour, they’ll admire, appreciate and emulate their dad.

My congratulations to the boys’ hockey team who have reached the state finals for the second year in a row!! Great job boys and a huge thank you to coach, Mr Graeme Tanswell, and manager, Mrs Elliott!

Enjoy this very busy week, everyone! 

Mrs Breaden

PEER SUPPORT

A Better Friend

In this week’s final session of the Peer Support module Keeping Friends the students participated in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past seven weeks.

They were reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new friends. Each Peer Support group celebrated what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 8 September ......... Kinder Excursion to Bushman Dam
Wednesday, 9 September ....... Years 1-2 Japanese Garden Excursion
Saturday, 12 September ......... Market Day
Tuesday, 15 September ........... ‘The Dish’ Excursion
Wednesday, 16 September ....... Kindergarten Excursion to Dubbo Zoo
Friday, 18 September ............ Last Day of Term 3
Tuesday, 6 October............... Term 4 Begins for Students

DON’T FORGET

Woolworths Earn & Learn closes Tuesday, 8 Sept
Please return sheets and/or stickers to the office.

P&C Market Day
Saturday, 12 September
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been awarded a mufti day:

White Merit Certificate

Harry Jones  3N
Jade Smith  4/5D

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

Kyarah Egan  Zoe Manks  Ciaran Smiroldo  Noah Tillman
Lucy Noakes  Brendan Dunn  Joel MacGregor  Jacob MacRae
Sampson Duffy  Kyan Rathbone  Camron Prior

K-2 LITERACY AWARDS

The children who received the literacy awards and capes at the Infants Assembly were:
Kindergarten  Taylor O'Malley  Nate Henry
Year 1  Jerik Powell  Caitlin Douglas
Year 2  Nicolas McMaugh  Addison Lewer

Did you know?
- Spending too much sedentary or ‘still’ time watching TV, surfing online or playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese.
- Children who watch TV for more than two hours every day are more likely to have an unhealthy diet, less likely to eat fruit and less likely to be physically active.
- Nearly half of children aged between 5 and 15 years spend more than two hours every day on ‘small screen’ entertainment.
- Children are more likely to snack on foods that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fat when they’re watching TV.

How much time in front of the screen?

When kids and teens spend time in front of small screens - whether it’s the TV, computer or hand-held games - it takes away from the time they could spend playing sport, games or being active.

Australian guidelines recommend that kids and teens spend no more than two hours each day on small screen entertainment.

While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids and teens get from being physically active are just as important.

For more information and ideas on healthy eating and physical activity, go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
Western Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, 23 students attended the Western Athletics Carnival which was held in Dubbo at the newly renovated Barden Park. It was pleasing to see all our students showing great sportsmanship and performing to the best of their abilities.

We were very successful with two students gaining a placement at the State Athletics Carnival which will be held early in Term 4. Congratulations to Hannah Martyn who will compete in the 100m age race, Sharna Ross who will compete in the 11 years girls high jump.

A huge thank you to all the parents who transported our students to Dubbo, it was lovely to see so many of you over there.

Tracey Newbigging

PSSA Boys’ Touch Football

The Parkes Public School Boys’ Touch Team travelled to Wellington last Thursday to take on Wellington Public School in the PSSA knockout competition.

The following boys were part of the 2015 team:

Parkes Public was keen for a win but Wellington applied pressure from the beginning of the game and showed their speed and skills early. Parkes Public also showed great skills and teamwork but were unable to get the ball over their try line and went to the half time break 2-0 down.

Parkes Public began the second half confidently and scored early to make the score 2-1. A team effort that resulted in a ball to Hunter Hawke who scored in the corner.

Unfortunately that was our only try and Wellington went on to win 8-1. Congratulations to Wellington on their win and we wish them success in the semi-finals. This loss means we bow out of the competition and hang up our touch football boots for the season.

The Parkes Public boys played the competition with great sportsmanship and they need to hold their heads up high and be congratulated for getting this far in the competition.

Thank you to the parents/carers for getting the boys to training and for your support at games. Thank you to those parents/carers who transported players to games. Without parent/carers help these activities would not happen.

The team is grateful for the help of Sam Cox during training and to Fred Edwards for some handy warm up drills.

To the Year 6 boys, thank you for being great role models to the younger team players. To the remainder of the team, I hope to see you all trial for next year’s touch team.

Mrs Wright

Many thanks to Mrs Wright for her management of the team and organisation of the training sessions and games!
Parkes District Junior Cricket

Junior Cricket is an amazing sport for children to be involved in. Parkes District Junior Cricket (PDJCA) is available for children from 6 to 17 years of age!

PDJCA still remains the cheapest junior sport in the local community for youngsters to be involved in, especially bearing in mind that equipment (e.g. bats, balls, stumps, helmets, gloves and pads) is provided for participants.

The player registration fees for 2015/16 are:
Under 17’s - $90.00
Under 14’s - $70.00
Under 12’s - $50.00
Under 10’s - $25.00
Family Maximum - $135.00
Milo in2cricket - $75.00

Registration days will be held:
Saturday, 5 September 9.30-11.30am at the Junior Hockey finals at Stephen Davies Field
1.30-2.30pm at the Junior Soccer Presentation at Harrison Park
Saturday, 12 September 8.30-11.30am at Woodward Oval
Saturday, 19 September 8.30-11.30am at Woodward Oval
Friday, 25 September 4.00-5.30pm at Woodward Oval.

It is to be noted that a player’s age group is determined by their age as at 01/09/15.

Holiday Activities

Spring Holiday Camps - Don’t Miss Out!!

New friendships . . . Fun . . . Great value . . . Safe

Our popular Spring Kids and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from one to five days.

Residential Kids Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- instructor led activities
- accommodation
- meals
- supervised transport.

Family Camps include:
- instructor led activities
- meals
- accommodation
- use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, tennis courts, pool etc.

For further information and bookings contact:
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