

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 1 Week 8 2018



Harmony Day Celebrations

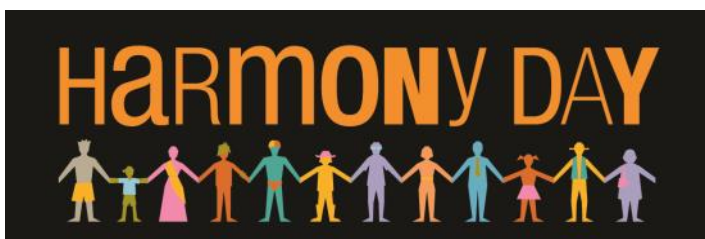
Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday March 28. The theme is 'Everyone Belongs'.

Each class is studying a different country over the next two weeks, and on the 28th March each class will be cooking/creating a local dish from their country to taste.

If you would like to have a input into your child's class activities please contact the class teacher.

Possums:	Mexico
Clownfish:	France
Dingos:	Morocco
Tasmanian Devils:	Sri Lanka
Galahs:	Japan
Boobooks:	China
Dugongs:	Canada
Sugar Gliders:	Thailand
Quokkas:	New Zealand
Kookaburras:	Italy

Hopefully your child/ren will come home with lots of interesting facts about their chosen country.



School Hats

This week we are focusing on ensuring our students are being sunsafe—wearing appropriate hats on their heads whilst playing. Caps are not appropriate. All students should be wearing our school uniform hat. Students who do not have a hat are instructed by teachers to play in the shade.

A reminder also that we do not have spare hats, and do not share hats.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week keep an eye out in your child/ren's bags for parent/teacher permission notes. We will be holding interviews in Week 11, and encourage all parents to participate in these meetings. Our doors are always open so please make an appointment anytime during the school year, if you have any concerns.

Have a fantastic week ahead!

Miss Anna Starcevic Principal

[Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey](#)

Term 1 2018

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 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.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our 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 12 March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students last week.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Thursday March 29**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

[Connecting Country Schools Project](#)

Our school has been included in the Connecting Country Schools (CCS) project, which is delivering upgraded wireless connectivity and internet access to more than 900 schools around the state.

Planning for installations at our school has commenced with our assigned Technical Officer from the Department's IT Directorate, who are managing this project.

CCS will deliver upgraded and reliable wireless access in all our learning spaces, assisting teachers to deliver future focused learning to prepare our students for digital age jobs.

Improved wireless and internet services will also give students more chances to connect and collaborate and greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts.

We are working with our Technical Officer to ensure that disruptions during the installation are kept to a minimum.

External contractors who will visit the school to undertake work are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Attendance Matters!!!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much BUT.....

If your child misses...	That equals....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school, then
YES, attendance does matter!!

Kookaburras Newsletter Report

The students in the Kookaburra's class this year have been busy at work.



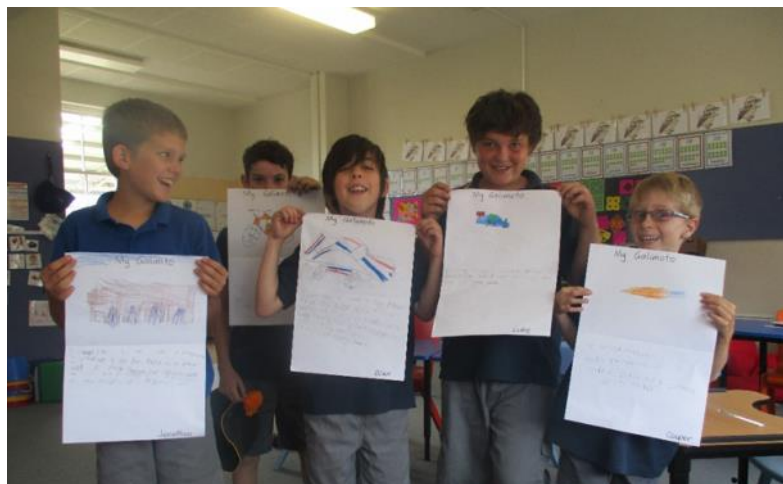
The flexible furniture means they have a comfortable place to do their best.



This term our students have been studying fairy tales and the lessons they teach.



They have been reading and writing on their theme and proud to show off their publishing work.



