



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

TERM 1 WEEK 8 NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 18th March, 2025

Principal Miss Anna Starcevic

Acting Deputy Principal Mrs Tracy Caldwell

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



Our annual 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon session will be held TOMORROW afternoon (March 19), starting at 5:30pm. This year we are trying something different. The session will be held as one whole school session in Bruxner Hall. We will be holding a presentation on the big screen, followed by individual teacher/classroom displays.

Parents are warmly invited to attend this session, meet this year's teachers, then enjoy a BBQ run by our amazing P & C under the COLA after it. We hope to see lots of families there. The session is aimed at parents and carers, as there will not be any child minding available. Please call the front office if you have any queries.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students continue to participate in NAPLAN assessments this week. We try to keep these assessments as stress free as possible. Please ensure your children have slept well, eaten breakfast and are well hydrated each day to assist them in being ready.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Next week we will be sending home notes for parent/teacher interviews, which are being held in Week 11 this term. 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 have any concerns or questions you need answered before these meetings, please call the front office to schedule an appointment.

Have a fabulous week ahead!

Miss Anna Starcevic

Principal

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Welcome Mrs Petrina Carlile—Classroom Teacher Quantums

My name is Petrina Carlile and I am very pleased to be working at The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School.

I am an experienced learning support teacher with a passion for literacy. I have recently moved to the beautiful New England area from the Sunshine Coast. Last year I taught at Deepwater Public School and am excited to be co-teaching the Quantums class this year. I look forward to a rewarding year of teaching our students.



Crunch & Sip/Healthy Eating

Crunch&Sip is a set time in our school for students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad and fruit and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated. This initiative is rolled out across NSW schools.

We have a lot of students in our school eating high amounts of processed and sugary foods in their eating times. Students eating healthy food is crucial for their physical and mental well-being, supporting growth, boosting immunity, and enhancing cognitive function, which ultimately leads to better academic performance and overall health. We really encourage our families to try to incorporate healthy food into lunchboxes as much as possible.

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



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New Sport Shirts

Our new design sports shirts have arrived! We will be providing one free shirt to each student. A slip is attached to today's newsletter. This slip must be returned with student name and size, to exchange for a shirt. Each child's initials will be written on the white tag on the inside of the shirt. (Near the bottom hem.) The price of a new shirt after this will be \$32, only purchased through the school.



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A Week in the Electrons Classroom

Literacy

Year 3 and 4 students have been enjoying our novel study *'The Thing About Oliver'* this term. We are learning to retell the story from different characters' points of view. We are about to start a new book called *'Deadly Science: The Solar System'* which we are so excited about as we love learning about space! Students are working hard in spelling too, focusing on a new grapheme or two each week. Year 4 are enjoying learning to write in cursive, while Year 3 perfect their handwriting skills too.



Maths

At the moment in maths, we are focusing on **place value** and solving **addition and subtraction questions up to 5 digits**. Students have spent some time creating their own word problems too and we are enjoying solving them together. This week, we will start a new unit all about measurement and shape.

Lilah and Flo are collecting 3429 rare coins. Shylah and Te Awa steal 1229 rare coins. How many coins do Lilah and Flo have left?

Seth has 63 lollies. Someone steals 12. How many does he have left?

Zeke has \$532. Miss K has \$252. How much money do they have altogether? Then, Will takes \$41. How much do they have now?



Buddies

We have loved joining the Photons, Quarks and Quants for buddies every Wednesday afternoon. We are working on building a paper mache volcano together. We can't wait to add ingredients together to make our volcanoes erupt in a few weeks time! Don't forget to follow the **school facebook page** so you can see them when they are finished.



Homework reminder.

Students have been working hard on completing their homework sheets and handing them in on Friday. Thank you for bringing back your readers and swapping them out once you've finished reading them.

Deputy Principal Report

It has been pleasing to see the number of home readers being returned each day and I encourage all families to read each night to build skills as well as develop an understanding of what their child is learning at school. We encourage all families to read regularly and continue to share books for as long as possible. A love of reading is developed early and is so important for academic success and also as a means of building imagination and providing relaxation.

