



# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

**TERM 1 WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 1st April, 2025**

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

## Every Day Counts



### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are being held next week. This meeting is a time for you to discuss your child/ren's progress and follow up on any questions you may have regarding any other aspects of their school life. We strongly encourage all of our parents to select a time to meet with the class teachers. If you would like to book a time in and have not yet returned your note, please send it in as quickly as possible. If you have any concerns or questions you need answered before these meetings, please call the front office to schedule an appointment.

### COLA Resurfacing

Our covered area outside A Block started its upgrade last week, which is very exciting! Unfortunately the weather has slowed down the completion of it—rain doesn't help paint dry! We are so thankful for the rain, as it keeps our newly resurfaced oval growing beautifully. If the rain keeps up this week, we assume the painting will not go ahead this week. Our students are doing really well, with a very depleted play space at the moment—no oval and no COLA! This is a credit to their adaptability. (And of course the craze that handball continues to be!)

### School Dental Van

Our dental van has not arrived as expected. We are assuming the inclement weather has been playing havoc with the van's travels. We will keep our families updated with when the van will be here.

A reminder that the end of Term 1 is coming quickly! Our final day for the term is next Friday—April 11. School resumes for all students in Term 2 on Wednesday April 30.

Have a fabulous week ahead!

Miss Anna Starcevic Principal

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## The Importance of School Attendance

Regular attendance has countless benefits for your child's learning and development. Parents play an important role in ensuring students get to school and stay in school every day. The more your child attends school the greater their opportunity to learn, create social connections and improve their wellbeing.

## Building positive attendance habits

You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- reducing disruption to learning where you can, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- contacting your school to explain any absences (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

## Reasons for Missing School

Being Absent, late or leaving early:

- ⇒ If your child misses school for any reason, please contact the school within 7 days to explain why.
- ⇒ If your child needs to arrive late or leave early, please notify the school
- ⇒ If you have difficulty getting your child to school on time every day, please also contact the school. Our staff are here to support you and your child coming to school.



School success starts  
with attendance

The NSW Department of Education provides lots of resources on their website, to support both schools and families with school attendance.

Our FB page has a link on it today for a resource providing basic information for teachers and parents/carers in understanding School refusal and what can be done to help support children. If you would a hard copy, our front foyer has copies available.

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# Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

## Week 10 – Term 1 Newsletter



Hello to all the Sir Henry Parkes School family. In this newsletter article, I want to tell you about the positive teaching that I have had the pleasure of doing in several classes over the past few weeks.

Have you ever thought about what is in a book? The Waves, Photons and Electrons classes had a lesson discovering that there is more to books than just words and pictures. In the reading and discussion of 'Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books', we discovered that words are read from left to right, pages can have numbers, books come in all shapes and sizes, sometimes with words and pictures, and sometimes with just one or the other. Some books have flaps to show bigger images, or the flaps can be used to hide then show something exciting. Books can make you happy or sad, make you laugh, or cry and you can share books with your family and friends. Did you know that books can be read anywhere, and anytime and you can read a book over and over again? Maybe next time you pick up a book, you might think about all the great things that you can do and learn from cover to cover.

Can I encourage all parents and carers to take the time to read to and read with your child or children each and every day. Not only will your child or children enjoy this time, but I strongly believe so will you as the adult reader and listener.

Until next term, keep those pages turning.

*Mr Dean Gillett (APC&I)*

# K-6 Disco



**When:** Thursday 3rd April.



*K-2: 4-5pm*

*3-6: 5-6pm*

**Where:** Bruxner Hall at our school.

**Cost:** \$5 entry which includes a bag of chips and a juice box.

**Dress code:** Please come in your most colourful brightest clothes.



# K-2 Easter Hat Parade



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School invites you to join us on the 10th of April for our Easter Hat Parade.

Time: The parade will leave the school at 10:00am, returning to showcase our designs and perform some dances.

Please join us for a picnic afterwards.

# STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL UNWELL



From time to time your child may get sick.

If they display any of the following symptoms, they should stay at home and see a doctor:

- a fever of 38°C or above
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- cough or respiratory symptoms
- cold or flu symptoms
- rashes of an unknown origin.



COVID-19 is still active in the community. Children and teenagers are less likely to have serious illness from COVID-19, but they can still transmit the virus to others.

Students, staff and visitors should stay home when sick and only attend school when they are symptom-free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the advice on testing and what to do if you have COVID-19.



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## Term 1 and Term 2, 2025

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 Mar/Apr	31	1	2	3 SCHOOL DISCO	4
Week 11 April	7 Parent/teacher Interviews	8	9	10 EASTER PARADE	11 FINAL DAY OF TERM 1
Term 2 Week 1 Apr/May	28 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	29 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	30 STUDENTS RETURN	1	2
Week 2 May	5	6	7	8	9
Week 3 May	12	13	14	15	16  Assembly 2:00pm
Week 4 May	19	20	21 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	22	23
Week 5 May	26	27	28	29	30 NNE CROSS COUNTRY
Week 6 June	2	3	4	5	6  Assembly 2:00pm
Week 7 June	9	10	11	12	13
Week 8 June	16	17	18	19	20

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