Congratulations

The staff of The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School would like to congratulate Miss Starcevic on becoming the newest member of Rotary Tenterfield.

The Tenterfield Rotary Club is part of an international network of business, professional and community leaders who strive to make the world a better place through practical efforts. Through Rotary International, the reward of "paying it forward" unites men and women from different backgrounds, cultures, religious and political beliefs the world over, allowing ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Well done Miss Starcevic.



COLES VOUCHERS

A reminder to all our parents/guardians that April 3 will be the last day we can collect the sports for school vouchers.

The school would like to upgrade a lot of its sporting equipment and we are still short of the total number of vouchers required.

Every single voucher will help our school.

So please make sure to drop any of your vouchers of at the front office or pop them in The Sir Henry Parkes box at Coles.



THIS WEEKS POSTIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING LESSON (PBL)



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This week's PBL lesson focused on the value of safety, particularly in the playground. On Monday students discussed what it means to be safe on the playground and why that is important.

They explicitly identified appropriate behaviours in areas of our playground such as, the play equipment, trees, fences, hats and silver seats. This week the school is having a 2 to 1 Henrys deal for positive behaviour on the playground.

Regards

The PBL Team

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TERM 1 School Planner and Canteen Information

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 March	19	20	21 Harmony Day	22	23
Week 9 March	26	27	28 Harmony Day Celebrations	29 Easter hat Parade	30 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 10 April	2 EASTER MONDAY	3	4	5	6
Week 11 April	9	10	11	12	13 LAST DAY TERM 1
Term 2 Week 1 April	30 STAFF RETURN	1 STUDENTS RETURN	2	3	4

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 21st	Sandi McCowen Tammy Morris
Thursday 22nd	
Friday 23rd	Rachel Brown
Monday 26th	Angie Parker
Tuesday 27th	
Wednesday 28th	Sandi McCowen Candice Potter

Homebake

Monday 26th	Tracy Caldwell
Wednesday 28th	Cara Newton
Friday 30th	GOOD FRIDAY

Donations

Tomato Sauce	Lisa O'Brien
BBQ Sauce	Kris McCowen
Balsamic Dressing	Trudy Campbell
Block Cheese	Angela Kerrigan
Vegemite	Bec Ebborn
Lettuce	Lara Flanagan
Tomatoes	Tracey Anderson
Margarine	Jess Kennedy

Meal Deal

'A Burgerlicious Deal'

A hamburger (home made beef patty with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese & BBQ sauce) a popper and a variety of flavoured spilt icy pole \$6.00
Other choices: Sausage roll \$3.00
Chicken strip \$1.50

A decorative border of various colorful Easter eggs with different patterns like stripes, polka dots, and zig-zags surrounds the central text area.

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter raffle will take place on **Thursday 29th March at 12:45pm**, after our Easter hat parade.

This year all money raised will go towards new home readers for our K-2 classes.

We are asking families to assist us with our fundraising efforts, by donating Easter eggs and items that can be used to create mini Easter raffles.

Please take all donated items to the front office.

The raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade.

Easter Raffle Tickets are attached to this newsletter. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Kind Regards

Amanda Rowe

Relieving Assistant Principal K-2

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SUGGESTIONS

No-bake date and seed bar

14/07/2016 **AMBER**, Canteen recipes, Healthy Eating, Help for Parents, Lunchbox, Occasional, Party food ideas, Recipes, Snacks, Sweet food

AMBER (ACT & SA) / Occasional (NSW)

Makes 16 bars

Ingredients:

- 5 cups (425g) deseeded dried dates
- 1-2 tablespoons (20-40ml) boiling water
- 5 cups (135g) rolled oats
- 1 cup of seeds of your choice (e.g. pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds)
- Additional seeds for topping (optional)



Method:

1. Place dates and boiling water in food processor and blend until dates become a sticky paste.
2. Mix in the dry ingredients with the date mix (this can be done in the food processor on pulse mode, or if you prefer whole seeds we recommend using a paddle attachment).
3. Press the mix into a lunch box or small baking tin (aim for 1 cm height or less).
4. Add extra seeds as a topping by sprinkling on top and pressing in with a spatula.
5. Refrigerate overnight before slicing into small squares or bars.

Tips:

- This recipe can be doubled as needed.