

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 3 Week 5 August 2016



Super Spellers Compete in The Premiers Spelling Bee!

Best of luck to our amazing spelling bee participants tomorrow. The Spelling Bee will commence at 9:30am in the Primary hall. Stage 3: Ellie, Bonnie, Anika, Amelia, Brianna, Kelsie, Josh and Will. Stage 2: Cooper, Adele, Lucy, Annabel, Jed, Lauren, Sahri, Lily, Lachlan and Matilda. I hear it was a tight contest between students in our classrooms.

We have spell-checkers on our computers, so why is it important that our children learn to spell?

Here are six reasons why spelling is important:

Communication: Good spelling facilitates communication. By following the same rules for spelling words, we can all understand the text we read.

Comprehension: Good spelling avoids confusion. In a way spelling is a bit like sports. It's up to the person passing the ball to make sure the receiver actually catches it. The same goes for spelling. If you write with intent and proper spelling, the receiver of that text will understand it.

Future: Let's face it, university applications and job resumes littered with spelling errors don't make it very far.

Computer error: We can't rely on computers to check our spelling. They get it wrong too.

Distraction: Poor spelling distracts the reader and they lose focus. It's hard to read a text for comprehension when it's full of spelling errors.

Impressions last: When you have people read something you've written and that text is full of spelling errors, it does not leave a good impression. We should care about

the fundamental part good spelling plays in our language.

Smiling Minds In Our Classrooms

Evidence shows that primary-aged children who practise mindfulness are more focused and resilient. As little as 5 minutes of meditation first thing in the morning, or after lunch, helps settle them down and improves concentration. The Smiling Mind Program has been positively received by both our staff and students.

Great ways for parents to embody mindfulness at home with your child include:

- Giving them your full attention when speaking with them
- Giving them a mindful hug
- Taking them outside, getting them to close their eyes, place different objects in their hands and ask them to describe and name the object using only touch

"Mindfulness calms me down before I do my work"
- Will 5/6S

"Mindfulness relaxes me" - Sienna 1/2A

"I like doing the 10 big breaths during mindfulness"
- Lily 4/5W



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What If My Child Has to be Away From School?

On occasions your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance (eg: attending a funeral)

Our school follows the Department of Education's attendance procedures. Following any absence from school, parents must ensure that an explanation—either verbal or written—is sent in to the school. If the school has not received an explanation within 2 days the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

What Should I do If I have a Complaint?

We encourage you to contact the school to talk about your concerns, as most problems can be solved by talking to the school office staff, your child's teacher or the school principal. They know your child and are best placed to help you. It's best if you let us know about your concerns as early as possible.

What's Coming Up This Week

DATE	Changes to Routine
17 and 18 August	*Miss Starcevic-Professional learning *Miss Coats-Professional learning *Mr Swan-Professional learning
23 and 24 August	*Miss Caldwell 12-3pm on Tuesday and all day on Wednesday-professional learning

P&C

Father's Day Stall

Shhhhhh don't tell your Dads.

Our Father's Day stall will be held at school on Wednesday August 24.

Prices range from 50c to \$5.

Bring along your money on the day to get something great for Dad.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING (PBL)



Congratulations to all the students who received their bronze, silver and/or gold pennants at last weeks assembly. It is great to see so many students follow our school values of safety, respect and learning.

During PBL this week, the staff and students focused on the correct and safe use of our school toilets. Students were reminded of the expectations of behaviours and values that should be displayed when in this area and while using the toilets.

All classes took part in a discussion about the appropriate use of toilets and students were reminded that they should inform a teacher immediately if they noticed something inappropriate or the misuse of school toilets.

Keep collecting all your Henrys kids!

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TERM 3 School Planner

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Aug	5	15	16 *Gymnastics *L3 professional learning *UNSW Maths test	17 *Spelling Bee *Touch football @ Federation Park	18	19	20/21
Aug	6	22	23 *Gymnastics	24 *Yr6 Transition to THS 11am-1pm	25	26 *Buddy assembly 2/3P & 5/6C	27/28
Aug/ Sep	7	29	30 *Gymnastics *“Wadjiny” performance	31 *Animal Safari K-2	1 *Yr6 Transition to THS 9am-3pm	2	3/4
Sep	8	5	6 *Gymnastics	7	8 *School Photos	9 *School Photos	10/11
Sep	9	12	13 *Gymnastics *P&C 5:30pm	14	15 *K-2 Excursion: *Darling Downs Zoo	16	17/18
Sep	10	19	20	21	22	23	24/25

HOMEBAKE

DATE	NAME
Monday Aug 22	Angela Kerrigan
Wednesday Aug 24	Kylie Everson
Friday Aug 26	Jayne Harvey

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	NAME
Wednesday Aug 17	Sandi McCowen, Jenny Petrie, Tammy Morris
Thursday Aug 18	Help needed please
Friday Aug 19	Help needed please
Monday Aug 22	Charmaine Rankin
Tuesday Aug 23	Help needed please
Wednesday Aug 24	Sandi McCowen, Jen Petrie, help needed please

DONATIONS This week

FOOD	NAME
Mayonnaise	Lisa O'Brien, Trudy Campbell
Tomato Sauce	Candice Potter
Mince	Terri Smith
Margarine	Jayne Collier
Lettuce	Lou Holley
Tomatoes	Sylvia Ibbett

★ MEAL DEAL ★

★	<u>“Perfect Pasta”</u>	★
A tray of creamy bacon carbonara pasta (no mushroom) a popper and a bowl of ice cream with chocolate topping \$5.50		
Other choices: Lasagne \$4.00		
★	6 x nuggets \$3.00	★

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