



# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

**TERM 4 WEEK 4 NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 5th November, 2024**

**Principal** Miss Anna Starcevic

**Acting Deputy Principal** Mrs Tracy Caldwell

**Assistant Principal** Mrs Charmaine Johnston

**Assistant Principals Curriculum & Instruction**

Mr Dean Gillett (Tues), Mrs Liz Duff (Relieving—Wed)



## **Stage 3 Brisbane Camp**

A huge well done to the students from Stage 3 who attended the Brisbane camp last week. We received numerous accounts of excellent behaviour and manners from members of the public and vendors of sites visited, which was just fantastic to hear. Hopefully your child/ren came home with lots of new knowledge and facts to share about the venues visited. We love alternating our camps each year between educational and sporting opportunities.

A very big THANK YOU also goes to Mrs Caldwell, Mr Dunstan, Lyn Potter and Jen Petrie—who all gave up precious family and personal time to attend and lead the kids at camp. Camp is always a 24 hour job for the staff attending and we are so appreciative that these four adults were all willing and able to attend.

## **NAIDOC Day**

This year our school is celebrating NAIDOC Day on November 14. With the permission of the AECG, we decided to hold the event later in the year when the weather was more favourable. This year we are excited to host a visit from Starr's Observatory. This involves a blow up dome that the students go into and images are projected onto the roof. The students will hear about how First Nations people used the stars. During the day, there will be a welcome ceremony and families and community members are more than welcome to attend the ceremony as well as help out with activities. A timetable will be provided closer to the event.

## **Stage 2 Thalgarrah Excursion**

A reminder to our families that all payments are due to the front office no later than Friday November 15th. There is no need for any online registrations for this excursion. We will send home a reminder packing list next week.

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## School Fete

The school fete is being held on November 21 from 4—7pm. There will be a wide range of stalls including show bags, cooking, craft, books, plants and games just to name a few. The P&C will be running a BBQ and drinks stall. We are grateful to have a number of community groups supporting us as well.

## Tell Them From Me Parent 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.

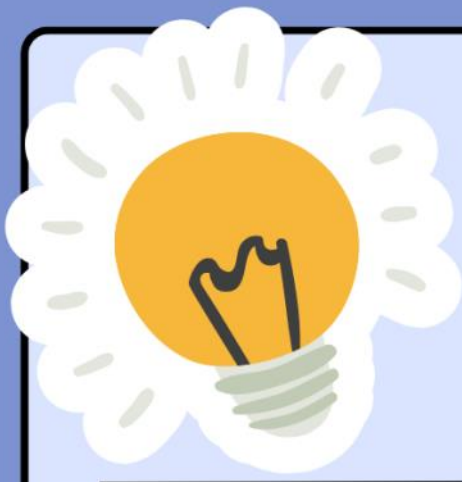
The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

**The survey is open for parents to complete until November 8—THIS FRIDAY**



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# FROM THE APCI

## DESK

*Term 4, Week 4, 2024*

A short message from Mrs Duff.

### Everyday Math Conversations

In Term 3, all teachers across K-6 interviewed many students from each class to determine what level of understanding students had around numbers and place value. This varied across the years from some students still learning 1-10 and some students confidently using decimals. Last week, during a data meeting, teachers revisited this initial data and were able to update student progress where possible.

A way that families can help to extend a child's understanding of numbers and place value is through everyday conversation that use math language and thinking. During routine activities, such as grocery shopping or cooking, point out numbers and quantities. For instance, ask your child to help you count items in the cart or measure ingredients. This not only reinforces number recognition but also helps them understand the concept of quantity and how numbers relate to real-world situations.

### Card Games:

Here is a list of card games that are great for children 5 years +  
How many can your family play this week or this month?  
Do you have another game? We'd love to hear about it!

|           |               |          |                     |
|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------------|
| Accordion | King's Corner | Rummy    | Beggar My Neighbour |
| Speed     | Go Fish       | Old Maid | Snap                |
| War       | Trash/Garbage | Hearts   | Concentration       |
| Golf      | Spoons        | Crazy 8s | Pig                 |



### Intervention

MiniLit, Quick Smart and Miss Ritchie's intervention groups will finish up in Week 6. We are so proud of the progress our students have made during these interventions. You should all be very proud with your achievements too!!





# BACTRIANS' NEWSLETTER REPORT

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM-

### SCIENCE:

In science we are learning about the states of matter. Here are some interesting facts we have discovered-

- Viscosity is the measure of resistance of a fluid to flow. Therefore, honey will pour a lot slower than water.
- Solute, solvent and solution. If you make a cup of coffee, the solute are the coffee grains, the solvent is the hot water and the solution is your warming cup of coffee.

