



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Community Members...

This year our school has begun its journey following the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) philosophy, which encourages our students to live our school motto of 'Learning for Life'. We demonstrate our *learning for life* at The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial PS by being safe and respectful learners in all that we do!

Our Expectations:

We expect all members of our community to:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Learners

The PBL philosophy operates on the understanding that all students need to know and understand the expectations. These are set out in our matrix of expected behaviours. Students are expected to be able to state the expected rules and are explicitly taught what they mean and how they look around our school.

When students exhibit the expected behaviours they are recognised for their efforts. Hopefully 'Henry', our PBL mascot has made his way home over the first half of this term.

Our parents and community are valued partners in the education of our children. Open community channels will always support mutually respectful partnerships between staff, students, parents and the wider community.

Congratulations to all of our student leaders who were badged yesterday at the induction ceremony. To see such proud faces was delightful and I am looking forward to the year ahead with our student leaders. I will be inviting parents of our school leaders to come in and sign mutually agreed upon leader contracts with myself over the next week.

Anna Starcevic

Principal

Early Action for Success (EaFS)

2016 is the last year for the Early Action for Success reform. Our Kindergarten and Stage One teachers have been involved in professional learning sessions, collaborative planning sessions, team teaching, observing and looking at ways to differentiate their teaching to suit all students.

All of our K-2 staff are trained in, or being trained in (if new to the stage) Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN). TEN looks at the importance of assessment, feedback, planning and differentiated learning to assist student development in Arithmetical Strategies. We have seen some excellent results.

Last year I attended many learning sessions in Sydney, to be able to train our Kindergarten teachers in Language, Learning and Literacy (L3K). This year our Grade 1 and 2 teachers are receiving professional learning with L3 Stage 1. L3 targets reading, writing and comprehension. Students receive explicit instruction whilst lessons are all catered to each child's needs. While some K-2 teachers may be off class participating in professional learning, the overall results will benefit students. We appreciate your support and I look forward to sharing with you some of our success.



P&C

P&C AGM will be **TONIGHT, Tuesday, March 1**
at 5:30pm in the Teachers Staff Room.

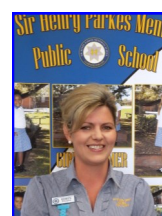
Playgroup

Our playgroup is running every Monday from 9:30am – 11am in the Bruxner Hall (Primary Hall) at the school. Children are having fun socialising, playing and being exposed to early literacy and numeracy skills. Parents are loving the chance to chat with other parents and give their children time to socialise and participate in new experiences.

Morning tea is supplied, we only ask for a \$2 donation per child. Please bring along your child/children to have some fun or share the good news with a friend. We look forward to meeting some of our younger community members.



"STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK"



Robyn Hillier

I have worked in the banking industry for 15 years before starting here at Sir Henry Parkes.

This is my 7th year as a SLSO (School Learning Support Officer).

I have spent my early years in the Infants department and now spend most of my time in the Sunshine room with my special friend Luke.

There is something so amazing about working with children, although sometimes challenging I love that no single day turns out the same. Seeing the kids beaming smiles each day is so gratifying.

Being apart of the team here has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have been fortunate to be apart of.

CALENDAR

| | WK | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | S / S |
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| Term 1 Feb | 6 | 29 *Playgroup 9:30 *SRC Induction Ceremony 2:15pm | 1 *Dance | 2 *Girls Cricket *Oracles Art Day | 3 | 4 *Clean up Aus. Day *National Ride Safely to School Day *PSSA Soccer trials-Tenterfield | 5/6 |
| | 7 | 7 *Playgroup 9:30 *Regional Swimming | 8 *Dance | 9 | 10 | 11 *PSSA Zone Rugby League-Glen Innes | 12/13 |

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Wed | 2 | Jenny Petrie, Help needed 8:30am-9:30, 12pm-1pm please |
| Thur | 3 | Help needed 12pm-1pm please ph 6736 1732 |
| Fri | 4 | Michelle Wilcox |
| Mon | 7 | Charmaine Rankin |
| Tue | 8 | Help needed 12pm-1pm please ph 6736 1732 |
| Wed | 9 | Jenny Petrie, Kelly Coleman, Help needed please |

HOMEBAKE

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| Mon | 7 | Lara Flanagan |
| Wed | 9 | Bec Ebbern |
| Fri | 11 | Sarah Nalder |

DONATIONS (This Week)

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| Cruskits | Vanessa Ralph |
| Mayonnaise | Jodie Lieberman |
| Vegemite | Tracy Caldwell |
| Tomatoes | Rhonda Fowler |
| Sliced Beetroot | Leanne Hall |

Clothing Pool

We have a lot of very good second hand uniforms available in our clothing pool at the moment, you are welcome to come and have a look at the canteen between 8:30am-9am and 1:45pm-2:30pm. For those who sell uniforms through the canteen we will be taking a 50c service fee from the allocated price from now on, to be donated to the canteen. Thank you, Jen

Meal Deal

"Pizza Party"

A split muffin topped with tomato sauce, ham and cheese plus a popper and ice cream in a cone with sprinkles \$5.50

Other Choices: Hot dog in a roll \$3.00
Ham & cheese sandwich \$2.50

PBL

Positive Behaviour for Learning

The focus for this weeks PBL lesson was 'In bounds'. The aim of the lesson was to provide all students with a clear understanding of where they can play and what is out of bounds on the playground. The students were made aware of the safe playing areas within our playground and the reasons behind why we have specific areas of play. All students went for a walk around the playground to see these areas and were encouraged to always be within sight of a teacher while playing. Students are always rewarded with Henrys for following the three school values of Safety, Respect and Learning. We are sure many Henrys will be handed out for students who are seen playing safely, within the right areas of our playground this week.

Do you have 50 Henrys yet?

Regards
PBL Team

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Students of the week

Infants: Annie P, Bria V. Addi G, Norman C.

Primary: Ashah H, Adele B, Piper C, Amelia S, Nessa B, Hannah S, Bree M.

Principal Award

Tahlia N, Ralph T.

Policed Awards

Julia R, Chris C, Jasmine F, Zac B, Mikayla O, Tatyana C, Lucy M, Alex R, Shikya O, Emma B, Luci D.

Community Notices

Blue light Disco-save the dates

Save the dates for the upcoming Blue Light Discos, 5pm - 630 at the Best Western Hotel **Friday, 15 April 2016** and also the Blue Light Community BBQ on **Sunday the 24 April**.

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Wow! We can't believe it is week 6 already! We have been so busy that time is getting away on us. In Science we have been learning about liquids and solids. As a treat Miss Bridge said we had to persuade her to let us make two tone jelly and ice-cream cups. Here are some very persuasive points we thought of:

- Eating ice cream and jelly is a sometimes food. We will be learning about eating treats in moderation for a balanced diet.



- Watching jelly crystals dissolve in boiling water is enhancing our understanding of how particles move faster when they melt. We also observed this with the ice-cream as it was a very hot day.



- Being safe and hygienic when preparing food is very important, especially with boiling water.

Steam is just as harmful as boiling water



SRC INDUCTION

