

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 1 Week 10 March 2017



Thankyou to all families and community members who supported our wood raffle on Saturday. The morning was a great success, with \$1032.55 being raised, which will be subsidising the Stage 3 camp to lake Ainsworth.

The winner of the raffle was Mr Chris Coker.

A job well done also to four of our school leaders who were able to attend the morning—Will, Fletcher, Bonnie and Malik.

Thankyou once again to the Wait family who kindly donated, and delivered the load of wood.



Stage 2 Dance

What a wonderful time the Stage 2 kids have been having learning bushdances as part of their PDHPE program this term.

The 'Virginia Reel' is an 'oldie', but a goody! I'm sure there are many parents who know this dance from their younger years!



Have a wonderful week!

Miss Anna Starcevic - Principal

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Parent Helper Induction

Thankyou to Mrs Rowe, Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Wait—who ran the first parent helper induction session last Wednesday afternoon. Please come along to the next session if you would like to volunteer your time to help out in our classrooms. A second session will be held in the last week of this term.



ICAS reports enable parents to:

- ⇒ Pinpoint their child's strengths—which skills they excel in
- ⇒ Identify areas to be worked on
- ⇒ See the answer their child gave to each question, as well as the correct answer
- ⇒ Track educational performance as their child moves through school
- ⇒ Obtain an independent, external view of how their child is performing
- ⇒ See their child's comparative performance nationally

If you would like to enter your child in any of these assessments please complete the attached form and return by this Friday—March 31. Payments can be made by due dates listed.

Cake Stall Excitement

Thankyou to all families who donated to our cake stall fundraiser. All proceeds go towards Stage 3 camp subsidising. It was a great day!



ICAS Educational Assessment Program

ICAS assesses higher order thinking and problem solving skills needed for success in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Writing
- Spelling
- Digital Technologies (new)

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week a form for parents to complete regarding parent teacher interviews went home with the newsletter. The majority of teachers will be available for meetings on Tuesday April 4th from 3:30-7:30pm. Some teachers have also nominated extra times before or after school in Week 11. Please choose your three preferred times in order of preference and return immediately. Times will be allotted according to a first in first served basis.

Harmony Day

This year we have pushed back our Harmony Day celebrations due to clashes with dates. Our school will be celebrating K-6 Harmony Day on Wednesday April 5th. Each class will be celebrating a different country and its cultures on this day, with students rotating through each country. Students will have their own 'passports' to complete on the day. We invite all families to attend morning tea here in Bruxner Hall at 11:00am. The Harmony Day theme will continue on into the evening with our K-6 social.



Early Action for Success

In 2014 we implemented the Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) program into our school. TEN sets clear expectations against the Mathematics K-6 syllabus on what children should be able to do in addition and subtraction by the end of each school year. The TEN model includes short, focussed, frequent numeracy sessions (typically 10 minute blocks), strategically targeted activities focussing on addition and subtraction and monitoring of student progress. Teachers of grades 3-6 were also trained in Arithmetical Strategies and how to further develop students understanding. This year our new staff are being trained by Mrs Rowe. We have had some excellent student outcomes since implementing TEN.



The SRC presents....

K – 6 SCHOOL SOCIAL

Come in ORANGE for Harmony Day

ready to dance away!

When: Wednesday 5 April, 2017

Time: 5-7pm

Where: Bruxner Hall, TSHPMPS

Cost: \$5.00



All students are required to be collected from the social by their parents or carers.

North West Rugby League Trials

On Thursday, the 23rd of March 2017, the 11-year and open boys Northern New England rugby league teams travelled to Armidale University to play against four teams across the North-Western Division and hopefully secure themselves a spot in the North-Western rugby league development day. The boys had a fantastic day and played some fabulous football.

The boys arrived early to get dressed in their uniforms and train together as a team for the first time in the Northern New England squad before the games commenced at 10:30 am. The 11-year boys and opens side played on fields side by side at the same time. Each team had the opportunity to play three games to allow the selectors enough time to pick players for the possible and probable side.

All players on the day gave the selectors a hard time. There were approximately 60 players in each division and only 15 were selected for each team to go through to the next level. All 15 boys showed outstanding skills and sportsmanship on the day. Nine of our kids were lucky enough to dodge players, catch a kick or push through the defence to score, showing the selectors why they should be going through to the next level. Will, Braith, Fletcher, Jahkeem, Timahna, Tobi and Thomas showed their fitness and skills when breaking away and running half of the field to score. Fletcher managed to break through the opposing team and head for the try line, the opposing team, caught up and was about to tackle him when he passed the ball to Will who took off and scored. Braith put through some awesome kicks which were picked up by our players and they scored.

Mr Swan has clearly taught the boys some fantastic tackling skills. Tobi, Oska, Coby, Jayden, Jerry, Jamaal, Julian, Jimi and Malik showed the other teams how it should be done. Mr Swan said that this is the best effort so far from our school. Jahkeem ran from half way dodging five players and palming off another to score. Jayden caught the ball and charged two players, knocking one off and another to the ground. He then continued to run through three players and score. Jamaal and Jerry were put into another team momentarily for the selectors to have one last look at what they had to bring.

