



# NEWSLETTER

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## Assemblies

## The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

Term 1, Week 2, 2013

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### Dear Parents and Community Members.....

#### Classes

We have had a few minor changes to students in classes and may have a few more this week but on the whole the classes are extremely settled.

It is fantastic to see students ready for work and "getting down to business" as teachers begin the work for the year.

Most classes are around the 25/26 mark in terms of the amount of students in them. We have quite a few support personnel working within classes especially infants.

Mrs Robyn Hillier will be working throughout the infants classes for half days Monday-Thursday in a support role.

Mrs Joanne McIntosh will continue working 5 days per week also concentrating in infants with both the Multi-lit program and support work within the rooms.

Mrs Maddocks will continue with the Soundway and Multi-lit programs along with Mrs Harris, Ms Hall and Mrs Cichon concentrating on the 1/2 classes initially.

Mr Malcolm Wightman will work within the primary area for half a day Wednesday and all day Thursday and Friday.

Mr Swan will be concentrated in the primary classes initially.

This means we are able to support a wide range of students both in infants and primary to offer the most support that is possible.

Unfortunately the school will not have access to a permanent school counsellor as Mrs Vause has taken leave without pay for all of this year and is unable to be replaced.

#### Kindergarten

What an exciting time for our youngest members of the school as they enter their first full week of "big school". We had 39 students start school yesterday in what was a very busy and exciting day.

We know they will enjoy their time at Sir Henry Parkes School and wish them all the best for the coming days and years as they begin to learn the school rules and boundaries and start their formal schooling.

From what I have seen so far they are an excellent group of students and I look forward to seeing them progress and grow.

#### Numbers

As is always the case our numbers fluctuate throughout the year with both students coming in and out of the school. Our official numbers are due in to the Dept. this Friday and at the current stage we are around 268 students.

#### Life Education Van

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school in the next 2 weeks and all classes will have the opportunity to visit the van which is an extremely valuable social and life skills program.

The school as a whole sees this as extremely important and as such has heavily subsidised the cost of the program.

It is normally \$9 per student to be a part of the Life Education program but we are only going to ask each student to pay \$3.

That means the school is paying \$6 per student to attend the program. That's a bargain in anyone's language so don't miss out on this great opportunity, \$3 per student is very affordable.



#### Toilet refurbishment

The work on the infants and primary girls toilets is progressing along nicely and I have a meeting on Friday morning to inspect the toilets with a view to the possibility of the girls being able to use them in the following week.

We will still have demountable toilets on site while the boys toilets (both infants and primary) are completed. Hopefully all work will be completed on time to be able us to utilise them properly.

#### P&C

There is an informal meeting tonight at 6:30pm in the primary staffroom. This is to discuss the welcome BBQ and our term 1 fundraiser (NRL Calcutta on March 16).

All new members are welcome to attend and if anyone is willing to help out please contact Deanne Eaton on 0401035572.



The P&C AGM will be held on **Tuesday, February 19 starting at 6:30pm.**

It is vitally important that we have parents involved in what is happening at this great school of ours so please come along for an hour, possibly volunteer some time and help support not only other parents but the teachers and staff of this school.

## Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip has begun again. Our school has a regular Crunch and Sip break every day at approximately 10am for our students to refuel on fruit or vegetables and rehydrate on water.



You can help your child participate in the following ways:

- Provide your child with a clean, clear plastic water bottle (with their name clearly marked). This can be any clear bottle, such as an empty water, sports drink or juice bottle. Make sure you wash the bottle each night!
- Students will also need a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at their desk. The fruit can be any variety of whole (strawberries, peach, plum, nectarine, banana, oranges – please peel) or chopped fruit (such as apple, melon, mango, fruit in tubs in natural juice or sultanas), or vegies such as celery or carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes.
- No other food or drinks are permitted for Crunch and Sip.

Thank you for your support of Crunch&Sip!

**NOTE: dried fruit contains a high concentration of natural sugar, and this tends to stick to teeth. This increases the risk of tooth decay. Although dried fruit is permitted, fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice.**

## Sport House Captains

Last Thursday, our 4 Sports Houses selected their captains for 2013.

Congratulations to all students who nominated themselves for selection.

Their first job will be to lead their House and assist the teachers in the School Swimming Carnival this Thursday.

The 2013 Sport House Captains are:

**BRUXNER** – Amber Butler and Ethan Graham

**DONALDSON** – Hayley Peterson and Patrick Alcock

**GOUDY** – Aislyn Kerr and Nikkea Cameron

**McKENZIE** – Isabella Franchi and Tyler Sargeant



## School Swimming Carnival

Our 2013 school swimming carnival will be held on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February** with the back-up day being Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February.

