

# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

## PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 3 Week 9 August 2016



### School Evaluation

We are beginning our evaluations for the 2016 school year and planning for 2017 and beyond.

#### The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

**I have attached more information about the surveys to today's newsletter.**

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between October 10 and 21. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with this newsletter.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday September 23**.

#### The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey will be conducted between 10 October and 21 . Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about doing the survey will be in next week's newsletter.

#### Regional Spelling Bee Finals

GOOD LUCK to the following students who are participating in the regional NSW Premier's Spelling Bee final at Newling PS in Armidale tomorrow:

**Stage 3:** Bonnie and Amelia

**Stage 2:** Jed and Lucy

## Student Health

We have had a small number of measles cases over the last few weeks. I have attached an information sheet about measles. The infectious period is for up to 4 days after the appearance of the rash. It is important for students to stay at home during this period.

## Stage 3 Camp Payments

A reminder to parents/carers of students in Years 5 and 6 who are attending the camp, **final full payment for camp is required no later than September 23**.

No payments will be accepted after that date.

*Miss Anna Starcevic*

*Principal*

## School Social

We will be holding a school social for Year 2 to 6 on Tuesday September 20. Come dressed as something to do with the Olympics. \$5 entry fee, 5pm to 7pm.

Money raised goes towards our Vietnamese Sponsor Child.

## Infants Rewards Day

K-2 Rewards day will be on Friday September 23 at Jubilee Park. Students will be departing school at 11:30am and returning at 2:30pm. A reminder your child will not be able to order lunch orders that day as we will be eating at the park.

## What's Coming Up This Week

DATE	Changes to Routine
Sept 12-14	Mr Pryce at DP induction PL—Miss Green on 2/3P
Sep 13	Miss Rowe & Mrs Makings—PL 12-3pm
Sept 14	Miss Stevens—PL

## School Photos

Last week the School Photographer offered to move back the second day of photos due to the inclement weather. As a result of this the remainder of school photos—mainly the sport photos—will be held on Tuesday 20 September from approximately 10am.

## Touch Report

The school Touch Football team travelled to Armidale to play Armidale City Public in Round Four of the PSSA Touch Knockout last Wednesday September 7 2016. The game was fast and furious. The teams were very evenly matched. At half time Sir Henry Parkes were one pint behind. At full time we had equalled the score to ten all. In play off we were unlucky when Armidale City got a try. I would like to congratulate the boys for their sportsmanship and commitment over the term. The teams ( girls and boys) would also like to thank Mr Swan for his coaching and commitment to training.

Deb Thomas



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING (PBL)



This week the students participated in a lesson with an aim to develop clear expectations around showing respect towards others in regards to their differences. The students discussed what made them the same and what made them different to other students in the class and school. They then brainstormed different ways of demonstrating respect towards these differences.

This week there will be a whole school assembly. At whole school assemblies PB badges are handed out. Please check with your child to see if they are receiving a PB badge or look closely for their Henry booklet. We would love to see you there celebrating the achievements of our students.

Keep working hard to collect as many Henrys as you can before the holidays.

Kind Regards,

PBL Team

# Regional Athletics



Last Monday, 24 of our students travelled to Tamworth to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Our students represented the Northern New England Region and The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School proudly. The top 3 competitors of each event head to Sydney to compete at the State Carnival. We had many 4<sup>th</sup> places and most of our students outperformed their Personal Best records. Congratulations to Rosie who came third in the Long Jump and will travel to Sydney for the State Athletics Carnival.

I would like to congratulate all of our competitors who displayed great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and pride in their accomplishments. I would also like to acknowledge all the parents, carers, extended family members and friends, who took time to help train, transport, encourage and support our students. In particular I would like to thank Michelle Donges and Lou Holley who helped train all of our students. I would also like to thank Kris McCowen who for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row washed, sorted and folded around 60 shirts at the end of the event. Without the support of our families and community my job would be a lot harder!

Thanks for a great day everyone, Julie Slobin – Sports Convenor.



# TERM 3 School Planner

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Sep	9	12	13 *Gymnastics	14 * Regional Spelling Bee @ Armidale *Hearing Screening	15 *K-2 Excursion: Darling Downs Zoo & Wave pool	16 *K-6 Assembly 12:15am PB badges will be handed out	17/18
Sep	10	19	20 *Gymnastics *Sport Photo Day	21 *Milo Cricket day	22 * PLP Celebrations	23 *Rewards Day	24/25 *Holidays begin
Sep/ Oct		26	27	28	29	30	1/2

## Rescue Helicopter Competition

Congratulations, Lani is the winner for the Rescue Helicopter colouring In competition. Funds raised for red and yellow mufti day in support on Rescue Day 2016 was \$203. Thankyou to all students who participated.



## Community Notices

**Netball presentation** will be held this Saturday regardless of the weather conditions. Starting from 9am at the Federation park.  
If wet weather we will meet under the Federation canteen shelter.

**Dexa body composition** or bone density scan on Saturday  
September 26 in Tenterfield.

For booking please call 1800 101 163  
or online: [measureup.com.au](http://measureup.com.au)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	NAME
Wednesday Sep 14	Tammy Morris, Vicky Hill, Jen Petrie
Thursday Sep 15	
Friday Sep 16	Charmaine Rankin
Monday Sep 19	Charmaine Rankin
Tuesday Sep 20	
Wednesday Sep 21	Jenny Petrie, Vicki Hill, Help needed please

## Assembly

This Friday we have a special assembly for any students who have achieved their PB badges. The K-6 dance group will also be performing. Assembly starts at 12:15pm in the Primary Hall.

## HOMEBAKE

DATE	NAME
Monday Sep 19	If you can bake please phone 67 36 1732
Wednesday Sep 21	If you can bake please phone 67 36 1732
Friday Sep 23	If you can bake please phone 67 36 1732

## DONATIONS This week

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

## ★ MEAL DEAL ★



### "Pizza Party"



A split English muffin topped with Ham & Cheese  
and a pizza sauce base, a chocolate milk and icy  
pole lucky dip for dessert **\$5.50**

Other choices: Pie \$3.50

6 nuggets \$3.00

