

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 2 Week 3 May 2017



An Exciting New Position At Our School!

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Kim Rhodes who will be employed at our school for two days per week as our Community Liaison Officer. Kim has many exciting ideas for our school and we look forward to creating closer links with our parents and wider community, utilising Kim's expertise and fresh approach.



GRIP Leadership Day Wrap Up

Last Wednesday, TSHPMPS School Leaders travelled to Armidale with Mrs Wait and Miss Starcevic to attend the GRIP leadership conference.

Approximately 30 schools with at least 300 other students attended. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. While we were there we had to come up with some big ideas that we thought might be able to introduce at our school. One of the big ideas we had was to have a morning tea for teachers. The reason we thought this would be a good idea for our teachers is because they do a

lot for us and help us get a good education so that we could live a good life and go on family holidays. Our teachers also work very hard and don't get many breaks because they are often on playground duty when we have our lunch. We want to show them our appreciation. We thought we could do this by asking all other students to cook something that would be suitable for morning tea on the weekend. We would bring it to school on Monday and the school leaders could serve it out on the basketball court, so that the whole school could be involved. Another idea that we had was to make board game out of recycled goods. We thought we could plan and make it in the Library. We also played some great games that helped us work as a team. Fletcher, Bonnie and Will got up on stage. It was a little scary getting up on stage in front of so many people, but it was funny when Will did the chicken dance.

Bonnie, Fletcher, Amelia and Malik.



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

Parent and student road safety behaviour

As you know, parents and carers are responsible for how their children get to and from school. At school we have noticed that there are still a number of students being dropped off and picked up in the bus lane as well as a number of young students walking to and from school on their own.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is a top priority and we strongly encourage all parents and carers to visit the websites below. These sites outline key road safety messages written by the Centre for Road Safety which are supported by the Department of Education.

Centre for Road Safety's website

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/index.html>

Department of Education Road Safety Education

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education>.

PBL Team

K-6 Cross Country

On Friday, the 5th of May 2017, our students participated in the school Cross Country Carnival. It was a school-wide event, allowing students from all age groups to compete. It was a fantastic afternoon, and the weather was perfect.

The afternoon commenced with the seven-year boys they were closely followed by the seven-year girls, 12/13 year boys and girls, 11-year boys and girls, six-year boys and girls, ten-year boys and girls, five-year boys and girls, and the event finished with the 8/9 year boys and girls.

The cutest event of the day was the 5 and six years' boys and girls. Some of them had a little bit of trouble following the course and staying on two feet, while others couldn't quite run that far and walked over the finish line.

Thank you to all of our supporters who turned up on the day, some of the children forgot they were in a running race and were too busy waving and enjoying

the attention from onlookers to finish the race.

With a little bit of yelling and screaming, we eventually coaxed them over the line.

The 7, 8/9 and ten years boys and girls had some fantastic runners who didn't want to get beaten. For a few minutes Mrs T and Miss Ryan had runners coming in a few seconds after each other, and in some cases, we had to get down and look to see whose foot reached the finish line first.

The 11 and 12/13 years boys and girls it was a different story with runners coming in a few hundred metres apart, in the first few placings. Once the first few students were over the line, they all came running in relatively close to each other.

Well done to the all those students who participated it was lovely to see you trying your best and most importantly, having fun! Congratulations to all students who placed in the top ten what a fantastic effort.

The Zone Cross Country event will be held at our school on Friday the 19th of May, 2017. The day will commence at 9:30 am and is anticipated to be finished by 1 pm. Thank you, students, parents/carers and teachers for a wonderful afternoon.

Emily Ryan

Cross Country Co ordinator



Our NAIDOC day will be held on June 29.

Please save the date on your calendars.

What's happening in our Classroom – 1/2W



What a start to the year it has been!

We have been focused on learning and practising many new things and exploring new topics.

In the mornings our focus is on reading and writing, where we participate in reading rotations throughout the morning. We have been enjoying writing about the importance of ANZAC day. In the middle session we focus on building our mathematics skills. We love starting our lessons with Buzz off hairy legs, dice champion or clear the board. This week we are exploring fractions making halves and quarters.

