



# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

**TERM 1 WEEK 11 NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 9th April, 2024**

**Principal** Anna Starcevic

**Acting Deputy Principal** Mrs Tracy Caldwell

**Acting Assistant Principal** Mrs Steph Belson

**Assistant Principals Curriculum & Instruction** Mr Dean Gillett (Tues), Mrs Liz Duff (Relieving—Wed)



## **End of Term 1**

Wow! What a long term we have had! 11 weeks of solid learning and relationship building. Congratulations to our staff and students on a tremendous term. The classrooms have been busy hives of learning each and every day and our students have been very proud of their achievements. Student behaviour has been very impressive around the school this term. It is always so lovely to hear the beautiful manners of our students on a daily basis. We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable school holiday period. **School resumes for students on Tuesday April 30.**

## **ANZAC Day March**

We hope to see as many students as possible joining us for the ANZAC Day march on April 25. We assemble at 10:00am outside the Telegraph Hotel. The march begins at 10:30am. All students attending need to be in full school uniform, with their school hat also.

## **Stage 3 Canberra Excursion**

A reminder to our families of Stage 3 students attending the Canberra excursion in Term 4. The \$250 deposit is due by the end of this term. That is THIS FRIDAY. The deposit must be paid to secure a place.

## **P&C Trivia Night**

Keep an eye out for an upcoming flyer—the P&C are hosting a trivia night next term! We can't wait for a fun filled evening here in Bruxner Hall, on Friday June 14. Tables usually fill fast, so if you are keen please contact the office. Tables numbers will be 8-10 people per table. Mr Hughie McCowen will be MCing the night!

Have a wonderful week!

*Miss Anna Starcevic* Principal

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## Teddy Bear's Picnic

K-2 staff and students would like to invite families and friends of children aged 0-5 along to our Teddy Bear's Picnic.

We will provide a variety of rotations and finish the event with a picnic in the playground. Please BYO food or some items can be purchased from the canteen.

Feel free to bring a Teddy along too, just remember to pop your name on it somewhere.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of new faces here on the day! Please call the front office if you have any questions.

Mrs Duff and Mrs Belson

**Playdough**

**Stories**

**Sensory Play**

**Art & Craft**

**Song & Dance**

**Picnic (BYO or Canteen orders welcome)**

**Bring a teddy**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

# Teddy Bear's Picnic

FRIDAY APRIL 12 2024  
9:30-11:30 AM

AGES 0-5 WELCOME

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## Oracles of the Bush Poetry

Well done to Ethan, Sanuki and Dorothy for their winning entries.

### **The Big Barra**

By Ethan

The first fish I caught was a barra  
Down in the dirty, gross lake of Wallangarra  
I pulled and I yanked  
I thought I had lost him but I aint  
Then the rod started bending  
I started screaming  
Then it all was ending  
I had a big fish  
It granted my wish

Now we were leaving.  
I started relieving  
So dad and I went home  
The fish could freely roam  
Maybe next time we can go fishing in the sea  
We'll see

So the biggest fish I caught was a really big barra  
down in the gross, dirty lake of Wallangarra

That was one really big barra.



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### My Sister

By Sanuki

We've never separated, even in 11 years  
So when we did it for the first time, it left me in tears.

You're only there for school, I understand  
But it hurts that this wasn't initially planned.

Because you're not just my sister, you're my best friend,  
It's still sad, even though this isn't the end.

Now I jam to Taylor Swift all alone,  
Your absence sweeps me up, like a cyclone.

I can see you in my reflection  
It eats me up, like a deadly infection.

Because you usually fill the hole in my heart,  
Even though it's not permanent, it tears me apart.

I miss our movie nights, with popcorn in hand,  
Laughing and teasing, our own little band.

In Brisbane you roam, for school you must stay,  
While here in Tenterfield, I love you everyday.

Resand I my dear sister, I need you so,  
I love you more than you'll ever know.

You're my big sister, my guiding light,  
I miss you more than words can write.

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### The Creek

By Dorothy

One day I went to the creek,  
And I hung from the snapped trees.  
My sister laughed like a freak,  
And the sheep barked at me.  
My sisters were flabbergasted.  
Anyway, we went home,  
And saw a spinner.  
Also, my brother Beau stepped on a bone.  
Tiff was on her phone until dinner.  
I thought my sister was freaky,  
Also my voice was creaky.  
It's unlike from the creek,  
My sister took a video while she did speak.

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# Term 1 in the Llamas

The Llamas have been hard at work in Term 1.

In English, we have been learning all about the sounds that make up words. We have also been writing our own narratives, information reports and persuasive texts.

In our maths lessons, we have been looking at addition, subtraction, shapes, patterns, and length.



In science, we have been learning about the different materials found in our world. We made playdough and oobleck to answer the question; What happens when we mix two materials together?





# Infants

# NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Thank you to those families who joined us for the Easter Hat Parade in Week 9. The students were very proud of their creative efforts both in hat making and dancing.

This prepared them well for the K-2 Disco which went off with a bang. The staff and students looked amazing dressing up and representing all the decades. A massive shout out to Miss K & Miss Evans for organising such a successful afternoon. Thank you also to the other teachers who stayed back and helped, also dancing the afternoon away.

Our infants students are well on their way to claiming Bronze Brag Tags. Attendance, bringing in readers and working hard at school all contribute to these points. Please encourage your child to turn up, to read and to demonstrate learning and respect when at school so they can earn more Dojos.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We cannot believe that this week marks the end of Term 1. Students across Infants have been working hard learning routines, and classroom and school expectations. They are well on their way to learning new sounds, how numbers work and what they can measure both formally and informally. Before we end the term, there are a few things coming up that we would like you to join in on.

Parent Teacher Interviews are this week. If you missed the forms that went home, each of our teachers would still like to meet with you to discuss your child's progress so far. Please contact the office to find a time that suits you and your child's teacher.

We have the annual Cross Country being held tomorrow at school. Please come along and support the students in their races.

This Friday we are holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic. If you have a child aged 0 - 5 who isn't at school, please bring them along with their favourite toy or teddy to join in with a morning of activities before the famous picnic with their friend.



**APRIL 10**

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**TSHPMPS CROSS COUNTRY**

SPECTATORS WELCOME  
CANTEEN OPEN



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Bowerbird hunt  
Picnic lunch  
Art & Craft  
Reading  
Activities

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
22 May 2024 • 12pm (AEST)  
www.aifa.org.au/tes #bcrvstorytime

**PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR LIBRARY AT TSHPMPS FOR**  
*National Simultaneous Storytime*

# THE SIR HENRY PARKES MEMORIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

IN BRUXNER HALL

COME AND JOIN US!

FRIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

9AM - 11AM

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

SING, DANCE & PLAY

PLEASE BRING MORNING TEA A  
HAT & A WATER BOTTLE.

FOR INQUIRIES PLEASE

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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## Terms 1 & 2, 2024

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 11 April	8	9	10 Annual cross country K-6	11	12 Teddy Bears Picnic <u>Last Day Term 1</u>
Week 1 Term 2 April/May	29 Teachers Return	30 <u>Students Return</u>	1 Year 6 interrelate	2	3 Kids Lit Quiz
Week 2 May	6	7	8 Year 6 interrelate	9	10
Week 3 May	13	14	15	16	17 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 4 May	20	21	22	23	24
Week 5 May	27	28	29	30	31 Athletics carnival
Week 6 June	3	4	5	6	7 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 7 June	10	11	12	13	14 <u>P&amp;C Trivia Night</u>
Week 8 June	17	18	19	20	21
Week 9 June	24	25	26	27	28 Assembly 2:00pm

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