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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HENRY PARKES LEARNING COMMUNITY (HPLC) MUSICAL
Years 5 and 6 students were given notes regarding the musical and auditions last week. Please contact the office if your child did not bring home a note and you would like him/her to be involved.

The auditions for the musical will be held next Monday, 29 February and Thursday, 3 March from 3.30pm at the Parkes High School hall.

AECG (ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP) MEETINGS
The Junior AECG meeting was held this morning. Our school was ably represented by Samantha Riley, Caitlin Herft and Rebecca Kearney. The senior meeting will be held tomorrow at 9.30am at Holy Family School. All welcome.

JUST 4 KIDS CHARITY EVENT
On Friday, 11 March, Just 4 Kids fundraising motor trail will be visiting our school for breakfast. Just 4 Kids will pay for breakfast and make a donation towards special education in our school. We are expecting around 30 people for breakfast. We will need volunteers to assist with the preparation and serving of food at approximately 7.30-9.00am. Please keep this date in mind.

OUT of SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSHC)
Tomorrow a note will go home regarding an opportunity for our school to apply for an OOSHC grant. In order to ascertain whether our school community would be interested in this we would like you to respond to our survey form and reply by the end of the week.

Out of hours care would involve before and after school care for infants and primary school children. An outside provider would manage the program and there would be a cost involved for each child attending.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
This term our primary staff are continuing their training in Focus on Reading (FOR) led by Mrs Whitchurch who is an accredited trainer. The primary staff are also continuing professional development in Taking off With Numeracy (TOWN).

Infants staff are continuing their training in L3 and L31 as well as continuing with Teaching Early Numeracy (TEN).

Staff have undertaken their mandatory training in Child Protection and Code of Conduct.

The teachers have also revisited the impact of trauma on the development of children. We are very appreciative of Mrs Christa Radley from Family Support Services for presenting this informative and challenging session for us.

Staff from the support unit have begun further training in teaching children with complex behaviours.

Next Week, Mrs Dolbel, Mrs Earsman, Mrs Deland and Mrs Breaden will be attending the National Future Schools conference in Sydney in order to keep up to date with the latest technology for education.
K-2 Week 5 Infants Assembly
1/2A will be presenting a brief item at the Infants assembly tomorrow Wednesday, 24 February. Parents, relatives and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Miss McWhirter

Information Evening at Parkes High School
On Tuesday, 1 March there will be an Information Evening at Parkes High School commencing at 6.00-6.30pm in the LP Johnston Hall. This evening is designed for interested families but attendance by parents of Years 5 and 6 students is very important. Parkes High School is an excellent secondary school and it is recommended you attend the evening to hear all about the programs on offer to your children.

The information session will be followed by an open night at 6.30-8.00pm which will include tours of the high school. There will be a BBQ, coffee, cakes and biscuits and a plant sale.

Student of the Week

Name: William Longhurst
Age: 11
Class: 6W
Teacher: Mrs Woolstencroft
Teacher comments: Will is an entertaining and engaging class member. He is eager to please and enjoys working with others.

Favourite activities: Sport, art, motorbikes and trucks.

What career interests you? I would like to be a mechanic.

Value of the Week

Consideration

What is Consideration?
Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel. It is paying attention to what other people like and don’t like, and doing things that give them happiness.

How do you practise Consideration?
Practise consideration by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You care about how they feel. You act as if other people are just as important as you are. You do little things to bring happiness to others. In giving a gift to someone, think carefully about what would please that person. Give tender attention to people who are sad.

Affirmation
I am considerate of others. I stop and think about how my actions affect them. I do thoughtful things that bring happiness to others.
Mrs Breaden's Message

Last Friday 29 of our students travelled to Condobolin to compete in the Lachlan Swimming Carnival. My congratulations to the students for their excellent sportsmanship and behaviour displayed at the carnival. Thank you to the parents who assisted our teachers on the day. Congratulations to the students who have made it to the Western carnival to be held next week!