Lake Ainsworth

Stage 3 students had a fantastic time at Lake Ainsworth last week. The students participated in a wide range of activities including rock climbing, stand up paddleboarding, team building initiatives, beach activities, pool swim, canoeing, inflatables, archery tag and fencing. The students were complimented on their excellent behaviour and attitudes, with one instructor calling the group his favourite ever. Congratulations to all the students who attended.

Stage 2 Camp

This year Stage 2 will have their camp at Camp Goodenough at Carool on the Tweed Coast. This camp will take place on September 1 - 3. Notes and further information will be sent home early in Term 2. If families would like to start paying for this excursion early, you are able to make payments which will credit to your child's account ready for the excursion.

K - 2 Excursion

This year, our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will have be travelling to the Darling Downs Zoo on September 18. This will be a one day excursion. A permission note with further details will be sent home in Term 2.

Easter Parade

The annual Easte Parade will be held on April 10. We will be trying something a little different this year with students making sashes at school to wear. If you and your child would like to make an Easter hat at home, you are more than welcome to and they can also wear this during the parade. We will be running a raffle as part of this event with the funds raised being used to subsidise the K-2 excursion. We look forward to having families joining us for the celebration.

Tracy Caldwell
Acting Deputy Principal

NAPLAN 2025 parent and carer information

Suggested school newsletter or email content

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from **Wednesday 12 March** to **Monday 24 March**.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the NAP website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>).

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days

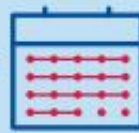


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**



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.

**SIR HENRY PARKES MEMORIAL
PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
CANTEEN MENU
TERM 1, 2025**

RECESS

Fruit Cup	\$2.00
Fruit Bowl	\$4.00
Custard Cup	\$2.00
Fruit Muffin	\$2.00
Pikelets (3 large)	\$2.00
-Jam, syrup, margarine or plain	
Pizza Scroll	\$1.00
Vegemite Scroll	\$1.00
Warm Ham & Cheese Bun	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.00

TOASTIES (RECESS & LUNCH)

Cheese	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$4.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo	\$4.50

SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)

Popcorn, Pretzels, Grainwaves	\$1.50
Sea Salt Chips	\$2.00
Cheesy Peeler	\$1.50

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
Juice Poppers	\$2.00
Milk Poppers	\$2.50
Warm Milo	\$2.50
Juice Bomb	\$3.00

FROZEN TREATS (LUNCH ONLY)

Snap Stix	\$1.00
Moosies	\$2.00
Paddle Pop	\$2.00
Juicies	\$2.00

LUNCH

Cheesy Pasta	\$4.00
Penne Bolognese w/ Cheese	\$5.00
Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Chicken Burger	\$6.00
Warm Chicken Wrap	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$5.00
BBQ Chicken Pizza	\$6.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Tomato or BBQ Sauce	\$0.50

SANDWICHES (LUNCH ONLY)

Cheese	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$3.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00

SALADS & WRAPS (LUNCH ONLY)

Super Salad Bowl or	\$5.00
Super Salad Wrap	
Add	
- Grilled chicken	\$2.00
- Tuna	\$2.00
- Egg	\$2.00
- Chicken Tenders (2)	\$3.00

TERM 1 SPECIAL (LUNCH ONLY)

SUSHI BOWL \$6.00
ADD CHICKEN, TUNA OR EGG \$2.00

**TOASTIE MEAL DEAL
AVAILABLE AT LUNCH
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
ORDER ANY TOASTIE AND ADD A JUICE
POPPER AND A SNAP STIX
FOR ONLY \$2.00 EXTRA**



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Term 1 and Term 2, 2025

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 March	17 NAPLAN Yrs 3&5	18	19 MEET THE TEACHER 5:30pm	20	21
Week 9 March	24	25	26	27	28 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 10 Mar/Apr	31	1	2	3	4
Week 11 April	7 Parent/teacher Interviews	8	9	10	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	22	23
Week 5 May	26	27	28	29	30
Week 6 June	2	3	4	5	6 Assembly 2:00pm

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