



NEWSLETTER

Attachments
***Infants Raffle**

Assemblies
K-6 Assembly 12pm

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

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Dear Parents and Community Members.....

Breakfast Club

As many parents are aware the school runs a very valuable breakfast club program enabling students who for many reasons have not been able to have breakfast at home to have breakfast at school.

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day and students need to have a good breakfast to maximise their learning potential. This program is generally paid for by the school and/or the P&C who donate money towards it.

The school in January and February this year provided 597 breakfasts to students, which is an extremely high amount. Many students need to have breakfast at school and the school feels this is a very valuable part of what we are able to offer.

Grandparents Day

It was lovely to see so many grandparents make it to this great school today to see our students shine.

Grandparents were able to visit classes from 9:30am-10:00am and then move into the hall to see every class perform an item.

Those present were entertained by a variety of different items including "I just can't wait to be King" by the infants choir, percussion items, "Grandma's Glasses", "Love me Do" and many other wonderful items.

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and the enjoyment of many grandparents seeing their grandchildren on stage. We hope all grandparents enjoyed the day as much as we did putting it on.

Thank you to all of the parents who provided cakes and slices for the morning tea. Thank you also to the people who organised and served the morning tea.

Big thanks to Mrs Caldwell, Robyn Hillier and Mrs Petrie for the wonderful job they did in organising and collating items on the day.

Assembly

This Friday, March 22nd the school will hold a whole school assembly starting at 12:00pm. This will be held in the main hall (Bruxner Hall) and all parents are invited to attend.

Apology

Last week the school published a photo in the newsletter and incorrectly put Bo McCotters name instead of his son Locke McCotter.

I'm sure Bo doesn't want to start high school again and we would like to apologise to Locke for incorrectly putting his father's name against his picture.

My First Year

On Monday, March 25th The Northern Star will produce a "My First Year" liftout supplement with every kindergarten class in the Northern Rivers region featured.

Book Orders

Belinda Murrel book orders are due back to the front office by **Wednesday, March 27th**.

Bulb orders

A reminder that Bulb Orders (and correct money) are due back to school by Wednesday, March 27th. The school gets to keep half of all purchases and we put this money towards reducing the cost of excursions.

Easter raffle

The Infants Club are holding an Easter Raffle. This will be a multidraw raffle to be drawn at the Easter Parade next Thursday, March 28th.

Tickets are \$1 each and are attached to this newsletter. We are seeking donations of suitable items and these can be taken to the office before next Wednesday, March 27th. Thank you for your support.

National Women's Day

Last Friday was National Women's Day. Tomorrow Staff from The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School will be dressing in **Pink** and raising money to support women in abusive and troubled situations.

School Debating Teams

Last Thursday, the debating teams, chair people and time keepers travelled to Armidale to participate in a debating training day.

Through a variety of games and activities the students learnt the structure of a debate, roles of speakers in a debate, developed their knowledge and skills involved in working as a team and also developed their public speaking skills. Thank you to Ms Morris, Mrs Watt and Mrs Wishart for assisting with transport.

Clean Up Australia

Last Monday we held our Clean Up Australia for Schools activity as our previous date was washed out. Buddy classes joined together to clean up our school grounds.

Unfortunately, we found quite a bit of rubbish which included unusual items such as a thong, signs and even the top half of a metal spoon. PLEASE remind your child of doing the right thing and put their garbage in the bin. This ensures we keep our amazing flora (plants) and fauna (animals) alive, we have a nice smelling area and our environment looks spectacular.

P&C

A big thanks to all the parent and teachers that turned up for the P&C Calcutta fundraiser on Saturday night. The night was a great success raising over **\$2000**.

A huge thankyou to our auctioneers on the night; Ben Sharp, Matt Duff & Ben Johnston who volunteered their time and did a fabulous job.

Our next fundraiser will be a street stall and wood raffle the first Friday back in term two. If anyone can help get wood, man the street stall or do some baking, please contact Deanne Eaton 0401305572.

Crunch and Sip

Autumn fruits

Autumn brings delicious fruits and salad vegetables for students to enjoy during Crunch and Sip.

Crunchy cucumber, crisp snow peas, sweet cherry tomatoes and delicious plums are all in season at the moment and they taste great!

A mini salad of chopped cucumber, snow peas, cherry tomatoes and carrot sticks makes a tasty and colourful Crunch and Sip snack. Small plums are great for small hands, or give your child a kiwifruit that has been sliced in half and wrapped in plastic film.



Health Message



Last week, most students from K-4 received a free tooth brush, toothpaste and some activities. All people, should thoroughly brush their teeth (outside, inside, on top) at least twice a day, if possible floss (flossing removes the food stuck in between the teeth and is often not noticed or felt) and visit a dentist at least once a year. This will help prevent tooth decay, gum disease and even prevent cardiovascular (heart) disease.

Please ensure you have a life long smile. It's much cheaper to brush and floss than have teeth removed and eventually having to have dentures.

Harmony Day, Red Cross and School Hall Air Conditioning Fundraiser

THIS Thursday, March 21st our school will participate in class activities to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day in which we show cultural respect and celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia.

We will also use this day as a fundraiser for Red Cross. Red Cross' mission is to reduce human suffering. Red Cross helps people throughout the world. It offers assistance to people in wars and disasters (floods, fires, earthquakes, storms). They help people medically, emotionally, physically. Red Cross helps provide those in need of shelter, food, clothing, manage emergency centers, locate missing loved ones and help provide information about relevant services.

