



# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

## TERM 2 WEEK 4 NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 20th May, 2025

**Principal** Miss Anna Starcevic

**Acting Deputy Principal** Mrs Tracy Caldwell

**Assistant Principals Curriculum & Instruction** Mr Dean Gillett (Tuesdays)

Mrs Liz Duff (Relieving—Tuesdays and Fridays) & Ms Lee Rose (Relieving—Thursdays and Fridays)



## WELCOME TO Ms Lee Rose

This term we have welcomed Lee to our staff. Lee works 2 days per week in her role of APC&I, bringing a wealth of experience to our staff and students. Lee has settled in well with our other APC&Is (Mr Gillett and Mrs Duff) and school executive, supporting our staff each week. Lee has been working closely with Stage 1 teachers thus far this term.



Hello, my name is Lee Rose, and I'm proud to be joining The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School community as the Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I). It's a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and welcoming team of educators who are already doing incredible work to support student growth and success.

I am passionate about ensuring every student has access to high-quality learning through clear, purposeful teaching. My role focuses on supporting staff with curriculum implementation, using explicit teaching strategies and data-informed practices to meet the individual needs of all learners. I'm committed to helping every student thrive by aligning our work with the NSW Department of Education syllabus and best-practice approaches.

I look forward to partnering with families and the wider community as we continue to build on the great foundations already in place at The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School.

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**SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL**—A reminder to our families about the parent portal in Sentral. The letter that came home 2 weeks ago has log in and registration information for your family. Once you have registered, you will need the access key that is also in that letter. You will then be able to use the portal to record absences for your child/ren.

We also have the weekly newsletter uploaded in the portal. Our canteen menu and orders will all be done via the portal. Thus far, we only have 31 families who have registered. Please call the front office if you are experiencing difficulties with this.

**EXCITING NEWS!** We are working with the Tenterfield High School canteen to offer canteen to our students for one day per week. This service will now be available from NEXT WEEK! Fridays will be our canteen day, with the possibility of more days if we have enough families ordering through the THS canteen. Attached to today's newsletter is our menu. (There may be a few tweaks to this over the remainder of the term according to ordering)

We also now have an EFTPOS machine in the front office. This means we can now accept payments for uniforms, excursions etc with your card.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS UPDATE**—We are continuing to add to our supplies of school uniforms. We now have in stock: School hats, navy unisex polo shirts, new design sport shirts, boys grey shorts, pullover winter jumpers and fleeces. Coming in the new few weeks we will have long grey pants for boys, long navy pants for girls, checked skirts and a restock of winter jackets. All pricings for our uniforms are the cost price. We do not make any profit out of these sales.

A reminder to our families to please ensure your child/ren are packing a school jumper in their bags if they are not wearing them to school. We have lots of kids shivering when they get here and we have a very limited supply of second hand jumpers to lend out.

## **P&C MEETINGS**

This afternoon we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. It will be followed by a short meeting. We would like to extend an invitation to all families to join our P&C. We have a lovely time during our meetings, which usually only go for an hour. We discuss all things about SHP. You can find out about all of the amazing things happening in our school and new things coming up. We also discuss our school directions, and new purchases and resources coming up for our kids. Meetings are always held in the staffroom and begin at 5:30pm.

Have a fantastic week ahead!

Miss Anna Starcevic    Principal

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## DRINKS & SNACKS

### DRINKS

Apple Juice 200ml	\$2.00
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice 200ml	\$2.00
Grape Juice Bomb	\$3.00
Orange & Passionfruit Juice Bomb	\$3.00
Raspberry Juice Bomb	\$3.00
Watermelon Juice Bomb	\$3.00
Chocolate Milk	\$3.00
Strawberry Milk	\$3.00
Milk	\$2.00

### SNACKS

Grain Waves	\$1.20
Mango/Straw Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$2.00

### FRUIT (Seasonal)

Fruit Salad Bowl	\$3.50
Watermelon Bowl	\$3.50
Apple	\$1.50
Orange / Mandarin	\$1.50
Banana	\$1.50

## LUNCH MENU

### HOT FOOD

Ham & Cheese Bun	\$2.50
Bacon & Cheese Bun	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Chicken Chips (5)	\$3.00
Chicken Tenderloins (2)	\$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.75
Plain Pie	\$4.50
Bacon & Cheese Pie	\$4.50
Tomato Sauce Sq on	.50c
BBQ Sauce Sq on	.50c
Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.50
Lasagne	\$5.50
Twista Bolognaise	\$5.50

