



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

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Dear Parents and Community Members.....

Apologies, our photocopier is currently out of action hence the different look to the Newsletter this week.

Toilet Refurbishment Update

The primary boy's toilet was open as of today for the primary boys meaning we only have one toilet still undergoing the upgrade which is the infant's boys.

That will take a number of weeks to complete especially with the wet weather.

Class Meetings

Don't forget that class meetings are happening tonight and all parents are welcome to attend. This is a great way to meet the classroom teacher and to find out what is happening in the classroom.

Meetings are as follows:

Years 5/6 classes and 4/5C - 4:30pm-5:00pm

Years 3/4 classes and 2/3M - 5:00pm-5:30pm

Years 1/2 classes - 5:30-6:00pm

Kindergarten classes - 6:00-6:40pm.

Please come along and hear your child's teacher discuss classroom issues.



Mr Daniels in Canberra

Next week I will be in Canberra as one of 13 principals chosen from NSW and 65 from around the country to attend meetings with the Minister of Education.

We will have the opportunity to discuss issues and upcoming events like the National Curriculum implementation and the ongoing funding arrangements and reshuffle within the department.

I would also like the opportunity to discuss the issues around remote localities and low socio economic environments.

SRC Assembly

This **Thursday, February 28th** we will be holding a special Student Representative Council assembly to induct selected students of 2013.

This will occur at **10:30am** in the Bruxner Hall and will not be a normal assembly but will be specifically to induct the selected students into the SRC.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Last Wednesday, our four school leaders, Rachel Cowin, Katie Preston, Chaney Rhodes and Declynd Morris attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Toowoomba.

The conference provided our leaders with strategies and skills to develop their leadership ability and encouraged them to make an impact on others, whilst growing as a leader themselves. They set goals, devised plans for possible upcoming school events and learnt the four main principles of effective leadership:

Heads- Thinking differently.

Shoulders – Carrying the load for others.

Knees- Moving forwards.

Toes- Balancing responsibilities.

Ms Coats would like to congratulate our school leaders on their exceptional behaviour and wish them all the

best in their role as a school leaders for 2013.

Primary Choir 2013

Primary Choir has started for 2013 and Ms Coats was so impressed with the 82 students who put their name down to audition for choir.

It has been a very challenging task trying to listen to all of these students and form the final Primary Choir. Ms Coats will finalise the choir this Wednesday afternoon, but would like to congratulate all of those students who had the confidence to audition.

Boy's Shed

This year, our school is running a program titled "Boy's Shed", which aims to increase Years 4, 5 and 6 boys connectedness to school and develop skills outside of a classroom setting. Malcolm Wightman, Geoff Swan, Carolyn Hall, Dennis Hillery and Hayley Coats will work with the boys on a Thursday afternoon and will be involved in activities such as circus skills, Aboriginal painting, gardening and other hands on activities.

Ms Coats is always looking for new ideas, so if you have any skills or talents that you think our boys could learn, please contact her at school and she would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Year 6 Jumpers

NOTES AND MONEY for Year 6 jumpers are due by **THURSDAY, MARCH 7th**.

Year 5 and 6 Fundraiser

Year 5 and 6 students are selling chocolates to raise funds to assist with their expenses for their major end of year excursion to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre at Lennox Head. Chocolates only cost \$2 and could be a great alternative Easter gift than the traditional gifts while assisting

P&C

We would like to welcome a slightly new committee to the P&C as well as thank the outgoing committee for all of the hard work that they have completed over a number of years. The new committee is as follows:

President: Deanne Eaton

Vice President: Troy Hillier

2nd Vice President: Louise Holley

Secretary: Hughie McCowen

Treasurer: Mark Thomas

Next meeting is on Tuesday, March 12th



The P&C will be holding a Rugby League Calcutta on **Saturday, March 16th at 6pm** at the golf club.

Tickets will be \$1 each and it is well worth people pooling together to form a syndicate. Tickets are now available for sale from the front office so start thinking about bidding on your favourite team!!

Crunch and Sip

Why should children eat more fruit and vegetables?

We all know fruit and vegetables are good for us, and they taste great! They are packed full of vitamins and minerals that are important for growth and development and are a source of dietary fiber, which prevents constipation.

Regularly eating diets high in fruit and vegetables protects us against a number of diseases. More than 80% of primary school age children in NSW do not consume the recommended amount of vegetables.

This places them at risk of developing disease, such as diabetes, later in life.

Crunch and sip ensures students are consuming at least one serve of fruit or vegetables each day, and can help increase the total number of serves they are eating each day.

So encourage your child to eat fruit and veg at home and at school. And don't forget to send some fruit or vegetables to school each day for your child to enjoy during Crunch and Sip break.

REMEMBER 2 and 5 – 2 pieces of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables a day!

Health Message

Having healthy teeth does not take much effort (brush twice a day and when children get older they can even floss) and provides many benefits such as strong teeth which are able to eat a variety of healthy foods and a nice smelling breath. Having healthy teeth and gums also prevents cardiovascular (heart) disease, Australia's leading killer.



Regional Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, a team of 25 swimmers attended the Zone Swimming carnival in Glen Innes.

All students were exceptional ambassadors of our school as they were beautifully behaved, displayed fantastic sportsmanship, demonstrated excellent efforts and achieved some pleasing results.

An ENORMOUS THANK YOU to the families who assisted with transport and supported and encouraged all of the students involved. Without you our students would not have these opportunities.

Next, Tuesday, March 5th 14 students will represent our school and zone at the regional swimming carnival to be held in Armidale.

We wish them well and safe travelling.



Athletics Selections

Our school athletics carnival will be held in **Term 2 on Friday, May 24th** at Federation Park. This term, for Friday sport, students aged 8-13yrs will participate in selection trials for the field events.



