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 Olivia Murray on achieving a School Merit Badge!

JUST4KIDS CHARITY EVENT
This Friday morning the Just4Kids Charity event, Surf to Snow will be visiting our school. Just4Kids is a Qld charity formed to support disabled and disadvantaged children. A team of 24 adults and two children is undertaking a motor trail from the Gold Coast to Jindabyne. They will be passing through Parkes and on Friday morning the driving teams will be coming to our school for breakfast. Our P&C will be catering for the event. In return, the charity will make a donation towards our sensory gym for the purchase of further equipment.

The rally cars will be parked in the Infants playground. Students and their families are invited to look at the cars from 7.30am until 8.45am. Any student wishing to come and look at the cars before 8.35am must be accompanied by a parent and must remain with their parents until 8.35am as staff are not on duty until that time.

Students who come to school at the normal time without parents will be given the opportunity to view the vehicles.

Breakfast is not for the students or parents, only for the Just4Kids volunteers.

P&C MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21 March at 7.30pm in the staff room.

SCHOOL PHOTOS are next Tuesday and Wednesday, 15 and 16 March. Further information and timetable is on page 7 of the newsletter.

INFANTS PARADE OF HATS
One of the great traditions of Parkes Public School is our ‘Parade of Hats’ that will be held on Wednesday, 23 March in the school hall from 2.00pm. 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.

On Tuesday, 22 March, K-2 will be making their hats with the assistance of some of our Year 6 students. Senior students will be helping our junior children with cutting, gluing, stapling and decorating.

We are seeking donations of scrap craft items - ribbons, feathers, sparkly materials, stickers - anything bright that will add colour and sparkle to the hats. We stress that all materials your child brings to school will be shared with his/her class.

Parents and family members are invited to watch the hat parade in our hall commencing at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 23 March. Each class will show their creations, so bring your cameras as it is always quite a spectacle.
OUR PROGRAMS
To ensure you are informed of the broad array of programs on offer for your children at our school, each week we are going to focus on one program.

Learning and Support Teachers
We are fortunate to have three Learning and Support Teachers. Mrs Morice teaches the Reading Recovery program which is for Year 1 students. Ms Richardson works with students in Kinder to Year 2, giving one-to-one or small group support in Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs Barry supports Years 3 to 6 students with specialist programs and small group work.

We also have intervention teachers, Mrs Wright and Mrs Unger who give individualised and small group instruction to children in the Infants classes. Mrs Peden undertakes intervention in Year 3.

K-2 Week 7 Infants Assembly
KE will be presenting an item at the infants assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 9 March. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Mrs Elliott

AECG Fundraiser
Our Junior AECG representatives, Samantha Riley, Kaitlyn Herft and Rebecca Kearney have organised an Easter egg hunt to raise money to purchase materials to repaint our Reconciliation rock. Children are asked to donate 50 cents to participate in the hunt. Our Easter egg hunt will take place on Thursday, 24 March. Money will be collected on the day of the hunt.

Assistance Needed Please!!
We have purchased a large gym mat for our sensory gym from Parkes Early Childhood Centre. It is too big to fit on a tray back ute. We are hoping one of our dads with a small truck may be able to pick up the mat and deliver it to school. Please contact our office if you are able to help.

No hat, No Play
♦ Teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule.
♦ Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn at school.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SCHOOLS
Last Friday some students took part in Clean up Australia Day at lunch time. They collected any rubbish found on the school grounds. Students enjoyed the experience and will hopefully remember the importance of always putting their rubbish in the bin and picking up rubbish as they walk past it. Here are some photos of the children happily involved in the experience.
Congratulations to our swimmers who represented Lachlan at the Western carnival last Friday. Special accolades to Meg Turner who has gained selection in the Western team to swim at the state carnival in April.

On a different note, I would like to request that if your children bring home items that do not belong to them that you encourage the return of them the next day. Unfortunately some very special items have been taken from teachers’ desks and children’s bags over the last few weeks. **THIS IS STEALING!** If children are allowed to get away with stealing when they are young, the chance of them continuing this behaviour into adulthood is significant. Children who find items in the playground should give those items to a teacher so they can be returned to the rightful owner. It is not okay to keep items that are found!

Please instil respectful, responsible and law abiding behaviour in your children.

In last week’s newsletter we outlined the importance of attendance at school. Michael Grose has published a helpful article on ‘Getting Kids to School on Time’.

**Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.**

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in 10 minutes and you are not even dressed yet!” Is this scenario familiar? You are not alone! Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

- **Establish a morning routine.** Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.
- **Identify and remove distractions such as television.** If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.
- **Teach some of the basics of time management.** The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.
- **Arrive at school ten minutes early.** Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.
- **Model a good routine.** It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed.

I will be on leave from today and will return to school next Tuesday. There will be an Assistant Principal in the office each day to manage the daily happenings.

Have a wonderful week, everyone!

Mrs Breaden

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday, 11 March ....................... Just4Kids 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

### DON’T FORGET

- **Uniform Stocktake Sale**
  - Tomorrow, Wednesday, 9 March from 3.00-5.00pm
- **Just4Kids Breakfast**
  - Friday, 11 March from 7.30-9.00am
- **Primary Assembly**
  - Friday, 11 March at 2.00pm
- **Book Club - Issue 2**
  - Closes Thursday, 17 March
The children who received the literacy awards and capes at the Infants Assembly were:

Kindergarten: Rhys Kennedy
Jeanie White

Year 1: Gemma Jefferay
Zachery Guy

Year 2: Nate Harrison
Liliana Latu

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gained a:

White Merit Certificate
- Phoebe Smith 1/2A
- Alana Murray 1B
- Lionel Manurung 1B
- Eamon Moody 1B
- Olivia Murray 5D

Badge
- Olivia Murray 5D

Confidence

What is Confidence?
Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.

Why Practise Confidence?
Without confidence, fears and doubts hold us back. We feel worried and uncertain, and afraid of making a mistake. With confidence, we try new things and learn all the time.

How Do You Practise Confidence?
Practising confidence is knowing you are worthwhile whether you win or lose, succeed or fail. You feel sure of yourself and gladly learn from your mistakes. You don’t allow doubt or fear to stop you. You try lots of new things and discover what you are best at. You think positively. You have confidence in life, trusting that all things work together for good.
Uniform Shop News

MASSIVE UNIFORM STOCKTAKE SALE
When: Tomorrow, Wednesday, 9 March from 3.00-5.00pm
Where: Infant side COLA - next to the hall
Canteen will be open for afternoon tea.

Huge amount of second hand clothing from $2.00 to $15.00

New items also reduced!!
- School backpacks $10.00
- Black soccer shorts (size 4 to XL) $5.00
- Black stockings $4.00 or three for $10.00
- Size 16 jumpers $10.00
- Short sleeve polo shirts (size 16 and 18) $4 each or 3 for $10
- Long sleeve polo shirts (size 4 to 18) $6 each or 3 for $15

Discontinued New Stock Reduced!!
- Broad-Brimmed Hats (firm brim)
- Grey Socks
- White Socks
- Girls Navy Trousers
- Navy Netball Skirts

Plus plenty of other bargains. Only while stock lasts!!!!!

Competitions

2016 AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6.
The closing date for entry in the following competitions is Wednesday, 6 April.
The competitions will be held on the following dates:
- Digital Technologies (Computer) - Tuesday, 17 May
- Science - Tuesday, 31 May

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION
I give permission for my child/ren:
___________________________ Class ______
___________________________ Class ______
___________________________ Class ______
to participate in the 2016 Australasian Schools Digital Technologies Competition.
Please find enclosed $8.00 entry fee for each child.
Parent/carer ________________________
Date ________________________

SCIENCE COMPETITION
I give permission for my child/ren:
___________________________ Class ______
___________________________ Class ______
___________________________ Class ______
to participate in the 2016 Australasian Schools Science Competition.
Please find enclosed $8.00 entry fee for each child.
Parent/carer ________________________
Date ________________________
Good luck to Jordan Moody, Meg Turner and Lucy Turner who are attending the Western Hockey Trials on Friday, 18 March!

Lachlan Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Hunter Hawke and Wilson Duffy who were selected in the Lachlan PSSA Cricket Team!

PSSA Boys’ Hockey Tryouts
Boys’ hockey tryouts will be held next Monday, 14 March and Monday, 21 March from 5.00-6.00pm at the Steven Davies Hockey Turf.

We are in need of a goal keeper so be thinking about having a go with the pads on.

Selectors will be Mr Tanswell and myself.

If you are unable to make tryouts you must speak to me before next Monday. You will need to attend at least one tryout session to be considered for the team.