Students are asked to wear red and/or orange and bring in a **gold coin donation to support the Red Cross**. The Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) will also be holding a **BBQ** at lunch time to continue to raise money for an air conditioner for the primary hall. **Sausages and poppers will be on sale for \$1 each.**

SHS Footy News

Rugby League has started again at Sir Henry Parkes for 2013. Last Thursday, March 14th our year 3 & 4 boys travelled to Glen Innes for the annual Captains Cup gala day run by the NRL and CRL. The boys started their campaign with a narrow loss to a well drilled St. Josephs of Glen Innes team going down 6 tries to 2.

The next three games however, the boys turned their start around with wins including beating the team they lost to first and notching up scores of 15 tries to nil. These boys are very talented and coach Mr Simon Maher believes they could be the next team to reach the heights of the 2012 school side.

A special mention to Tyran Petrie, who was without doubt the player of the carnival.

On Friday, March 15th the under 11's and opens players from Sir Henry Parkes travelled to Glen

Innes for the Northern New England Rugby League trials. The day began with some general ball skills and fitness.

Then the boys were divided up into their respective age groups to run through some ball work. Finally, after some lunch, the boys played a trial match against each other. This gave the players an opportunity to showcase their skills.

At the completion, both coaches/selectors chose a squad to travel to Armidale next Monday, March 25th to vi for a spot in the Northern North West team. Good luck and congratulations on a fantastic effort boys.



Girls Basketball

Last Friday, the girl's basketball team travelled down to Tamworth for the North West PSSA Trials. The team included Ella Wishart, Phoebe Cooper, Liana Meneguzzi, Hayley Peterson, Merinda McIntosh, Jaimee McKinley and Katie McQuirk.

The girls played against some very tough competition which included school students from Tamworth, Armidale, Quirindi and Gunnedah. The trials were held for a chance for the girls to be selected in the North West Region PSSA Basketball Team. The girls also attempted some skills and drills as well as the games. The girls said that even though the girls from other schools were very talented, they still learned a lot from the experience. They also said that other girls from the larger towns had played in local competition for many years.

With further training, the girls should gel as a united team as they definitely have the potential to do well in the knock-out competition in term two.

The girls and Mr Manser would like to especially thank Leeza Wishart, Kathy Meneguzzi and Karen Cooper for accompanying the girls to Tamworth and providing transport.



CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
MAR	8	18	19 * Grandparents Day	20 *School Banking	21 * Mr Daniels Away * Harmony Day * Red Cross Day * Air Con. BBQ Fundraiser *Book Club due *Yr 5/6 camp notes due	22 * Mr Daniels Away * Whole School Assembly * National Ride 2 School Day * Soccer-Armidale	23/24
MAR	9	25 *Rugby League-Tamworth	26 *Rugby League-Tamworth	27 *Bulb Orders due	28 *K-2 Easter Parade 12:30pm *Infants Raffle due *Book Order due	29 * GOOD FRIDAY	30/31

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	20th	Kim Cox, Vicki Hill, Liz Bridge
Thur	21st	Monika Freeman, Lara Flanagan
Fri	22nd	Karen Cooper, Sylvia Swan
Mon	25th	Leeza Wishart, Melinda Campbell
Tue	26th	Angela Brown, Mahia Everson
Wed	27th	Kim Cox, Sharon Hollis, Lea Rossington

Homebake (next week)

Mon	25th	Roberta Koch
Wed	27th	Melissa Cowin
Fri		GOOD FRIDAY

DONATIONS (This Week)

Mayonnaise	Trudy Campbell
Cruskits	Deanne Eaton
Block Cheese	Kristy Petrie
Mince	Tanya Larkin, Terri Rossington
Carrots	Bianca Mason
Vegemite	Melissa Cowin
Lettuce	Mahia Everson
Sliced Pineapple	Nicole Arnold
Eggs	Trudy Campbell

Book Club

Book club is due back on **Thursday, March 21st** to the front office before 9am

MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK-"Golden Crunch Burger"

A delicious fresh roll with crumbed chicken, lettuce, cheese and mayo with a popper and a scoop of ice cream and strawberry topping \$5.00

Other choices: Hot dog in roll \$2.60
Sausage roll \$2.40

National Ride Safely 2 School Day

National Ride Safely 2 School Day will be held **THIS Friday, March 22nd**. All students, where possible, are encourage to ride their bike, skateboard or scooter to school or walk to school.

This is a great opportunity to discuss road rules such as the wearing of an approved helmet, how to safely cross and use the road, learn about signs. Students will also be active which improves their physical health.

Riding is a safe, healthy and cheap way to be active and is has a positive impact on our environment. Use this day to check the safety of your child's bike too - brakes, seat level, gears, tyres, lights, reflectors.

Junior Golf Development Day

On **Monday, April 15th from 9am-2:30pm** there will be a Junior Golf Development Gala Day at Glen Innes Golf Course. Cost is \$25 which covers tuition from PGA, level 1 coaches and a certificate. Must register as places are limited. Children need to take a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and golf clubs (if they have them) For further information call Gerard Wilkinson 0419 708 676.

Year 6 High School Enrolment

Year 6 enrolment forms for entering Year 7 in 2014 are due back by **THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd**.

Year 5 and 6 Camp

Year 5 and 6 camp expression of interest notes are due by **THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 21st**. **ALL** students in Years 5 and 6 **MUST** return this note indicating whether they will/will not be attending.

If attending, a \$50 deposit must also accompany the note.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Childcare

Free Range Kids Childcare Service is hoping to assist working parents in Tenterfield by offering a structured vacation care program.

The program would be based in Tenterfield not Wallangarra but would be run under the umbrella of the Wallangarra Centre. To gain approval for the program and to book an appropriate venue Free Range need expressions of interest from Tenterfield families. If you are interested in Vacation Care for your children please call Jodie on 0746843685 or email frkgarra@bigpond.com



Grandparents Day