In the afternoons, after news time, we have been learning about history, Creative and Performing Arts and personal development and health. In history we have been discussing families, their differences and similarities and have been exploring how families are different today from 100 years ago.



We have been lucky enough to participate in a number of school events so far this year. These events include Grandparents Day, where we performed 'Better When I'm Dancing' for our Grandparents and loved ones. We enjoyed the open classroom for our Grandparents to visit in the morning.

We loved participating in the Easter Hat parade, where we made our eggshell hats from paper mache, and also learnt and performed not one but THREE dances to perform for the school community with our K-2 peers. We learnt so many new and exciting things when we travelled the world on Harmony day and have just recently participated in the school cross country. We made a great cheer squad for the 3-6 students after we had finished our races.



1/2W cannot wait to see what new and exciting things the rest of the year brings for them!



P&C NEWS

NEXT P&C meeting Tuesday May 9

Meeting start time is 5:30pm

What's Coming Up This Week

DATE	Changes to Routine
15/5-18/5	Mrs Wait, Miss Wicks and Miss Ryan– Stage 3 camp
15/5-16/5	Miss Starcevic– PL

Date and banana muffins, no added sugar!

prep: 5 mins | **cook:** 18 mins | **total:** 23 mins

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yield: 24 mini muffins

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup dates soaked in 1/2 cup hot water
- 2 brown bananas, mashed
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla paste
- 1/2 cup coconut oil, melted
- 2 cups self raising flour

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
2. Pop the dates and the water into a food processor and blitz until chopped up well, It takes about 1 minute. Stop when they are a consistency that you like, we don't mind some chunks.
3. In a large bowl, mix the mashed banana, melted coconut oil, vanilla paste and egg together.
4. Add the flour and the dates mixture.
5. Pour into mini muffin trays.
6. Bake at 180 degrees for 15-18 minutes.



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



This week the students participated in a lesson about respecting property. The aim of this lesson was to have students understand the importance of caring for their personal property, the property of others and the property of the school.

The specific skills taught included:

1. Keeping the bag racks clean and tidy by making sure personal belongings are packed away inside bags, with bags zipped shut.
2. Classroom supplies and other school equipment are used appropriately and put away when not in use.
3. Asking to use someone's personal equipment (without just taking and using without asking), and respecting their right to say no to having others use them.

PBL Team

TERM 1 School Planner

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
May	3	8	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN Catch up day	13/14
May	4	15 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth	16	17	18	19	20/21

Community Notice

AK4C

Wednesday afternoon 3:30pm to 4:30 pm
Fun and laughter
Games, afternoon tea, lesson and craft.
All welcome
contact Merelyn on 0447 387 921

Junior Netball

Junior Netball registration day will be Saturday May 6 starting at 10am at the Federation netball courts.
\$70 per player.

CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	NAME
Wednesday 10	Jenny Petrie, Tammy Morris
Thursday 11	Help needed please 11am-1pm
Friday 12	Help needed please 11am-1pm
Monday 15	
Tuesday 16	Nicole Arnold
Wednesday 17	Angela Kerrigan, Jenny Petrie

HOMEBAKE

DATE	NAME
Monday 15	Judy Keep
Wednesday 17	Candice Potter
Friday 19	Jayne Collier

MEAL DEAL

'A Winter Warmer'

A tray of pasta topped with bolognaise mince and cheese plus a popper and a cup of jelly and ice cream \$5.50

Other Choices: Mini pie \$1.50 each

6 Nuggets \$3.00



Mothers Day Stall

We will be holding our Mothers Day stall again on Friday May 12.
Gifts range from 50c-\$5.
Plenty of stock left so grab something special for Mum while you can.

DONATIONS This week

FOOD	NAME
Cruskits	Nicole Arnold
Block Cheese	Jann Oberman
Mince	Tanya Larkin
Tomato Sauce	Bec Ebbern, Angela Kerrigan
Mayonnaise	Jen Rhodes
Margarine	Robyn Hillier



Playgroup resumes

Friday May 12.