



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

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Dear Parents and Community Members.....

5/6 excursion

All students arrived on time and left bright and early on Monday morning to head for the Gold Coast.

Unfortunately there were a number of students that didn't last too long into the trip with quite a few succumbing to bus sickness which apparently made them a little late arriving.

After that all has been great with students settling into their accommodation and having fun.

Today they spent the majority of the day at Seaworld, while tomorrow they travel to Brisbane, the Science Centre and the Police Museum.

Thursday they visit Dreamworld and are expected back around **9:30pm on Thursday night**.

New Staff

Our school has had a new staff member appointed for 2013, replacing Mrs Rita Campbell.

Her name is Ms Allison Rivett and she comes from a small school near Dubbo. This will be Allison's first permanent appointment and we are hoping that she will be visiting us next week to meet staff and students and to view the school and town.

Mrs Tracy Caldwell has recently been successful in gaining the position of Assistant Principal through the merit selection process. This was the position that was vacated by Mrs Wendy Buckley.

We wish Tracy all the best in her new role within the school.

Dates

Tuesday, November 27th- Year 6 orientation day at Tenterfield High School.

Monday, December 3rd- Year 6 orientation at the cinema.

Tuesday, December 4th- Year 6 orientation at the RSL hall.

Thursday, December 6th- Scripture assembly and thank you luncheon to helpers.

Friday, December 7th- PB Assembly 10:00am, and Reports go home.

Tuesday, December 11th- Presentation Day 9:30am.

Thursday, December 13th- Year 6 farewell at Kurrajong Downs.

Monday, December 17th- Rewards Day, pool booked for both K-2 and 3-4.

Wednesday, December 19th- Last day for students.

Attendance

Please ensure that if your child is away for any reason that a note be sent in to the class teacher or a phone call is made to the office explaining their absence.

Year 6 Transition Days

A reminder that the Year 6 Orientation Day is on **Tuesday, November 27th**. This is the official transition day and is aside from any other days that have already been held.

Parents are invited to this day and to view classrooms from 11:15am-12:40pm while the Year 6 students will be involved in lessons.

A note has gone home to those Year 6 students who want to be involved. Students will meet at SHPMPS as normal and walk down to the High School at approximately 10:45am.

There are also 2 more transition to school days being organised by Tenterfield Family and Youth Support Service on **Monday and Tuesday 3rd/4th December**.

All students will be meeting at the school and walking down to the venues on both days.

Books in Home Program

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Lorelle O'Brien for all of the great work she achieved in coordinating the Books in Home program.

This enabled all of our students to receive 3 **free** books to take home and keep as part of an extended reading program in the home. This was a great opportunity for our students and Mrs O'Brien did a wonderful job in ordering and coordinating this program.

Well done, I hope you enjoy the books you have received.

When your teen's new best friend is a bad influence

Best friends are a key part of adolescents' lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child's best buddy is a bad influence? Experts discuss different approaches.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

Help your kids enjoy reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet.

Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

Book Club

The final book club pamphlets for the year have been given out to children. They are due back at school **before 9am Thursday, November 22nd**. The order will be placed that day.

Crunch and Sip and Health Message

Peaches – did you know that peaches originated in China?



Peaches contain vitamins A and C along with calcium and potassium. These vitamins help keep eyes, hearts, urinary tracts (kidneys) and digestive systems healthy while helping maintain a high level of immunity enabling the individual to fight off colds.

Some also say they help with stomach ulcers. They contain NO saturated fats. Look for peaches rich in colour and which aren't excessively soft.

Sun Protection

It is starting to warm up which means the sun's rays are becoming more dangerous and although it is recommended we expose our skin to 20 minutes of sunlight each day remember to avoid doing this between the hours of 10am-2pm.



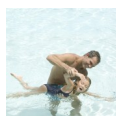
We also need to ensure we:

- Wear protective, sun safe clothing;
- Wear a sun safe hat (that covers/shades our ears and necks);
- Wear sunscreen;
- Are in the shade where and when possible;
- Wear sunglasses;
- and Drink lots of water.



Intensive Swimming Scheme

Intensive swimming test day is **TOMORROW, Wednesday, November 21st**.



The 2 week program will then commence on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th** and FINISH on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th** (ten days). Please ensure your child has their swimmers, a towel and sunscreen which must be all labelled.

If required, they may wear a cap and goggles (these ARE NOT TO BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY and students MUST be able to put them on themselves). Students with long hair are required to put their hair up.