This is a compulsory event for students in Years 3-6 (MUST attend the carnival) and students who are in Years 1 or 2 and who can competently and confidently swim the length of the pool may attend and compete in their age race for freestyle.

Students aged under 8 are only permitted to swim in their age race (freestyle).

If your child has not received a note please contact the front office. If you can assist with time keeping (even if just for part of the day) please contact Miss Eakin.

Students aren't the only ones to have all the fun, parents get yourself a team of swimmers together and you can race in the relay against some Year 6 students and the teachers.

**NOTES AND/OR MONEY is due to class teachers by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## Coles Sports For Schools Equipment



Thank you to all the families and friends who brought in Coles Sports For Schools vouchers. Our equipment has arrived and has been distributed throughout the school. Items included: AFL kits, stop watches, pump, football fending kits and tackle bags, folding goals, soft-balls, shin guards, sunscreen, touch football kit, stickers and whistles. THANK YOU!!!

## Knock-Out Sport Trials



Over the next few weeks, teachers will be holding trials for various P.S.S.A. Knock-out Sports. Students in years 3-6 are eligible to trial. The sports include boys' and girls' soccer, hockey, basketball; girls' netball; boys' touch football and rugby league.



These sports often require travelling which will involve a cost for transport (e.g. petrol).

Please discuss with your child whether they are able to trial for the sport/s. Also explain to them that it is a big commitment as they are part of a team – they will probably have to give up many lunch times for training.

## Horse Sports



During the year, there are many opportunities for those who own and ride horses to participate in various carnivals. However, due to the requirements of a staff member needing to attend and the small number of students involved, we are only able to allow students to attend a limited number of these carnivals.

Those interested in being involved in a carnival or carnivals need to contact Mr Daniels A.S.A.P.

## Debating

Over the next couple of weeks, trials will be held for the school's debating teams. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 they may try out.



Please discuss this with them as there would be a cost involved as we travel to some debates and a great commitment is required as your child may have to do some preparation at home.

# CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
JAN	2	4 *Kinder start	5	6	7 *School Swimming Carnival	8	9/10
JAN	3	11 *School Swimming Carnival back up day *Life Ed Van	12 *Life Ed Van	13 *Life Ed Van	14	15 *Zone Swimming Carnival—Glen Innes	16/17

## CANTEEN

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	6th	Kim Cox
Thur	7th	SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Fri	8th	Help needed please
Mon	11th	Monika Freeman
Tue	12th	Help needed please
Wed	13th	Kim Cox

### Bookclub

Issue 1 leaflets have been handed out this week. Orders need to be placed in the purple box at the front office

**BEFORE 9am Thursday,  
February 14<sup>th</sup>**

as orders will be placed that day. Please ensure that your child's name and roll class are on the order forms and placed in an envelope with the correct money.

**Please find attached our menu and price list for Term 1 also if you could please take time to read through our voluntary help sheet. Thank-you**



### MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK— "Fresh is best"

Long roll filled with lettuce, cheese and mayo topped with a crumbed chicken tenderloin plus a popper and a ice cream in a cone \$5.00



Other choices: Ham & Cheese Sandwich \$2.20  
Hot dog in Roll \$2.60

**NOT TO BE ORDERED AS PART OF THE MEAL DEAL**

### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

#### Aussie Kids 4 Christ Club

AK4C Club is for Children from Pre school age to Yr 6 Registration day and our first lesson will be Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm - 5pm

AK4C will be on every Wednesday (except NSW school holidays)

In the Tenterfield Presbyterian Hall corner Manners & Logan street

**Children will enjoy games-singing-bible lessons and a light snack**

**Cost is FREE**

Contact: Merelyn Gibbins on 0447 387 921  
Jim Seymour on 0415 265 454

#### Tenterfield Challenging Kids

A FREE course for understanding and parenting easily frustrated, chronically inflexible children.

WHEN: Wednesday, 13th February 10am-2pm

WHERE: Tenterfield Community Hub 204 Rouse St

COST: FREE-please book by 7th February

Enquires/Bookings Contact: (02) 67387200 OR FREE CALL 1800 372 826

#### Tenterfield Physical Culture

Lessons Start Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, at the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School.

Class times **Monday**-Ladies 7pm-8pm

**Tuesday**-Tinkerbells (preschoolers) 3.30-4pm

5-8 Years- 4pm-5pm

9-12 Years- 5pm-6pm

13-15 Years-6pm-7pm.

A lesson that incorporates, Ballet, Gymnastics, Pilates, Jazz, and Hip Hop all in one.

Come and Have a look!

For More information- Jude 0438585319

#### Tenterfield Scouts

The Scouts will be running this year for ages 7 to 10 year olds. The focus will be craft and cooking or any other activity that is of interest. Please contact Kerri Swain if at all interested: 6736 1466/67364252, kerri@jandk.com.au.



# OUR LITTLE KINDY'S