Every fortnight our children focus on a different value that we would hope to instil in our students. A few weeks ago we were focusing on Kindness. Even though we have moved on from Kindness to Consideration I would like to share the following text which I recently came across. It comes from Word for the Day and is entitled 'The Power of Kindness'.

*Truly great people understand the power of kindness. Once while Abraham Lincoln was dining in the White House one of his guests blew on his coffee, poured it into his saucer and drank from it. As you might imagine, some of the refined ladies and gentlemen seated nearby were aghast and for a moment the room was filled with an embarrassed silence. Then Lincoln took his coffee, poured it into his saucer and for the rest of the evening drank directly from it. And you know what? Everyone else in the room followed suit. One small act of kindness saved a White House guest unbelievable embarrassment, and that simple but thoughtful gesture by one of Americas' greatest presidents reminds us of the value of setting an example of kindness.*

Stephen Grellet wrote: *I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.*

Each day has one thing in common with the next. Both offer opportunities to show kindness and when missed those opportunities leave you with unwanted regrets.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

*Mrs Breaden*

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Wednesday, 24 February .......... Canteen ‘Red’ Day
- Friday, 26 February ................. Lachlan Cricket Trials
- Tuesday, 1 March .................. Western Tennis
- Friday, 4 March .................... Western Swimming Carnival
- Friday, 11 March ................. Just 4 Kids Charity Event
- Tuesday, 15 March ............... School Photos
- Wednesday, 16 March .......... School Photos
- Thursday, 17 March ............... Lachlan Rugby League Trials
- Friday, 18 March .................. Girls Western Hockey Trials
- Monday, 21 March ............... P&C Meeting - 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 23 March .......... Infants Hat Parade - 2.00pm
- Wednesday, 6 April ............. State Swimming Carnival
- Thursday, 7 April ............... State Swimming Carnival

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**DON’T FORGET**

**Canteen ‘Red Day’**
Tomorrow, 24 February
Ice cream cones at lunchtime
$2.00 each

**Primary Assembly**
Friday, 26 February

**Just 4 Kids Breakfast**
Friday, 11 March
from 7.30-9.00am

**School Photos**
Tuesday, 15 March and Wednesday, 16 March
The children who received the literacy awards and capes at the Infants Assembly were:

Kindergarten: Anderson Ball
Savannah Latu

Year 2: Olivia Cotter
Shamus Podetti
Anna Cronin
Ruby Wilson
Kaleb Amor

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who gained a:

**White Merit Certificate**
- Holly Lee 1B
- Charlotte Gould 3W
- Samuel Quince 3/4S
- Ciaran Smiroldo 1/2A
- Joel MacGregor 3W
- Lucas Edwards 1B

Best wishes to our students Joseph Tanswell and Maddison McCormick who are travelling to Bathurst next Tuesday, 1 March for the Western Tennis Trials.

Good luck to Harry Jones, Henry Johns, Hunter Hawke, Wilson Duffy and Ryan Dunford at the Lachlan Cricket Trials this Friday.

**Lachlan Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to all swimmers who competed at Condobolin last Friday.

Good luck to the following swimmers who now progress to the Western Swimming Carnival in Dubbo on Friday, 4 March: Lucy Turner, Meg Turner, Jordan Moody, Liam Moody, Ewan Moody, Joel MacGregor, Lucy Hall, Harmih Turnbull, Danielle Goodrick, Zoe Anderson and Elizabeth MacGregor.

**Girls’ Netball Trials**
Thank you to all those students who have trialled for the Parkes Public School netball team. The team has not yet been finalised.

**PSSA Boys’ Cricket**
Thank you to all the boys who tried out for the cricket team. It was difficult to choose the 12 players. If you missed out this year I encourage you to try again in 2017.

Congratulations to the following boys for making the team:

Training starts this Friday, 26 February at Woodward Park from 4.00pm-5.00pm. Please bring your own gear as well as a drink and hat.

Our first game is on Wednesday, 9 March against Forbes Public School. The game will commence at 9.30am and be played on Gaggin Oval (across the road from the netball courts on the corner of Farnell Street and Bedgerebong Road - the whole complex is called King George V Park).

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*Mrs Cathy Pearsall - Manager*