### TOASTED SANDWICHES

Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.00

### BURGERS & WRAPS

Hamburger & Cheese	\$6.00
Hamburger & Salad Burger	\$6.50
Chicken, Cheese & Gravy Roll	\$6.00
Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$6.00
Chicken & Salad Burger	\$6.50
Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$6.50

### FRESH ROLLS & SANDWICHES

Salad Roll	\$5.50
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Chicken & Bacon Pizza	\$7.00	Chicken & Salad Roll	\$6.50
Meatlovers Pizza	\$7.00	Ham & Salad Roll	\$6.50
<b>SALAD BOWLS</b>			
Vegetarian Salad Bowl	\$6.50	Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	\$6.00
add Tuna extra	\$3.50	L-Ham, Tom & Cheese Sandwich	\$6.00
Leg Ham / Chicken & Salad Bowl	\$7.50	Chicken & Lettuce Sandwich	\$6.00
add Avocado extra	\$1.00		
add Boiled Egg extra	\$1.00		

**Salad includes dressing, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & beetroot**



StudentPayPlus is the hassle-free ordering and cashless payment experience that allows you to order school canteen meals, uniforms and much more from the comfort of your home, office or on the go!

**When it comes to starting your StudentPayPlus ordering experience, it's as easy as 1,2,3 through your Sentral for Parents App.**

Don't have the Sentral for Parents App yet? Download it for free here.



+1

Open the Sentral for Parents App. Click on the StudentPayPlus tile (Canteen or Uniform).



+2

Link or Create your StudentPayPlus Account – Assign your child's schools in the app. View the [Getting Started Guide](#) to find out more.



+3

Select your school, child, serving period and start ordering! View the [How to place an order for your child/children](#) guide.



**Looking to setup your Sentral for Parents App?**  
Scan the QR code for instructions and FAQ's

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1

**PARENT PORTAL**

Open the Sentral for Parents App on your mobile device

2

**CANTEEN TILE**

Click on the Canteen Pay+ Tile.

3

**CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**

Select Create New Account option. Your children will be automatically added to Student Pay Plus from THS Sentral for Parents data base.

4

**ADD FUNDS**

Click on the 3 dots, select the student, add meal funds. Enter the amount you wish to load & your card details & address. If you set the card as the primary billing account, the card details will be saved for future use. Click continue button.

5

**CREATE CANTEEN ORDER**

Step 3 & 4 is only required the 1st time. When the account is established, select the appropriate student, date of order, choose the menu items & add to cart. Provide any additional notes for the order, when correct click submit order. **9am is the cut off time for all orders.**



If you experience any issues please contact Student Pay Plus support on 1300 11 66 37 or [support@studentpayplus.com.au](mailto:support@studentpayplus.com.au)

National  
Volunteer  
Week  
(19-25 May)




Wear  
Accessories  
over normal  
school  
uniform

  
**WOW  
DAY****WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY**  
**Wednesday 28th May 2025**

THANK  
YOU!



Show appreciation for your local  
SES volunteers by wearing orange  
accessories.





# Gluons

These are a few of our favourite things.

## Art



We incorporate Art into lessons whenever we can.



## Sport

## Researching in groups

Students find they can use each other's unique perspectives and skills to complete tasks.





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT



This semester I have really enjoyed working closely with the ES1 and S1 teachers and students. In the classrooms we have matched numbers to objects according to groups and enjoyed experimenting with symmetry through Pentominoes. Our journey, following *Sophie Scott Goes South*, to Antarctica was filled with awe and wonder about icebergs and penguins.

I have been very impressed with the wellbeing and care evident throughout the whole school. Every student is known and supported throughout their learning both in and out of the classroom. Breakfast club is an enjoyable experience seeing all the students greeted enthusiastically and encouraged to share toast and conversation with friends to start the day.

ES1 and S1 are continually working on further developing students' vocabulary knowledge leading to greater understanding of learning instruction and engagement in lessons. This is of great importance in everyday communication skills, reading skills and in achieving competence in writing.

## **Building Vocabulary at Home: A Key to Lifelong Learning**

Helping children grow their vocabulary is one of the most important things parents can do to support their learning. A strong vocabulary helps students:

- Better understand what they read
- Express themselves clearly in writing and speaking
- Engage in conversations and classroom discussions with confidence
- Build the foundation for success in all subjects

## **How Can You Help at Home?**

- **Read aloud every day** – talk about interesting or tricky words in the book
- **Play word games** like “I Spy,” rhyming games, or Scrabble
- **Talk about new words** during everyday activities (cooking, shopping, driving)
- **Use rich, descriptive language** – don’t shy away from “big words”
- **Encourage curiosity** – if your child asks, “What does that mean?” stop and explore it together

By building vocabulary, you’re helping your child become a confident reader, writer, and thinker. Even a few minutes each day can make a big difference!

