



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

TERM 3 WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 24th September, 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)



Final Newsletter for Term 3

Phew! It feels like in the blink of an eye this term has started and ended! What a fantastic 10 weeks we have had, including fabulous learning and student engagement and great sporting opportunities:

- Celebrating 100 days of kindergarten
- Hosting the NNE Athletics Carnival
- Students competing at the NW Athletics Carnival
- Education Week celebrations
- Science Week activities and fair
- Year 6-7 transition sessions
- UNSW Engineering workshops
- SAS Recognition Week
- Debating wins and competing for finals
- Parent teacher interviews
- SRC discos
- Cricket and touch football gala days
- Premier's Spelling Bee school and regional finals
- Kindergarten 2025 parent session and interviews

Wow! What a term we have had! And then running alongside all of this—our fabulous teachers and students working so hard each day in their classrooms in all Key Learning Areas. Well done everyone!

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We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable break over the school holidays. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces upon their return for the final term of the school year. Year 6 kids—you are on the countdown now for high school!!

Have a wonderful week. **School resumes for staff and students on Monday October 14.**

Miss Anna Starcevic

Principal

TOILETS AT SCHOOL

Parents and carers, we are having a number of ongoing issues with our student toilets at school. Some students still don't seem to understand how to use a toilet correctly—flushing, using appropriate toilet paper, having faeces actually go into the bowl. We would appreciate it if all families could ensure all children understand how to toilet themselves. It is a fairly unpleasant job for our staff to have to clean up after students.

Thank you for your co operation with this.

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.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm. To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/sirhparkes2024>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF



Name: Wendy Kelly **Title:** Teacher

Favourite Food?

Hamburgers

Favourite holiday destination?

Lake Conjola NSW

Birthday Month?

February

Favourite TV Show?

The Block

Do you have any pets?

2 fabulous dogs and 1
cuddly cat

Favourite Song?

Can't stop the music
Village People

Best ways to relax or pamper yourself?

Reading a book

Favourite Sport?

Baseball

Favourite Colour?

Sky blue

Something people don't know about
you?

I was in the Newcastle
earthquake

Favourite Movie?

Far and Away

Favourite Quote?

Keep your face always
towards the sunshine,
and shadows will fall

Most influential person?

Family members

Intervention



LEARNING AND SUPPORT

Mrs Kuiters has been busy working with targeted Year 4 students in Quicksmart Literacy and Numeracy. All students have been working hard and making great progress this term.

She is also supporting students who have received learning and support referrals in targeted intervention sessions three times a week. Check out this learning in action!



QUICKSMART NUMERACY

Year 4 students have been working hard in Quicksmart to improve their understanding and automatic recall of number facts and basic calculations.

The main aim of this program is to reduce the cognitive load required for these tasks, freeing up this space for new learning and more complex mathematical thinking. A variety of strategies are implemented to accommodate and differentiate for a wide range of learning styles.

Jen, Lisa and Mrs Kuiters have been thrilled to see the growth of students who started on addition, now working towards division!

MINILIT

Lisa has been working hard with her Year 1 and 2 students in Minilit. The Minilit early intervention reading program is supporting these students in their recognition of phonemes, graphemes and CVC words.

These students have improved the rate at which they can decode unfamiliar words and their confidence in doing this.

We love to see confident readers in Stage 1 building a love of books!



YEAR 3/ YEAR 5 INTERVENTION

In response to the data from the 2024 NAPLAN tests, Ms Ritchie has been working with students in Years 3 and Year 5 to strengthen their understanding of targeted literacy and numeracy concepts.

Year 3 students were working on multiplicative strategies and exploring place value in numeracy. Comprehension and building vocabulary has been a focus for both Year 3 and Year 5 students, through exploring a range of text types to build their tier 2 and 3 vocabulary.

It has been wonderful to see these students build their confidence and enthusiasm for learning through intervention.





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environments



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achievement



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YOUNG GUNS

SPORTS CLINIC

DATES:

30TH SEPTEMBER -
4TH OCTOBER

TIMES:

DROP OFF: 8:30AM
PICK UP: 3:00PM

WHERE:

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL
CAMPUS
DROP OFF @ FRANCIS
STREET GATE

REGISTRATION:

EMAIL OR FACEBOOK
MESSAGE TO RECEIVE
AN ONLINE
ENROLMENT FORM

PRICE \$40/DAY



Young Guns Sports clinic is a fun and inclusive holiday sports program for children from Kinder to Year 6 from all local schools. All children are welcome.

We focus on having fun while developing fitness, coordination and teamwork through games.

BASKETBALL • CRICKET • FOOTBALL • SOCCER •
BALLGAMES • HANDBALL • SKIPPING • TAG GAMES •
FITNESS CHALLENGE • CIRCLE GAMES



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Terms 3 & 4, 2024

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 September	23	24	25	26 SRC DISCOS	27 FINAL DAY OF TERM 3
Week 1 Term 4 October	14 Staff & Students Return to school	15	16 Kinder Orientation #1 9:00-11:00am	17	18
Week 2 October	21	22	23	24 Kinder Orientation #2 9:00-11:00am	25
Week 3 October/ November	28 Stage 3 Brisbane Excursion	29 →	30 → Kinder Orientation #3 9:00-11:00am	31 →	1 → Assembly 2:00pm
Week 4 November	4	5	6	7 Kinder Orientation #4 9:00-1:00pm	8
Week 5 November	11	12 P&C Meeting 5:30pm	13 Kinder Orientation #5 9:00-1:00pm	14 NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS	15
Week 6 November	18 Dental Health Van ALL WEEK	19	20 Kinder Orientation #6 9:00-3:00pm	21 SCHOOL FETE	22 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 7 November	25	26	27	28	29
Week 8 Nov/Dec	2	3 Year 6-7 Orientation Day	4 Stage 2 Thalgarrah Excursion	5 →	6
Week 9 December	9	10	11	12 Presentation Day	13 Year 6 FUN DAY

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