



# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

**TERM 4 WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 17th December, 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)



**SCHOOL  
RESUMES FOR ALL  
STUDENTS K-6  
FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

## **End of 2024 School Year**

This year has been filled with new challenges, exciting learning opportunities, and plenty of memories that we'll carry with us for a long time. I would like to thank our dedicated and committed teaching staff, student learning support officers and administration staff. They work tirelessly to guide, support, and inspire our students and each other. Their dedication to nurturing our students' curiosity and helping each and every one of them grow as learners and individuals never goes unnoticed.

The amazing team of staff here at Sir Henry Parkes always go above and beyond and put their heart and souls into each day. They have all made this year not only educational but enjoyable, and for that I am truly grateful. 2024 has been a fantastic year! Our staff and our students support each other through both triumphs and challenges. We have grown not only academically but also emotionally and socially. We've laughed, learned, and grown together. Every lesson, every school activity, excursion and camp has been an opportunity to make new friends and discover new things.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our families and loved ones. Thank you for your constant encouragement and support. Your involvement in our school community, whether it's volunteering, attending events, or simply cheering us on, makes a world of difference.

This year, we say farewell to Mrs Charmaine Johnston. Charmaine has retired from the NSW Department of Education. She celebrates over 25 years of service, teaching and leading in schools across NSW. She no doubt holds a special place in many children and families hearts as she moves on to the next exciting chapter of her life.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Josephine Andrews for 2025. Josephine will taking a year of leave to move back to her family and focus on her own personal and professional growth. Miss Andrews is a very passionate educator who has a deep commitment towards nurturing her students and we look forward to her return in 2026.

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Well done to our 12 graduating Kindergarten students who all move into Year 1 next year. They have learnt an incredible amount of knowledge and skills – and started to show us glimpses of their future talents and individual gifts.

To our 30 graduating Year 6 students, who will all graduate primary school tomorrow and begin their next exciting chapter at secondary school, we wish them well and thank them for bringing so many special moments to us all over the years.

Our students will always be our students, no matter their age, and a special part of the Sir Henry Parkes family. We love to celebrate our achievements every day, big and small. Thank you for a wonderful year.

I would like to wish all of our families a restful and happy holiday after the festive season. We look forward to all students returning on Thursday February 6, 2025. The office will be open from Friday January 31 for our queries and uniform sales.

*Miss Anna Starcevic*

Principal



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# Deputy Principal Report



Wow! It is hard to believe that this is my final report for 2024. It has been another amazing year with lots of learning, personal achievements and fun along the way.

It was great to hear that Stage 2 had such a fantastic time at camp. As always, the food at Thalgarrah was a highlight but it was also amazing to see so many smiles and hear the great stories about the activities they did. Well done to all of the students who held the python.

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students who last week took part in the School and House Captain election process. It takes courage to put yourself up for selection. Well done to those students who were successful in being selected as a captain and I look forward to seeing what you achieve in these roles.

As always, it is great to look back at all the things that we have done this year. In 2024 our students had the chance to participate in:

- Premier's Debating Challenge
- Multicultural Speaking Competition
- NAIDOC Day Celebrations
- School Fete
- PSSA Sport
- School Sports Carnivals
- Spelling Bee
- Excursions and Camps
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- School Band and Choir
- Swimming for sport and Learn to Swim

This is certainly not everything but it again reminds us of all of the great opportunities provided to the students of TSHPMPS.

Best wishes to our Year 6 students as they start their high school journey. I look forward to hearing of your successes.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing lots of smiles again as we start 2025.





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## Term 4 2024 & Term 1 2025

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 December	16 End of Year Celebration Day	17 Year 6 Farewell	18 <b>FINAL DAY FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS</b>	19	20
Week 1 January	27 <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	28 <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	29 <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	30 <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	31 Teachers return to school—SDD #1
Week 2 February	3 Teachers return to school—SDD #2	4 Teachers return to school—SDD #3	5 Teachers return to school—SDD #4	6 <b>Students return K-6</b>	7 Stage 3 Camp deposit due
Week 3 February	10	11	12 Annual Swimming Carnival	13	14 Playgroup resumes <b>Assembly 2:00pm</b>
Week 4 February	17	18	19	20 NNE Swimming Carnival—Armidale	21
Week 5 February	24	25	26	27	28
Week 6 March	3	4	5	6	7 Stage 3 Camp final payment due <b>Assembly 2:00pm</b>
Week 7 March	10	11	12 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth	13 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth	14 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth
Week 8 March	17	18	19	20	21
Week 9 March	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Assembly 2:00pm</b>

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