

# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

## PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 4 Week 10 November 2016



### 2016 Wrap Up

This is our final newsletter for 2016. It is hard to believe the school year is quickly drawing to a close. This week has been a busy one—with Santa coming to visit the K-2 students, rewards days and class parties. The teaching staff spent 3 hours at school last Wednesday afternoon to participate in professional learning on the new NSW Geography K-6 Syllabus for the Australian curriculum. There has also been movement between classrooms in preparation for the new year.

**School concludes for all staff and students this Friday—December 16.**

School resumes for staff on Friday January 27 2017, and for Year 1-6 students on Monday January 30 2017. Kindergarten students will begin on Thursday February 2 2017.

**2017 Book packs** will be available from the canteen TOMORROW, Thursday and Friday, and also on January 27.

Prices are:

<b>Kinder</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Years 1 and 2</b>	<b>\$16</b>
<b>Years 3 to 6</b>	<b>\$20</b>

**Our new unisex school polo shirts** will be available ONLY from the FRONT OFFICE here at the school on Friday January 27 from 9:00am—12:00pm, and then daily after that. Please support our school and purchase from our school. The polo shirts are \$33 each.

If parents could please have the correct change, as change will be limited on the day. We will also accept cheques for payment.

For my final address for this year I thought it apt to include parts from my speech from Presentation Day this year:

“At The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial PS we are building a strong collaborative vision with staff, students and parents. We are making the time and space for having the right conversations with each other.

Our school’s motto ‘Learning for Life’ reinforces a broad and enriching curriculum which not only focuses on strong literacy and numeracy programs but also on the social and emotional wellbeing of our students, whilst respecting the cultures of our community. I am proud that we are creating challenging learning environments that encourage high expectations along with the fostering of students’ self-esteem. This path is developing each student to acquire the knowledge, skills and core values necessary to achieve personal success and to enrich our community.

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial PS students are building relationships and making strong connections on many levels. Our school values of **Learning, Safety** and **Respect** are highly visible each and every day in our school.

Our school vision will continue to be based on high quality teaching and learning founded upon high quality inter-personal relationships. Successful schools are also learning schools. At our school we understand the value of self-improvement and we continually strive to improve teaching quality.

This year we have celebrated ANZAC Day, Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals, Zone Carnivals, students who achieved state level in various sports, Premiers Spelling Bee, Easter Parade, Excursions, Stage 2 and 3 Camps, Education Week Open Morning, Book Fair, NAIDOC Week, Science Fair, Afternoon activity groups, Youth Club, Grandparents Day, School Discos, Remembrance Day and numerous mufti days.

It only seemed like yesterday that we welcomed our Kindergarten students. I would like to acknowledge each of our 35 'kindies' on a wonderful and productive first year at school and look forward to welcoming 26 new kindergarten students in 2017.

To our fabulous Year 6 students, who have all been a part of our Leadership Team in 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your successful completion of Year 6. You have been instrumental in building our school vision and have been excellent role models to all.

This year we are sadly farewelling a number of staff members:

- Mrs **Merelyn Gibbins** – who is retiring from her School Administrative Manager after 21 years' service to the NSW Department of Education and 18 years here at TSHPMPS;
- Mrs **Gaye Mulcahy** – who also is retiring from her Teacher Librarian position after 18 years here at our school, and 42 years' service to the NSW Department of Education;
- Mr **Cam Pryce** – who has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Ben Venue PS in Armidale;
- Mrs **Sarah Pryce** – who will be taking leave and moving to Armidale with Mr Pryce;

- Miss **Julie Slobin** and Miss **Emily Stevens** – who are both relocating to greener pastures – or should I say bluer seas on the coast;
- Mrs **Ashley Makings** who has accepted a classroom teacher position at Jennings PS.

I wish all of our departing staff the happiest of times in your new ventures and the beginning of exciting new chapters in your lives.

To our families who are leaving us at the end of the year, the staff and I would like to extend our thanks for your valuable contributions and we wish you well.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our dedicated P&C team, so very competently led by Mrs Lou Holley and other parents who have helped in so many ways – too numerous to mention.

2017 is sure to bring many great events, new adventures and challenges. We have achieved a great deal this year and next year promises to be just as exciting, as we further progress implementation of our School Plan.

To everyone who has supported TSHPMPS in such a positive way this year, I thank you.

To all families of our great school – I wish you a peaceful festive season and a healthy and happy 2017".



*Miss Anna Starcevic*  
*Principal*

## TENTERFIELD VS STANTHORPE CRICKET GAME

A note will be coming home early in 2017 for any children (boys and girls) interested in participating in a cricket game with Stanthorpe Junior Cricket. The game will be held on Saturday February 11 and should begin at 8:30am.

### Cricketing Old Greats

#### Clinic Details:

**Where:** C.F White Oval, McGlew Street, Stanthorpe

**When:** Friday December 16

**Times:** 9am—12pm

Suitable for all players 6-16

**Special Cost:** \$30 per attendance— pay on the day, cash or cheque please (made out to Cashgrove P/L).

\*Specially signed memorabilia sheet presented to all attendees.\*

To register: Email: [info@cogsaustralia.com](mailto:info@cogsaustralia.com) with details  
Clinic: Name/s: Age/s: Address: Phone: School: Email:  
Club (if a member):

ASAP—please we need numbers to organize appropriate coaching assistance.

or phone 0414 255 193

This registration will confirm your attendance on the day. You will receive further confirmation prior to the day.



A big thank you to all my canteen volunteers this year, your help has been greatly appreciated as I would not have gotten through the year without you. Merry Christmas and I hope to see you all again at the canteen in the new year. Cheers Jen

## CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	NAME
Wednesday Dec 14	Sandi McCowen, Jenny Petrie
Thursday Dec 15	
Friday Dec 16	

## MEAL DEAL



### “Happy Holidays”



A tray of potato wedges with sour cream and sweet chili sauce (very mild) a popper and a TNT icy pole

**\$5.50**

**Other choices:** Hot dog & cheese \$3.50



6x fish bites \$4.00



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING (PBL)



**SAFETY RESPECT LEARNING**

What a fantastic first year it has been implementing PBL into our school. We saw the arrival of our wonderful school mascot Henry who was originally designed by Luke Preston and then published by Rod Macintosh. Our three school values of Safety, Respect and Learning were implemented and students began receiving Henrys when they displayed these positive values. The school award system changed with students receiving pennants, PBs and a Principal lunch for receiving a certain amount of Henrys.

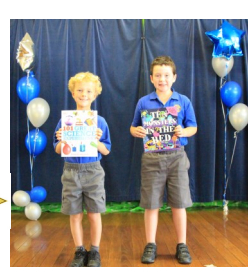
Congratulations to all students who received special awards throughout the year. Next year all students will be working towards achieving their bronze pennant as the Henry count starts fresh each year.

Thank you to all students, parents, staff and the wider community for helping us to implement such a big, but worthwhile change this year. We are always working to improve our school and to make it a more positive environment for our students. We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Kind Regards,

PBL Team





# Presentation Day for 2016

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School proudly stands on Yakambul land

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