On the test day, students are required to wear **sports uniform including joggers (NO THONGS) and a sun safe hat.**

Cricket and Soccer Challenge Day

This Friday, November 23rd approximately 40 students in Years 3 and 4 will walk to Shirley Park to participate in a fun day to learn and develop cricket and soccer skills.



The students will be involved in a number of games against other schools with only 8 players being on each team.

5-A-Side Hockey

During Terms 3 and 4, 11 teams (55 students), have participated in the school 5-a-side hockey competition. They selected their team members and team name. Students have given up their lunch times and recesses to be involved in the competition.

It was fantastic to witness the students' enthusiasm, improved skills, positive communication and excellent teamwork (teams were mixed –female and male students and students from different years). For many students it was their first game of hockey.

All teams played about 7 or 8 games. The finals were held last Wednesday. In the gold medal match the Bubblegum Nerds defeated the Hockeyroos 2-1 in extra time.

In the bronze medal match Cocca Loccas defeated the Cherryripes 2-0.



Congratulations to all the students who were involved and thank you for your enthusiasm!

Copying and plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

3/4M Science

Last Wednesday, the students in 3/4M attempted an assessment task in Science.

The students were placed into small groups and were required to plan, prepare and teach a science experiment to the class.

The students have been learning about air pressure this term with Miss Stevens (prac student). The students chose an experiment from the work completed with Miss Stevens and carried out the experiments.

Some students dressed up as scientists and wore lab coats and safety goggles. The students were then given twenty-five questions to complete from what they had observed and learnt about. The experiments were a success and the students thoroughly enjoyed participating in this activity.



CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
NOV	7	19	20	21 * Swimming test day	22 Mr Daniels away at Drake for part of the day.	23 *Cricket & Soccer day	24/25
	Yr 5/6 Exc						
NOV/ DEC	8	26	27 * Y 6 Transition day at THS	28	29	30 *Assemblies	1/2
	Swim School						

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 21st Kim Cox, Sharon Hollis
Thur 22nd Monika Freeman, Sue Clarke
Fri 23rd Lou Holley, (help needed please)
Mon 26th Monika Freeman
Tue 27th Angela Brown
Wed 28th Aleeca Zellers, Kim Cox, Vicki Hill

Homebake (next week)

Mon 26th If you can bake, thank you
Wed 28th If you can bake, thank you
Fri 30th Tamai Davidson

DONATIONS (This Week)

Tomato Sauce Lisa Gruber
Blocked Cheese Megan Condrick
Cruskits Jess Gibbins
Lettuce Tracy Caldwell
Margarine Megan Niesen
Carrots Nicole Arnold
Sliced Beetroot Roselee Henry, Roberta Koch
Mayonnaise Trudy Campbell, Kristine McCowen

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Davina Evans, Oliver Smith-O'Rourke, Haylee Sheppard, Jayden Swan, Adam Thomas, Sarah Klazema, Ella Wishart, Courtney Tonkin, Tyler Sargeant, Zac Liberman

SILVER PENNANT:

Renee Jenkins, Olivia Bates, Rosie Snape, Bonnie Zappa, Jimi Henry, Will Holley, Rylee Cooper, Katie Preston, Byron Spittles,

BRONZE PENNANT:

Luke Preston

KINDNESS CERTIFICATE:

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

POOL PARTY "WE GO TO RIO"

At Tenterfield swimming pool on Saturday, December 1st
 Starting at 5:30pm-9pm
 Cost will be \$30 Accompanying parents free
 All ages welcome

Big new inflatable, music, games and loads of prizes
 including best dressed
 Theme is "trotto"

A Wintersong fundraiser

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The theme is "CREATIVITY"
WHERE: Drake Public School
WHEN: November 22nd 2012
RULES: Scarecrow to be in (roughly) human form

To be delivered to the school on November 21st 2012
 Must be clearly labeled with the name of the entry and the artist.

SANTA PHOTOS

Visit Santa at "Tanglewood" Christmas shop and have your child's photo taken with Santa

WHEN: Wednesday, December 5th
 Thursday, December 6th
 Friday, December 7th
 Wednesday, December 12th
 Friday, December 14th
 Between 4pm and 6pm
 And
 Saturday, December 15th between 3:30pm-5:30pm

MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK-"Farmyard Pack"

A bag of chicken chippies plus a popper with a bowl of warm apple crumble and custard \$4.50



Other choices: Egg & Lettuce sandwich \$2.50
 2 mini pies \$2.00
 NOT TO BE PART OF THE MEAL DEAL



3/4M SCIENCE DAY