Discus will be finalised here at school. From high jump, long jump and shot put approximately 5-10 students will be selected to participate in finals for these events on the day of the carnival.

Year 2-6 Social "B"

The first Years 2-6 disco will be held on **Wednesday, March 6th** from 5 until 7pm. The theme is the letter "B".

There will be prizes for best dressed boy and girl in each year and a lucky door prize. The cost is \$4.50 which covers entertainment (lots of games, dances and a chance for students to "Hit the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School catwalk") a light supper (a packet of chips and a popper) with prizes, and also supports our sponsor child in Vietnam.

So come dressed as Batman, a banana, a ballerina, a bandicoot, David Beckham, a Bulldog supporter or anything starting with "B" and have some fun!

Oracles of the Bush Art Workshops

On Monday, volunteers from the Oracles of the Bush Committee visited The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School. The committee organised and ran art workshops for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The theme for this year is "Sounds of the Bush".

Geoff and Jann Newman ran the art workshops with the support of committee members and community volunteers.

The students were taught how to create texture using a mixture of colours, as well as depth and contrast to try and achieve a three-dimensional effect. Each student was able to design an artwork consistent with the theme.

The artworks will be judged and a selected few will be featured on display at the Oracles of the Bush celebrations.



The students and staff would like to thank the Oracles of the Bush committee and the community volunteers for taking the time to organise and present a wonderful event which is so important to our town and its identity.

Soccer

During the past two weeks the students in years 3-6 have had the opportunity to try out for the school soccer teams.

It was great to see over 60 girls and boys attempt selection. The weather made training sessions hard so some Friday afternoon sport's sessions were used.

Mr Manser was not choosing students by their age, rather their ability to kick and pass the ball, communicate with their team mates and finally their overall knowledge and understanding of the game.

The following students have been selected in The Sir Henry Parkes **Boy's Team**:

Bayley Daniels, Mackenzie Cox, Luke Bates, Kori Eaton, Adam Hayne, Aymon Rhodes, Toby Watt, Hamish Cook, Laughlin Brack, Anthony Luxford, Ethan Graham, Chaney Rhodes, Tyler Sergeant and Jacob Chawner.

The **Girl's soccer team** includes:

Murraya Horan, Katie McQuirk, Jaimee McKinley, Laylah Maher, Samantha Croft, Isabella Franchi, Phoebe Cooper, Jade Shearer, Monique Hooper, Merinda McIntosh, Terri-Ann Lane, Courtney Watt, Rachel Cowin and Kirri-Lee Cutmore.

The 2012 teams performed well last year, especially the girl's team who made it to the top 8 in the state. Mr Manser believes that this year's teams could be strong with practice, determination and improved communication skills.

Furthermore, once the students find their specialist position on the field, the team could gel like last year and anything could be possible.

CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
FEB/ MAR	5	25 *Art Day	26 *Parent/Teacher Class Meetings	27	28 *SRC Assembly 10:30am-11:00am	1 *Mr Daniels-Away *German Band- THS 11:30am *Clean up Australia Day	2/3
	6	4	5 *Mr Daniels- Away *Regional Swimming- Armidale	6 *Mr Daniels-Away *Social 5-7pm YRS 2-6	7 *Mr Daniels-Away	8 *Boys/Girls Soccer trials-here *Assembly Infants 11:30am Primary 12:15pm	9/10

CANTEEN

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Wed 27th Kim cox, Sharon Hollis, Lea Rossington
Thur 28th Monika Freeman, Michelle Bates
Fri 1st Janice Chawner, Dan Sheppard
Mon 4th Monika Freeman, Carmel Moore
Tue 5th Angela Brown
Wed 6th Kim Cox, Toni Lane, Michelle Battersby

Homebake (next week)

Mon 4th Lara Flanagan
Wed 6th Jenny Petrie
Fri 8th Tracy Caldwell

DONATIONS (This Week)

Margarine Tonya Blaker
Cruskits Lisa Beltrame
Mayonnaise Michelle Battersby
Block Cheese Marie Low
Vegemite Heather Brown
Sliced Beetroot Kristine McCowen
Lettuce Jody Lieberman
Eggs Marie Thomas

MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK—"Doggy Dinner"

Tasty hot dog in a roll topped with tomato sauce and cheese plus a popper and a banana split in a bowl (no nuts) \$5.00



Lunch orders

To ensure the smooth running of our canteen we are asking for all orders to be at the canteen no later than **9.30am each day**
 Orders after this time will be sandwiches only
 Thank you .

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

INFANTS: Larissa George, Sahri Clark, Adam Klazema, Jed McCowen, Georgia Hollis, Katie Eaton

PRIMARY: Mikahla Cutmore, Angela Moore, Hannah Phelps, Hayley Peterson, Declynd Morris

Canteen guidelines for Wednesday only

This is the only day of the week that we do not offer the full menu.
 You have the choice of the MEAL DEAL or the two other choices or feel free to order from our fresh sandwich section only

Recess available as normal everyday

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



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 or 67 364252, kerri@jandk.com.au.



Art Tuition

Term 1 2013 art tuition for 8-12 years on Saturday mornings starting at 10am to 12noon for children who would like to experience to express themselves artistically.

All materials will be supplied, the class will be for a limit of 10 students and will include storytelling, poetry and music that will enhance each students creative experience.

Cost will be \$15 per 2 hour session or 10% discount on payment for 9 week term. PHONE: 0432 539 881.

Ballet/Singing Classes

Miss Jill (Adam) is seeking expressions of interest in taking ballet/tap/singing classes from age pre-school to high school pupils. Also a separate Musical Theatre singing class, combined ages, focussing on songs from 'Oliver' and other similar shows. Please phone: 6666 1522.



ORACLES ART WORKSHOP