The following boys were picked for the possible and probable side: 11s Timahna, Oska, Jahkeem, Jayden and Malik. Opens Jerry, Jamaal, Will, Braith, Tobi and Fletcher. After a tough match of the boys trying their hardest to shine and offer something for the selectors, 9 of our boys were selected to move onto the next level. Congratulations to the boys chosen for the 11s side: Jahkeem, Malik and Jayden. The boys selected for the opens side: Jerry, Fletcher, Will, Braith, Jamaal and Jimi.

Thank you to all the parents who came along and made it possible for the boys to play, especially Vicki Zappa who drove 6 of our kids down. Thank you to Mr Swan and Miss Rowe for preparing the students with training twice a week, and organising everything for the day.

Good luck to the boys in the next level representing our school and district. It will be held on Friday the 31st of March in Tamworth.

Miss Emily Ryan Sports Co-Ordinator



P&C NEWS

2017 P&C executive:

President: Mr Hughie McCowen

Vice Presidents: Mrs Lou Holley & Mrs Jen Petrie

Secretary: Mr Andrew Davidson

Treasurer: Mrs Tanya Larkin

Canteen Treasurer: Mr Dennis Hillery

DATE	Changes to Routine
30 March	Mrs Caldwell & Mrs Wait—AP Network Day
31 March	L3K Mrs Strachan & Miss Rowe L3S1 Mr Mende, Miss Wright & Mrs O'Brien

Sweet potato and sweet corn fritters

Prep time

10 mins

Cook time

15 mins

Total time

25 mins

Author: kidgredients

Serves: 12

Ingredients

- 1 sweet potato, cooked until soft
- 1 leek, finely chopped
- 1 ear of corn, kernels removed from the cob
- olive oil
- 2 tablespoons of plain flour
- 1 egg

Instructions

1. Mash the sweet potato and set aside to cool
2. Heat some oil in a medium pan and fry the leek until soft.
3. Add to the sweet potato.
4. Add the corn, flour and egg, mix until well combined
5. Heat oil in a medium frying pan to medium heat.
6. Working in batches, add tablespoons of the mix to the pan, squashing down a bit.
7. Cook until golden, then flip and cook the other side.
8. Drain on paper towel.

Recipe by Kidgredients at <http://kidgredients.com.au/sweet-potato-and-sweet-corn-fritters/>



THIS WEEK'S POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING LESSON (PBL)



This week the PBL focus is *resolving conflicts*. The aim of the lesson was to get students to identify feelings and needs behind conflict and to then generate creative solutions for resolving the issue. Students were encouraged to respond to situations using restorative language and circles. Students learnt that it is important to resolve conflict effectively and in a way that does not increase your stress levels. The specific skills taught throughout the lesson included:

1. Recognising different kinds of hurtful behaviour.
2. Developing strategies for dealing with hurtful behaviour.
3. Working with their peers to create an environment in which students treat each other respectfully.
4. Inform teachers on duty if a student sees inappropriate behaviour.

We have another whole school assembly this week. Some students should be getting close to receiving their first pennant for the year. Keep an eye out for the Henry booklets that go home to let you know if your child will be receiving their bronze pennant.

TERM 1 School Planner

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Mar	10	27	28	29	30 K-6 Assembly 12pm 3/4H Class Item	31	1/2
April	11	3 PLP Celebrations	4 Parent teacher interviews	5 Harmony Day Celebrations	6 Easter Hat Parade	7 Rewards Day Last day Term 2	8

ANZAC Day April 25 2017

We hope to see families at the dawn service this year—starting at 5:30am at the Memorial hall. School leaders are requested to be in attendance with Miss Starcevic at this service.

The ANZAC Day march will begin at 10:30am outside the Telegraph Hotel, and end at the Memorial Hall.

I hope to see as many students as possible at this important event, in attendance to march with our school. We will be assembling from 10:00am at the southern carpark of the Council.



Easter Raffle

We are asking for donations of Easter items that will be used for raffle prizes. The money raised from this raffle will go towards infants excursions held throughout the year. These donations can be left at the front office. Thank you in advance for your support. Mrs Rowe.

★ MEAL DEAL ★

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'Meatball Subs'

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A long roll filled with meatballs in a tomato based sauce topped with cheese a popper and a cup of rainbow ice cream **\$5.50**

Other choices: (NOT included in the meal deal)

Lasagne \$4.00

Sausage Roll \$2.50

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DONATIONS This week

FOOD	NAME
Block Cheese	Kati Mumford
Vegemite	Melanie Gallagher
Lettuce	Rhonda Fowler
Tomatoes	Roxanne Bancroft-Stuart

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	NAME
Wednesday 29	Jenny Petrie, Charmaine Rankin, Help needed please
Thursday 30	Help needed please 11:30am-1pm
Friday 31	Ashleigh Loader
Monday 3	Angel Parker 11am-1pm
Tuesday 4	
Wednesday 5	Tammy Morris, Jenny Petrie, Charmiane Rankin

HOMEBAKE

DATE	NAME
Monday 3	Melanie Gallagher
Wednesday 5	Sandi McCowen
Friday 7	If you can bake please call



Playgroup is run by Mrs Robyn Hillier on Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00pm in the Rainbow Room. If you are attending please call the front office.