### MATHS:

In maths we continue to learn how it relates to everything we do every day. We thought we would give you a challenge to solve-

Make the number 291 using these numbers 3, 5, 8, 25, 75, 10. You can only use each number once, you do not have to use every number and you may use a calculator.

All mathematical operations may be used.



### LITERACY:

Did you know other towns have 3 wheelie bins for their waste? We are writing a persuasive text to convince our town to have the same option. Waste management must be a priority so as we can look after our natural environment with care and ensure regeneration of all areas.



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF



**Name:** Nikkala Hiller **Title:** SAO

Favourite Food?

Cheesecake

Favourite holiday destination?

Beach

Birthday Month?

July

Favourite TV Show?

The Voice

Do you have any pets?

Bentley (1 giant puppy)

Favourite Song?

*Can't Stop the Feeling*  
*Justin Timberlake*

Best ways to relax or pamper yourself?

Getting a pedicure

Favourite Sport?

Netball/swimming

Favourite Colour?

Purple

Something people don't know about you?

I drove a limousine to Melbourne and back on my L plates

Favourite Movie?

Forrest Gump

Favourite Quote?

*Treat people the way you would like to be treated*

Most influential person?

My mum





# Term 4 Week 4



The following students will be awarded their Brag Tags at *this week's assembly*

## Suris

Stuart G  
Ben D  
Brodie F-C  
John T  
Fletcher J  
Hunter Q

## Alpacas

Luna C  
Steven D  
Ezekiel G  
Noah R  
River D  
Liobhan M

## Llamas

Azarleyah M  
Bianca R  
Jannalie O'R  
Scarlett W-C  
Richard D  
Logan L  
Madeline L  
Juliette H  
Oscar D  
Florence T  
Archie M

## Vicunas

Harley L  
Zarliah D  
Jamaal B  
Jack C  
Casyn Mc  
Dana Y  
Leonardo W  
Montana O'C  
Tariq B  
Nafisa Q  
Dominic V I  
Mia W  
Mattaao T



## Great Victorians

Crystal B  
Emmett C  
Vincent C  
Alexis D  
Sophie E  
Harrison H  
Taylah M  
Cooper P  
Molly R  
Meridah T  
Beau W  
Maia W  
Neo Y  
Paige B  
Oliver E  
Patrick P  
Savannah R

## Dromedaries

Agnes R  
Spencer B  
Jacob H  
Jairon C  
Izaac L  
Walter S  
Sadie W  
Ceanna C  
Kallarney D

## Bactrians

Heidi R  
Cody L  
Jayda B  
Audrina C  
Tahlia P  
Lexi K  
Naomi A  
Mia T  
Chelsea E





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## Term 4 2024 & Term 1 2025

| Wk/Month            | Monday                                   | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                  | Friday                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Week 4<br>November  | 4                                        | 5                                        | 6                                                  | 7<br>Kinder Orientation<br>#4 9:00-1:00pm | 8<br><b>Assembly 2:00pm</b>               |
| Week 5<br>November  | 11                                       | 12<br>P&C Meeting<br>5:30pm              | 13<br>Kinder Orientation<br>#5 9:00-1:00pm         | 14<br><b>NAIDOC<br/>CELEBRATIONS</b>      | 15                                        |
| Week 6<br>November  | 18<br>Dental Health Van                  | 19                                       | 20<br>Kinder Orientation<br>#6 9:00-3:00pm.        | 21<br><u>SCHOOL FETE 4-7pm</u>            | 22<br><b>Assembly 2:00pm</b>              |
| Week 7<br>November  | 25                                       | 26                                       | 27                                                 | 28                                        | 29                                        |
| Week 8<br>Nov/Dec   | 2                                        | 3<br>Year 6-7<br>Orientation Day         | 4<br>Stage 2<br>Thalgarrah<br>Excursion            | 5                                         | 6                                         |
| Week 9<br>December  | 9                                        | 10                                       | 11                                                 | 12<br>Presentation Day<br>10:00am start   | 13<br>Year 6 FUN DAY                      |
| Week 10<br>December | 16                                       | 17                                       | 18 <b>FINAL DAY FOR<br/>STAFF AND<br/>STUDENTS</b> | 19                                        | 20                                        |
| Week 1<br>January   | 27<br>SCHOOL<br>HOLIDAYS                 | 28                                       | 29                                                 | 30                                        | 31<br>Teachers return to<br>school—SDD #1 |
| Week 2<br>February  | 3<br>Teachers return to<br>school—SDD #2 | 4<br>Teachers return to<br>school—SDD #3 | 5<br>Teachers return to<br>school—SDD #4           | 6<br><b>Students return<br/>K-6</b>       | 7                                         |
| Week 3<br>February  | 10                                       | 11                                       | 12                                                 | 13                                        | 14                                        |

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