Remember trialling indicates you will be committed to the team and you will be agreeing to being at training each Monday from 5.00-6.00pm.

Judy Elliott, Team Manager

Lachlan PSSA Selection Trials for Boys’ and Girls’ Football (Soccer)
Lachlan PSSA Selection Trials for boys’ and girls’ Football will be held on Tuesday, 15 March. The trials will be held at Harrison Park in Parkes. The boys’ trials will start at 9.00-10.00am and the girls’ trials will start at 10.30am-12.00pm. If your child is in years 3-6 and would like to try out for the Lachlan team please see Mrs Watson.

Netball Team 2016
Congratulations to the 50 students who trialled for our school netball team this year. It was great to see so many students wanting to improve their skills and be part of a team to represent our school.

The following students will be part of our team to play early next term:
Samantha Riley, Danielle Goodrick, Sharna Ross, Holly MacGregor, Lucy Turner, Jorja Rusten, Kasey Mills, Meg Turner and Kaleigh Mills.

Students will be advised of training days this week.

Miss Bowkett and Mrs Dolbel

Western Swimming Carnival
On Friday, 3 March Parkes Public School swimmers travelled to Dubbo to participate as part of the Lachlan Team to compete at the Western Swimming Carnival. Lots of the swimmers achieved personal best times and one swimmer from Forbes broke a record which had been held for 26 years. Great sportsmanship and team work was displayed by the Lachlan Team including our Parkes Public School students. A great day was had by all.

Congratulations to Meg Turner who will be competing at Homebush in April in five events as an 11 year old. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish her the best of luck!

Lucy and Meg Turner
School Photos

Dear Parents and Students of Parkes Public School,

Your photo days are: Tuesday, 15 and Wednesday, 16 March.

This year your school photos will be available to order online - it’s quick, easy and secure (PayPal/Credit Card). No envelopes will be handed out, but each child will bring home a slip with their unique ‘SHOOT KEY’. If you don’t have one, please email us: cliff@cliffdykes.com.au

To order just go to our Website
• www.cliffdykes.com.au
• select “Order Online”
• set up an account
• enter your shoot key
• click on your child’s image and select your preferred background
• select your package
• if you wish to enter another child’s code, just click ‘Change Shoot’ from the menu
• once you have completed your orders, go to checkout.

Photo packages range in price from $15.00 to $40.00. Family portraits are priced at $35.00. All packages ordered within 21 days of photo day will be returned to Parkes Public School. After 21 days a postage and handling fee of $7.95 will be added to the purchase price and the package will be posted to you.

Family Photo Envelopes will be available at the school office. Please send in on photo day.

Please contact our Production Centre if you have any problems on 6342 3070 or email at: cliff@cliffdykes.com.au

Thank you and please enjoy your photographs.
Cliff and Kay Dykes

Timetable for Photos

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Please note:
• All students will have their photo taken
• Times are approximate
• No money is to be brought to school. Orders are to be made online or by telephoning the photographer: 6342 3070
• If your child has an appointment or absent on their day their photo can be taken at another time during the two days
• The photographers will advise on a catch up date.
Bikes Out of Sheds Social Ride

Sunday, 13 March is the day to pull the bikes out of the shed and join a happy group of cyclists at the East Street end of the Pak Park cycle path and enjoy a ride around the two kilometre circular route. It doesn't matter if you are riding a trike, a penny farthing or a flashy road bike. Just come down and enjoy yourselves with the crowd where there will be experienced riders to help you with seat height, flat tyres and even advice on riding. Bring your children and their grandparents. No need for flashy clothes. Just turn up at 8.00am and enjoy yourselves.

There will even be a bicycle mechanic at the start for minor repairs to the bike which has been sitting in the shed for who knows how long!

For more information see https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/sixty-ride/locations/3911/ or ring Peter on 0448 166 016.

Free Eye Testing

The Wellington Aboriginal Medical Services Eye Health team are outreaching free eye testing to the Parkes Shire Indigenous Community.

This is a free service and is being outreached to the newly open Aboriginal Health Centre located at 71 Currajong Street once every 12 weeks.

Tell your GP during your ATSI Health Check if you have any concerns regarding your eye health or phone the Eye Health Coordinator Amanda Corcoran on 0427 335 939 to book in for your free consultation.

When: Wednesday, 11 May 2016
Where: Currajong Aboriginal Health Centre, 71 Currajong Street, Parkes.