Cheers

Lee Rose (APC&I)





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## PSSA Netball

Last Friday, our netball team took to the courts against Emmaville Central School. What an incredible game our team played. With teamwork, dedication and some seriously sharp shooting, we came out on top with a 19-8 win! A huge thank you to Emmaville CS for a great game and fantastic sportsmanship.

Well done to Alexis, Lexi, Hope, Oliver, Molly Leah, Madeline and Sophie, who gave it their all on the court—we're so proud of your efforts. Let's keep this momentum going into the next game!

Miss Steph Evans  
Netball Organiser



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# Music Workshop!



## All Together Now- Music Workshop Day

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September the Cuskelly College of Music is putting together a music workshop day which promises to be an exceptional musical opportunity for our students.

This event is open to all students- not only those who are in the band learning an instrument.

### Teachers

The following world class teachers will be travelling to Stanthorpe to conduct this one-day workshop.

**Pete Churchill** (Professor of Jazz Composition at the Royal Academy of Music- London)

**Lucinda Geoghegan** (Director of the National Youth Choirs of Scotland)

**James Cuskelly** (Director of Cuskelly College of Music/ Internation Music Education Lecturer)

**Andrew Pennay** (Director of Creative Arts- Brisbane Girls Grammar)

### Details

Date: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: St Joseph's School- Stanthorpe

Time: 8:00- 3:30pm

Cost: \$25 (Including morning tea and lunch)

### Transport

The Cuskelly College of Music has organised for a free bus to transport interested students from Tenterfield to Stanthorpe for the workshop.

### Registration

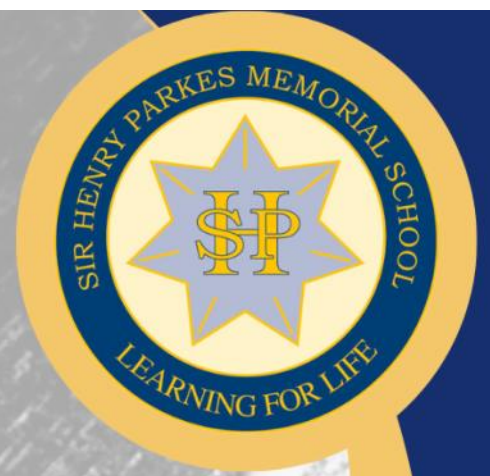
To register your child/ren complete this at  
<https://cuskellycollegeofmusic.com/sample-page/all-together-now-2025/>

### Further Questions?

Feel free to email Ms Ritchie  
[emma.ritchie16@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:emma.ritchie16@det.nsw.edu.au)



# QUICKSMART INTERVENTION



## What is it?

QuickSmart Literacy and QuickSmart Numeracy are intervention programs designed to support our Year 4 students who need support with foundational skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Jen Petrie will be taking your child for these lessons.



## Why has my child been selected?

As a result of ongoing assessments and data gathered since Year 2, your child has been identified as someone who could benefit from additional support in literacy and/or numeracy. They have been grouped with peers working on a similar learning focus.



Scan the QR code to find out more:





# NSW PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

*Students in Years 2–6 are invited to participate in the annual Premier's Spelling Bee. The spelling bee is an engaging way for NSW public primary school students to expand their vocabularies and improve their spelling.*

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 6, 2025**



**10 AM**



**THE SIR HENRY PARKES  
MEMORIAL PUBLIC  
SCHOOL**

Bruxner Hall



# 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 2 & Term 3, 2025

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 May	26	27	28	29	30 NNE CROSS COUNTRY
Week 6 June	2	3	4 Assembly 2:00pm	5	6 Premier's Spelling Bee 10:00am
Week 7 June	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10	11	12	13
Week 8 June	16	17	18	19	20
Week 9 June	23	24 Year 6-7 Transition THS 10:00-12:20pm	25 Assembly 2:00pm	26	27
Week 10 June/July	30	1	2 School Athletics Carnival	3	4 FINAL DAY TERM 2
Week 1 TERM 3 July	21 SDD	22 Students Return	23	24	25
Week 2 Jul/Aug	28	29	30	31	1
Week 3 August	4	5	6 Assembly 2:00pm	7	8
Week 4 August	11	12	13	14	15

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